

Congregation B'nai Israel

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154 Years of
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February 2021 : Shevat/Adar 5781

Happy Purim

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE

Purim Holiday Celebration on Zoom

THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 25, 2021
7:00 PM

Grab your grogger/noisemaker and decorative mask! From our own homes, we will celebrate, stomp and cheer to a rousing rendition of Megillat Esther by Cantor Ivor Lichterman and our congregation.

A Zoom link and passcode will be sent before the scheduled service time.

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Chessed Meals

The word חֶסֶד chessed in Hebrew is usually translated as 'kindness.' It first occurs in the Torah in Genesis 24: 12. The context is Eliezer, Abraham's assistant who prays to God to show him kindness by enabling him to succeed in the mission with which Abraham has charged him, to find a suitable wife for Isaac.

The importance of this Jewish concept of chessed is demonstrated by its inclusion as one of the thirteen attributes of God, as listed in the Torah Exodus 34: 6-7. From this context of chessed we learn that Judaism considers it a form of mercy, and a form of tzedaka – righteousness.

What is a synagogue, a Jewish congregation, if its membership and leadership do not practice this divinely inspired attribute abundantly? I am thrilled to inform our congregation, if you don't already know, that recently a wonderful new tzedaka project was inaugurated at CBI.

This project, called Chessed Meals is an outgrowth of our already active Chessed Committee that was revitalized a few years ago. At first I began receiving distress calls from congregants or about congregants in need. My dear wife, Jan, jumped to the immediate rescue cooking and delivering as needed. (If I could cook I would have too!) Then I alerted a few individuals I knew I could rely on who also jumped to the rescue.

Eventually these individuals realized there was a need for a greater, concerted and more formal effort. In response to this growing number of congregants who, due to Covid, illness, surgery, accidents, shiva, isolation, old age etc. needed our help, an anonymous group of kind-hearted and devoted congregants came together. Thus far, they have prepared some 100 meals.

These are delicious, wholesome, meat, dairy or vegetarian. Many have already been distributed free of charge through home delivery on an almost daily basis by these volunteers. The other meals are in our freezer awaiting your call and needs. Just pick up the phone and let us know, with the assurance of the utmost confidentiality. This is not a time to be bashful or proud. Your meals will be delivered to your doorstep upon request at no charge.

CBI's Chessed Committee is the epitome of kindness and tzedaka. Yasher koach and heartfelt thanks to this devoted group of volunteers who embody the spirit of "matan b'seter – giving anonymously." This is one of Judaism's greatest mitzvot, and by performing chessed so abundantly, you are acting in the image of God.

Hazzan Ivor Lichterman

CONTRIBUTE ONLINE

If you would like to make a contribution to CBI and are unable to call during business hours, you can make your contribution on our website: cbitoledo.org

Click the "Contributions" tab on the navigation bar and follow the prompts for Online Contributions. For any questions, contact the office at 419.517.8400.

WE NEED YOUR PHONE NUMBER...

If you have disconnected your home land line please call the office with your current cell phone number. Thank you!

PLEASE LET US KNOW

If you or someone you know is in the hospital and would appreciate a phone call from the Hazzan, please call the office at 419.517.8400. Due to HIPAA privacy regulations, hospitals do not notify clergy if a member is admitted.

YAHREZIT NOTICES...

If you are not receiving a yahrzeit notice for a friend or relative and would like one sent annually, please call the office. We will need the English date of death.



The Reality of Hope

During these turbulent times, nobody needs any additional bad news. So, this month, I am including a positive article I recently read. It wasn't something of which I was aware. Plus, it aligns with current agreements recently signed between Israel and several Arab countries.

"Albania, a small and mountainous country on the southeast coast of the Balkan peninsula, was home to a population of 803,000. Of those only two hundred were Jews. After Hitler's rise to power in 1933, many Jews found refuge in Albania. No accurate figures exist regarding their number; however, different sources estimate that 600-1,800 Jewish refugees entered that country from Germany, Austria, Serbia, Greece and Yugoslavia, in the hope to continue on to the Land of Israel or other places of refuge.

