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*A Ugandan Jew at Prayer.
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LETTER from the PRESIDENT

Dear Congregants:

We are living in difficult times. Each week creates new and often unexpected challenges. Many of us seek to “recover” at the end of the week by gathering together on Shabbat for a beautiful service in our Sanctuary. The space, the prayers, the music, the community, the entire experience separates us from the worries and issues of life

in our country and in New York City in recent months. We refocus on the truly important things in life, family and faith. We pray to give thanks for the anchors in our lives and for better weeks to follow. But each following week appears to be more difficult than the preceding weeks, with new economic worries, financial scandals and legal misfeasance. I cannot say when the news will turn more positive, but I am certainly looking forward to the possibility of real, constructive change to improve the lives of so many under our new President’s administration.

I also believe our troubled times may well result in a return to our faith, to synagogue and to our traditions. At times of stress, Central Synagogue offers peace, an opportunity to reflect and a supportive community. My thanks to all of you for all that you do to make Central Synagogue so strong.

We are all Jews. We may express and experience our faith differently at times, but our shared Jewishness is a refuge at times like these. I urge all of us—whether in need or not—to take every opportunity to gather together at a Shabbat service or otherwise and to learn more about each other. By doing so, we will not only learn where and how we can be of assistance to our community, but we will also learn more about ourselves. Thus, our current difficulties can be viewed as creating opportunities that will make us better people. That is truly a blessing.

Howard F. Sharfstein



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MESSAGE from the CANTOR

In light of recent events, I suspect that many of us have been examining what is most important to us, what we most value, and what is expendable. Central Synagogue has been engaged in a similar process of reflection as an institution, examining our budget, clarifying our priorities and trying to set an example of what a religious community can be for people in a time of need.

Sometimes even painful periods can bring forth good, and it would be a shame to waste a good crisis.

It is in this spirit that Central Synagogue has embarked on a *B’nei Mitzvah* House Meeting Initiative—a series of small-group conversations with families in our community to challenge some of the assumptions and expectations around the culture of *B’nei Mitzvah* in our community. Between Jan 16, when we started the initiative, and March 14, when we end, we hope to talk to at least two hundred families with children in the fourth through seventh grades, to hear their stories, and to ensure that we make this important life cycle reflect the best of our Jewish values.

The *B’nei Mitzvah* House Meeting Initiative evolved from Central Synagogue’s Listening Campaign, which we kicked-off over a year ago. The challenge of raising “kids who care” in a society of privilege and abundance emerged as a core concern for many in our community. Once the listening phase was over, the Listening Campaign became “Central Action,” and the “Kids Who Care” group decided to focus on how the Bar Mitzvah could be used to convey our values. The current financial crisis offers a special opportunity for this project to have major impact.

What would it be like if our *B’nei Mitzvah* class joined together and donated a portion of their gifts to a tzedakah collective that helped resuscitate one of the Jewish philanthropies devastated by the Madoff financial scheme? What if the class decided to use Evites instead of printed invitations to save some trees and to draw from the financial savings to plant 1000 trees in Central Park? As we engage our parents and students in this challenge, who knows what they might think of?

Too often the stories we read in *The New York Times* about New York Bar Mitzvah celebrations embarrass us and fail to reflect the true values of the Jewish community. With the proper effort, the next article written about New York City *B’nei Mitzvah* could instead describe how Central Synagogue emerged from this financial crisis to create a new paradigm of *mitzvah* in *B’nei Mitzvah*.

We welcome your participation in this important project. If you would like to attend a House Meeting as part of our *B’nei Mitzvah* Initiative, please contact Sabrina Ferrer at 212-838-5122, ext. 1012, or at ferrers@censyn.org.

May we move forward in strength.

Cantor Angela Warnick Buchdahl

This Month at Central Synagogue

Information about our services and educational and community programs is listed on the following pages. For a quick look at each day's activities, see the calendar section at the back of *Luach*. For the most up-to-date information about programs and events, visit our Web site at www.centralsynagogue.org. Program information may also be found in our weekly Order of Service and on flyers posted in the Community House's elevators.

WORSHIP

Shabbat Services

Every Friday: 6 pm, Sanctuary; Every Saturday: 10:30 am, Sanctuary

Hearing enhancement devices are available in the Sanctuary. If you would like to use one, please ask an usher.

Phone In or Go Online for Real Time Shabbat Services

If you cannot attend service in person, you can be there by phone or by viewing live streaming on our Web site. These programs are underwritten by the Youngwood family and friends in memory of Judith G. Youngwood.

Phone In: Dial toll-free 1-888-758-7870. At the prompt, use the following pass code: 5992969.

Live Streaming: On the homepage of our Web site, "Live Streaming." You can also find a link in the Worship section of the Web site. If you have any technical problems, contact livestreaming@censyn.org for help.

Morning Minyan

Every Monday through Friday at 8 am in the Community House, except on Holy Days, most Federal holidays and the day after Thanksgiving. We do have morning minyan on Columbus Day and Veterans Day.

Shabbat Shirah (Shabbat of Song) Concert & Lecture: "Abayudaya: The Music and Culture of the Jews of Uganda"

Friday, February 6, 6 pm, Sanctuary

Join us for a special event to celebrate Shabbat Shirah. We welcome Grammy-nominated ethnomusicologist, Rabbi Jeffrey A. Summit, Ph.D., who is the Neubauer Executive Director of the Hillel Foundation and Associate Professor in the Department of Music at Tufts University. Our service will include a short presentation by Rabbi Summit and will feature the music of the Jews of Uganda. This compelling music blends the rhythms and harmonies of Africa with traditional Jewish prayer. Immediately following services, Rabbi Summit will present a more thorough lecture on the Abayudaya and his work with that community. Please contact Paul Dorfman at dorfmanp@censyn.org or 212-838-5122, ext. 1013, for more information.

