



Tzeason of Tzedekah Project Hope Center - HopeMobile

Help make sandwiches and assemble 200 lunches to be distributed by the HopeMobile.

**Sunday, December 8
3:00 pm
OZS Social Hall**



SHOP FOR CHANUKAH

December Sale

20% off all Chanukah Items

The gift-shop is open:
during office hours 10AM-4PM, Tuesday through Friday *
Sundays from 9AM-12noon during Religious School
Tuesdays from 4:45-6:15PM during Hebrew School

Come in and check out our Chanukah gifts and games



* call 859-266-8050 to verify the office is open

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello my OZS Family,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving experience. Chanukah is right around the corner and will be here before we know it. This brings upon us the Season of Tzedakah! This allows us to continue making our world a better place. Even though we should be doing it ALL the time it is nice to have a Season just for Tzedakah! I am proud of the events OZS puts together to make sure we are caring for others year round. Back Packing meals for school kids, making Peanut Butter sandwiches for the Hope center, helping refugees and many other mitzvot. If you are interested in helping with any of these activities please reach out to the OZS office or me.

Also, don't forget we have our own gift shop with many beautiful Holiday gift choices. All your candle needs can be taken care of there as well.

Happy Holidays, Ira Cooper



מה שמך העברי?

YA'AMOD....calling out your Hebrew name!

We want to update our records, so please send in your Hebrew name and those of your family members who attend OZS, including post Bar/Bat Mitzvah children. Don't forget to include your parents' Hebrew names and if you're a (Bat) Kohen or Levi. (e.g. Shulamit bat Immanuel v'Zlatl.). Please send to Sue.Ezrine@gmail.com.

Tzeason of Tzedakah

Throughout December, JFB coordinates opportunities for our Jewish community to volunteer at a wide variety of organizations in the wider Lexington community. Many activities are also sponsored by another Jewish organization. For a list of volunteer and donation opportunities, contact the [Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass website](http://www.jfb.org) or call 859-268-0672.

Shabbat Services: December 2019

December 6 Kids' Shabbat 5:30PM	☆ December 7 Shabbat - 9:30AM <i>Vayetze</i> Birthday Aliyah	December 13 Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45PM	☆ December 14 Shabbat - 9:30AM <i>Vayishlach</i>
December 20 Shabbat at Home w/ Family & Friends	☆ December 21 Shabbat - 9:30AM <i>Vayeshev</i>	December 27 Shabbat at Home w/ Family & Friends	☆ December 28 Shabbat - 9:30AM <i>Miketz</i> Chanukah

Kids' Shabbat	12/6
Please join us as we get ready for Chanukah, singing our favorite Chanukah songs, and tasting some delicious holiday treats. Please contact Emilie for more information and to RSVP. Bring a friend; all are welcome!	
Tzeason of Tzedakah Project Hope Center - HopeMobile	12/8
For the Tzeason of Tzedakah Project Hope Center, you are invited to join OZS on Sunday, December 8th at 3:00PM. We will be making 200 sandwiches and assembling lunches for the homeless to be distributed by the HopeMobile. The HopeMobile Outreach Program distributes 150-200 brown bag lunches each day to the downtown Lexington Homeless. Contact Shirley Bryan to volunteer or for more information. Financial donations are appreciated to purchase bulk food supplies!	
OZS Board Meeting	12/10
Tuesday, December 10th at 7:30PM in the OZS Library	
Kabbalat Shabbat	12/13
Come welcome Kabbalat Shabbat, on December 13th at 5:30PM, with joy and music. Remember to bring along another family member or friend.	
Chanukah Kids Party	12/15
The Religious School will be holding its Chanukah Kids Party on Sunday, December 15th for OZS Families! The Event will start at 11:30AM after Religious School, continuing to 12:30PM. All families are welcome and invited to join in for latkes, games and more. For more information contact Ilona .	
Tzeason of Tzedakah Backpacking for God's Pantry	12/29
The Tzeason of Tzedakah Backpacking event on Sunday, December 29th will begin at 6:30pm in the Social Hall. You are invited to join us filling Backpack Programs food bags for Mary Todd Elementary. This will be a fun event while contributing for needs to reduce childhood food insecurity of the students who will receive the food bags. This evening includes hors d'oeuvres/dinner provided for all who come to help and the full menorah lighting. So, please join us! As a community, let's help reduce childhood hunger here in our greater community. For more information contact Brian at brian.derer@twc.com .	
Talmud for Everybody Classes	
Talmud for Everybody is held Sunday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to noon. While the Bible is the foundation of Judaism, it is through the Talmud and its later commentaries that we learn how to live a Jewish life. Led by Jon Glixon. For more information: jonathan.glixon@uky.edu .	
Wednesday Study Classes	
Led by Alice Goldstein , we explore the Jewish Holidays: their meaning, history, structures of prayers, as well as ancient and modern traditions. December classes are Wednesdays the 4th, 11th & 18th from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Classes will resume on Wednesday, February 5th, 2020.	
Women and Jewish Literature	
Sheila Jelen leads this class as we explore the complex interconnectedness of being a reader and being a writer with texts at the heart of Jewish culture - the Torah, the Talmud, and other legal codes and treatises, that have traditionally been reserved for men. Classes are on Thursday evenings, December 5th and 19th at 8:00PM. Contact sjelen@uky.edu for more information.	
Gan Shalom Preschool	Closed December 23rd-January 3rd
Gan Shalom will be closed for the duration of the Fayette County Public Schools Winter Break. For more information contact Amy Howe , Gan Shalom director.	