Following the German occupation in 1943, the Albanian population, in an extraordinary act, refused to comply with the occupier's orders to turn over lists of Jews residing within the country's borders. Moreover, the various governmental agencies provided many Jewish families with fake documentation that allowed them to intermingle amongst the rest of the population. The Albanians not only protected their Jewish citizens, but also provided sanctuary to Jewish refugees who had arrived in Albania, when it was still under Italian rule, and now found themselves faced with the danger of deportation to concentration camps.

The remarkable assistance afforded to the Jews was grounded in Besa, a code of honor, which still today serves as the highest ethical code in the country. Besa, means literally "to keep the promise." One who acts according to Besa is someone who keeps his word, someone to whom one can trust one's life and the lives of one's family.

The help afforded to Jews and non-Jews alike should be understood as a matter of national honor. The Albanians went out of their way to provide assistance; moreover, they competed with each other for the privilege of saving Jews. These acts originated from compassion, loving-kindness and a desire to help those in need, even those of another faith or origin.

Albania, the only European country with a Muslim majority, succeeded in the place where other European nations failed. Almost all Jews living within Albanian borders during the German occupation, those of Albanian origin and refugees alike, were saved, except members of a single family. Incredibly, there were more Jews in Albania at the end of the war than beforehand."

To some of you this may be a familiar tale. Thankfully, there were other stories of strength and decency during the Holocaust about saving innocent lives.

With the establishment of the modern Jewish state of Israel in 1948, there have been ongoing attempts to destroy it since day one. In recent months, several agreements have been reached with Israel and its Arab neighbors that acknowledge its inalienable right to exist as well as establish a working relationship on many levels including technology, energy, medical science etc. It started with the United Arab Emirates and now includes Bahrain, Sudan and Morocco. It appears Saudi Arabia is possibly moving closer to an agreement as well in the future. What seemed impossible not so long ago, is now reality. That's the eternal beauty of hope.

Dr. Corey Russell, President



Daily Services on Zoom Monday - Friday at 5:45 PM

A link and passcode will be emailed to congregants.

How to access CBI Zoom Services

Check your email for the Zoom link and password for CBI Zoom services. Click on the link in the body of the email. If you have never used Zoom, you will be prompted to follow steps to download it on your computer. After that is successful, click on the link provided in the email, type in the provided password and you will be connected to the Zoom service.



LIVE
STREAMING

Live Stream Services
*Saturday, Shabbat Morning
and Holidays
at 10:00 AM

**Shabbat Morning Services may be on Zoom instead of Live Stream. Please watch your email for specific information on the format of the services from week to week.*

How to access CBI Live Stream Services

On your Computer, Tablet or Cell Phone:

Go to the CBI website, cbitoledo.org. At the top of the home page click on the "Live Stream" tab. When the page opens, you will be connected to the live stream service.

On your Television:

You can also access the live stream services through your television if you have a "smart" TV, Roku or streaming stick which gives you access to YouTube. Click on the YouTube icon on your TV. When YouTube opens, search for "Congregation B'nai Israel - Sylvania, Ohio". Note: A number of different "Congregation B'nai Israel" listings will appear. Be sure to click on the listing that has the photo with Jewish star (see photo above). We recommend that you "subscribe" to the channel so you can easily locate the live stream for future services. We also highly recommend connecting to the live stream services on your TV as it is the most immersive and closest experience, short of being in the synagogue.


Ann Rosenberg utilized the craft supplies provided to each of the participants in the December WCBI Rosh Chodesh Tevet & Hanukkah program to create a unique and beautiful hanukkah.



February Special Birthdays

Evan Oppenheim	February 15
Tracy Schusterman	February 19
Steve Sperling	February 26
Ellice Niejadlik	February 27

February Special Anniversaries

 Leeta & Harry Nistel	February 11	70 years
Sarna & Michael Dorf	February 20	40 years

New Members

OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILY WELCOMES NEW MEMBER

Dr. Kenneth Adler

Mazal Tov

• Miriam Beckerman on the engagement of her daughter Mayaan to Daniel Kaptur, son of Peggy & Paul Kaptur.

Condolences

OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILY MOURNS THE LOSS OF

DEBORAH GOODMAN
Mother of Lynne Goodman.

BURTON KALNIZ
Brother of Norma Kalniz.