Honor the Importance of the Law to Everyone at Central Synagogue's Jethro Shabbat Program & Dinner

Friday, February 13, 6 pm, Sanctuary

Dinner with Speaker Immediately Following Services

Hear Stephen Gillers, Esq., a renowned expert on legal ethics, address the topic: "Is Law (Still) an Honorable Profession? Why We All Need the Answer to be Yes." NYU Law Professor Gillers is an engaging and witty speaker who is frequently quoted in *The New York Times* and other general interest and legal publications. Author of a widely used law school legal ethics casebook, he has been a leader of the American Bar Association's professional responsibility initiatives. Reservations are required to hear professor Giller's address at the dinner, which costs \$70 per person. You may reserve your seats online at www.centralsynagogue.org or call Genea Moore at 212-838-5122, ext. 2002.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Tot Shabbat

Saturdays: February 7 & 28; March 7, 9 am, Joslin Hall

Our Tot Shabbat program is held on Saturday mornings when there is no school vacation. The program is designed for nursery school children under five years old. For more information, please contact Matt Check at 212-838-5122, ext. 4032, or via email at CheckM@censyn.org.

Shabbat *Mishpachah* (Family Shabbat)

Friday, February 27, 6 pm, Sanctuary and Pavilion

The service is designed for students in kindergarten through fourth grade and builds on what our children learned in the Tot Shabbat program. At Shabbat *Mishpachah*, parents and children join together in the Sanctuary to welcome Shabbat with the congregation. Then, the children head downstairs to the Pavilion for an age-appropriate service led by members of the clergy and the education staff. We join together again in the Sanctuary for the closing of the prayer service.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Sahra and William Lese Religious School

See page 18, for class schedules.

Note: The Religious School, Nursery School and Parenting Center will be closed for President's Week, February 16-20.

A Parent's Introduction to Prayer

Wednesday, February 11, 12 – 1:30 pm, Room 503

All Religious School parents are invited to join Rabbi Friedman and Yonni Wattenmaker for an exploration of Jewish prayer—the words we say and why we say them. No prior knowledge of Hebrew or Jewish worship is necessary, and please feel free to bring lunch with you. RSVP's are strongly preferred to Yonni at ymw@censyn.org or 212-838-5122, ext. 4031.

B'nei Mitzvah Trip to Israel 2009 – Informational Meeting

Wednesday, February 11, 6 pm, Room 503

Yonni Wattenmaker, Director of Lifelong Learning, will present a tentative itinerary and address any questions families may have about the forthcoming trip to Israel for *B'nei Mitzvah* families in December 2009. RSVP's are required to Yonni at ymw@censyn.org or 212-838-5122, ext. 4031.

Eleventh/Twelfth Grade Class

Wednesday, February 25, 6:15-7:30 pm, Room 503

Students are invited to come and learn with clergy and discuss such topics as Jewish values and maintaining one's Jewish identity in a secular world. RSVP's are required to Yonni Wattenmaker, Director of Lifelong Learning, ymw@censyn.org or 212-838-5122, ext. 4031.

Jewish Values for Raising Jewish Teens: A Program for Seventh Grade Parents

Monday, March 2, 5:30 – 6:30 pm, Room 302

Please join Rabbi Rubinstein for the third session in this developing series about how to raise teens in NYC with strong Jewish values, keeping in mind the many challenges and temptations they face. You need not have attended prior sessions to come to this class. Please RSVP to Crystal Gipe, Education Coordinator, at gipec@censyn.org or 212-838-5122, ext. 4033.



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ADULTS

Note: There will be no Adult Education classes during Presidents' Week, February 16-20.

Clergy Film Series: "Oh God!"

Wednesday, February 4, 6:30 pm, Pavilion

Please join Rabbi Mo Salth for "Oh God!" The 1977 comedy was directed by Carl Reiner and starred John Denver and George Burns. Stimulating conversation will follow the presentation. Popcorn and soda will be served. The next film will be hosted by Rabbi Rubinstein on March 4.

Israel Before Independence

Thursdays: February 5 & 12, 12:30-2, Room 302

What did the Jewish State look like between early settlement in the 1880s and independence in 1948? How did the early Zionists manage conflict and diplomacy among themselves and with their regional neighbors? Join Ari Goldman for an exciting six-part series devoted to this fascinating chapter of Israeli history. This series will cover the foundations of Zionism, competition between Jewish and Arab nationalism, the British Mandate, the 1936 Riots, the Partition of Palestine, and the War of Independence. Each class will also draw parallels between historical and contemporary Israeli politics and foreign relations.

Illness, Death and Mourning in Jewish Tradition

Thursday, February 5, 7 pm, Joslin Hall

Come and explore Jewish perspectives on these emotional, end-of-life issues in a three-session series. Members of our clergy, staff from health care institutions and Jewish funeral homes, and other professionals will facilitate these discussions and provide advice and answers to some difficult questions. Facilitators will be: Rabbinical Intern Sandi Intraub, January 8; Rabbi Michael Friedman, January 22; and Cantor Angela Buchdahl, February 5.

Israeli Film Series

Mondays: February 9 & 23; March 2 & 23, 7 pm, Room 503

Come explore the world of Israeli films and the messages hidden within. The first session will include two short films: "Living for Tomorrow: Untold Stories by the Pioneering Women of Israel" and "Children of the Sun," about the first children of the *kibbutzim*, and the "utopia" into which they were born. This movie is a collage comprised of amateur films and rare footage that was shot between 1930 and 1970. The series will be led by Miri Kubovy. Refreshments will be served. RSVP's required to Yonni Wattenmaker, Director of Lifelong Learning, ymw@censyn.org or 212-838-5122, ext. 4031.



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Book Group

Fridays: February 6 & 27; March 6, 9:15-10:15 am, Room 602

"We read to know that we are not alone" (CS Lewis). Come and be part of Central Synagogue's dynamic book group. The group reads several different books throughout the year. The books cover a broad range of topics and issues that encourage self-reflection and group connectedness. The group is led by Patti Sayre, a licensed social worker and psychologist and facilitator in our Parenting Center.

