



# PATHFINDER

## Thanksgiving is Thanksliving

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This Pathfinder will arrive right after Thanksgiving. Even though it is not technically a Jewish holiday, it fits into our tradition. To paraphrase and slightly adapt a teaching attributed to Rabbi Hillel: If someone asked me to reveal the secret of happiness while standing on one foot, I would say "gratitude." Gratitude values what we have over what we envy. It creates a base level perspective of satisfaction rather than desire.

The difficulty with consistently expressing gratitude is that life is difficult. We can shift our perspective all we want, but sometimes we will experience pain and loss and frustration. It is those circumstances, however, that make expressions of gratitude all the more necessary and helpful.

Expressing gratitude means acknowledging the deeds of others. In fact, the Hebrew word for "thank" also means "acknowledge." The key to maintaining an attitude and discipline of gratitude is constant acknowledgement. We acknowledge a server with a thank you. We acknowledge another's smile with one of

our own. We acknowledge that even when life hurts, we are blessed to be alive. Acknowledgement brings us into the present moment, and helps us see it with grateful eyes.

Maintaining this discipline can feel counter-cultural. A classic episode of the Simpsons begins with the entire Simpson family seated around the dinner table. Bart is asked to say grace. He offers the following words: "Dear God, we paid for all this stuff ourselves, so thanks for nothing."

Bart's words capture what a consumerist culture encourages. We're entitled to what we have. We earned it. Why should we thank anyone for it?

The Torah responds differently. What we have is a gift, and expressing thanks for it makes it all the more valuable. This truth applies even when we do not feel like giving thanks. In fact, gratitude can put us in a better mood.

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## Cantor Vicky Glikin — Looking for Light

The Talmud records an argument between two of our early sages – Shammai and Hillel. According to Shammai, eight candles should be lit on the first night of Chanukkah, seven on the second night, and so on until the last night of the holiday when only one candle should be used. Hillel, on the other hand, insisted that one candle should be lit on the first day of Chanukkah, two on the second night, and so on until the last day of the holiday when all eight candles should be ignited. Our tradition ultimately sides with Hillel’s opinion on the premise that our experience of the holiday should take us from less light to more light, thereby increasing holiness in the world. More than simply a comment on the traditions of Chanukkah, Hillel’s teaching is truly a metaphor for life – we should always strive to increase light and holiness in our lives, even in the face of adversity.

I remember officiating at a funeral of a Holocaust survivor. Although I had only met Basia Rubinstein briefly during her life, learning her story truly touched me. A teenager during World War II, she was ripped by the Nazis out of her mother’s arms in front of the synagogue in Kielce, Poland. She was then sent to a ghetto in her town with other young men and women, while their parents were shipped off to Treblinka. Surrounded by cruelty and horror, the young people were discouraged and afraid. They decided to stand up to the Nazis by holding a wedding every single day, thereby inviting light and hope into their horrific reality. Even after a group of their friends were hung by the Nazis for holding a wedding, the young people persisted in creating new unions daily and sanctifying life. This was how Basia met and came to marry her husband, with whom she spent her entire life.

We are fortunate to live in a time and place where we are not faced with the kind of extreme adversity and horrors that Basia and others like her were forced to experience. And yet, even in the midst of our comfortable and mostly safe lives, all too often we find ourselves in need of additional light. At times like these, what can we do to make our inner healing light shine more brightly? How can we see the holiness within our lives and, following Hillel’s advice, increase it?

It begins with Forgiveness. Forgiving ourselves and the people around us requires intentionality and hard work, but it is within reach. We learn from a midrash that prior to the creation of human beings, God created Forgiveness. We must forgive ourselves and the mistakes that we have made. We must let go of the hurts that others have caused us. “There is no one perfect on

Earth,” we are reminded by Kohelet. Forgiveness of our shortcomings, our mistakes, and our hurts enables us to access our inner healing light.