May the families be comforted amongst all who mourn in Zion.

Office Closed

The CBI office will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2021 for President's Day.

Donating Religious Objects to CBI

We realize during this time that many congregants are cleaning out their homes. Please be aware that it is permissible to throw away old kippot. We would be glad to receive your old prayer books, tallitot or other religious objects for burial or disposal.

JFS OFFERS FUNDING ASSISTANCE

Jewish Family Service has funding assistance available that may provide financial help for families' or individual's emergency needs. Please contact Lee at lee@jewishtoledo.org or 419.885.2561.

ARE YOU RECEIVING CBI NOTIFICATIONS?

CBI sends out email updates and important information throughout the week.

If you are not receiving emails from CBI, please contact the office as soon as possible by calling 419.517.8400 or email Rhoda Miller at rmiller@cbitoledo.org.



Congregation B'nai Israel, Sylvania, Ohio
invites you join us for a very special program series in honor of Jewish Music Season

CANTORIAL ZOOM SERIES

PART III

Hosted by Cantors Ivor & Joel Lichterman through the Cantors Assembly

GREAT CANTORS OF SOUTH AFRICA: CAPE TOWN

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021 AT 1:00 PM

INCLUDING RARE RECORDINGS OF THEIR FATHER, CANTOR JAKUB LICHTERMAN

Please watch your email for information on how to register for this program.

Back by Popular Demand!

CBI S.O.A.P.



SENIOR OUTREACH AFTERNOON PROGRAM

Wednesdays at 1:00 PM via Zoom
every week during February 2021

***Join us each week for a lively discussion
of current events, Jewish history,
celebrity, and many other fascinating
topics of Jewish interest.***

*An email link, passcode and article for discussion will be sent
before the scheduled meeting time.*

From Our Volunteers: Helping our Members in Need

Due to need, the "Chessed Meals" program has been reactivated at CBI as described in the Hazzan's article on page 2 of this bulletin. Spearheaded by a group of CBI members, the program is off and running. The name of the program was conceived by Ann Rosenberg a number of years ago.

One of the volunteers commented, "After hearing of Ivor scrambling a couple of weeks ago to find food for a CBI member that was suddenly ill, I thought there has to be a better way. So, I contacted a dozen women from CBI and they were totally in. Food was prepared, individual meals made, and stored in the freezer. Now, when Ivor knows of a congregant in need of **SHORT TERM** meal assistance, he calls me with the name, I touch base with them and deliver meals that day. All names must go through Ivor."

The assistance provided the congregant in need is short-term. There is absolutely no cost to the congregant receiving the meals.

If you are aware of a congregant who is ill and in need of short-term meal assistance, please contact Cantor Lichterman by email at ilichterman@cbitoledo.org. Please, do NOT submit names to the CBI office staff.

SNOW BIRDS.....

Let us know when you will be departing the Toledo area for the winter so that we can ensure you receive your bulletins without interruption. Please call the office at 419.517.8400.



WOMEN OF CBI CELEBRATE

Rosh Chodesh Adar and Purim

Join us on Zoom as we celebrate with a live Hamantaschen baking demonstration by Nancy Goldberg. Also enjoy a presentation about the subtleties of wine-making with wine maven Ann Kisin.

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 7pm

Please RSVP to Miriam Beckerman at mesb@bex.net by Thursday, February 11, 2021. The Tikkun Olam project for this program will be a monetary donation to "Hannah's Socks", a local organization that serves men, women, and children affected by homelessness, poverty, and domestic abuse.

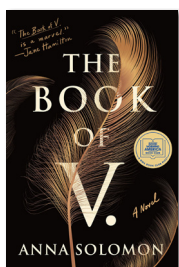
The cost for this program is \$5. Please make your check out to "Women of CBI" and mail to:
Nancy Goldberg, 4236 Appomattox Drive, Sylvania, OH 43560.

THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE WOMEN OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

An email link will be sent before the scheduled program time.

SAVE THE DATE:

WCBI BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS VIA ZOOM:



"The Book of V."

by Anna Solomon

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

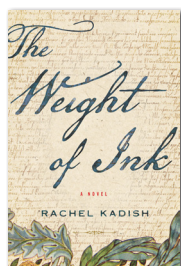
via Zoom

"The Weight of Ink"

by Rachel Kadish

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

via Zoom



Sue Richards and Linda Beren will lead the book discussions on Zoom. Both of these books are available through the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, as well as Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

Watch your email and the upcoming Bulletins for more details.