MONTHLY THOUGHTS FROM THE RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE

As we began our annual cycle of reading the Torah, I was again struck by the ways the Torah texts use names to signify important characteristics, relationships and events. For example, the first humans created are named *Adam* – earth and *Chava* (Eve)–breathing or to give life. When ninety-year-old Sarah learns from Avraham that G-d promises that she will yet give birth to her first child, she laughs; this son is named *Yitzchak* (Isaac) – he laughs.

Many names in the Torah draw from nature: *Devorah* – “bee,” *Yonah* (Jonah)– “dove,” and *Hadassah* – “myrtle.” Some are about a quality, such as *Nechama* – “comfort.” Others convey aspects of a relationship with G-d, such as *Ariel* – “lion of G-d,” *Yocheved* – “G-d’s honor,” *Ishmael* – “G-d has heard,” and *Nathaniel* – “G-d has given” or “gift of G-d.”

Early in Genesis, we learn about changes in names. G-d adds a “hey” to *Avram* and to *Sarai*, transforming them to *Avraham* and *Sarah*, to denote the deepened relationship with HaShem. And a bit later in Genesis, after Jacob wrestles with the angel, G-d blesses him and changes his name to *Yisrael* (Israel) – “ he who struggled with the divine”. These days, you may hear someone change their Hebrew name following an illness or major life cycle event. Common changes are to *Chaim/Hayyim* (life) for a man and *Chavah* (living or breathing) for a woman.

Over time, Jewish people chose names from among those common in the locale they lived, whether Babylonia, the Greek Empire, or Europe. Mizrahi Jews of the Middle East would often switch from the Hebrew to the Arabic equivalent name, for example, *Shlomo* to *Soliman*. Some Ashkenazim have used Yiddish names.

In Ashkenazi custom, children are often named to honor a deceased relative. In Mizrahi and Sephardic custom, names may be passed along directly from one living generation to the next.

When called to the Torah for an Aliyah, the person receiving the honor is called up by their own Hebrew name followed by *ben* (son of) or *bat* (daughter of) father’s name and -- in modern liberal tradition -- mother’s name. Sometimes we don’t know the earlier generation’s names and use their given name in another language or substitute *Avraham* and/or *Sarah*. Also for those who have chosen to become Jewish, our ancestors *Avraham v’Sarah* become their Jewish lineage. If one parent is Jewish and not the other, we use the Jewish parent’s name. What a wonderful way to pay respect to the generations from whom we’ve inherited our Jewish traditions. Please help us continue this tradition by learning your own, full Hebrew name, knowing about the people whom that name honors, and sharing the name with Sue Ezrine as she updates our “book of names” for calling people up to the Torah.

Beth Goldstein

Rabbi Smith’s Hebrew Classes

Rabbi Smith’s Hebrew Classes are held on Thursday evenings at 7:00PM in his home. Classes for this month will be December 5th, 12th and 19th, and resuming on January 9th. If you are interested in studying with Rabbi, please call him at 859-223-9682 or email hdu.smith@qx.net to RSVP.

Rabbi Cohen’s Torah Talk Classes

Torah Talk is a high level discussion based class facilitated by Rabbi Sharon Cohen. Topics include Jewish identity, assimilation, ethics, spirituality, theology and feminism. December classes are on Thursdays, December 5th, 12th and 19th from 1:30-2:45PM at JFB. For more information contact [Rabbi Cohen](#).