Having forgiven our deficits and shortcomings, we move to Acceptance. We are not perfect, we make mistakes, we hurt others, and are hurt by them in return. We must accept ourselves and the people around us as imperfectly human and flawed. We make ourselves vulnerable through this recognition, but we also recall that we are made in the image of God and are capable of increasing holiness in the world. Rabbi Bunim of P’shiskha taught that everyone should have two pockets, each containing a slip of paper. On the first slip of paper should be written: “I am but dust and ashes,” and on the other: “The world was created for my sake.” From time to time we must reach into one pocket, and then, the other, thereby holding these two ideas in balance. When we do so, we allow our inner light to emanate and heal. The secret to living comes from accepting that we are simultaneously entirely human and Godly.

Having forgiven our limitations and accepted ourselves as simultaneously fully human and containing sparks of Divinity, we turn to Gratitude. Each of us has blessings within our lives, which must be noted by us and appreciated. Some of our blessings are more obvious than others, but if we stop and pay attention, we are bound to notice the things for which we can and should be thankful. Every breath, every movement, every person we encounter can be viewed as a miracle when we live our lives in a state of “radical amazement,” as taught by Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel. When we do not take things for granted, when we praise and bless the daily miracles that we encounter, when we express gratitude, we allow our inner light to shine forth from within us and to increase holiness in our lives and the lives of the people around us.

Even though Chanukkah comes at the darkest time of year, when the days are short and physical light is sparse, the eight-day festival calls on us to bring more spiritual light into the world. The holiday reminds us that with each passing day and the lighting of an additional light on the chanukiah, we have the potential to increase the light that comes from within us and to heal our lives and the lives of the people around us. When we allow our inner light to shine more brightly, in a testament to Hillel’s teaching, we sanctify life and increase holiness in the world.

- Cantor Vicky Glikin

## From Our President

Recently I sent a letter to all of our congregants. Our annual Thanksgiving Appeal is a rare solicitation for your financial support. In the tapestry that defines Solel, our financial well-being is a critical thread, but one that we work hard to make invisible. We are too busy and committed to learning and social justice and prayer and building community to spend much time talking about money – and that is our great strength.

Thoughtful fiscal responsibility is in our DNA. From the debt-free construction of our building more than 50 years ago, to our well-managed independent endowment and our conservative annual budgeting, we treat our finances with the care necessary to perpetuate our sacred community and to avoid making finances our central concern.

We are able to do this because our congregants are committed and generous. Without a “Yom Kippur Appeal” invading our High Holiday worship and without an annual gala “honoring” one of us, we are able to collect what we need to operate a first class synagogue in an architectural masterpiece building with world class clergy and staff.

Our budget relies on this appeal to keep our books balanced. Please be generous. Please calibrate this pledge to those you make to the other organizations you love and support. And please consider Solel’s importance to you, your family, your community, and your people when making your commitment.

There are some options available to make this easy for all of us:

1. There is a link on our website ([www.solel.org](http://www.solel.org)) where you can make a donation. Click on the “Donate” link at the top right of the home page, and please note that your gift is for the Thanksgiving Appeal.
2. You can donate stock to Congregation Solel. (There may be added tax benefits to donating appreciated stock.) The directions for this are on page 10 of this Pathfinder. Please call the office at (847) 433-3555 if you have any questions.
3. And of course you can mail in or drop off a check at Solel. Everyone will be very happy to see you!

- Josh Lowitz  
[president@solel.org](mailto:president@solel.org)

# Rosh Chodesh Celebration for Women

**Sunday, December 13**  
**7:00 pm–9:00 pm**

Rosh Chodesh is a celebration of ourselves, our uniqueness as women, and our relationship with the Divine.

Join us as we make new friends, see familiar faces, and learn more about ourselves and each other.

**7:00–7:20 pm** – Social time – get to know the other women of Solel and nosh.

**7:20–7:50 pm** – Rosh Chodesh ritual led by Cantor Glikin.

**7:50–9:00 pm** – Activity led by members.

This Rosh Chodesh Celebration is hosted by Ellen Diamond Waldman and Lila Bondy.

Please RSVP to [soleloffic@solel.org](mailto:soleloffic@solel.org).

Questions? Please be in touch with Cantor Vicky Glikin at [cantorglikin@gmail.com](mailto:cantorglikin@gmail.com).