SAVE THE DATE:

WOMEN OF CBI

Women's Day of Learning

Please join us for a Women's Day of Learning as we explore and discuss the many aspects of "Resilience"

Sunday, May 23, 2021 via Zoom

Keynote Speaker ~ Rabbi Joan Friedman



Watch your email and the May 2021 Bulletin for more details.

Religious School & Youth Activities

Notes from our Principal

Religious School is going smoothly on Zoom. Everyone has acclimated to our current situation very well and our students are actively participating in our "new normal" learning platform.

Our students also have the opportunity to continue the relationships they began to build with our Israel program with students from Cincinnati and Israel. A "Padlet link" has been set up for them to continue to get to know each other. This format is a web-based "post-it" board, where participants can post messages to their peers.

During Tu B'shevat, we were fortunate to have another session with Major Yoni Alon from Tel Aviv. He led two interactive programs for our students to celebrate the holiday. Our students are incredibly fortunate to have this time with Yoni, especially when he can't visit us in person.

I want to thank all of our parents, students and teachers for making this online platform work as best as we can for all involved. We look forward to the time when we can all be together in person.

Kim Brody - Principal, David S. Stone Religious School



David S. Stone Religious School continues at NO COST to Families

We are happy to continue offering tuition-free religious education to all students of the David S. Stone Religious School.

This is made possible through the generosity of an anonymous donor who has established a fund at the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation to provide tuition to Congregation B'nai Israel and Congregation Etz Chayim students.

CBI YIDDISH LESSONS:

Do you remember these?

"Spiel" - means a long, involved sales pitch, as in, "I had to listen to his whole spiel before I found out what he really wanted." From the German word for "play".

"Shmaltzy" - means excessively sentimental, gushing, flattering, over-the-top, corny. This word describes some of Hollywood's most famous films. From the Yiddish word, "shmaltz", which means chicken fat or grease.

"Mishegas" - means insanity or craziness. It can also mean inappropriate or bizarre actions or beliefs. A "meshugener" is a crazy person.

David S. Stone Religious School Zoom - February & March 2021

FEBRUARY

2	Wednesday	RS 4:15-5:45 PM Chabad House or Zoom
7	Sunday	RS (Grades K-7) 9:30-10:10 AM (Grades 8-10) 11AM-12PM
10	Wednesday	RS 4:15-5:45 PM on Zoom
14	Sunday	NO Religious School - Presidents Weekend
17	Wednesday	RS 4:15-5:45 PM on Zoom
21	Sunday	RS (Grades K-7) 9:30-10:10 AM (Grades 8-10) 11AM-12PM
24	Wednesday	RS 4:15-5:45 PM on Zoom
26	Friday	PURIM
28	Sunday	RS (Grades K-7) 9:30-10:10 AM (Grades 8-10) 11AM-12PM

MARCH

3	Wednesday	RS 4:15-5:45 PM on Zoom
7	Sunday	RS (Grades K-7) 9:30-10:10 AM (Grades 8-10) 11AM-12PM
10	Wednesday	RS 4:15-5:45 PM on Zoom
14	Sunday	RS (Grades K-7) 9:30-10:10 AM (Grades 8-10) 11AM-12PM
17	Wednesday	RS 4:15-5:45 PM on Zoom
21	Sunday	RS (Grades K-7) 9:30-10:10 AM (Grades 8-10) 11AM-12PM
24	Wednesday	RS 4:15-5:45 PM on Zoom
27	Saturday	EREV PESACH - 1ST SEDER
28	Sunday	NO Religious School - PESACH - 2ND SEDER

BITUSY & KADIMA • Grades 6 - 12



USY USCJ's youth movement **BITUSY**

Lounge Night via Zoom

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

A link and passcode will be emailed before the scheduled meeting time.

