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A Message From Rabbi Silverman

"...But From My Students I Have Always Learned the Most."

It's Sunday night around 11:00 pm, and a fourteen-year-old is pacing the room. Back and forth, she passes by a desk overflowing with paperwork that offers statistics and anecdotes and suggestions for how to improve her writing. Her friend sits on the floor, propped against the wall, surrounded by half-eaten plates of food and bags of chips and snacks. They are preparing for Monday morning's presentation.

This might sound like a familiar scene to a lot of families – last minute prep on a Sunday night. But these two teens, plus six more of their classmates from Touro's Confirmation Class, weren't working on something for school; they were preparing for their meeting with Louisiana's United States senators in Washington, D.C.

Over the weekend of December 2-5, I was proud to lead eight of our 9th Grade students to the hallways of our nation's government to experience the L'taken Social Justice Seminar through the Religious Action Center ("RAC") of the Reform Movement. All weekend long, students and chaperones alike met with peers from across the country and Canada and took part in programs designed to educate them on social issues afflicting our country and steps that they could take on their own to help alleviate them. As a culmination of the time spent together, each synagogue's delegation

of students met with their own local and state representatives in Congress to state their views on those issues and to offer ideas of how to begin making change. As they learned that late Sunday night – and throughout the entire weekend – that kind of experience requires deep thought and lots and lots of prep work.

Before traveling to Capitol Hill for their meetings with representatives, we spent time not only in informational sessions on specific topics, we also ventured into the city for a look at institutions dedicated to preserving the memory of what inaction and apathy can bring about. At the United States Holocaust Museum, we were reminded of what a minority might face if they are vilified en masse because of their religion, culture and creed; at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, they took in the words of a single person who led a dedicated army of the open-hearted, an army that took down institutions built on racism, fear and hatred. On the steps of the Jefferson Memorial, they sang the words of Havdallah, marking the end of Shabbat, and listened to the belief enshrined by the Founding Fathers which we still work to make truer today, that all individuals are creatures of God and deserving of equality as such.

While gazing up at the carving of Dr. King beside the Tidal Basin just off the National Mall, I charged the students with a task: from all of the engraved quotes on the marble wall surrounding his statue, find a quote of Dr. King's that



reminds you of who we, Touro Synagogue, strive to be. They came to consensus on one in particular:

"It is not enough to say, 'We must not wage war.' It is necessary to love peace and sacrifice for it. We must concentrate not merely on the negative expulsion of war, but on the positive affirmation of peace."

Their reasoning? *"We can't just sit and hope that things get better."* How proud I was to remind them of all the things we, as a synagogue, do on a constant, continued basis that bring a bit of light to the lives of those in darkness; to alleviate the slightest bit of hurt that someone might feel; to live out our Jewish values in a way that bring positive balance to the negativity around us.

As we stood at Reagan National Airport to board our flight home, one of the teens showed me what he had been posting on his Instagram account on his iPhone: quotes he had found, pictures he had taken, and facts that he had learned throughout the weekend about the ills of the world he had become fairly well-versed on. The number of people following him and learning alongside was mind-blowing – how quickly this young man had managed to spread the word and gain some followers in his quest to right the world's wrongs.

Ta'anit 7b of the Babylonian Talmud offers one rabbi's intriguing observation of his life as an educator: *"I have learned much from my teachers and even more from my colleagues; but from my students I have always learned the most."*

Isn't that the truth.

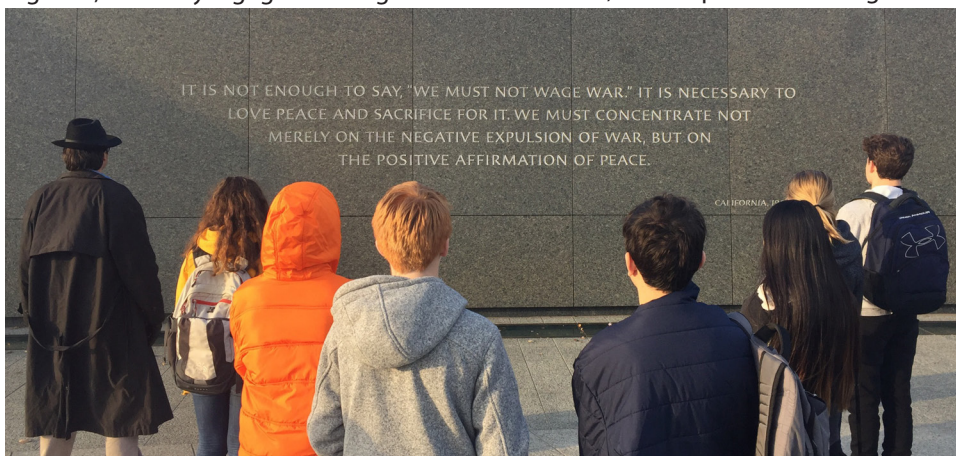


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SHABBAT Kumzits

JANUARY 13 & FEBRUARY 10

Join us for these truly special gatherings for an intimate, joyful and meditative communal singing. Led by Cantor Mintz and guest musicians, the Shabbat Kumzits offers a special opportunity to embrace Shabbat joy, relaxation and celebration by lifting our voices together in music both old and new!

These monthly gatherings for communal singing take place after a soulful Shabbat service and a delicious community dinner. We hope you'll join us for these special Shabbat evenings each month!

SHABBAT ROCKS!
(formerly Tot Shabbat)

JANUARY 21 & FEBRUARY 4
9:30 AM - SHUSHAN ASSEMBLY

TOT SHABBAT (INFANTS - 3)
SHABBAT KREWE (AGES 4-6)

Join Rabbi Silverman and Cantor Mintz once a month for a special Shabbat morning of singing, stories, Shabbat activities, and of course, challah and juice!

For more information, contact Rabbi Silverman or Cantor Mintz at 895-4843.

A Message from our President

The L'Chayim Award is the most prestigious honor we confer at Touro Synagogue. It is hard to imagine that there could be two more deserving people to receive it than Kathy and Hal Shepard. If you don't know who they are, you have not spent much time at Touro for the last several decades! To choose them as our honorees was the easiest and most unanimous decision I have had to make as president of the congregation.