*We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful event for women!*

**Future Dates:**

**February 9**

**June 6**

## Director of Congregational Learning, Ashley Plotnick — Humility

Our value of the month this December is humility, or *anavah* in Hebrew. Humility often receives a bad reputation in our culture, as it may be associated with weakness or the inability to speak up when needed. However, Jewish tradition teaches that our leader, Moses, was more humble than “any man on the face of the earth” (Bamidbar 12:3). Moses was able to find his voice through his humility, accompanied by a faith in God. How do we believe in something bigger than ourselves, and also believe that every action we take matters?

Rabbi Simchah Bunim of P’shischa taught, “The Jew must have two pockets for use when necessary: in one pocket, ‘the world was created for me,’ and in the other, ‘I am but dust and ashes.’” This is a powerful reminder of the importance of humility in our world. The goal is to find the right amount of humility based upon any given situation we encounter. Of course the world was created for each and every individual – this echoes the teaching that we are each here to partner with God in *tikkun olam*, healing the world. We are each responsible for bringing our gifts to the world. And of course we are but dust and ashes. We are here for a temporary period of time. Though it may sometimes feel as if the world revolves around us, we are in fact just a small piece of the bigger picture. Sometimes it is absolutely essential to bring all that we have to the world, and sometimes it is absolutely essential to step aside, and make space for others in the world as well.

The Mussar classic book, *Orchot Tzaddikim*, (Ways of the Just) teaches, “A small deed done in humility is a thousand times more acceptable to God than a great deed done in pride.” May we enter this holiday season with humble spirits, offering what we have to give, and also recognizing that we do not have all of the answers. Just as God partnered with the angels for creation (Rashi commentary on Genesis 1:26), we must partner with friends, family, our community, and God to make the world a better place for all. In the spirit of humility, if you are inspired to make an anonymous gift, I encourage you to read, *Gifts With Meaning*, by Nicolas Kristof in *The New York Times*. You can find the article here: <http://www.nytimes.com/column/nicholas-kristof>. May we all find the joy, courage, and inner dignity that accompanies true humility.

- Ashley Plotnick

# Hava Nashira

**December 4 at 7:30 pm**

**An engaging & spirited service featuring fresh & familiar melodies.**

**Join us for an evening of song & inspiration, accompanied by Solel's own instrumentalists & singers.**

## Future Dates:

February 5

April 8

June 3



Join Rabbi Moffic for this special class as he reflects on events of both Jewish and broader public interest.

Lunch & Learn at Solel will be on Tuesday, December 8 at 12:00 pm

Downtown Lunch & Learn will be on Wednesday, December 9 at 12:00 pm



## Human Rights Shabbat

Friday, December 18 at 7:30 pm

Guest Speaker: Jeanne Segil

Please join us for Solel's 3<sup>rd</sup> Human Rights Shabbat. Jeanne Segil will be our speaker sharing her experience as a Legal Fellow at the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama. Jeanne will discuss the relationship between race and poverty in our country by conveying the history of how racial subordination has continued from slavery, to lynchings and the era of terror, to resistance, to the civil rights movement, to mass incarceration today.

The Equal Justice Initiative is a private, nonprofit organization that provides legal representation to indigent clients and incarcerated people who have been denied fair and just treatment in the legal system. EJI litigates on behalf of children in the criminal justice system incarcerated people, the wrongfully convicted, poor people who were denied adequate representation, and others whose trials were impacted by racial bias or prosecutorial misconduct. EJI works to confront the history of racial inequality and economic injustice in the United States to meet the goal of equal justice for all.

Jeanne is a graduate of Pomona College and Harvard Law School. In addition to being a Fulbright Scholar, she is the recipient of numerous honors and awards for her work on human rights and scholarship. Jeanne grew up at Solel and is the granddaughter of Arthur Segil and Shirley Edelman and the daughter of Debbie and Larry Segil .



