

Welcome to Congregation Ner Tamid!

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☆ **PERSONAL EVENTS IN OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILY** ☆

Yom Huledet Same'akh! ~ Happy Birthday Wishes to:

Mira Shelub (01/13); Omar Aleman (01/15); Gloria Lyon (01/20)
Jacob Ganz (01/22); Nina Zentner (01/23); Charlotte Hyman (01/25)

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**REFUAH SHELEMA ~ We wish a recovery to:**

Steve Lachman; Tom Lagerquist; Yaffe bat Margit; Lila Kluger  
Malka Mina bat Miriam; Miryam bat Chai Raizel

Please inform us of any illness or life cycle event, so *Rabbi Shana* can call or visit.

**A Prayer for Healing: Traditional liturgy  
with English lyrics by Debbie Friedman and Drorah Setel**

*Mi shebeirach avoteinu m'kor hab'racha l'imoteinu*  
May the source of strength, who blessed the ones before us  
Help us find the courage, to make our lives a blessing; And let us say, Amen



*Mi shebeirach imoteinu, m'kor hab'racha la'avoteinu*  
Bless those in need of healing, with *Refuah Shlemah*  
The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit; And let us say, Amen

📖 **MAY THEIR MEMORY BE A BLESSING** 📖

Yahrzeits This Week

**Rose Spindel; Ludwig Rothschild; Regina Axelrad**  
**Rosita Libedinsky; Helen Hollender; Eleanor Belloff Levenson**  
**Michael Kotick; Mina Taub; Phyllis Sukoff Grossman**  
**Sidney Franklin; Vitya Tokar; Koppel Lockstanow; Nathan Frank**  
**Selma Blick; Leon Dana; Jack Joseph; Martin M. Dattel**  
**Bertha Rhamm; Ethel Goldstein; Eva Maisels; Bessie Dora Brotsky**  
**Chaya Perlman Abiri; Celia Bronstein; Bertha Feibusch**  
**Solomon Isak Gitlitz; Mikhail Goldman; Theodore Chas. Kagan**

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To dedicate a plaque in memory of a loved one, please call the office.

*Bold denotes a plaque on Memorial Wall*

Todah Rabbah to **Phil & Abby Beeber** and **Jacob Rosenstein**, for sponsoring this Shabbat's Kiddush Luncheon, in celebration of **Phil Beeber's** 70th birthday.



... **UPCOMING EVENTS** ...

**Monday, January 21: Office Closed for MLK Jr. Day**

**Tuesday, January 22, 7:30 PM: Board of Directors' Meeting**

**Thursday, January 24, 9:30 AM: Torah Study Breakfast**, hosted by **Hal & Susan Tauber**, celebrating the *Birthdays of the Trees* with a *Tu b'Shevat Seder*

**Thursday, January 24, 12 PM: Read Hebrew & Chant Torah.** 3rd class session with Rabbi Shana.

**Friday, January 25, 6 PM: Discover Shabbat Services & Dinner** sponsored by **Pablo & Irena Libedinsky**. Klezmer concert with special guests Cindy Paley and Asaf Ophir.

**Shabbat, January 26, 1 PM: Mussar.** Middah for discussion, *Anavah/HUMILITY*, beginning new middah *N'kiyut/NEATNESS*

**Thursday, January 31, 12 PM: Read Hebrew & Chant Torah**

**Friday, February 8, 6 PM: C3's Joy of Shabbat**

**Tuesday, February 12, 3 PM: Reservations Deadline for Discover Shabbat**

**Shabbat, February 16, 1 PM: Mussar.** Middah for discussion, *N'kiyut/NEATNESS*, beginning new middah to be announced.

**Monday, February 18: Office Closed for President's Day**

**Thursday, February 21, 12 PM: Four Synagogues Rotating Lunch n' Learn**, with **Rabbi Pam Frydman**, at Beth Israel Judea. Stay to make sandwiches for the homeless in the *Tikkun Olam Hunger Project*.



