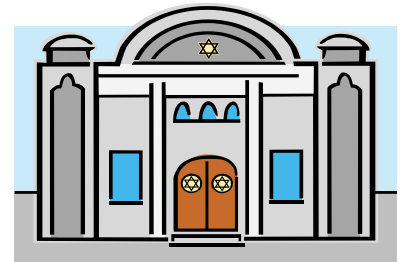


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**FEBRUARY 2012**

## MASTIC BEACH HEBREW CENTER "HAPPENINGS"



### FEBRUARY/MARCH/APRIL NEWS:

- **SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA--**  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> (details attached)
- **PURIM SERVICE--March 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Come see a Play performed by our members
- **PURIM CARNIVAL--March 10<sup>th</sup>**  
(details attached)
- **MCGUIRE'S COMEDY NITE--**  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> (details attached)

**FAMILY SERVICES  
HELD AT 7:15PM**

February 3<sup>rd</sup>  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
April 6<sup>th</sup>

*75th Anniversary*  
**MBHC**  
*1937-2012*

### **FEBRUARY CANDLE LIGHTINGS**

2/03 4:53 PM  
2/10 5:02 PM  
2/17 5:10 PM  
2/24 5:19 PM



***Please support our B'nai Mitzvah  
students by attending their Bar/Bat  
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THE MBHC WEB PAGE: [www.mbhebrew.org](http://www.mbhebrew.org)

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## YARHZEITS

### Memoriam For Our Dearly Departed Loved Ones

(Our Sincerest apologies for any errors made in the Memoriam for Our Dearly Departed Loved Ones)

2/1	<b>DAVID KOREFF</b> – brother of Marilyn Burack
2/3	<b>GLADYS LEDERMAN</b> – grandmother of Robin Reich
2/3	<b>SAYDE METSKY</b> – grandmother of Sue Hearn
2/7	<b>PERRY KLEIN</b> – father of Gail David and Mark Klein
2/10	<b>CLEMINTINE BILLIE COHEN</b> – mother of Cantor Harris Cohen
2/11	<b>CHARLOTTE MORGENSTERN</b> - mother of Lewis Morgenstern & Arlene Cianfro
2/11	<b>ARNOLD WANG</b> – great grandfather of Robin Reich
2/19	<b>CHARLES BURACK</b> – uncle of Aaron Burack

***AND TO ALL those in Israel who are dying daily at the hands of terrorists. The millions who died during the Holocaust, Christians and Jews and all who have no one to say Kaddish for them.***

**To have any Yahrzeits recognized in the Newsletter...**

Please notify Helaine Quintero (475-6022 or helaineq@gmail.com) a month before the date of the Yahrzeit. You do not have to purchase a memorial for the board in order to recognize your Yahrzeit.

## SISTERHOOD NEWS

*The Sisterhood is always looking for YOUR input. New ideas and suggestions are always welcome! Whether it has to do with a game tournament that we are planning or something entirely new, we are here for you the members of MBHC and we will gladly welcome your input! Please consider joining us for bagels, coffee, a little chit chat, and business as usual.*

*Again, we could certainly use your ideas and your help with our upcoming events.*

If you are interested in joining or helping the Sisterhood, please contact

**Robin Reich:**  
878-3430 or [rahronly@gmail.com](mailto:rahronly@gmail.com)

### The Sisterhood

#### ◆ BINGO Volunteers Needed

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#### Board Positions to Fill:

- ◆ Corresponding Secretary
- ◆ Recording Secretary
- ◆ Trustees

Contact: Arthur Rosen





## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2/4**     **Larry Levenglick**  
**2/12**    **Gale Slatsky**  
**2/12**    **Jessica Victor**  
**2/13**    **Benjamin Lefkowitz**  
**2/14**    **Corinne Cohen**  
**2/14**    **Sarah Reich**  
**2/14**    **Eric Wunderlich**  
**2/18**    **Sandi Wunderlich**  
**2/19**    **Robert Beard**



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

### **Loving Pair**

It takes two special people,  
 To make a loving pair.  
 There's a joy just being around you,  
 A feeling I/we love to share.  
 We send anniversary wishes to you,  
 For years of joy and pleasure.  
 May each year keep getting better,  
 With memories to treasure.

*By Karl and Joanna Fuchs  
 www.poemsource.com*

## WHAT TO BRING TO AN ONEG



If you are sponsoring an Oneg, the following items must be provided:

- ◆ A fresh Challah
- ◆ Margarine if needed (check refrigerator)
- ◆ A half gallon of milk
- ◆ Enough dessert items (cakes, cookies, donuts, fruits, etc.) to feed the average-size crowd that attends Services. (approximately 30 people)
- ◆ Soda and juice containers to accommodate the same amount of people.

If it is a Special Occasion where you are expecting more people, please provide enough for the extras.