Kathy and Hal are synonymous with Touro Synagogue and perhaps the Greater New Orleans Jewish Community as well. To my knowledge, they do not know the word "no", and for all of us that has been our good fortune.

As a JCC Nursery School teacher, Kathy not only knows most of our little ones who attend Shabbat services, but also showers them with her unconditional love and attention. They flock to her like a Mother Duck! It is to many a parent's delight to worship while their small child/children sit on "Miss Kathy's" lap.

She was a devoted Sisterhood member and served on that board for an untold number of years. You might say that she was one of the "last women standing" as she handed over the funds which were placed in the Touro Foundation for future Synagogue use.

Throughout her volunteer career, Kathy has participated in almost every Jewish agency in our city. She was president of the Jewish Community Center, advised a

Lemann-Stern class for two years, and is the co-chair of the 2017 Jewish Federation Annual Campaign. Kathy currently sits on our Board of Trustees and in addition to participating on several committees, she is our unofficial Parliamentarian. Her command of Robert's Rules of Order is impressive!

Hal is a past president of Touro Synagogue, Brotherhood, and is now the president of the Touro Foundation, a most important role. Through our endowment, we are sustaining our congregation in the present and ensuring our financial future. His forward thinking has led us to create new bylaws for the Foundation and to form an Investment Advisory Committee for the same, all to safeguard our capital investments.

However, if you were to ask most members what Hal is best known for, it would be his acumen and ability to know every square foot of our physical facility. From the bowels of the basement, to the top of our dome, Hal can tell you what is new, what has been improved, and what needs attention or replacement. He is our "go to guy" whenever we discuss HVAC, roofing, construction, etc. and he never fails to provide us with realistic and helpful advice.

Hal, too, has given much of his time to the New Orleans Jewish community. He is a past president of Hillel, worked on many Federation campaigns, and serves as an advisor to their current Katz-Phillips



Susan Good

Leadership Program.

While performing all these mitzvot, Kathy and Hal are also devoted children, parents, siblings, and friends. Everyone knows you can always count on their support and love (along with a nice batch of fresh sweets!).

Therefore, for these reasons and the myriad of others which could be added to the list, we hope you will join us on January 29th. It will be an evening of celebration and good food! Adding your voice to others as we toast Kathy and Hal will be the tribute they both deserve. You will definitely want to raise your glass as we say "L'Chayim" to this very special couple.

B'Shalom,
Susan

THE L'Chayim AWARD

LET'S RAISE OUR GLASSES IN HONOR OF

Kathy & Hal Shepard

TOURO SYNAGOGUE'S
BENEFIT DINNER
JANUARY 29, 2017
6:30 PM

RSVP AT
[WWW.TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM/
LCHAYIMAWARD/](http://WWW.TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM/LCHAYIMAWARD/)



JewCCY News

BOWLING DAY!

JANUARY 15
ALL 6TH - 8TH GRADERS
LOCATION TBD



All 6th-8th graders are invited to a fun day of bowling with Junior JewCCY! Bowling will be from 12:00 - 2:30 - Location TBD. Look out for emails from Advisor Charlie and the [JewCCY Facebook page](#) for updates!

NFTY-SO WINTER KALLAH

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15 - SUNDAY, JANUARY 22
ALL 9TH - 12TH GRADERS
URJ HENRY S. JACOBS CAMP - UTICA, MS

- Meet new people and see your friends from NFTY, Camp, Israel and Mitzvah Corps
- Celebrate Shabbat with delicious food, singing and dancing
- Wrestle with hot topics and challenge your assumptions during interactive teen-led programming
- Enjoy a fun Saturday night activity
- Participate in our Dream Street Auction
- Solve clues all weekend long to uncover a mystery

REGISTER AT SOUTHERN.NFTY.ORG!

JewCCY is a youth group affiliated with NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth) for 9th-12th Graders (with 8th Graders able to join the last event of the Fall/Winter semester and throughout the spring semester). JewCCY offers a wide range of programming from social hangouts, to mitzvah projects, social action outings, and regional events. Dues are \$54 a year for the first child, \$36 for the second.

Junior JewCCY is a youth group for 6th-8th graders (with 5th graders able to join the last event of the Fall/Winter semester and throughout the spring semester). Junior JewCCY hosts several fun events like laser tag, hangouts, and more! 6th - 8th Graders are also invited to a Junior Youth Group weekend at Jacobs Camp in the Spring. There is no cost to be in Junior JewCCY, though sometimes there is a fee to attend an event.

Bits O' JewCCY is the youngest of the JewCCY family, holding events for 4th-5th Graders (with 3rd Graders able to join the last event of the Fall/Winter semester and throughout the spring semester). It's a great way to get your 3rd-5th Grader involved in the Jewish community and start building their roots in the youth group community.

For questions or more information, please email Charlie Cox at charlie18cox@gmail.com.

ADULT HEBREW ACADEMY:

HEBREW FOR BEGINNERS - PART II

TUESDAY NIGHTS
AT 6:30PM

January 17, 24, 31
February 7, 14

For those who completed the introductory Hebrew course in the fall, or those with basic Hebrew reading ability but want to take his or her skills to the next level by exploring the Hebrew of the siddur (prayer book), be sure to join Cantor Mintz for this Tuesday evening class!

Materials and Registration Fees per semester:
Members - No Charge / Non-Members - \$50

Register by emailing
info@touroynagogue.com.

The Adult Bat Mitzvah of Heather Glass

February 11, 2017

My Dearest Touro Family,

For the past 8 years that I have been with this congregation, this congregation has also been with me through a lot of "life". Several months ago, many of you stepped up to assist my family when I broke my ankle in two places. You may have brought food, or cheer, or supplies, or simply friendship, and for this I am eternally grateful. Despite the struggles of the past year, I have been steadfast in studying for my Adult Bat Mitzvah, and I do hope you will join me at services on Saturday, February 11th, so that I can repay the light that you have all helped to keep kindled.



