

## We Remember

### Dec 27-7 Tevet

Lillian Arnowitz  
Gloria Berenson  
Judy Coven  
Bertha Flignor  
Diane Friedman  
Barbara Kasper  
Esther Korach

### Dec 28-8 Tevet

George Apfelbaum  
Bella Beer  
Martha Gebel  
Anne Gebel  
Joseph Gelfeld  
Yolanda Ghidali  
Allen Goldberg  
Estelle Hodes  
Janice Horwitz  
Carl Joffe  
Ruth Lammert  
Esther Lerner  
Max Modneck  
Ann Pervosky  
Sylvia Polakow  
Eve Schwartz  
Asher Stein  
Newton Truger

### Dec 29-9 Tevet

Rosa Bender  
Sheri Lynn Benham  
Baruch Berman  
Jennie Cranow  
Irving Fagot  
Joe Field  
Charlotte Field  
William Gurvitz  
Miriam Israel  
Lottie Magged  
Lidiya Moroz  
Florence Dolly Nudelman  
Murry Randell

Walter Rose  
Robert Ross  
Michael Schrank  
Vivian Schwartz  
Ronald Simon  
Sarah Gitel Simon  
Gloria Snite  
Max Stern  
Robert Wershkoff  
Lillian Zelikow  
Elaine Zekowitz

### Dec 30-10 Tevet

Maurice Appelbaum  
Samuel Bentkover  
David Berger  
Sherman Faber  
Marsie Finerman  
Fanny Freimark  
Rachel Fridkin  
Sophie Grossman  
Gerald Horwitz  
Brenda Hymen  
Harry Klein  
Bernard Satinover  
Jeanne Schneider  
Rita Schwartz  
Ludwig Weil  
Nettie Wisse

### Dec 31-11 Tevet

Max Becker  
Eva Bovilsky  
Florence Brenner  
Charles Dann  
Elaine Gentner  
Carole Hartzman  
Lewis Jaffe  
Victor Lazar  
Barbara Mora  
Beatrice Rohde  
Harriet Rosen  
Stephen Rothblatt

Janet Simons  
Nancy Strauss  
David Weinstein  
Dr. Samuel Werch

### Jan 1-12 Tevet

Emily Ann Dorfman  
Marvin Fox  
Stanley Franklin  
Harvey RGold  
Ruth Gold  
Simon Good  
Zelda Leibovitz  
Percy Lev  
George Mayster  
Harry Miller  
Lewis Pervosky  
Lillian Rivkin  
Larry Rosengard  
Harriet Sear  
Mary Tuteur  
Bella Winokur

### Jan 2-13 Tevet

Rochelle Baum  
Ruth Berkowitz  
Harold Blitstein  
Sherwin Freidin  
Esther Halpern  
Esther Kassab  
Henry Kristal  
Richard Kurnick  
Max Malin  
Sol Nadler  
Pearl Sak  
Thomas Schneider  
Thelma Shaps  
Aaron Stolberg  
Shandel Taksin

December 27, 2025  
7 Tevet 5786



Shabbat  
Vayigash

## Welcome to Congregation Beth Shalom!

We seek to enrich the lives of our congregation through ever-evolving ideals of observance, life-long learning, and acts of kindness from this generation to the next. We are committed to meeting the spiritual, educational and social needs of our members through the practice of Conservative Judaism in an all-inclusive manner. We seek to encourage involvement and create a sense of belonging by serving our community, the Jewish people, and the State of Israel.

We hope you enjoy worshiping with us. Following services, please join us for kiddush luncheon and introduce yourself so we may personally greet you.

**Senior Rabbi David Chapman • Senior Cantor Steven Stoehr • Assistant Rabbi Jacki Honig  
Sue Lampert, President • Rabbi Emeritus Carl Wolkin z'l**



If you are interested in being a part of our community, please contact Michael Garlin, Executive Director.



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## Schedule of Services

In-Person & Live Stream,  
Sunday & Major Holidays @ 8:45 AM

Monday-Friday @ 7:45 AM  
Sunday-Thursday @ 7:45 PM

CBS has daily in-person  
Minyanim.