### Save the Date for Mitzvah Day!



**It's Sunday, January 17, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.**

**Lots of fun and activities for all Congregants!**

**More details details to come... stay tuned!**

**Volunteers Needed!**

**Please contact Cynthia at [cplouche@gmail.com](mailto:cplouche@gmail.com).**

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**Pray 'n Play**

**This isn't your ordinary  
Tot Shabbat!**

**Saturday, December 19  
10:30 am**

Join other families with children up to age 5 for a fun, interactive "Gymboree-style" Shabbat program, featuring music, maracas, puppets & parachutes.

Followed by a complimentary bagel brunch and playtime. Older siblings are welcome to attend!

Led by Cantor Vicky Glikin

**Future Dates:** Jan. 23, Feb. 27,  
March 19, April 30, June 4



(Pictured Above) Ashley Plotnick and Michael Schneider at the Hands-On Hannukah program at Kohl's Children Museum on Monday, November 23, 2015.

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**December 25**

5:30 PM Pizza Dinner  
6:15 PM Shabbat Service

Please join us at this service to celebrate your birthday or anniversary & receive a special blessing.

To help celebrate, we encourage you to bring a children's present or gift card to donate to the Ark for those who are less fortunate.

**Future Dates:** Jan. 29, Feb. 26, March 25  
April 29, May 27, June 24

## Joint Solel – Lakeside Gun Safety Program

Gun Safety is just the beginning. Nearly 90 Congregation Solel and Lakeside Congregation members participated in a joint program, October 25, “Thou Shall Not Stand Idly By: A Discussion of Gun Safety.”

Sponsored by Congregation Solel’s Just Congregations initiative in collaboration with Lakeside Congregation’s Social Action Committee, the program featured three presentations:

1. Laura Frisch, Congregation Solel and a Representative of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, talking about the “Be Smart for Kids” program, a conversation about kids, guns and safety
2. A video of Dr. Gary Slutkin’s TED Talk, “Let’s Treat Gun Violence Like a Contagious Disease”
3. Lake County Sheriff’s Deputy Roman Buchberger, Gun Safety as it Pertains to Public Safety, FOID cards, safe gun storage and smart guns

The 88 participants from both congregations were given time to question the presenters and invited to attend a follow up meeting on November 10. Eleven members of both congregations began a dialogue at that follow up meeting about next steps in addressing gun violence and gun safety. Future meetings are open to Solel and Lakeside members who are interested in the gun violence issue.

For more information, contact Sharon Stein, [sstein24@gmail.com](mailto:sstein24@gmail.com); Meta Levin, [meta.levin@comcast.net](mailto:meta.levin@comcast.net) or for details on the “Be Smart for Kids” program, contact Laura Frisch at [lifrisch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lifrisch@sbcglobal.net).



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**Attention:** Trailblazers, Solelim, & SolTY: Any youth group student that attends will get a free treat bag during Religious School — look for a visit from Michael on the 13<sup>th</sup> to get your special gift!

\*Every child must be accompanied by an adult chaperone. We will meet at our seats at the Welsh-Ryan Arena, 2705 Ashland Avenue Evanston, IL 60208.

For more information, contact Michael Schneider in the Religious School office at [Religious\\_School@solel.org](mailto:Religious_School@solel.org).

## Mazel Tov to Levi Stone Pasikov on His Bar Mitzvah!



Levi Stone Pasikov, son of Barry and Diana, will become a Bar Mitzvah on December 5, 2015. Levi is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Elm Place Middle School of Highland Park. Levi's favorite hobbies are tennis and guitar. For his Mitzvah project, Levi raised money for St. Judes Hospital through bake sales and creating and organizing a lottery in his school to help children who suffer from cancer; Levi raised over \$500. From his Mitzvah Project, Levi learned that helping others made him feel good. Levi's Torah portion is *Vayeshev*, from the Book of Genesis. The most important thing Levi learned from his Torah portion is that no matter how bad things seem, never give up. Levi learned through the process and experience of becoming a Bar Mitzvah that it is important to practice every day. The greatest challenge he faced in preparing for his ceremony was learning the Torah portion.

## Mazel Tov to Ben Mintzer on His Bar Mitzvah!

Ben Mintzer, son of Ari and Lisa Mintzer, will become a Bar Mitzvah on December 12, 2015.