USY FEBRUARY 2021 SCHEDULE

CRUSY Night via Zoom	February 4, 2021
CRUSY/CHUSY Specialty Kinnus	February 12-15, 2021

CONTRIBUTION LEVELS:

Minimum Contribution	\$10.00
* denotes B'nai Mitzvah	\$13.00
** denotes Chai	\$18.00
*** denotes Silver	\$25.00
**** denotes Double Chai	\$36.00
Gold Contribution	\$50.00
Platinum Contribution	\$100.00
Platinum Chai Contribution	\$180.00
Sapphire Contribution	\$250.00
Ruby Contribution	\$500.00
Emerald Contribution	\$750.00
Diamond Contribution	\$1000.00+

All contributions listed were made on or before January 15, 2021

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

IN APPRECIATION:

- GOLD -

Cantor Lichterman Naomi & Sol Zyndorf

IN MEMORY OF:

Al Blumberg Cathy & Steve Sperling

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Alix Greenblatt Richard Greenblatt**
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Sylvia Brauer, Beloved Mother, Grandmother,
Great Grandmother & Great Great Grandmother
Eleanor Golding & Family

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IN MEMORY OF:

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Carol & Bill Richman, Special Anniversary
Sandy & Chuck Traugott**

IN MEMORY OF:

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Sam Steinman
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Joseph Weisberg Jan & Arvin Perlman

Summer Youth & Activities Fund (cont.)

IN MEMORY OF:

- GOLD -

Al Blumberg Jan & Arvin Perlman

YAHREIT:

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Tribute Fund

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Debbie & Jon Liebenenthal, Special Anniversary
Nora Romanoff & Eli Abramson
Miriam Beckerman, Engagement of Daughter Mayaan
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Fagie Benstein****

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Jeanette Wiegler Mark Friedman
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Mary Pintis Shirley & Zale Kohler***
David Reuben Goldberg, Beloved Father
Roggie Siegel, Beloved Mother
Jo-Jo & Stuart Goldberg**

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Yahrzeit:

Arthur Friedman Mark Friedman, Adam
Friedman, Lindsay
Kuneman***

- GOLD -

Joseph Federman Steven Federman &
Rebecca Federman

- PLATINUM -

All our Loved Ones Nancy & Stephen
Goldberg

YOU HAVE SUPPORTED CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL DURING
YOUR LIFETIME. PLEASE CONSIDER B'NAI ISRAEL IN YOUR WILL AND
OTHER ESTATE PLANNING.

13 Purim Facts Every Jew Should Know

by Menachim Posner (article edited for length)

1. Purim Is the Jolliest Day of the Year

The jolly festival of Purim is celebrated every year on the 14th of the Hebrew month of Adar (late winter/early spring). Purim 2021 begins on Thursday night, February 25 and continues through Friday, February 26, (February 27 in Jerusalem). It commemorates the salvation of the Jewish people in ancient Persia from Haman's plot "to destroy, kill, and annihilate all the Jews, young and old, infants and women, in a single day."

2. Purim Is a Persian Word

Purim means "lots" in ancient Persian. The holiday was thus named since the evil Haman had thrown lots to determine when he would carry out his diabolical scheme. In Eastern tradition, it is called *poo-REEM*. Among Westerners, it is often called *PUH-rim*. Some Central-European communities even call it *PEE-rim*.

3. Mordechai and Esther Are the Heroes of the Day

Mordechai was the leader of the Jewish people in Persia, and Esther was his cousin. Forcibly made queen of Persia, Esther bravely interceded—putting her own life on the line—on behalf of her people. The story of their heroism is recorded in the Book of Esther.

4. The Book of Esther Is Handwritten on Parchment

Per Esther's request, the events were written in a scroll to be read every year on Purim. This scroll, called the Megillah (Book of Esther), was one of the final books to be canonized in the Tanach. A genuine Megillah must be written by a scribe on parchment—a painstaking process that takes several days or weeks to complete.

5. There Are Four Purim Mitzvahs

Purim is celebrated by observing the following four rituals:

- Reading the Megillah which recounts the story of the Purim miracle. This is done once on the eve of Purim and again the following day.
- Giving monetary gifts to at least two poor people.
- Sending gifts of two kinds of food to at least one person.
- A festive Purim feast, which often includes wine or other intoxicating beverages.