*Tu b'Shevat*, the birthday of the trees, is January 21. It is a great mitzvah to plant a tree in Israel to celebrate! Through **C3** and the **Jewish National Fund**, please consider buying a tree in honor of a loved one or special occasion, or just because! Call the office or fill out a form from the lobby.

A *Tu b'Shevat Seder* will be part of Torah Study on January 24<sup>th</sup>



**Ner Tamid's** beautiful *Tree of Life* in the foyer is a wonderful way to permanently honor special times and people in your life. At this season of Tu B'Shevat, as we celebrate the New Year of the Trees, how about engraving a leaf or acorn to remember a birth, anniversary, wedding, or birthday? Please contact the office to "leave" a lasting impression at **Ner Tamid!**

## "Shabbat Shirah" – The Shabbat of Song



Parashah in a Nutshell: **B'Shallah**, by Rabbi Shana

Torah Reading: p. 405      Haftarah: p. 423

The Israelites leave Egypt by a roundabout path set by G\*d. A pillar of cloud guides them by day, and a pillar of fire by night. At the shore of the Sea of Reeds, they behold the pursuing Egyptian chariots - Pharaoh has had a change of heart and bears down upon the freed slaves. Terrified, the Israelites lash out at Moses, but G\*d will intervene for their salvation. The waters part, and the people pass through on dry land. Despite their chase, the Egyptians are trapped in the sea, and the waters close over them - horse, chariot and rider together. Pharaoh is vanquished, and Moses leads the people in song.

A crisis of "bitter water" soon threatens the newly-freed (and recently exultant) Israelites, and they grumble against Moses. G\*d offers a deal - follow the commandments of G\*d, and they will never suffer as the Egyptians did. They soon complain again, nostalgic for the "flesh-pots" that held the tasty foods of Egypt. An abundance of quail descends on the camp, followed by the first appearance of manna. The mysterious food is sufficient to each person, and a double portion falls on Friday so the people can refrain from collecting on Shabbat (this is the first mention of a formal work cessation on the Sabbath).

As the people go by stages through the wilderness, water becomes scarce again, and a rift wells up between the people and their leaders, and more significantly, between the people and their god. They question whether the Eternal is with them, and are immediately beset by the enemy called Amalek. Moses raises and lowers his hands as the Israelites do battle. When his arms are raised, the people prevail over Amalek. When his arms fall, they succumb. Propped up by a stone, Moses keeps his hands upraised, and Amalek is defeated - for now. "Amalek" will be a menace to the Jewish People in every era and every place.

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**B'Shallah & Shabbat Shirah: 13 Shevat 5779 – January 18 - 24, 2019**



*Elayne LaPorta's "The Parting of the Red Sea" is awash in color and activity. Her title refers to the "Red Sea," but general agreement is that the Israelites crossed the Sea of Reeds, a more accurate translation of "Yam Suf." Still, the intense redness of this painting suggests the river of blood foreshadowed by the 1<sup>st</sup> plague that struck the Nile. LaPorta's white-capped waves and animated figures attest to the chaos and energy of this extraordinary moment of triumph and tragedy. The plaintive sight of the Egyptian soldiers, with their horses and chariots, drowning in the sea reminds us of the rabbinic teaching that although the heavenly host celebrated that day, G\*d stopped them, saying "do not rejoice, for my creatures are suffering."*

*It is a powerful message that resonates to this day.*

*You can see more beautiful prints at [www.ElayneLaPorta.com](http://www.ElayneLaPorta.com).*

**PLEASE** make a donation of clean, unwanted goods to the Community Thrift Store immediately. If you need help with pick-up or drop off of items, please let the office know.

*We MUST have new donations to maintain our space there!*

Use Ner Tamid's "charity code" (#207) and the resale proceeds of your tax-deductible donation will be given to the synagogue! Community Thrift (415) 861-4910, [www.communitythriftsf.org](http://www.communitythriftsf.org), or call Adele for additional information.