Bar Mitzvah of Emmett Lane Paton

January 7, 2017



Becoming a Bar Mitzvah is important to me. I feel that it is an important achievement in my Jewish life. The process of having a Bar Mitzvah has opened up an opportunity for me to help my community, by performing a mitzvah. I am very interested in and intrigued by the medical field, so I began doing research on medical based charities. I discovered that January is national blood donor month so due to the ongoing shortage of blood in our nation, but more importantly in our community, because of this I decided for my mitzvah project I would be helping to organize/host a blood drive, and hopefully getting blood donations. I am working with Aaron Novod and his charity Saul's Light, to host a blood drive at Touro Synagogue on January 22, 2016. Please look for future dates of other possible blood drives in the bulletin. 38% of the population of the U.S. can donate blood at any time, but only 10% of that 38% do. Usually in the U.S. there is enough blood in hospitals to last three or four days, but in critical situations that is sometimes not enough. During the summer the blood donations can drop to barely enough to last for one day, especially here in New Orleans. Donating takes approximately 10 minutes and you can donate around one pint. With your help we can get donors, and raise awareness. One pint can usually save three lives when you separate the

plasma, red blood cells, and platelets. It does not matter what blood type you are, you can be someone's type. Recycle yourself! Donate!

Emmett is the son of Rebekah and Lane Paton.

Bar Mitzvah of Aidan Benjamin Adler

January 14, 2017

For my Mitzvah project I am working with a group called Funny Bones Improv. This group is a non-profit charity that goes to children's hospitals to make sick kids laugh by doing improvisational comedy. I like this project because I can help make kids laugh, while having fun and make a difference in peoples' lives at the same time. Improv encourages creative, and spontaneous thought. It also doesn't require a lot of props to take the audience to another world. I enjoy being creative and making kids smile, so this is a wonderful opportunity for me. Once I turn 13 I can begin to assist with the Improv team in hospitals in the New Orleans Area. I will be donating a portion of my gift dollars, so please join me, by making a donation to this wonderful organization at www.funnybonesimprov.com.



Aidan is the son of Stephanie and Keith Adler.

Bat Mitzvah of Eleanor (Ella) Grace Guichet

January 28, 2017



You've seen the people along the streets who hold signs and bags asking for food. I mean, they're all over New Orleans. Some may be dishonest, yes, but there are also some who need our help. They go hungry most nights because they can't afford a nice meal! I want to help fix that problem.

My mitzvah project is to help grow the many types of greens along our synagogue's walls and raise awareness by creating a documentary on my experiences. I've been working with people here at Touro to grow the beautiful sprouts you see outside. They are then sent to the Broadmoor Food Pantry, a place where they give food to people who can't get it themselves. They offer a selection of foods to appeal to people's tastes and needs.

I hope to bring plenty of healthy crops to the pantry for those many people to enjoy. I am currently waiting for the harvest date so a couple of friends and I can pick them and get them ready for delivery. It would help so much if you could offer a hand in harvesting and maybe even help at a local community garden. Even the smallest of actions can lead to the biggest of changes.

Ella is the daughter of Samantha and Joseph Guichet.

**ALL THE SOUNDS OF
THE EARTH ARE LIKE
MUSIC:**

**THE GREAT
BROADWAY
MUSICALS OF
RICHARD RODGERS**

**BE SURE TO JOIN
US FOR THIS
SPECIAL EVENING!**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20
following Shabbat services

Please join us for an unforgettable program as we explore the life, times and beautiful music of Richard Rodgers. George Dansker and friends will treat us to a concert featuring an excerpt from each musical in which Rodgers collaborated with renowned lyricist, Oscar Hammerstein, II; from the familiar "Oklahoma!" and "The Sound of Music" to the less familiar "Pipe Dream" and "Allegro".

Come and celebrate the life and music of the composer who revolutionized the Broadway musical for all time!



**TORAH
READERS**

DO YOU ENJOY CHANTING TORAH?

Are you looking for opportunities to use this vital skill to empower yourself and the community?

Has it been many years since you chanted Torah, but are looking to re-learn, review and re-use this skill?

Have you always wanted to chant Torah, but have never learned?

Join our corps of Torah chanters and help lead and elevate our community!
Basic Hebrew skills are necessary.

If you're interested, please contact Cantor Mintz at dmintz@tourosynagogue.com.



NEWS AND THE JEWS

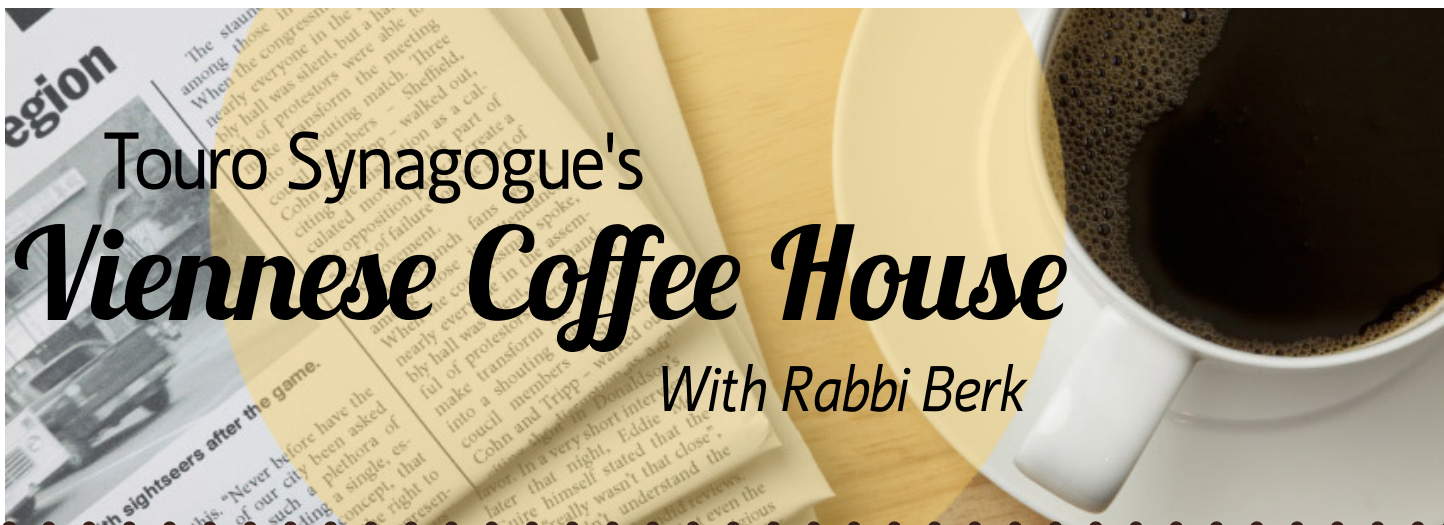
SELECT THURSDAYS, 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Each week, there are stories in our community and our world that confound us and comfort us, confuse us and confront us. What would Judaism say about these world issues? What is a Jewish response?