Brunch and Learn Torah Study: Parshat Ha-Shavua

Every Wednesday: 11 -12:15 pm, Room 504

The text of the Torah only gets better each time you return to it. Come and explore its depths with members of the community and Rabbi Mo Salth, and enjoy preparing for class by reading the week's Torah portion in English at home. No previous background or Hebrew experience necessary. Please bring your own nosh!

Beginning Hebrew for Adults

Wednesdays: 7 – 8:30 pm, Room 504

Former Harvard Professor Miri Kubovy offers a new class in beginning and modern Hebrew for adults. RSVP's required to Yonni Wattenmaker, Director of Lifelong Learning, ymw@censyn.org or 212-838-5122, ext. 4031.

Intermediate Hebrew for Adults

Every Wednesday, 6 – 7 pm, Joslin Hall

A continuation of last year's class, this course, which is taught by Rabbinical Intern Sandi Intraub, is for adults comfortable in Hebrew reading as they explore a variety of Jewish sources. You need not have been a member of last year's class to attend.

Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class

Every Wednesday, 7:30 – 9 pm, Joslin Hall

Join Rabbinical Intern Sandi Intraub for our Adult *B'nei Mitzvah* Class. Basic knowledge of Hebrew is required to participate. The *B'nei Mitzvah* ceremony will take place on May 8, 2009. To RSVP, contact Crystal Gipe, gipiec@censyn.org or 212-838-5122, ext. 4033.



Bible and Bagels: Verse by Verse in the Torah

Thursdays, 8:15-9 am, Room 504

Join Rabbi Michael Friedman for a line by line look at our sacred text from many perspectives. No knowledge of Hebrew is necessary. Participants bring with them an eagerness to understand the Bible in history, as the Rabbis read it, as literature or drama, and for what it has to say to us today.

Advanced Hebrew Class

Thursdays, 6:30 – 7:30 pm, Room 503

Come join Matthew Check for some *Ivrit* (Hebrew). Participants will study prayers from the siddur, as well as Biblical and Modern Hebrew. They will analyze texts and poetry and learn the rudiments of grammar and syntax.

Alper Talmud Study: Sages of the Talmud

Every Friday: 8:15-9:15 am, Room 504

Join Cantor Elizabeth Sacks as we study the lives and rulings of some of the most famous personalities in the Talmud. Who were these sages? Why did they reason as they did? We will explore these questions and others as we deepen our understanding of the historical and social context of the Talmud. No previous knowledge of Hebrew or Talmud is necessary.

Torah and Commentaries

Every Saturday: 9 am, Community House

Verse by Verse in the Torah, taught by Rabbi Philip Hiat

Me'ah

Every Tuesday: 6 – 9 pm., Room 301

Central Synagogue, in partnership with Hebrew College, is offering an exciting new adult education course. *Me'ah*, an intensive two-year adult learning initiative, includes text study, active questioning, community building, and personal enrichment. Registration for the current year is closed. If you have any questions, contact Crystal Gipe at 212-508-3003 or via email at gipec@censyn.org. **Note:** *Me'ah* classes are open to registrants only.

No One Is a Stranger at Central Synagogue

Join us in a new initiative to reach out to fellow congregants and to strengthen our community. Introduce yourself to another congregant, reach out to a congregant in need, or just take a moment to schmooze with others. Together, we can make sure that no one is a stranger at Central Synagogue. If you would like to find out more about this new initiative, contact either Debbie Palmer at debbie@djp.com, Alan Herman at aandsales@aol.com, or Audrey Zucker at Audreyz@aol.com. If you would like a copy of Rabbi Maurice Salth's Yom Kippur sermon highlighting the "No One Is a Stranger at Central Synagogue" initiative, simply click on the link to sermons in the Worship section of our Web site (www.centralsynagogue.org).

TEENS

Tu BiSh'vat Seder

Tuesday, February 10, 7:15 – 8:30 pm, Youth Lounge

Join us as we celebrate the coming spring at CiTY's first Tu BiSh'vat seder. Written by teens, the seder will include delicious treats and fun social action programs. This event is also for Mini-CiTY. If you have any questions, please contact Greg Weitzman at WeitzmanG@censyn.org or at 212-838-5122, ext. 4038.

All-Knighter Part Deux

Saturday, February 28, 6 pm – March 1, 9 am, Meet at the Community House

Come join CiTY as we embark on a magical knight. We will start off the evening at Medieval Times where we will feast on a royal dinner and watch real live knights joust and fight with swords. Other surprises will await you throughout the rest of the knight, so please plan on having a smile and a lot of fun. For more information, please contact Greg Weitzman at WeitzmanG@censyn.org or at 212-838-5122, ext. 4038.

ADULTS

S.O.S – Service on Sundays

Sunday, February 8, 11 am – 2 pm, God's Love We Deliver,
166 Avenue of the Americas at Spring Street

Join us as we chop, dice and prepare meals for people suffering with HIV/AIDS and other illnesses, which prevent them from going out of their homes. No culinary skills required just a caring heart and helping hands. For more information, contact sos@censyn.org or 212-838-5122, ext. 5013.

Caring For Our Loved Ones Who Are Ill

Tuesday, February 10 & 24, 6:30 – 8 pm, Room 503

Taking care of family members who are ill can take a great deal of physical and emotional energy. Those who serve in the role of the caretaker and nurturer need to strengthen their own sources of sustenance. Rabbinical Intern Marion Lev Cohen will act as facilitator as this group seeks to provide support for those who find themselves in this role. We will also look at what our text and tradition offer us as guidance.

Guest Speaker: Ruth Messinger, American Jewish World Service

Friday, February 27, during Shabbat services, 6 pm

Dinner fee: \$36 per person; RSVP Required by February 18

Ms. Ruth Messinger, President of American Jewish World Service, will speak to us at Shabbat services about her remarkable communal service work in the Sudan and elsewhere, followed by a longer conversation at a dinner for all who are interested. RSVP's are required for the dinner. Please email or call Yonni Wattenmaker, Director of Lifelong Learning, at ymw@censyn.org or 212-838-5122, ext. 4031.