6. We Spin "Graggers" on Purim

Graggers are spinning noisemakers (ratchets) used to drown out Haman's name during the Megillah reading. Since every word must be heard clearly, the reader repeats the name after the racket has died down. Although traditionally made of wood, graggers can be made of tin, plastic, or anything else. In a pinch, pounding on the table, stamping one's feet, or shaking one's keys will suffice.

7. People Drink Wine on Purim

The sages of the Talmud assert that "a person is obligated to drink on Purim until he does not know the difference between 'blessed is Mordechai and cursed is Haman.'" Obviously, this does not apply to anyone who may become ill or act inappropriately when intoxicated.

8. Purim is Preceded by a Fast

On the day before Purim (or on the Thursday before, when Purim is on Sunday), it is customary to fast, commemorating Esther's fasting and praying to G-d that He save His people.

9. Hamantaschen and Kreplach: Purim Treats

G-d's involvement in the Purim miracle was hidden; it appeared as if our people's salvation came by way of natural means. Indeed, the day is celebrated with delicacies where the delicious filling is hidden inside dough. Classic hamantaschen are a sweet three-cornered pastry filled with poppy seeds, and meat-filled kreplach are traditionally cooked and served in chicken soup at the festive meal. The seeds recall Esther's vegetarian diet in the royal palace, where she secretly kept kosher.

10. We Masquerade on Purim

People traditionally dress up on Purim, wear masks, or otherwise make themselves look somewhat unusual. Like the "hidden" treats mentioned above, many say that concealing ourselves behind a costume reflects the way G-d operated behind a cloak of natural events.

11. People Say "Purim Torah"

In keeping with the over-the-top atmosphere of the day, people (especially learned Jews) share "Purim Torah," in which silliness and scholarship mesh into a dizzying blend of witty (and sometimes absurd) exegeses.

12. Purim Is Deferred One Day in Jerusalem

Purim is observed on Adar 14, the day that the Jews rested after trouncing their enemies in battle. In the capital city of Shushan, there were so many bad guys that it took an additional day of fighting to ensure their safety, so they rested on the following day, Adar 15. Since Shushan was walled, it was declared that all walled metropolises (chiefly, but not only, Jerusalem) would celebrate on that later date. This second Purim is known as "Shushan Purim."

13. Purim Is Always a Month and a Day Before Passover

Purim is celebrated on 14 Adar, and Passover starts on 15 Nissan. In a Jewish leap year there are two Adars, making for a total of 13 months. In those years, Purim is celebrated during the second Adar, so that it is close to Passover. This is so that the miraculous salvation of Purim is as close as possible to the miracle of the Exodus, commemorated on Passover.

February Yahrzeits

1	Shevat 19	Harry Yaffe, Rae Jacobs, Miriam Lubow, Theodore Torchin, Margaret Goldner, Bernard Saxon, Hayim Leizerman, Elsie Berkowitz, Edith Rose Kramer
2	Shevat 20	Margaret Jablonski, Hettie Berenson, Bertha Treuhaft, Sam Stohl, Hyman Auslander, Lori Kremer Immergluck, Rebecca Fishman, Morris Freimer, Belle Swartz
3	Shevat 21	Freda Cohen, Mary Pintis, Rose Swolsky, Marilyn Swartz, Rivka Leah Kesselman,
4	Shevat 22	Benjamin Braveman, Inge Horowitz, Shirley Kirshner, Alexander Louis Kramer, Celia Polson, Abraham Joseph Shall, Miriam Leeper-Kende
5	Shevat 23	Mendel Tochtermann, Evelyn Gayle Schall, Ernest Damrauer, Peggy Struening, Max Sack, Harry Levison, Betty Katz
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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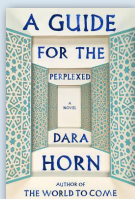


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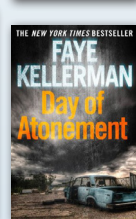
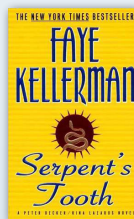
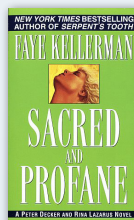
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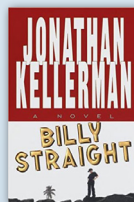
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