## SHABBAT "ONEGS"

*We need sponsors for our weekly Onegs*

*Feel free to sponsor an Oneg with a friend from MBHC. Or just contribute \$\$ to the Oneg fund for future Onegs.*

## JANUARY ONEGS

*THANK YOU to all who sponsored an ONEG in January! Your support is greatly appreciated!*

## Rabbi Altman's Message...



Six weeks after Hannukah marking the first day of spring in Eretz Yisrael the semi holiday of Tu Bishvat is celebrated. Many people even those of our Jewish brothers and sisters have not observed this holiday, sad to say have even heard of this joyous holiday.

The Mishnah refers to it as the Rosh Hashanah L'Ilanot (New Year for trees). Since ancient times, the Jewish people have observed it by eating fruits grown in Eretz Yisrael, and with the rise of the movement to restore the Jewish homeland, Tu Bishvat, as the festival is known, in brief, it has gained new significance as Arbor Day, observed by planting of trees in Eretz Yisrael.

In Israel, always waterless trees were regarded as special gifts of God.

There are many symbolic allusions to trees in the Bible, especially the olive which sends up new shoots to continue the life of the old tree that dies. Trees are represented as symbols of goodness and nobility. The upright person is compared to a tree planted near a stream, that bears fruit in due season, with leaves that never fade (Psalm 13).

It is customary to have a seder eating different kinds of fruits and tasting different kinds of wines grown in Israel (raisins, almonds, carobs, nuts, red, white and rose wine).

If anyone is interested, please contact me so that I can tell you about some seders in our area. This year, Tu Bishvat is observed on Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup>.

By now congregants are aware of the Goodness Groups forming to perform acts of kindness throughout our community. Many people have volunteered for these group. How about you?

Remember Being Good, leads to Doing Good which results in Feeling Good! Ideas are needed for the website -- goodness group.org.

**L'Shalom**

**Rabbi David Altman**

# MBHC

## INCLUSION COMMITTEE

The **Mastic Beach Hebrew Center** is starting an **Inclusion Committee**. The purpose of the *Inclusion Committee* is to focus on MBHC becoming more welcoming and inviting to people with disabilities, including their families.

### THE INCLUSION COMMITTEE'S MISSION STATEMENT IS:

The MBHC's Inclusion Committee's mission is to raise awareness and guide our Temple and its members in meeting the physical,

### Some examples would be:

- ◆ **Placing Mezuzahs for someone in a wheelchair to be able to reach.** ◆
- Making it possible for someone who can not walk steps to get on the bimah.**

This Committee will be the "go to" contact for *Resources* and *Information* about inclusion and how to address specific needs as they arise. The *Inclusion Committee* is looking for individuals who are interested in helping out; even just having ideas would be helpful. If you are interested in joining or if you have any questions about the Committee, **please contact:**

**Gail David at 736-0754 or**  
**[gaillejakd@gmail.com](mailto:gaillejakd@gmail.com)**

## *President's Message...*



**Shalom**—Once again it's time to write an inspiring message to all of you. This is difficult for me but here it goes:

Thanks to everyone for attending services each Friday night. As you all know we are in very difficult financial times, fighting to pay our bills and keep the doors open for you, but as long as you keep coming you give us the strength to keep up that fight.

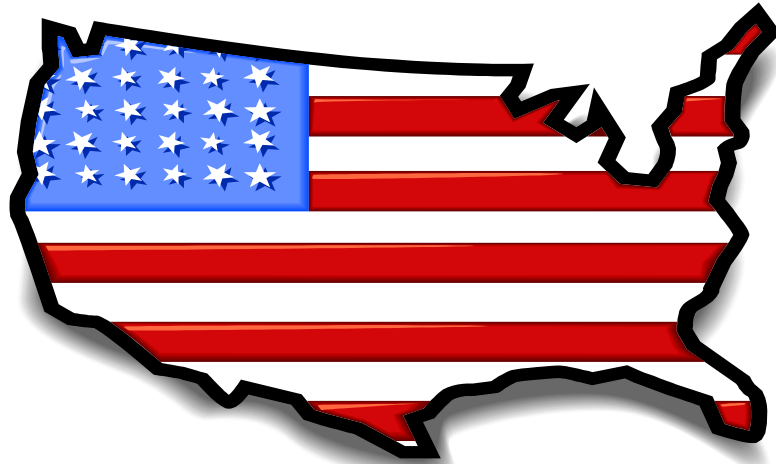
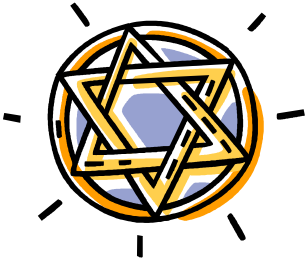
A couple of weeks ago the Rabbi was away and I found myself in the position of reading the substance of the weekly Torah portion to the congregation. I am going to paraphrase it here because it is particularly relevant to my thoughts this month. Despite the corruptness of the society in which they lived, the Jewish community in ancient Egypt was flourishing with schools, synagogues, and social networks. Assimilation was practically non-existent because the Jews made a pact among themselves not to change their names, style of dress, or language. These safeguards allowed them to keep a safe distance from the Egyptians and because of that anti-Semitism was practically non-existent. All that changed once the "older" generation died. The Jews moved throughout Egypt dropping their customs and assimilating into the larger society. Immediately anti-Semitism began to rise. While the Egyptians didn't mind the Jews as long as they kept to themselves, once they began resembling "regular" Egyptians the perception of Jewish power and influence caused hatred and fear.