Organ Concerts

Professional Organ Concert: Tuesday, February 10, 12:30 pm, Sanctuary

Student Organ Concert: Tuesday, February 24, 12:30 pm, Sanctuary

Each month from October 2008 through May 2009, Central Synagogue presents a half-hour lunchtime organ recital free to the public under the auspices of The Gabe Wiener Foundation. A master class, beginning at 10:30 am, to which all concertgoers are also invited at no cost, will precede each concert. Program director Dr. Gail Archer has assembled a stellar collection of eminent organists. On February 10, the organist will be Rudolph Kelber from St. Jacobi Church, in Hamburg, Germany. Our student organist will be from The Eastman School of Music.

Why Knot Knit?

Every Wednesday: 9:30 am – 12 pm, Room 302

Our knitting program to assist the community's needy is in full swing. We are currently knitting scarves for the clients of Central Synagogue's Breakfast Program. Join our congregants for a weekly knitting klatch. No knowledge of knitting is required. For more information, contact Michele Klausner at knitting@censyn.org.

Caring Committee's Breakfast Program

Every Thursday & Friday: 5:30 – 7:30 am, Stern Lobby

The Caring Committee would love to welcome new volunteers who are willing to donate as little as one hour a week to feed the homeless. You also can help by donating plastic take-out containers, travel-size sundries from hotels, planes, etc. or clothing items such as socks and men's pants and shirts. These can be brought to the Community House at any time. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted. For more information, contact Amy Heller at Caring_Committee@censyn.org or at 212-838-5122, ext. 5004.

English in Action

Every Thursday: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Pavilion

For two hours every Thursday morning throughout the year, Central Synagogue volunteers mentor individuals in conversational English. Volunteers work with foreigners on student visas, as well as spouses of students or workers who are living in the U.S. for a year or two and immigrants who hope to become American citizens. If you would like to volunteer for this wonderful program, contact Rosalyn Harber at 212-677-5664 or at rosharber@yahoo.com.

Give Children a Head Start

Central Synagogue has created a partnership with the Urban Horizons Early Childcare Discovery Center, a federally funded pre-school program for low-income families in the South Bronx. Collaboration began this past spring with a drive to collect picture books and easy readers for parents' home libraries. Then our volunteers helped the Center create its first gardening area, where the children grew radishes and sunflowers over the summer. Interested in participating in or planning winter activities?

Join us! E-mail Rachel Barany or Marcia Cohen at Head_Start@censyn.org or call 212-838-5122, ext. 5017.

Make a Difference at a NYC Public School

Throughout the year, Central Synagogue will be involved with PS 84, a public elementary school at 32 West 92 Street, offering support to its staff, teachers, students and parents. You can be involved in the following activities:

- Mentor children in reading and writing.
- Help teachers with children who need extra help.

For more information, call 212-838-5122, ext. 5007, or email at ps84@censyn.org.

Sanctuary Tour

Every Wednesday: 12:45 pm, Sanctuary

Free and open to the public, no reservations necessary. For information, including fees for group tours, please call the Archives Office: 212-838-5122, ext. 2041.

Purim Carnival

On Sunday, March 8, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the Pavilion, CiTY will help provide a day of Purim fun for the younger members of our synagogue. This year's carnival theme is "Purim around the World," so look forward to international treats and games! The carnival games will be free, however we are asking for a donation to be made to a charity. Joanie Leeds will be performing around 12:30 pm, and food will be sold throughout the event. Set-up will begin on Saturday, March 7, at 3:00 p.m. Community Service hours will be given. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Greg Weitzman at WeitzmanG@censyn.org or at 212-838-5122, ext. 4038.

Join the Fun of Purimspiel—March 9

Come one, come all! Join us as we prepare for this year's Purimspiel—"A Film Noir Purim" (tentative title)—on Monday, March 9, at 6:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. If you would like to be a part of the fun, email Lee Kasper and Arielle Garellek at purim@censyn.org or call us at 212-838-5122, ext. 4042.

Save the Date for a Concert Featuring Cantor Emeritus Richard Botton

Monday, May 4, 8 pm, the Merkin Concert Hall at Kaufman Center,
129 West 67th Street

On May 4, our Cantor Emeritus, Cantor Richard Botton, will be hosting and producing a program, entitled "Shir Artistry: The Modern Cantor," which will present the many faces of Jewish music and today's cantor. The program will be presented in association with Merkin Hall and the American-Israeli Cultural Foundation. Appearing with Cantor Botton will be Cantor David Lefkowitz of Park Avenue Synagogue (NYC), Cantor Mo Glazman of Kol Ami (White Plains), and Cantor Jill Abramson of Westchester Reform Temple (Scarsdale). They will be accompanied by a string quartet and other musicians from the AICF. Box office telephone number is 212-501-3303. The ticket price per person is \$30.

Central Synagogue Cemetery

If you would like information about purchasing graves in Central Synagogue's beautiful section at Rose Hills Memorial Cemetery in Putnam Valley, New York, please call our director of member services, Amy Schwach at 212-508-3009 or e-mail amy@censyn.org.

Parenting Center Applications for 2009/2010 Now Available

Our Parenting Center program is designed for parents with children from 5 to 32 months old. One day a week, from October through May, the parents meet for a discussion, while the children explore and discover in the playroom. Teachers engage the children in a variety of play experiences while their parents participate in a valuable discussion with a professional in the field of social work, psychology or parent education. The program is repeated on 4 Sundays during the year, for the parent who does not participate on a weekly basis. We replicate this program for caregivers and the children in their charge on Thursday mornings. Parents meet at the beginning of the Caregiver program and then participate throughout the year, for holidays and celebrations. To request an application, please call the Early Childhood office at 212-838-5122, ext. 4003.