Join Rabbi Alexis Berk in the Mautner Learning Center for a lunchtime study. Each session will be completely unique in that we will explore a story from the week's news through a Jewish lens, with a Jewish mindset. Come join us! Bring a brown bag lunch and we'll provide the drinks.

All are welcome.

**UPCOMING SESSIONS:
JANUARY 5 & 19
FEBRUARY 2 & 16**



Touro Synagogue's *Viennese Coffee House*

With Rabbi Berk

Viennese coffee houses were the favorite haunts of such notables as Alfred Adler, Sigmund Freud, Theodor Herzl, and Gustav Klimt. The popularity of the coffee houses can be attributed to the unique social function they served. Traditional Viennese coffee houses offered their patrons the opportunity to sit in a comfortable surrounding and read the news of the world by drawing from racks of local and foreign newspapers. But most importantly, coffee houses offered their customers the space to discuss those issues, as the social met the intellectual, and the problems of the day met thoughtful responses. Coffee houses were so popular amongst Jews and so ingrained in Jewish culture that they were often identified as Jewish spaces. They provided space to frame pressing social issues through a Jewish lens.

The unique virtue of the Viennese coffee house today, as always, is that it offers the patron the opportunity to simply sit with one, two, or a handful of people and establish human connections in an atmosphere that lends itself to the personal and intimate, the meaningful, whether emotional or intellectual.

Touro Synagogue's Viennese Coffee House *with Rabbi Berk*

Come discuss the issues of the day.
How will we remain activist in the current political climate?
How will we use our voice to advocate for, attend to, and advance our civil rights legacy?
What is the role of interpretive religion and Judaism in the political discourse?

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 - 9:30AM-11:00AM

WHERE:

The Home of Shira and Michael Cohen

WHO:

Open to all Touro Synagogue members (you may bring friends with you).

Please RSVP to info@tourosynagogue.com by January 26.

WHY:

While we cannot predict with certainty what a Trump administration will create, the climate of social conservatism and alt-right affirmations has bred a discourse of bigotry that begs for a response. It's not about partisan politics; it's about humanity. And, we will manifest our humanity as a community of Jews, for we always have.

*Professor Michael Cohen is Associate Professor and incoming Chair of Jewish Studies at Tulane University. He is the author of *The Birth of Conservative Judaism: Solomon Schechter's Disciples and the Creation of an American Religious Movement*, as well as the forthcoming *Cotton Capitalists: American Jewish Merchants, Ethnic Networks, and Niche Economies, 1850-1890*. He earned his Ph.D. from Brandeis University, his A.B. from Brown University, and he is the author of several articles and reviews.*



TORAH STUDY

EVERY SATURDAY MORNING

9:00 - 10:30 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Each week the group discusses the current Parashah or Torah Portion in the Mautner Learning Center, and the session is led by a different lay leader.

Come to one, or all the sessions.

All who are interested are welcome.

No prior Torah knowledge or Hebrew skills needed.

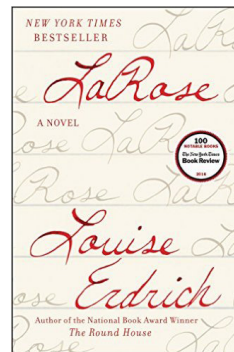
Join us for bagels, coffee and a thoughtful conversation.

Touro Book Group

La Rose by Louise Erdrich

Monday, January 23 - 10:30 am

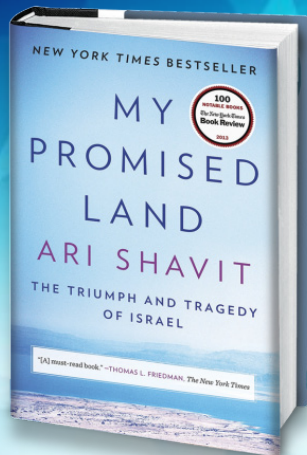
Mautner Learning Center at Touro Synagogue



The Touro Book Group is open to all women in the community! You do not need to be a member of Touro to attend our meetings.

Join us on Monday, January 23 as Theone Perloff leads our discussion on Louise Erdrich's *New York Times Best Seller, La Rose*

Please contact Marjorie Weiner at 504-398-1669 with any questions.



NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLER

NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW AND THE ECONOMIST

WINNER OF THE NATAN BOOK AWARD, THE NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARD, AND THE ANISFIELD-WOLF BOOK AWARD

ISRAEL READING SERIES

My Promised Land

BY ARI SHAVIT

3 SESSIONS IN JANUARY 2017

LED BY RABBI BERK

An authoritative and deeply personal narrative history of the State of Israel, by one of the most influential journalists writing about the Middle East today.

Facing unprecedented internal and external pressures, Israel today is at a moment of existential crisis. Ari Shavit draws on interviews, historical documents, private diaries, and letters, as well as his own family's story, illuminating the pivotal moments of the Zionist century. He tells a riveting narrative that is larger than the sum of its parts: both personal and national, both deeply human and of profound historical dimension.

Three consecutive but self-contained sessions - come to one or all.

January 11, 18, 25 - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.



Saul's Light Blood Drive January 22, 2017

On January 22nd, please join us for the inaugural Blood Drive at Touro Synagogue from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The drive will be hosted by Saul's Light and upcoming Bar Mitzvah, Emmett Paton. Donated blood will help meet the needs of patients in New Orleans area hospitals, including patients at Children's Hospital. Those requiring blood suffer from ailments ranging from cancer to trauma to anemia.

95% of the population will use donated blood by the age of 75. But less than 5% of the eligible population actually donates. Help us in our effort to raise that number. The majority of those over the age of 15 are eligible to give blood, and a screening to ensure eligibility will be completed before blood is donated. If you are 16 years old and would like to donate, parental consent is required.

