

Temple Beth Sholom



The Shofar

Tevet/Shevat/Adar 5786

January/February 2026

A Song of Longing

Shared by Jo Ann Howard, President

Today I needed some quiet time and decided to read the prayers in Shabbat Morning Service II. When I came to the reading below, it resonated with the longing that so many of us have been feeling. Perhaps, with the beauty of these words, we will each find some way to help make this song a reality.

SING THE SONG of men and women
joined in understanding and respect.

 The song of God's miracles,
 an earth protected and cherished;

 a gift for our children
 and the generations to come.

 The song of a land once ravished by war,
 now quiet and content;

 her soldiers, home, to leave no more.

 The song of a world redeemed:
 A song of peace.





YAHRZEITS

May Their Memories Be a Blessing

January 2-3/13-14 Tevet

1 – Shirley Levy
1 – Ella Friedman
1 – Jacob Cohen
3 – Michael Becher
3 – Jacquie Koplen

January 9-10/20-21 Tevet

5 – Aaron L. Bane
5 – Selig (Sonny) Heiner Kingoff
5 – Trudy Silverman
6 – Daniel Barrs
6 – Betsy Fresco
6 – Henry Nakdimen
8 – Jennie Rossnier Costin
9 – Jacob Hoffman
9 – Herman Mueller
9 – Herbert “Hup” Sater
10 – Hyman Jacobs

January 16-17/27-28 Tevet

15 – Irving Maxwell Heiner
16 – Sol. J. Levy

January 23-24/5-6 Shevat

19 – Dr. Henry Moskowitz
20 – Sol Kingoff
20 – Celia Barg Jacobs
21 – Jane Carol Harris
21 – Edna Brodkin Goldstein
21 – Kate Lazarus
22 – Isaac Berman
23 – Dora Lubin
24 – Barnett Katzman
24 – Alvin J. Rosenstock

January 30-31/12-13 Shevat

25 – Sylvia Heyman
25 – Minnie Miller
26 – Helene Koplen Navell
27 – Harry Abrams
28 – Lillian W. Kramer
28 – Dora R. Rosenstock
28 – Elias Salamon
29 – Hyman Kravitz

February 6-7/19-20 Shevat

1 – William H. Kay
1 – Edna LeBof
1 – Ruth B. Gordon
2 – Esther Newman
4 – Yetta S. Schreibfeder

February 13-14/26-27 Shevat

9 – Bessie Berman
10 – Mary Abrams
13 – Sonia Lubin Rippe

February 20-21/3-4 Adar

15 – Dr. Louis Herman Calisch
16 – Aaron Lazarus
16 – Hyman Nakdimen
17 – Henry Lowenstein
18 – Fanny Sater
21 – Rosa Bane
21 – Anna K. Kelson

February 27-28/10-11 Adar

22 – Albert Koplen
24 – Mayme Newman
28 – Julius Kaufman
28 – Annie Newman
20 – Jacob Goodfriend

When lighting the Yahrzeit candle, you can recite the following prayer:

The human soul is a light from God.

**May it be your will that the soul of (insert name) enjoy eternal life,
along with the souls of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah,
and the rest of the righteous that are in Gan Eden. Amen**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Let's welcome Shabbat together in the chapel at First Presbyterian Church

JANUARY

Friday, 2 nd	Shabbat Service cancelled
Friday, 9 th	Shabbat Service cancelled
Friday, 16 th	7:30 pm Shabbat Service
Friday, 23 rd	7:30 pm Shabbat Service
Friday, 30 th	7:30 pm Shabbat Shirah Service



FEBRUARY

Friday, 6 th	7:30 pm Shabbat Service
Friday, 13 th	7:30 pm Shabbat Service
Friday, 20 th	7:30 pm Shabbat Service
Friday 27 th	7:30 pm Shabbat Service



WITH OUR CONGREGATION

(If you would like information printed in this section, please let Jo Ann know.)

Mazel Tov to Joan and Eddy Fraifeld on the recent engagement of their son Ben Fraifeld to Carly Berger.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Ann Anderson and family on the recent death of their cousin and IDF soldier, Ari Goldberg. Ari made Aliyah to Israel after high school in 2022. "He loved his community of Dimona and was very happy for the privilege to be a warrior and to fight for the people and the land."

Our wishes for good health are extended to **Bernard Baker, Mira Becher, Carol Caplan, Susan Dufour, Joe Eisenberg, Eddy Fraifeld, Larry Golsen, Faye Kushner, Ronnie Mand, Don Loper, Debbie Rippe, and Kathy Sahale.**



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Yom Huledet Sameach/Yom Nisuin Sameach – Happy Birthday/Happy Anniversary to you:

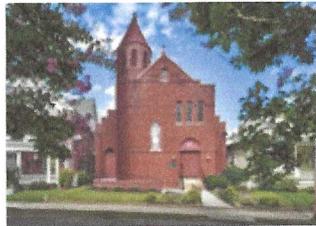
January Birthdays: 2 – Jasmine Eisner; 10 – Don Loper; 13 – Robert Fryman; 21 – Bernard Baker; 22 – George Brumfield; 23 – Belinda Baker

February Birthdays: 6 – Mira Becher; 7 – Karen Mandel; 9 – Carol Caplan; 22 – Michael Caplan



"Attention is the rarest and purest form of generosity."

Uplift another congregant's spirits by giving them a call or sending them a card, email or text! It only takes a few minutes, and it will make a big difference in their day and yours!



Temple Beth Sholom Donations

Please remember the Building Fund for such things as Sympathy, Mazel Tov, Thank You, and Speedy Recovery. The list is endless. Your contribution will brighten someone's day and help support **YOUR** temple at the same time!