Support Service Families

Supporting our U.S. Service Men and Women in Iraq and Afghanistan through SOFAR USA (sofarusa.org) has matured to the point that SOFAR NY has been established as a separate 501(c)(3) organization to provide *pro bono* mental health services to the families of people in the Reserves and National Guard—people who are subject to tremendous stress and distress but are not eligible for any government assistance. We welcome more volunteers—both mental health professionals and those who have experience in communications, business and fund raising. Please contact congregant Pat Rich by email at Outreach_to_Soldiers@censyn.org for more information.

Score a Basket or a Goal for Central Synagogue: Purchase Tickets for a Knicks or Rangers Game

Member Ron Tabak is again organizing basketball fundraisers for Central Synagogue, and as an experiment, is also organizing a hockey fundraiser. Ron buys group tickets for New York Knicks and Rangers games and asks people to pay him at his cost plus a donation to Central Synagogue. You may purchase as many tickets as you wish while Ron's supply lasts. The donations are per ticket.

The seats are in the 300 level (about half-way up) of Madison Square Garden. February 25 tickets are at a discount and behind the basket. The other seats, for sure sell-outs, are also behind the basket.

Monday, February 2, Western Champion L.A. Lakers w/Kobe Bryant, 7:30 pm:
\$44.50 + \$15 donation Section 323

Wednesday, February 25, Orlando Magic, 7:30 pm:
Seats normally \$44.50 are \$25 + \$5 donation.

Hockey: Rangers v. Islanders, Wednesday, February 18, 7:00 pm:
\$78 plus \$7 donation. Section 321. All in group get a Rangers Cap .

For a complete listing of all upcoming games, visit www.centralsynagogue.org.

To purchase tickets, email Ron Tabak's assistant, William Vila, at bvila@probonolaw.com or phone him at 212-735-3692. You may either make out one check to Ron that includes the donation to Central Synagogue (Ron will then send a donation in your name to Central Synagogue) or send Ron two checks: one made payable to Ron for the ticket amount and one payable to Central Synagogue for the donation amount, which he will forward to the synagogue. Mail checks to Ronald Tabak, c/o Skadden Arps, Four Times Square, New York, NY 10036-6522.

Central Synagogue Goes Green

Central Synagogue's Green Team is focused on ways to "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle" and committed to continually looking for ways to be more environmentally friendly. If you would like to share your ideas, please contact Beth Woloff, Director of Operations at 212-508-3007 or woloffb@censyn.org.

LOOKING AHEAD at CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE

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March 27

The following is excerpted from the minutes of the General Meeting on April 8, 1877.

"It is to our great pleasure that we can report to you that Cantor Welsch founded about 3 months ago a Choir Society under his guidance, consisting of the sons and daughters of our members and pew-holders, and that he achieved such results during this short period that the young choir boys and girls already participate in the choir. We are justified in holding high hopes for harvesting the best fruits, if they will be adequately supported not only morally, but also financially.

"Permit us to ask you to urge your sons and daughters to aspire to this holy profession. And if there are voice-talented men amongst yourselves, you would ingratiate each one of us, if you became an active member with Cantor Welsch."

"A Look Back in History" is prepared by Amy Goldberger, Chair,
Archives Committee and Anne Mininberg, Archivist

CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE MOURNS THE PASSING OF ITS MEMBERS

Jo Berman. We extend sincere condolences to her husband, Jeffery Dubnick, and his son, Luka Dubnick.

Malcolm Nanes. We extend sincere condolences to his wife, Alice Nanes, and to his sons Ezra and Marc Nanes.

Leon Rubin. We extend sincere condolences to his wife, Claire Robbins Rubin; his daughter, Jill Robbins, and his sons, Dale, Jon, Kenneth, and Howard.

Harold Tint. We extend sincere condolences to his daughter, Allie Tint; his son, Charles Tint, and to his grandsons, Alexander and Andrew Tint.

CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE CELEBRATES THE BIRTH OF

Audrey Ryan Kalikow. We extend congratulations to her parents, Amy and Jonathan Kalikow; to her sisters, Samantha Kalikow and Sydney Scott, and to her grandparents, Carol and Richard Kalikow.

Pippa Dot Nussbaum. We extend congratulations to her parents, Darcy and Andrew Nussbaum, and to her sisters, Daisy Miller Nussbaum and Ella Bea Nussbaum.

Oliver Baron Rosenfelt. We extend congratulations to his parents, Amanda Baron Rosenfelt and Ross Rosenfelt, and to his grandparents, Sharon and Mitchell Baron.

Matthew Benjamin Wohlstadter. We extend congratulations to his parents, Erica and Michael Wohlstadter, and to his grandparents, Marcia and Irwin Siegel.

WE OFFER OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO

Wendy Banner and Geoffrey Wiener on the loss of his mother, Margaret Stanley Wiener

Cori and Seth Berger on the loss of her father, Dr. Irwin Ira Mason

Tina and Scott Gelber on the loss of her mother, Ceila Kupferstein

Susan and Stanley Oppenheim on the loss of her father, Herman Friedman

Debbie and Shelton Leigh Palmer on the loss of his father, Lon Palmer

Gail Sanger and Albert Fenster on the loss of her sister, Diane Sanger

Bonita and Mitchell Spiegel on the loss of her mother, Myrna Abrahams

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All classes are held in the Community House, unless otherwise indicated on specific dates in the calendar at the end of *Luach*.

Kindergarten & First Grade	Mondays, 4:00 – 5:30 pm
Second Grade	Wednesdays, 4:15 – 6:15 pm
Third Grade	Thursdays, 4:15 – 6:15 pm
Fourth Grade	Tuesdays, 4:15 – 6:15 pm
Fifth Grade	Wednesdays, 4:15 – 6:15 pm
Sixth Grade	Mondays, 4:30 – 6:30 pm
Seventh Grade	Mondays, 4:30 – 6:30 pm
Eighth & Ninth Grade	Tuesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Eighth & Ninth Grade	Second Tuesday of Every Month, 6:00 – 7:15 pm
Confirmation Class	Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:45 pm

B'NEI MITZVAH

Since we have established a policy not to have more than two children become *B'nei Mitzvah* at any service, we will have consecutive Saturday Shabbat services in the sanctuary when more than two children will celebrate the event on a Shabbat morning, the first at 10:30 a.m. and the second at 12:30 p.m. The liturgy and the role of the *B'nei Mitzvah* will be the same at both services and the same clergy will officiate.