To sign up for a time slot in advance, or if you have any questions, email us at saulslightfoundation@gmail.com. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Saul's Light is dedicated to helping meet the needs of New Orleans families and their babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), as they transition home, and in the tragic event of a baby's death. For more information, please visit our website at saulslight.org and follow us on Facebook.

Thank you, and don't forget to eat a good meal before donating and to bring a picture ID!

Saul's Light Foundation
www.saulslight.org
www.facebook.com/saulslightfoundation

Havdalah & Chaverim

Saturday, January 21, 6:00PM

Gather with other Touro members in their home to close out Shabbat and enjoy dinner with each other!

Close out Shabbat by meeting new Touro members, enjoying the company of old friends, and savoring delicious home-cooked food by signing up to host or be a guest in a congregant's home.

Guests will be randomly assigned to a host family for dinner in their home on this night. Single adults, couples, and families are all welcome!

Questions?

Contact Lisa Keleher
at (504) 296-5472
or lisatkeleher@gmail.com

RSVP or sign up to be a host at
www.tourosynagogue.com/havdalah-chaverim/



JEWISH MEDICAL ETHICS MEETING

Join Rabbi Berk and Dr. Walter Levy in exploring how we bring Jewish medical ethics to our professional lives. The session is driven by relevant ethical issues affecting health care providers.

**DINNER AND DISCUSSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 6:30 PM
MAUTNER LEARNING CENTER**

We look forward to seeing you there.

Please RSVP to
info@tourosynagogue.com.



We are very fortunate to be located directly on the parade route - for what we believe to be one of the best spots on St. Charles Avenue. There is much to do during Carnival and we invite you to join us!

Friday, February 17, 5:00 PM

Shabbat Services followed by
Krewe of Oshun and Krewe of Cleopatra.
Dinner will be served. \$5 per person

Saturday, February 18, 1:00 PM

Krewe of Pontchartrain followed by
Krewe of Choctaw and Krewe of Freret.
*Open to the congregation but
the stands are reserved for VIP Kids*

Thursday, February 23, 5:45 PM

Krewe of Babylon followed by
Krewe of Chaos and Krewe of Muses.
*Open to the congregation but
the stands are reserved for VIP Kids*

Friday, February 24, 5:00 PM

Shabbat Services followed by
Krewe of Hermes, Krewe of d'Etat
and Krewe of Morpheus.
Dinner will be served. \$5 per person

Saturday, February 25, 10:30 AM

Abbreviated Shabbat Service followed by
Krewe of Iris and Krewe of Tucks.
*Open to the congregation but
the stands are reserved for VIP Kids*

Monday, February 27, 5:15 PM

Krewe of Proteus followed by
Krewe of Orpheus

Touro's facility will be closed for all other Uptown parades that are not listed on this schedule.

**Want to store
your ladder at
Touro for the
Carnival Season?**

For a donation of \$50
your ladder will be made
available on all the open
days listed above.



MARDI GRAS RULES

- Non-members must be accompanied by a member at all times. Each non-member will be charged \$15.
- Members must remain onsite as long as their guests are present.
- Members and Non-Members are welcomed for Shabbati-Gras. \$5 per person for dinner.
- Members may enter the synagogue's property only for the parades listed.
- Access will be limited to the areas behind the fence, Bowsky Garden, Shushan Assembly, and chapel bathrooms.
- Coolers are permitted except on Shabbati-Gras. Coolers must be kept outdoors.
- No glass is allowed.
- No Pork or Shellfish is allowed.
- No smoking.
- The building and property grounds must be respected by all members and guests, and all trash must be disposed of properly.



WILL YOU HELP THE KREWE OF VIPS?



Can you host or chaperone the VIP kids on these dates?

Saturday, February 18 at 1:00 p.m.
Pontchartrain followed by Choctaw and Freret

Thursday, February 23 at 4:45 p.m.
Babylon, Muses & Chaos Parades

Saturday, February 25 at 10:00 a.m.
Iris and Tucks Parades

Touro Synagogue will once again host the Krewe of VIPs this Mardi Gras season. We will have a wheelchair accessible platform set up on the steps of our sanctuary for those with disabilities or special needs to view the Mardi Gras Parades on the dates listed above. Without these stands, many children would not be able to enjoy a Mardi Gras parade! **If you are able to chaperone/host for one of the above dates, please email Hal Shepard at hal@taylor-seidenbach.com.**

HELP WITH THE STANDS!

We are in need of volunteers to help assemble the stands on Monday, February 13th and disassemble them on Thursday, March 2nd.

Contact Hal Shepard at hal@taylor-seidenbach.com with any questions and/or to say that you can help!



SPREAD THE WORD!

If you know of any child with special needs who could benefit from VIP treatment during Mardi Gras, please have their guardians contact **Dr. Juan Gershanik's** office at **504-896-2229 or 504-377-1162** to reserve a spot at this year's parades.



RECYCLE THOSE BEADS!

Each year we collect your leftover beads on behalf of ARC of New Orleans, a non-profit organization serving people from birth through childhood who have intellectual disabilities and delays.

ADVOCACY AWARENESS

Together, we can make a difference. Advocacy is a crucial component of Touro's social justice work. Please take a look at the Touro Advocacy Alert button on our website and at the bottom of each t-mail. The advocacy opportunities are updated on-going so be sure to click on the button frequently.

In addition to our own Advocacy Alert button at Touro, you can sign up to get direct alerts about issues closest to your heart and mind. Below is a list of websites that correspond with Touro initiatives and where you can sign up to receive direct advocacy alerts.



Religious Action Center arm of the URJ:

www.rac.org

Mazon: A Jewish response to Hunger

www.mazon.org

Everytown for Gun Safety

www.everytown.org

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

education@namineworleans.org

Forum For Equality

www.forumforequality.org

For general alerts on a broad array of issues affecting civil liberties:

ACLU of Louisiana, www.laclu.org

For information on local criminal justice issues:

www.crimecoalitionnola.com

Visit our website and watch for the Alert section of t-mails and bulletins about current advocacy needs

in the areas Touro is currently focused on:

www.tourosynagogue.com

Weekend of Peace COLLECTION DRIVE JANUARY 9 - JANUARY 12



Once again this year we will be collecting gently used clothing and household items for distribution by our friends at Masjid ur-Rahim at their annual Weekend of Peace community event. If you are familiar with this extraordinary event, which also offers free health screenings and a hot meal to those in need in our city, you know what an honor it is to be able to contribute. And this year, more than ever, we want to support the efforts of the wonderful people at Masjid ur-Rahim. The event will be held on Saturday, January 14, and we will be accepting drop-offs in the Shushan Assembly at Touro from Monday, January 9 -Thursday, January 12.