## Lake County United Assembly

Two Solelites were among more than 130 people, representing 16 Lake County United (LCU) member organizations making their voices heard during a November 12 assembly at Most Blessed Trinity Church in Waukegan.

For an hour and a half, Cynthia Plouche and Meta L. Levin joined other attendees in learning about the three major issues LCU is addressing right now: education, access to mental health care and affordable/supportive housing.

They heard from Waukegan to College/Envision Scholars parents and students who have learned how to work with school officials towards goals that will help their children succeed, particularly the issue of only two college counselors for more than 4,000 students. The parents and teachers have been meeting with school and school board officials to address this critical need.

They listened to team members collaborating with law enforcement, elected officials and social service agencies to find ways to get those with mental illnesses the help they need, instead of housing them in jail cells. With an estimated 40 percent of Lake County Jail inmates on psychotropic drugs, it is clear that something must be done.

Affordable and supportive housing units are sorely needed in Lake County. Attendees learned about LCU's successful and ongoing efforts in that arena, as well. With one building up and running in Grayslake and another under construction in Mundelein, collaborative efforts are paying off.

Attendees met and talked with each other, both through one-on-one conversations and in small groups, letting fellow attendees know how they felt about the issues, making suggestions and considering what others had to say.

Those who wanted to get more involved were able to sign up on the spot. From this assembly will come the ideas that will drive LCU in the future. Lake County United is part of a network of community organizing groups, comprised of faith based and not-for-profit organizations. Congregation Solel has been a member since 2007. For more information, contact Meta L. Levin at [meta.levin@comcast.net](mailto:meta.levin@comcast.net).

## Choir Shabbat

Friday, December 18  
7:30 pm

Join us as **Solel's Adult Choir** leads us in harmonious prayer. From time-honored classics to contemporary gems, this service is certain to **elevate and inspire.**

**Do you enjoy singing? Then, join the choir! The ability to read music is beneficial, but not required. Just bring your enthusiasm and a smile.**

**For more information, please contact Cantor Vicky Glikin at [cantorglikin@gmail.com](mailto:cantorglikin@gmail.com)**



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### Future Dates:

January 15

February 19

March 18

April 15

May 13

## Rabbi Moffic

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I have a friend who writes quick thank-you emails every morning when he wakes up. It helps relieve the grogginess. We don't need to go that far in expressing thanks.

All we need to do — and perhaps we can start on Thanksgiving — is to notice more opportunities to express thanks. The more we look for them, the more they will show up, and the happier we will be.

- Rabbi Evan Moffic

# Thank You For Your Contributions

## Cantor's Discretionary Fund

**Gersh Abraham**, in memory of Sally Abraham  
**Belrose Family**, in memory of Marc Belrose  
**Gary and Cheri Robinson**, in memory of Jean Nana Robinson  
**Steve and Marsha Seligman**, in honor of Molly and Sophie's bat mitzvahs

## Education Fund

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**Fred and Brenda Turner**, in honor of Lyla Marder's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

## Music Fund

**Eugene and Karen Finerman**, in honor of Lyla Marder  
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## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

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**Steve and Marsha Seligman**, in honor of Molly's and Sophie's bat mitzvahs

## Tribute Fund

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**Barbara and Dennis Kessler**, in memory of Sally Abraham  
**Gil Levy and Marliiss Levin**, in memory of Abraham Levy, Ethel Levy, Ralph Levy, and Roslyn Levy

## Tribute Fund (continued)

**Linda Muskin and John Cody**, in appreciation of Michael Levin  
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**Julie and Robert Schlossberg**, in memory of Sally Abraham and Marshall Domash  
**Lew and Gail Segal**, in memory of Sally Abraham  
**David and Lori Seitelman**, in memory of Margot and Max Seitelman  
**Sue and Tom Tolpin**, in memory of Gerald Reese  
**Joan and Michael Weinberg**, in memory of Marshall Domash and in honor of Barbara Volin's grandson's wedding  
**Jan and Jerry Wolf**, in memory of Sally Abraham and Lorraine Winters  
*As of November 25, 2015*

## Condolences to...

**Melvin Falkof**, on the passing of his wife, Lucille Falkof  
**Shara Lieberman (Matt Lieberman)**, on the passing of their father, Harlan Haimés  
**Edith Reese (Philip Goldberg)**, on the passing of their father, Gerald Reese  
**Linda Spring (Tom Spring)**, on the passing of her mother, Sharidawn Pearlson  
**Sidney Winters**, on the passing of his wife, Lorraine Winters

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**Congregation Solel**

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If there are any questions, please call Allan Litwack, Executive Director, at (847) 433-3555, ext 225.