With much joy, we offer congratulations to the following congregants on becoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

February 7: Jake Levene and Matthew Henry Roffe

February 14: Alexis J. Weitz; Lilly Barany

February 21 (10:30 a.m. services): Emily Mae Morse and Alexander Lawrence Morse

February 21 (12:30 p.m. services): William Magliocco

February 28: Arianna C. Mastro

March 7 (10:30 a.m. services): Jack Chemtob and Kimberly Murstein

March 7 (12:30 p.m. services): Matt Fischman

FEBRUARY 1 SUNDAY

OFFICE CLOSED

FEBRUARY 2 MONDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN

8 am Minyan

Community House

CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

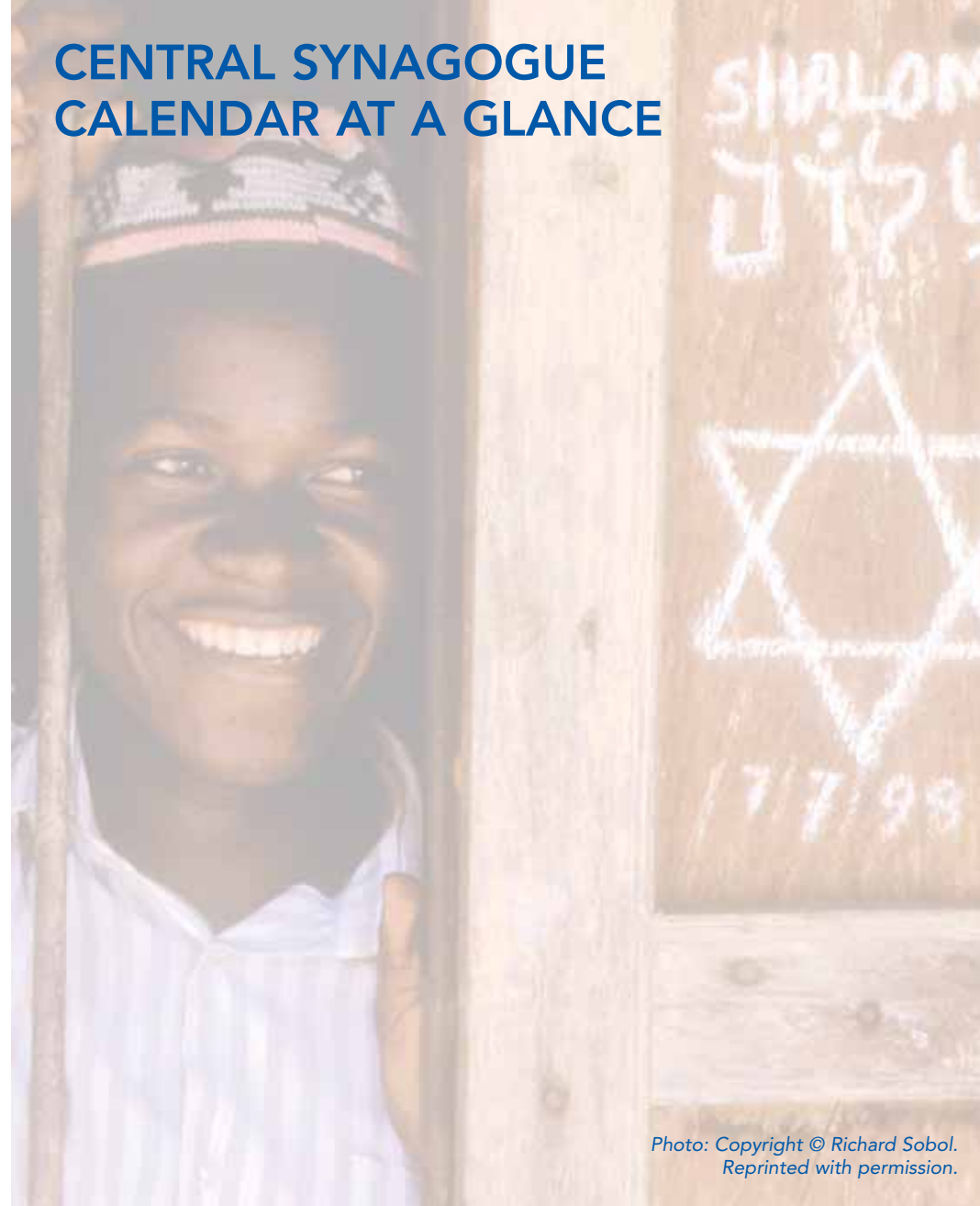


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FEBRUARY 2009 AT A GLANCE

Listings for regularly scheduled programs may be found in the day calendar section beginning on page 19.

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1	2	3	4 Clergy Film Series 6:30 pm, Pavilion	5 Israel Before Independence 12:30 pm, Room 302 Illness, Death & Mourning 7 pm, Joslin Hall	6 Book Group 9:15 am, Room 602 Shabbat Shirah Services 6 pm, Sanctuary	7 Tot Shabbat 9 am, Joslin Hall Shabbat Services 10:30 am, Sanctuary
8 Service on Sundays 11 am, 166 Avenue of the Americas	9 Israeli Film Series 7 pm, Room 503	10 Organ Concert 12:30 pm, Sanctuary Caring For Ill Loved Ones 6:30 pm, Room 503 CITY Tu BiSh'vat Seder 7:15 pm, Youth Lounge	11 A Parent's Introduction to Prayer 12 pm, Room 503 Meeting on 2009 B'nei Mitzvah Trip to Israel 6 pm, Room 503	12 Israel Before Independence 12:30 pm, Room 302	13 Jethro Shabbat Services 6 pm, Sanctuary Jethro Shabbat Program & Dinner Following Services, Pavilion	14 Shabbat Services 10:30 am, Sanctuary
15	16 President's Day	17	18	19	20 Shabbat Services 6 pm, Sanctuary	21 Shabbat Services 10:30 am, Sanctuary
22	23 Israeli Film Series 7 pm, Room 503	24 Organ Concert 12:30 pm, Sanctuary Caring For Ill Loved Ones 6:30 pm, Room 503	25 11/12 Grade Class 6:15 pm, Room 503	26	27 Book Group 9:15 am, Room 602 Shabbat Services 6 pm, Sanctuary Shabbat Mishpachah 6 pm, Sanctuary Ruth Messinger Dinner Following Shabbat Services, Pavilion	28 Tot Shabbat 9 am, Joslin Hall Shabbat Services 10:30 am, Sanctuary All-Knighter Part Deux 6 pm, Community House