If you have questions, please email Lisa Herman at herman87@cox.net

We all have things we no longer want or need - please take the time to gather and donate them in support of this worthy and important endeavor.



NAMI offers hope, help, and healing to people with mental illness - and to those who share their lives - through family support, education and advocacy, and quality psychosocial services.

Connection Recovery Support Group for people living with mental illness:

- Every Thursday, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
NAMI New Orleans Uptown
1538 Louisiana Ave., New Orleans, LA 70115
- Every Friday, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
NAMI New Orleans Westbank
2051 8th Street, Harvey, LA 70058

Family Support Group for family, caregivers, and friends of people living with mental illness:

- Wednesday, January 4th, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
NAMI New Orleans Uptown
1538 Louisiana Ave., New Orleans, LA 70115
- Tuesday, January 17th, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
NAMI New Orleans Westbank
2051 8th Street, Harvey, LA 70058
- Thursday, January 26th, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Congregation Beth Israel
4004 W Esplanade Ave., Metairie, LA 70002

Please visit www.namineworleans.org for information about Family Education programs, suicide support, and more.

For more information about Touro's mental health initiatives, contact David Hammer at hammer.david@rocketmail.com.

Dear Touro,

Thank you for your support of Second Harvest and our mission. The food drive efforts conducted by Touro Synagogue were simply outstanding. Overall, the drive collected a total of 2,044 pounds of non-perishable food items which contributed greatly to our vision for a hunger free South Louisiana. With support from people like you, we are able to provide nearly 28 million meals annually to hungry families. We are grateful for your help and would like to send a special "thank you" to your youth volunteers who assisted in the collection/packing of the donations.

Thanks again!

Kathryn and Vanessa
Second Harvest Food Bank



MASS INCARCERATION AWARENESS



Members of the congregation met recently with Michael Cowan of Common Good, who provided education about the "Smart on Crime" initiative aimed toward reducing incarceration numbers. He informed the group of pending legislation on sentencing reform, re-entry programs and related criminal justice issues. Be on the lookout for information in future Touro communications on how you can help advocate for these reforms.

For more information about the "Smart on Crime" initiative please visit www.smartoncrimela.com.



EDEN HOUSE

DONATIONS NEEDED!

Many of the residents of Eden House are in need of warm clothing for winter. If you have new or gently used coats, sweatshirts, sweaters, jeans or warm pants to donate to the Eden House residents, please call the office at (504) 407-0943 or email Courtney at assistant@edenhousenola.org. The sizes our women wear include 4, 12, 14, 16, 18 and 24.

Food Delivery for Mardi Gras Season: The residents of Eden House would greatly appreciate food donations during Mardi Gras. This would involve someone delivering food for about 12 people. A delivery of dishes like red beans and rice, fried chicken, etc. would be very helpful.

Please visit www.edenhousenola.org or www.facebook.com/EdenHouseNOLA for more information about ongoing donation needs.

Questions?
Please contact Susie Allen
at susieallen1@gmail.com



The First 72+ continues to prove itself as a vital asset to the New Orleans community, in support of formerly incarcerated individuals re-entering society. In addition to acquiring new office space, The First 72+ has acquired new mentors and case managers to help each resident set and achieve personal goals. The new office space also has a small business incubator aimed at those who have been formerly incarcerated. As a result, they are seeking experienced business owners who would be willing to assist as mentors. Material donations are always appreciated: men's clothing, suits, non-perishables, toiletries, books, luggage, school bags, etc.

Stay tuned for a hands-on service project in February. Please forward any questions to Jared Glassman at JaredGlassman@gmail.com.



ENGAGEMENT. SO EASY. ANYTIME.

Touro Synagogue is an engaged community. We engage with each other within the walls of our synagogue and with each other and the New Orleans community outside of our walls. There are countless ways that you can engage—once, once in awhile, or on-going. We are committed to supporting your involvement with us in ways that feel just right to you. There is always something going on and we hope you will get involved with us! We look forward to engaging with you!

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

The “SignUp” button on our website and weekly t-mails will make engagement easy for you. You can click on the “SignUp” anytime to see what’s happening that you might want to be a part of.

Check T-mail. Each week the current events are highlighted. It’s never too late to hop on board and engage with others.

Call or email us. Want to know what’s going on and want to connect to a person? Have a specific talent or interest you’d like to share? Call or email Samantha Guichet, our “Volunteer Czar,” to find out what’s going on at (504) 722-1237 or ssguichet@me.com. Call or email Lisa Keleher, our Caring and Mitzvah Coordinator, to see if there is a way for you to connect with a family in need at (504) 296-5472 or lisatkeleher@gmail.com.

WHAT’S GOING ON?

Whether you want to engage in an activity once in a while or you would like to have a regular way to connect with others through activities in our community, there is an engagement opportunity available. Visit the Engagement Opportunities page under the Community tab of our website. There you will find a list of things currently going on in our community. The list is not comprehensive and can be added to at any time. Your imagination is the only limit to what we can do together and if you have an interest, share it!

Welcome New Members!

We welcome the following new members to the Touro family:

Michal Erder and Isaac Yurco

Sara Gershen

Maggie Glaser and Jeffrey Wolfson

Amie Nissenbaum
Simone

Daniella Santoro

Carey and Michael Sherman
Sienna, Brooklyn, Bennett

Minka Shura Sprague

Sophia Zaretsky



Touro Synagogue congratulates the following congregants...