This has reoccurred throughout history and it's happening again here and now! We have seen that the consequences can be devastating to us. American Jews are apathetic, non-caring, and disinterested. However, if you are reading this, you are among those who do care. There are things we all can do to reverse the course. We can make the commitment to Jewish education for our children and observe Jewish holidays as a family. We can pray and study, light Shabbat candles, etc. Judaism is not all or nothing. The options for participation are endless.

Please talk us up to your non-affiliated friends and get them to join us. You'll see on the calendar that "**Shabbat Across America**" is coming up early in March. What I'm talking about is exactly what that is set up for. Bring your friends. **Purim is coming!** This is a festive holiday. Last Friday night the Rabbi asked if any of us were interested in performing one of his "plays" for the holiday and having a Purim service and during the Oneg, not one person came up to him! That's not acceptable, folks. This is a small family and we need group participation in everything we do. That's what keeps us energized to continue. If we don't act Jewish then what's the point of having a Temple here? We are also sponsoring another comedy night at **McGuire's**. The first one was successful and we need the income! Please take a few tickets and sell them to your friends, at work, to your teammates, etc. and join the MBHC on April 22<sup>nd</sup> for a fun night out. We can probably arrange babysitting through our youth group if you need.

**DON'T LET US DOWN!**

# SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA



## Mastic Beach Hebrew Center

Welcomes you and your unaffiliated family/friends to join us for our Annual *Shabbat Across America* get together.



Friday, March 2, 2012

Potluck Dinner: 6:30pm



Service and Oneg: 7:30pm – 9:30pm

- ◆ Please bring a dairy or vegetable dish to feed about 10 people (pre-heated at home if necessary).
- ◆ Visit our website for directions: [www.mbhebrew.org](http://www.mbhebrew.org)
- ◆ **RSVP** by Friday, February 30th to **Robin Reich** (878-3430 or [rahronly@gmail.com](mailto:rahronly@gmail.com)) with the number of people attending and what you are bringing.

**Looking forward to sharing this evening with you!  
Everyone is welcome, and while you are with us please ask  
about our religious school classes.**

# MASTIC BEACH HEBREW CENTER SISTERHOOD FAMILY PURIM FESTIVAL



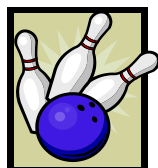
**ON FRIDAY, MARCH 9TH**

Come to our Purim Service and watch  
some of our members perform

**ON SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH, 9-11AM**

Come to our Annual Purim Carnival  
(Families & Friends are always welcome!)

**DRESS IN PURIM CHARACTER COSTUME  
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**631.580.3932**

**Must be 18 and over**  
**2 beverage minimum per person at table**

# Religious School Calendar 2011-2012

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## KEY

**Religious School Hours: 9-11am**

**Shaded Days: Religious School OPEN**

**[ ]: Last day of Religious School**

## Special Events and School Closings:

2011

- February 25, 2012—No Class Winter Break
- March 10, 2012—Purim Carnival, 9-11am
- March 31, 2012—Model Seder, 9-11am
- April 7, 2012—No Class, Passover Break

2012

- April 14, 2012—No Class, Passover Break
- May 26, 2012—No Class, Memorial Day
- June 9, 2012—Last Day of Religious Class

# MITZVAH CORNER

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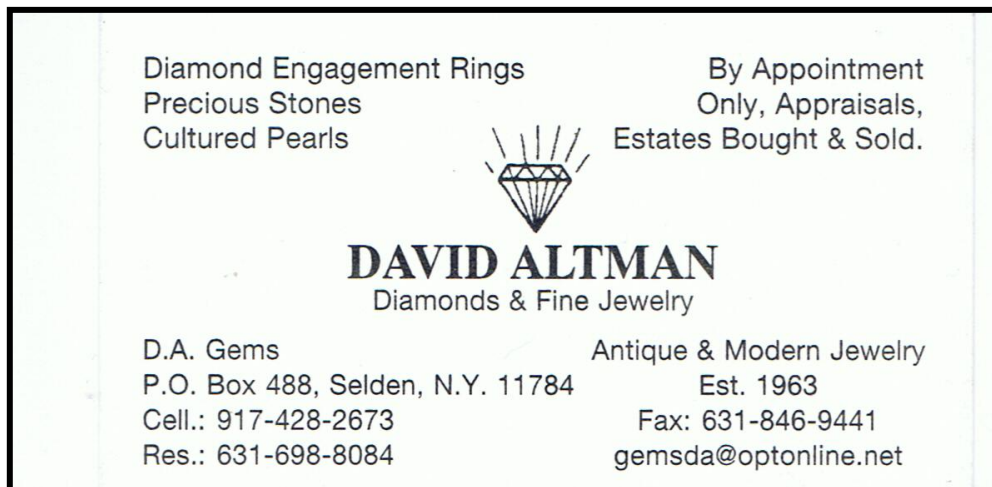


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