NOTES:



TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, NURSERY SCHOOL & PARENTING CENTER OPEN

8 am Community House	Minyan
6 – 9 pm Room 301	Me'ah

WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN

8 am Community House	Minyan
9:30 am – 12 pm Room 302	Why Knot Knit?
11 am – 12:15 pm Room 504	Brunch & Learn: <i>Parshat Ha-Shavua</i>
12 – 2 pm	Sanctuary Open for Meditation Sanctuary Tour at 12:45 pm
6 – 7 pm Joslin Hall	Intermediate Hebrew for Adults
6:30 pm Pavilion	Clergy Film Series: "Oh God!"
7 – 8:30 pm Room 504	Beginning Hebrew for Adults
7:30 – 9 pm Joslin Hall	Adult <i>B'nei Mitzvah</i> Class

“Creation, we are taught, is not an act that happened once upon a time, once and forever. The act of bringing the world into existence is a continuous process...Every instant is an act of creation.” (Abraham Joshua Heschel, The Sabbath)

FEBRUARY 5 THURSDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, NURSERY SCHOOL & PARENTING CENTER OPEN

5:30 – 7:30 am Caring Committee's Breakfast Program
Stern Lobby

8 am Minyan
Community House

8:15 – 9 am Bible and Bagels:
Verse by Verse in the Torah
Room 504

10:30 am – 12:30 pm English in Action
Pavilion

12:30 – 2 pm Israel Before Independence
Room 302

6:30 – 7:30 pm Advanced Hebrew Class
Room 503

7 pm Illness, Death and Mourning
in Jewish Tradition
Joslin Hall

FEBRUARY 6 FRIDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN

5:30 – 7:30 am Caring Committee's Breakfast Program
Stern Lobby

8 am Minyan
Community House

8:15 – 9:15 am Alper Talmud Study: *Sages of the Talmud*
Room 504

9:15 – 10:15 am Book Group
Room 602

6 pm Shabbat Shirah Services
Sanctuary

SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY

9 am Torah and Commentaries
Community House

9 am Tot Shabbat
Joslin Hall

10:30 am Shabbat Services
Sanctuary

Weekly Torah Portion Exodus 13:17-17:16 | *Haftarah* Judges 4:4-5:31

SUNDAY 8 FEBRUARY

11 am – 2 pm S.O.S – Service on Sundays
God's Love We Deliver,
166 Avenue of the Americas
at Spring Street

FEBRUARY 9 MONDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN

8 am Minyan
Community House

7 pm Israeli Film Series
Room 503

FEBRUARY 10 TUESDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, NURSERY SCHOOL & PARENTING CENTER OPEN

8 am Minyan
Community House

12:30 pm Professional Organ Concert
Sanctuary

6 – 9 pm Me'ah
Room 301

6:30 – 8 pm Caring For Our Loved Ones Who Are Ill
Room 503

7:15 – 8:30 pm CiTY Tu BiSh'vat Seder
Youth Lounge

WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN

8 am Minyan
Community House

8:15 am Executive Committee Meeting
110 East 55th Street

9:30 am – 12 pm Why Knot Knit?
Room 302

11 am – 12:15 pm Brunch & Learn: *Parshat Ha-Shavua*
Room 504

12 – 1:30 pm A Parent's Introduction to Prayer
Room 503

12 – 2 pm Sanctuary Open for Meditation
Sanctuary Tour at 12:45 pm

6 – 7 pm Intermediate Hebrew for Adults
Joslin Hall

6 pm *B'nei Mitzvah* Trip to Israel 2009
Room 503 *Informational Meeting*

7 – 8:30 pm Beginning Hebrew for Adults
Room 504

7:30 – 9 pm Adult *B'nei Mitzvah* Class
Joslin Hall

FEBRUARY 12 THURSDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, NURSERY SCHOOL & PARENTING CENTER OPEN

5:30 – 7:30 am Caring Committee's Breakfast Program
Stern Lobby

8 am Minyan
Community House

8:15 – 9 am Bible and Bagels:
Verse by Verse in the Torah
Room 504

10:30 am – 12:30 pm English in Action
Pavilion

12:30 – 2 pm Israel Before Independence
Room 302

6:30 – 7:30 pm Advanced Hebrew Class
Room 503

FEBRUARY 13 FRIDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN

5:30 – 7:30 am Caring Committee's Breakfast Program
Stern Lobby

8 am Minyan
Community House

8:15 – 9:15 am Alper Talmud Study: *Sages of the Talmud*
Room 504

6 pm Jethro Shabbat Services
Sanctuary

Immediately Following Services Jethro Shabbat Program & Dinner
Pavilion

SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY

9 am Torah and Commentaries
Community House

10:30 am Shabbat Services
Sanctuary

Weekly Torah Portion Exodus 18:1-20:23 | *Haftarah* Isaiah 6:1-7; 9:5-6

SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY

OFFICE CLOSED

PRESIDENT'S DAY | MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NURSERY SCHOOL CLOSED | OFFICE CLOSED

"And the Lord said to Moses: 'Come up to Me to the mountain and remain there, and I will give you the stone tablets, the Law and the commandments, which I have written.'" (Exodus 24:12)