Austin and Carrie Marks

on the birth of their daughter Maya Abigail Marks
and to grandparents Cathy and Buddy Bart,
and great grandmother Hertha Bart

Joyce Pulitzer

for receiving the Outstanding Philanthropist Award

Jeffrey Fingerman and Katie Coburn

on the birth of their son Asher Liam Fingerman

Alexander Brown

for publishing a new book
"Photos of New Orleans And Other Places With Words"

Ginny Wise

for being Selected as Senior Vice President
of Advancement at Tulane University

Aaron Ahlquist

for receiving the Barney Mintz Leadership Award
from ADL New Orleans

Peter Sperling

for receiving the Barney Mintz Leadership Award
from ADL New Orleans

Freddy and Read Kullman

on the birth of their daughter Sidonie Scott Kullman
and to grandparents Ruth and Larry Kullman

Allison and Mario Padilla-Goodman

on the birth of their son Ori Federico Padilla-Goodman
and to grandparents Sherrie and Alan Goodman

Barbara and Sandy Maslansky

on the birth of their great grandson Owen David Williams

Yahrzeits

Perpetually enshrined on the Yahrzeit Tablets of Touro Synagogue are the following loved ones for whom Kaddish will be recited for the months of January and February:

Friday, Jan. 6 / Saturday, Jan. 7

Saul Germain, Fay Scharff Levy, Dora Maas Jacobs, Berthold Turkheimer, Pauline Maas, Gussie Stiebel, Julius L. Rosenblum, Nettie S. Hochstein, Edgar Weil, Anne Miller Fabricant, Leo Van Os, Dr. Isidore Cohn, Arthur G. Radlauer, Dr. Simon Geismar, Willie Mintz, Marx Meyer Levy, Alexander Gottsegen, Herbert Schwartz Weil, Rosa Lehmann, Adolph Good, Miriam Kohlmeyer Bear, Alice Kahn Schoen, Leon Heymann, Shirley Kasten, Barbara S. Glazer Weinstein, Ben B. Brill, Sr., Allan L. Wolff

Friday, Jan. 13 / Saturday, Jan. 14

David Langer, Benjamin Barcon Goldman, Alexander Julius Heinemann, Gertrude Hirschman Goldsmith, Mose Jacobs, Minnie Berenson Ames, Harry M. Millman, M. Waldo Mayer, Sr., Irma S. Schwarz, Harold A. Frank, Sylvia Friefeld Weiner, Dora Elias Haspel, Dr. Marcus Goodwin, Clara Weil Stern, Si Berg, Louis Spiro, Simon Bollag, Helaine Kahn Kling, Nora K. Feibleman, Max M. Levy, Marcus Berlin, Clara Newman Hyman

Friday, Jan. 20 / Saturday, Jan. 21

Rhoda Lewis Sucherman, Mildred Norman Forgotston, Leopold Wolff, David Hochstein, Clem Kohlmann Salmon, Emelie Isaacs Turkheimer, Joseph Clay Shields, Sr., Samuel Berlin, Helen Polack Loeb, Walter F. Marcus, Judah Touro, Morris J. Levy, Jessie Hiller Wagner, Mildred Koplou Deroy, Richard S. Ruck, Maurice Levy Leland, Emile Kahn, Marcus M. Levy, Selma Heymann Wolff, Dr. William G. Fellman, Mayme Osterman Isaacs, Daniel B. Feitel, Frederick A. Kullman, Alfred Charles Alltmont, Peggy Cohen Bennett, William Marshal Teague, Sol Sucherman

Friday, Jan. 27 / Saturday, Jan. 28

Abraham Lazard Shushan, Jr., Edith Lou Bach, Max Adolph Good, Carrie Kohlmeyer, Rachael Levy Marx, Florence N. Trautman, Josephine Moses Diamond, Susan Block Seelig, Dr. Harold H. Sogin, Fannie Safferstone Klein, Ida Rittenberg Kohlmeyer, Sally Spickler Gottsegen, Otto Aaron Levy, Julius Keiffer, Monroe Praelzer, Walter Leonard Brown, Sr. Herman May, Joseph E. Miller, Eva Karnofsky Loeb, Shirley Shein Hiller, Leonie Ber Haspel, Sunny Norman, Adele Oberdorfer Levy, Lt. Col. Carl D. Reed, Edward D. Levy, Rosetta Goldberg, Saul Singer, Samuel Bernard Katz, Bessie Weinberg Smith, Ethel Alltmont Abramson, Theresa Hausmann, Estelle Phillips

Friday, Feb. 3 / Saturday, Feb. 4

Irvin S. Smith, Leon Simon Geismar, Julie Hirsch Bloch, Mathilde Heinemann Weil, Gustave J. Klotz, Sr., Leopold Feibleman, David Jacob Rabin, Sheba Oreck, Hermina Ochs Schwartz, Simon Jonas Rosenthal, Hilda Levy Jacobs, Jacquelyn Barbara Mintz, Lillian Widofsky, Dorothy Feitel Rothschild, Malvin P. Rahm, Thirba W. Green Margolis, Helen Weil Young, Theone Greenspan, Valerie B. Wolf

Friday, Feb. 10 / Saturday, Feb. 11

Louis Kaufman Good, Jr., Charles Mayer Samuel, Irma Dresner Boczar, Charles Louis Stern, Sr., Hilda Aaron Godchaux, Amelia Meyer, Mayer Godchaux, Bertha Berlin, Michael Heymann, Leo Miller, Sr., Diane Bennett Hammer, MD, Gertrude Appelton Zarowitz, Samuel Levy, Sampson L. Hiller, Pauline Mayer Levy, Dr. Irwin Isaacson, Lazarus Kohlmann, RoseMary Rotman Brooks, Rabbi Leo A. Bergman, Julia Beer Bartlett, Frieda Young, Esther Singer, Dr. Isadore J. Rosen, William B. Bear, Ralph H. Fishman, Harry Shushan, Milton E. Burglass, Lionel Weil, Selma Ruth Levy

Friday, Feb. 17 / Saturday, Feb. 18

Irma Goldstein Phillips, Herman Wolf Krasne, Harry S. Kaufman, Jr., Charles Bloch, Bertha Davis Ochs, James Morton, Ruth Helen Young, Leonard Rothstein, Simon Isaacs, Malena Block Levy, Alma Lemmel Bloch, Susan Weil Bain, Caroline Weil Heinemann, Isaac Bloch, George M. Gross, Max Feibleman, Bertha Spiegel Miller, Gerald Harvey Cohen, Beatrice Burg Kottwitz, S. Fred Zander, Hannah Heinemann Cohn, Abraham Copeland, Flora Meyer Brill, Harris Hyman, Jacques Trautman