Lunch & Learn with our local Rabbis

There will be no Lunch & Learn in December. **We encourage you to participate in the Tzeason of Tzedakah events listed at [JFB](#)!** The Lunch & Learn with our Local Rabbis series is an opportunity to get together and learn about a variety of topics with our very own community rabbis. Don’t forget to join us on **January 28th**.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Elliott Mayer	12/1	Nancy Hoffman	12/18
Sue Westerman	12/1	Jeremy Popkin	12/19
Judy Goldsmith	12/2	Jeff Rice	12/20
Jenna Caller	12/3	Lior Ridolfo	12/21
Bob Grossman	12/3	Rachel Bashikhes	12/23
Peggy Bobys	12/5	Toni Reiss	12/24
Sue Ezrine	12/9	Robin Roth	12/24
Alissa Levine	12/9	Daniel Chavin	12/25
Hanna Smith	12/14	Ricardo Gedaly	12/29
Karen Wolfsdorf	12/17	Angela Beck	12/31

***A Belated
Mazel Tov to:***



Scooter Stein & Kelly Duffy

On their Marriage
August 31st, 2019



CHILI COOK-OFF WINNER!

Jennifer Rice

with her secret family recipe!

LIBRARY CATALOG ONLINE

You can now check to see what materials we had in the library a couple of years ago. You can search by subject (Passover, Sukkot, Kosher), Title, or Author (Kellerman).

<http://www.librarysoft.com/HOSTED/OHAV/OHAVSEARCH.html>

Thanks go to Larry Herman, who got this working again. The Library Committee will soon be cataloging the donations that have come in since 2016 and will be updating the information.

Thank you to everyone who brought Chili and cornbread for our Religious School fundraiser. We made over \$250 that will go towards getting two new White Boards for the classrooms. Our next fundraiser will be in the spring. We will be having a pie contest, so start practicing! **Ilona**

Shabbat Morning Dvar Torah

Come to hear a different “guest” speaker (darshan) each week, whether the “guest” is your fellow congregant or a scholar-in-residence. The Dvar Torah may be related to the Torah or Haftarah portion of the week, or may be another subject as seen through a Jewish lens.

Thank You to our “Guest” Darshans:

October: Steve Davis-Rosenbaum, Janie Welker, Mike Grossman, and David Marwil

November: Sarah Belin and Emanuelle Sippy of the Prichard Student Voice Team, Sheila Jelen, Dominique Olbert, David Bardach, and Gayle Bourne

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

12/2	Harold & Robin Roth	40th anniversary
12/5	Angela & Antony Beck	27th anniversary
12/5	Leah Gayle & Peter Bourne	27th anniversary
12/7	Roberto & Karen Gedaly	23rd anniversary
12/12	Lou & Kathie Kroot	40th anniversary
12/17	Alan Leavitt & Meg Jewett	25th anniversary
12/18	Clarence & Lana Weddle	43rd anniversary
12/20	Phil & Nancy Hoffman	49th anniversary
12/22	Bob & Barbara Grossman	16th anniversary
12/28	Ilona Szekely & David Parsell	2nd anniversary
12/30	Steve & Kate Davis-Rosenbaum	35th anniversary

IF YOU HAVE A SIMCHA (COLLEGE GRAD, WEDDING, BIRTHS ETC.) THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 859-266-8050 OR OFFICE@OZS.ORG

YAHARZEITS FOR DECEMBER

12/1 Esther Block	Kislev 3		12/18 Judith Smith	Kislev 20
12/1 Richard Paul Markowitz	Kislev 3		12/19 Mark Flashman	Kislev 21
12/2 Bernice Babbitt	Kislev 4		12/19 Louis Malof	Kislev 21
12/2 Dvora Kohba	Kislev 4	—■—	12/20 Samuel Haber	Kislev 22
12/2 Eileen Joston Lowe	Kislev 4		12/20 Edward Schulzinger	Kislev 22
12/3 Sam Fettner	Kislev 5		12/21 Ida Herman	Kislev 23
12/3 B. Kravetz	Kislev 5		12/21 Jonah Jacobs	Kislev 23
12/3 Fannie G. Levy	Kislev 5		12/21 Harry Moss	Kislev 23
12/4 Marjorie Laboz	Kislev 6		12/22 Gwen Lewis	Kislev 24
12/5 Dot T. Steinberg	Kislev 7		12/24 Sol Shapiro	Kislev 26
12/6 Herman Neuman	Kislev 8		12/25 Esther Kirschbaum	Kislev 27
12/7 Leib Vulakh	Kislev 9		12/25 Roza Kravitz	Kislev 27
12/8 Jess Fagelman	Kislev 10		12/25 Pauline Levy	Kislev 27
12/8 Ida Munich	Kislev 10		12/25 Harry Simon	Kislev 27
12/8 Joshua Eliezer Scher	Kislev 10		12/26 Lauren Ginsburg	Kislev 28
12/8 Louis Sechtin	Kislev 10		12/26 Michael J. Lach	Kislev 28
12/9 Otto Hartman	Kislev 11		12/27 Stephen S. Baumann	Kislev 29
12/9 Rose Kuperstein	Kislev 11		12/27 Josef Himmelblau	Kislev 29
12/9 Daniel Plavin	Kislev 11		12/28 Rose Pearlman Moosnick	Kislev 30
12/10 Dotty Barrish	Kislev 12		12/29 Eva Malof	Tevet 1
12/10 Dr. Abraham J. Wekstein	Kislev 12		12/29 Harry Schneider	Tevet 1
12/10 Leo Zaitlen	Kislev 12		12/30 Baile Bank	Tevet 2
12/11 Helen Glixon	Kislev 13		12/30 Bernhard Bank	Tevet 2
12/11 Ben Miller	Kislev 13		12/30 Lotte Bank	Tevet 2
12/12 Rabbi Jacob Danziger	Kislev 14		12/30 Nathan Grossman	Tevet 2
12/12 John Perel	Kislev 14		12/30 Sarah Grossman	Tevet 2
12/12 Celia Shinas	Kislev 14		12/30 Rubin Kuperstein	Tevet 2
12/14 Betty Cowen	Kislev 16		12/30 Ida Zemel Moreida	Tevet 2
12/15 Mollie (Malka) Alperin	Kislev 17		12/30 Rosa Morgenroth	Tevet 2
12/16 Kitty Reiner	Kislev 18		12/31 Aria Leib Munich	Tevet 3
12/18 Juliet Popkin	Kislev 20			