FEBRUARY 17 TUESDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, NURSERY SCHOOL & PARENTING CENTER CLOSED

8 am Minyan
Community House

FEBRUARY 18 WEDNESDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NURSERY SCHOOL CLOSED

8 am Minyan
Community House

9:30 am – 12 pm Why Knot Knit?
Room 302

12 – 2 pm Sanctuary Open for Meditation
Sanctuary Tour at 12:45 pm

FEBRUARY 19 THURSDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, NURSERY SCHOOL & PARENTING CENTER CLOSED

5:30 – 7:30 am Caring Committee's Breakfast Program
Stern Lobby

8 am Minyan
Community House

10:30 am – 12:30 pm English in Action
Pavilion

FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NURSERY SCHOOL CLOSED

5:30 – 7:30 am Caring Committee's Breakfast Program
Stern Lobby

8 am Minyan
Community House

6 pm Shabbat Services
Sanctuary

SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY

9 am Torah and Commentaries
Community House

10:30 am Shabbat Services
Sanctuary

Weekly Torah Portion Exodus 21:1-24:18 | *Haftarah* II Kings 12:5-12:16

SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY

OFFICE CLOSED

FEBRUARY 23 MONDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN

8 am Minyan
Community House

7 pm Israeli Film Series
Room 503

FEBRUARY 24 TUESDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, NURSERY SCHOOL & PARENTING CENTER OPEN

8 am Minyan
Community House

12:30 pm Student Organ Concert
Sanctuary

6 – 9 pm Me'ah
Room 301

6:30 – 8 pm Caring For Our Loved Ones Who Are Ill
Room 503

WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN

8 am Minyan
Community House

8:15 am Board of Trustees Meeting
Pavilion

9:30 am – 12 pm Why Knot Knit?
Room 302

11 am – 12:15 pm Brunch & Learn: *Parshat Ha-Shavua*
Room 504

12 – 2 pm Sanctuary Open for Meditation
Sanctuary Tour at 12:45 pm

6 – 7 pm Intermediate Hebrew for Adults
Joslin Hall

6:15 – 7:30 pm Eleventh/Twelfth Grade Class
Room 503

7 – 8:30 pm Beginning Hebrew for Adults
Room 504

7:30 – 9 pm Adult *B'nei Mitzvah* Class
Joslin Hall

FEBRUARY 26 THURSDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, NURSERY SCHOOL & PARENTING CENTER OPEN

5:30 – 7:30 am Caring Committee's Breakfast Program
Stern Lobby

8 am Minyan
Community House

8:15 – 9 am Bible and Bagels:
Verse by Verse in the Torah
Room 504

10:30 am – 12:30 pm English in Action
Pavilion

6:30 – 7:30 pm Advanced Hebrew Class
Room 503

FEBRUARY 27 FRIDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN

5:30 – 7:30 am Caring Committee's Breakfast Program
Stern Lobby

8 am Minyan
Community House

8:15 – 9:15 am Alper Talmud Study: *Sages of the Talmud*
Room 504

9:15 – 10:15 am Book Group
Room 602

6 pm Shabbat Services
Sanctuary
Guest Speaker: Ruth Messinger, American Jewish World Services

6 pm Shabbat *Mishpachah*
Sanctuary

Immediately Following Services Dinner with Ruth Messinger
Pavilion

SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY

9 am Torah and Commentaries
Community House

9 am Tot Shabbat
Joslin Hall

10:30 am Shabbat Services
Sanctuary

6 pm All-Knighter Part Deux
Community House

Weekly Torah Portion Exodus 25:1-27:19 | *Haftarah* | Kings 5:26-6:13

SUNDAY 1 MARCH

OFFICE CLOSED

MARCH 2 MONDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN

8 am Community House	Minyan
5:30 – 6:30 pm Room 302	Jewish Values for Raising Jewish Teens: A Program for Seventh Grade Parents
7 pm Room 503	Israeli Film Series

MARCH 3 TUESDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, NURSERY SCHOOL & PARENTING CENTER OPEN

8 am Community House	Minyan
6 – 9 pm Room 301	Me'ah

WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN

8 am Community House	Minyan
9:30 am – 12 pm Room 302	Why Knot Knit?
11 am – 12:15 pm Room 504	Brunch & Learn: <i>Parshat Ha-Shavua</i>
12 – 2 pm	Sanctuary Open for Meditation Sanctuary Tour at 12:45 pm
6 – 7 pm Joslin Hall	Intermediate Hebrew for Adults
6:30 pm Pavilion	Clergy Film Series
7 – 8:30 pm Room 504	Beginning Hebrew for Adults
7:30 – 9 pm Joslin Hall	Adult <i>B'nei Mitzvah</i> Class

"Mordecai answered Esther: 'If you persist in staying silent at a time like this, help and deliverance will arrive for the Jews from someplace else. Who knows? Maybe you were made queen for just such a time as this.'" (Esther 4:14)

MARCH 5 THURSDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, NURSERY SCHOOL & PARENTING CENTER OPEN

5:30 – 7:30 am Caring Committee's Breakfast Program
Stern Lobby

8 am Minyan
Community House

8:15 – 9 am Bible and Bagels:
Verse by Verse in the Torah
Room 504

10:30 am – 12:30 pm English in Action
Pavilion

6:30 – 7:30 pm Advanced Hebrew Class
Room 503

SATURDAY 7 MARCH

9 am Torah and Commentaries
Community House

9 am Tot Shabbat
Joslin Hall

10:30 am Shabbat Services
Sanctuary

Weekly Torah Portion Exodus 27:20-30:10 | *Haftarah* Esther 7:1; 8:15-17

MARCH 6 FRIDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN

5:30 – 7:30 am Caring Committee's Breakfast Program
Stern Lobby

8 am Minyan
Community House

8:15 – 9:15 am Alper Talmud Study: *Sages of the Talmud*
Room 504

9:15 – 10:15 am Book Group
Room 602

6 pm Shabbat Services
Sanctuary

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