Friday, Feb. 24 / Saturday, Feb. 25

Rose Stern Levy, Gustave Falk, Harry B. Caplan, Julius Weill, Charles Epstein, Richard B. Kaufmann, Jr., Louise Mayer Blum, Leo Zander, David Leo Koppman, Benjamin J. Phillips, M.D., Eva Tulbowitz Geismar, Charles Levy, David Band, Robert Gervis, Retta Strouse Leipziger, Jeannette Greenspan Mintz, Lena Leopold Falk

Friday, March 3 / Saturday, March 4

Herman Hirsch Levy, Marion Levy Sontheimer, Emily Lazarus Cohen, Ellen Loeb Gandle, MD, Bertha Grace "Cookie" Nagel, Elma B. Rosenfeld, Sara Baskind Smith, Florence Joelson Freedman, Jacob M. Gensburger, Jacquelyn "Jackie" Wolff, Gerson Aletrino, Sidney Deutch, Herbert H. Meyer, Testa Joseph Nagel, Fannie Ochs Rubenstein, Solomon Turkish, Joel Kern Handelman, Gertrude Davis Sherman, Roger G. Weill, Bianca Adler Kling, Louis G. Shushan, Iska Brown Kohlmeyer, Louise Lowenstein Levy



IN MEMORIAM

May their memory be for a blessing

Touro Synagogue extends its deepest sympathies to the families and friends of...

Ralph I. Shepard

husband of Lois Shepard, father of Robert Shepard, Louis Shepard (Dana), Hal Shepard (Kathy), grandfather of Adam (Jenna), Brian, David, Rachel, Alice, and Margaret Shepard.

Elaine Lubel Van der Linden

wife of Bernard Van der Linden, mother of Lisa Amann (Cary), grandmother of Deborah and Blake Amann, cousin of Ralph Katz (Dollie).

Lana Carol Weeks

mother of Charles Cannon (Laura), grandmother of Russell and Belle Adelman-Cannon

Bennet Scott Koren

husband of Lisa Germain, father of Alex and Rachel Koren

Louise Feitel Weiss

mother of Jack Weiss (Candy), aunt of Keith Adler (Stephanie) and Jason Adler (Nicole)

Rabbi Reuben M. Katz

grandfather of Cantor David Mintz (Deborah), great grandfather of Nadav Mintz

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Tour with Adie Genet

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Judith Leff

Tour with Diane Cohen

By: Olga and Joe Balko

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Beryl Levy Gernsbacher

By: Adrien and Errol Genet

Lester Shapiro

By: Sarah Paillet

Patti and Jack Lengsfield

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Gershon Goldstein

By: Martin Goldstein and family

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Call the Touro office at 895-4843 for more info.

JANUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			Uptown Hebrew not in session	12:00 p.m. News and the Jews with Rabbi Berk	6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service/ Birthday Blessings	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service/ Bar Mitzvah of Emmett Lane Paton
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:00 a.m. Religious School in session			4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew in session 7:00 p.m. Israel Reading Series - My Promised Land by Ari Shavit	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Kumzits	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service/ Bar Mitzvah of Aidan Benjamin Adler
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:00 a.m. Religious School in session		6:30 p.m. Hebrew of the Siddur with Cantor Mintz	7:00 p.m. Israel Reading Series - My Promised Land by Ari Shavit	12:00 p.m. News and the Jews with Rabbi Berk 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service 7:00 p.m. Concert-Lecture with George Dansker	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 9:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service 6:00 p.m. Havdalah and Chaverim
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:00 a.m. Saul's Light Blood Drive 9:00 a.m. Religious School in session	10:30 a.m. Touro Book Group Meeting	6:30 p.m. Hebrew of the Siddur with Cantor Mintz	7:00 p.m. Israel Reading Series - My Promised Land by Ari Shavit	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service/ Bat Mitzvah of Ella Guichet
29	30	31				
9:00 a.m. Religious School in session 6:30 p.m. L'Chayim Award Dinner		6:30 p.m. Jewish Medical Ethics Meeting 6:30 p.m. Hebrew of the Siddur with Cantor Mintz				

FEBRUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			1	2	3	4 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 9:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service	
5 9:00 a.m. Religious School in session	6	7 6:30 p.m. Hebrew of the Siddur with Cantor Mintz	8 4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew in session	9 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	10 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Kumzits	11 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service/ Adult Bat Mitzvah of Heather Glass	
12 9:00 a.m. Religious School in session	13	14 6:30 p.m. Hebrew of the Siddur with Cantor Mintz	15 4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew in session	16 12:00 p.m. News and the Jews with Rabbi Berk 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	17 5:00 p.m. Casual Shabatti Gras with Family Dinner	18 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service	
19 Religious School in session	20	21	22 Uptown Hebrew not in session	23 7:30 p.m. No Choir Rehearsal	24 5:00 p.m. Casual Shabatti Gras with Family Dinner	25 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Songs and Kaddish - Abbreviated Shabbat Service	
26 Religious School not in session	27	28	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>Please note that the Service on Saturday morning, February 25, is abbreviated due to the parades.</p> </div>				

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Shabbat Service Schedule January and February 2017

Friday, January 6

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service/Birthday Blessings,
Forgotston Chapel

Saturday, January 7

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service/
Bat Mitzvah of Emmett Lane Paton, Main Sanctuary

Friday, January 13

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel
followed by Friday Night Kumzits, Shushan Assembly

Saturday, January 14

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service/
Bat Mitzvah of Aidan Benjamin Adler, Main Sanctuary

Friday, January 20

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel

Saturday, January 21

9:30am Tot Shabbat, Shushan Assembly
10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel

Friday, January 27

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel

Saturday, January 28

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service/
Bat Mitzvah of Ella Guichet, Main Sanctuary

Friday, February 3

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service/Birthday Blessings,
Forgotston Chapel,

Saturday, February 4

9:30am Tot Shabbat, Shushan Assembly
10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel

Friday, February 10

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel,
followed by Friday Night Kumzits, Shushan Assembly

Saturday, February 11

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel

Friday, February 17

5:00pm Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel

Saturday, February 18

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel

Friday, February 24

5:00pm Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel

Saturday, February 25

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel
*Abbreviated service due to Mardi Gras schedule