Thank you for your continued support.

# December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 4:15pm Religious School 7:00 pm Jewish War Veterans Executive Meeting	<b>2</b> 7:30 pm Religious School Committee Meeting	<b>3</b> 1:15 pm Hebrew Class	<b>4</b> 7:30 pm Hava Nashira Service	<b>5</b> 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Levi Pasikov Bar Mitzvah 10:35 am Morning Minyan
<b>6</b> Evening of 1st Candle 9:00 am Youth Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am Religious School 12:15 pm 8-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade 1:00 pm Gates Scholars Program	<b>7</b> Hannukah 9:30 am Joyce Schragger Current Events 11:00 am Joyce Schragger Current Events 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn 4:15 pm Religious School 7:00 pm Human Needs Committee Meeting	<b>9</b> 12:00 pm Downtown Lunch & Learn	<b>10</b> 1:15 pm Hebrew Class	<b>11</b> 7:30 pm Musical Menorah Service	<b>12</b> 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 pm Ben Mintzer Bar Mitzvah 10:35 am Morning Minyan
<b>13</b> 9:00 am Executive & Board Meeting 9:45 am Religious School 12:15 pm 8-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade 7:00 pm Rosh Chodesh Celebration for Women	<b>14</b> 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b> 4:15 pm Religious School 7:00 pm Jewish War Veterans Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 1:15 pm Hebrew Class	<b>18</b> 7:30 pm Human Rights Shabbat with Guest Speaker: Jeanne Segil & Choir & Torah Service (Readers: Barbara Altman, Alice Kohn, & Jerry Wolf)	<b>19</b> 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Pray 'n Play 10:35 am Morning Minyan
<b>20</b> No Religious School	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> No Religious School	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> No Hebrew Class	<b>25</b> Office Closed 5:30 pm Pizza Dinner 6:15 pm Shabbat Shalom	<b>26</b> 9:15 am Torah Study 10:35 am Morning Minyan
<b>27</b> No Religious School	<b>28</b> 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>29</b> No Religious School	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> No Hebrew Class	Kindle Shabbat Candles at dinner or at the following times (CDT): 4..... 3:59 pm 11..... 3:59 pm 18..... 4:01 pm 25..... 4:04 pm	

# Shabbat Services Schedule

## Friday, December 4

Hava Nashira Service .....7:30 pm

## Saturday, December 5 — Vayeishev, Gen. 37:1- 40:23

Torah Study .....9:15 am

Levi Pasikov Bar Mitzvah .....10:30 am

Morning Minyan .....10:35 am

## Friday, December 11

Musical Menorah Service.....7:30 pm

## Saturday, December 12 — Mikeitz, Gen. 41:1- 44:17

Torah Study .....9:15 am

Ben Mintzer Bar Mitzvah .....10:30 am

Morning Minyan .....10:35 am

## Friday, December 18

Human Rights Shabbat — Guest Speaker: Jeanne Segal  
Choir & Torah Service .....7:30 pm

Torah Readers: Barbara Altman, Alice Kohn, & Jerry  
Wolf

## Saturday, December 19 — Vayigash, Gen. 44:18- 47:27

Torah Study .....9:15 am

Pray 'n Play .....10:30 am

Morning Minyan .....10:35 am

## Friday, December 25

Pizza Dinner .....5:30 pm

Shabbat Shalom .....6:15 pm

## Saturday, December 26 — Va-y'chi, Gen. 47:28 - 50:26

Torah Study .....9:15 am

Morning Minyan .....10:35 am

Want to inquire more deeply into a passage after the Shabbat service?  
Find the weekly parashot and commentaries at these links:

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