*Yahrzeit
 Observance
 begins at
 sundown of the
 previous
 evening
 with lighting of
 the yahrzeit
 candle.
 The traditional
 act of tzedaka,
 honoring
 a loved one, is
 often performed
 at this time.*



JOIN THE TEN-FOR-TEN CLUB

Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav said: “Nine *Tsaddikim* (righteous ones) do not make a *minyan*, but one ordinary person joining them completes the *minyan*.” I don’t know how many *tsadikkim* there are here in Lexington, but we have plenty of ordinary folks, and it would be wonderful if a few more of us would come to weekday minyan. To help accomplish this, we have established the **Ten-for-Ten Club**.

Joining the **Ten-for-Ten Club** is very simple: all you have to do is commit to attending afternoon minyan ten times in the next year. There are no big prizes (other than spiritual ones), but those who complete this commitment will be recognized for their contributions to the OZS community. To join, or for more information, contact [Jon Glixon](#) or the OZS [office](#).



December 2019

3 Kislev - 3 Tevet 5780



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 3 Kislev NO Religious School NO Talmud for Everybody	2 4 Kislev	3 5 Kislev Hebrew School 4:45PM Minyan 5:45PM	4 6 Kislev Wednesday Study Class NOON	5 7 Kislev Women & Jewish Literature 8:00PM	6 8 Kislev Talmud Study Group 7:30AM Kids' Shabbat 5:30PM	7 9 Kislev Shabbat Morning Service 9:30AM w/Birthday Aliyah Speaker: Youth Group <i>Vayetze</i>
8 10 Kislev Religious School 9AM-Noon Talmud for Everybody 10:30AM Tzeason of Tzedakah HopeMobile Sandwich Making 3:00PM	9 11 Kislev	10 2 Kislev Hebrew School 4:45PM Minyan 5:45PM Board Meeting 7:30PM	11 13 Kislev Wednesday Study Class NOON	12 14 Kislev	13 5 Kislev Talmud Study Group 7:30AM Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30PM	14 16 Kislev Shabbat Morning Service 9:30AM Speaker: Marilyn Robie <i>Vayishlach</i>
15 17 Kislev Religious School 9AM-11:30AM Chanukah Party 11:30AM-12:30PM Talmud for Everybody 10:30AM	16 18 Kislev	17 19 Kislev NO Hebrew School Minyan 5:45PM	18 20 Kislev Wednesday Study Class NOON	19 21 Kislev Women & Jewish Literature 8:00PM	20 22 Kislev Talmud Study Group 7:30AM	21 23 Kislev Shabbat Morning Service 9:30AM Speaker: Seth Salomon <i>Vayeshev</i>
22 24 Kislev NO Religious School Talmud for Everybody 10:30AM	23 25 Kislev CHANUKAH	24 26 Kislev NO Hebrew School Minyan 5:45PM CHANUKAH	25 27 Kislev OFFICE CLOSED NO Wednesday Study Class until February 5 CHANUKAH	26 28 Kislev CHANUKAH	27 29 Kislev Talmud Study Group 7:30AM CHANUKAH	28 30 Kislev Shabbat Morning Service 9:30AM Speaker: Jon Glixon <i>Miketz</i> CHANUKAH
29 1 Tevet NO Religious School Talmud for Everybody 10:30AM Tzeason of Tzedakah BACKPACKING 6:30PM CHANUKAH	30 2 Tevet CHANUKAH	31 3 Tevet NO Hebrew School Minyan 5:45PM	1	2	3	4

Have you heard about Smart911?

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