Please take an active role in  
our community by helping us  
make Minyan every morning &  
evening.

Thought to Ponder:  
What is the best  
reunion you've ever  
had?

## Congregational Gifts

B'nai Mitzvah receive gifts from the  
congregation, Sisterhood, Men's Club,  
JUF, the Youth Commission and  
Rochelle Zell Jewish High School.

Gifts presented to those celebrating  
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Community Memorial Fund.

## Acknowledgements

The Kiddush is hosted by: The  
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## Mark Your Calendars

Dec 31-Jan 2 CBS Main office Closed  
Jan 2 Birthday Shabbat Selahbrate  
Jan 9 Ark Adventures  
Jan 9 Ruach Shabbat and Dinner  
with Anniversary Selahbrate  
Jan 10 Let There Be Play  
Jan 10 Ark Adventures  
Jan 11 SH and Men's Club Program  
with Sharsheret  
Jan 16 Shabbat with a Twist  
Jan 17 MLK Shabbat  
Jan 19 CBS Office Closed for Martin  
Luther King Day  
Jan 23 FYC Shabbat Experience  
Jan 24 Havdalah, Coffee and Israel  
Night

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all of our Programs  
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## Synagogue Etiquette

*In keeping with the spirit of Shabbat and to respect  
your fellow worshipers, please refrain from taking  
photographs, texting and writing. If you must be  
accessible, please set your phone on silent. Please do  
not use your cell phone anywhere inside the building.*

If you have any questions, please see one of our  
volunteer Shabbat Ambassadors.

We invite you to visit [www.BethShalomNB.org](http://www.BethShalomNB.org)  
for more information about Beth Shalom and our  
many events, classes and programs happening  
throughout the year! All CBS religious services  
are live streamed.

## Today's Torah Reading

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## This Week's Parashah

Joseph still has not revealed his identity. At the end of last week's reading, Joseph tells the brothers that Benjamin must remain with him in Egypt as a slave after he had been found with Joseph's missing silver goblet. Judah explains that Jacob would die of grief if Benjamin remained in Egypt and offers to take Benjamin's place. Joseph is overwhelmed by the brothers' compassion for their father and each other - much changed from the brothers who sold him into slavery. At last, he reveals himself and the brothers are fearful that Joseph will now take revenge on them. But Joseph assures them that everything that happened was part of God's plan. Joseph wants his family to join him in Egypt so that he can provide for them during the famine. When Pharaoh learns that "Joseph's brothers have come," he too invites Jacob and the others to settle in Egypt. Before leaving Canaan, Jacob is visited by God in a dream. God promises to be with him in Egypt, and will also eventually bring him back up to Israel. After a tearful reunion with Jacob, Joseph settles his family in Goshen. The Torah reading concludes: "Thus Israel settled in the country of Egypt, in the region of Goshen; they acquired holdings in it, and were fertile and increased greatly." The grammar of the Hebrew suggests a transition for the descendants of Jacob (Israel). The verb "settled" is singular, thus referring to the individual Israel (Jacob);

the second half of the sentence is entirely in plural, referring to Jacob's offspring and their families as they emerge from being merely an extended family to the national entity that we call "B'nai Yisrael"—the Israelites.

## Today's Haftarah

Ezekiel is speaking to the Jewish people exiled in Babylonia just after his famous vision of the Valley of Dry Bones, in which he speaks of a national resurrection. In our Haftarah, God instructs Ezekiel to take two sticks and to write upon each of them. On the first: "For Judah and the children of Israel, his companions." On the second: "For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and all the house of Israel associated with it." The prophet is to bring these two sticks together as a demonstration to the people that all twelve tribes of Israel will be reunited. God also promises that once the Jewish people are reestablished in the Land of Israel, He will make with them a covenant of peace. Both the Torah reading and the Haftarah have strong themes of reunification. In the Torah reading, Joseph is reunited with his family. In the Haftarah, God promises the reunification of the Northern and Southern Kingdoms.