Sam and Faye Kushner – Commemorating the yahrzeits of the following friends: Mildred Barth, Sigurd Navell, Fred Feibelman, and Dr. Samuel Newman – our beloved pediatrician

Jo Ann and Peter Howard – In memory of beloved Mother, Eleanor Sager, Nephew Riley Scott Harness, Aunt Rita Jo Tensly, Cousin Janet Festinger

Gary Grant – For the restoration of the temple

Harry Maring – In memory of Mildred Barth

Joshua, Jessica and Lucia Hearne

Dear Friends and Neighbors at Temple Beth Sholom,

We are so grateful for your congregation and the many ways that your members serve our community. I consider it an honor to have been invited for the last few years to participate in the High Holy Days celebrations with you, and I am grateful to you for your welcome and hospitality. We were grieved to learn of the destruction of your temple library. The loss of that collection is a loss to our Danville community nearly as much as it is for your members. Though it is likely irreplaceable, we hope that this donation might help in the recovery of your building, or in any other way that your leaders see fit.

Peace to you all, as well as our love.

Sincerely,

The Hearne Family



A Little Humor is Good for the Soul!

My Bubbe's Talmud

If you can't say something nice, say it in Yiddish.

No one looks good in a yarmulke.

The optimist sees the bagel; the pessimist sees the hole.

Wine needs to breathe, so don't rush through the kiddush.

Remember, even Sandy Koufax didn't play ball on Yom Kippur.

Israel is the land of milk and honey; Florida is the land of milk of magnesia.

The High Holidays have absolutely nothing to do with marijuana.

Always whisper the names of diseases.

If you don't eat, it will kill me.

Anything worth saying is worth repeating a thousand times.

Never take a front-row seat at a bris.

Next year in Jerusalem. The year after that, how about a nice cruise?

Spring ahead, fall back, winter in Miami Beach.

According to Jewish dietary law, pork and shellfish may be eaten only in Chinese restaurants.

If you're going to whisper at the movies, make sure it's loud enough for everyone else to hear.

No meal is complete without leftovers.

What business is a Yenta in? Yours.

The only thing more important than a good education is a good parking spot at the mall.

Laugh now, but one day you'll be driving a big Cadillac and eating dinner at four in the afternoon.



January/February 2026

Jo Ann Howard, Editor

Editor's Note: I am sorry for the delay in sending out this newsletter.

Martha sent this article on time. Jo Ann Howard

Greetings from Martha Woody, Danville President

As I write this on New Year's Eve, I am reminded of a line from the Semi Sonic song, Closing Time, "Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." And so it is as we bring 2025 to a close and look forward to 2026. We can certainly be proud of our little chapter's accomplishments in the past year, and hopefully we are energized, at least a little, for the work we will accomplish in 2026. The winter solstice has passed, and each day is a bit longer than the one before.

As I mentioned in my last message, the first trimester in Hadassah (January – April) focuses on empowerment and is a call for each of us to make our voices heard about the issues most dear to us. Certainly, the attack on Jews celebrating Hannukah at Bondi Beach near Sydney, Australia emphasizes the frightening uptick in antisemitic violence. Even in my very small community of Martinsville, Virginia, our synagogue felt a need for extra protection the night we held our communal chanukiah lighting and covered dish supper. We asked for, and received, extra police patrols that evening and I was grateful to receive a phone call from the local police department several days later as they wanted to make sure that we felt protected. There are good people in the world!

Such violence as occurred at Bondi Beach is the logical outcome of the rise in antisemitic rhetoric and the increasing normalization of antisemitism in both personal and political speech. It has been eighty years since the end of World War II when the world recognized the immense horror of the Holocaust, and that horror no longer resonates as strongly with the generations that followed. Winston Churchill in 1948, paraphrasing George Santayana, said "Those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it." One of our responsibilities is to ensure that critical Holocaust education is provided so that the lessons of history can prevent future atrocities.

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Although the Hadassah National Action Center is currently undergoing renovation, there is still plenty of information there not only about supporting Holocaust education and fighting against antisemitism, but about many other issues as well: improving maternal and child health; fertility treatment and care; women's health research; strengthening security resources for faith and community groups; and more. The National Action Center empowers you to make your voice heard on the issues that matter to you most and makes the process efficient and effective as well.

Please remember that the Virginia General Assembly will be in session from mid-January to mid-March and plans are already being made for a Date with the State on Tuesday, February 10th. More information will be provided in the coming weeks but please put the date on your calendar and make every effort to attend if you live in Virginia. For all of us, wherever we live, Hadassah's Day on the Hill on Tuesday, March 10th is an opportunity to meet with our US senators and representatives in DC to let them know about our concerns and to educate them about important issues such as reproductive health. Much of the pre-planning and training that we need to make this day successful is done for us by Hadassah. Please consider making the effort to make your voice heard, loud and clear, on Capitol Hill.

While this message has focused on weighty issues such as violence and antisemitism, all is not gloom and doom. Jews have always found strength in community, in perseverance, and even in humor. I pray that you will find the time in the new year to enjoy those things which bring you peace – reading a good book (or even a trashy novel), listening to music, or spending time with family and friends. Best wishes for a 2026 filled with health and happiness!

Martha Woody, President



2025 Day on the Hill



A Standing Ovation for OUR Danville Chapter!

Thank you to everyone who supported our 2025 projects.



Galentine's Day "No Show" Event --Our no-show event was held during the month of February and was a great success! We raised \$1,870 to help support the Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO).



5786 New Year Card – Thank you to Susan Dufour for chairing this project.

We had 38 families participate and raised \$969. The money made from this project was designated for Young Judaea Scholarships, which offers opportunities for our children and grandchildren to attend educational programs and Young Judaea camps which help them develop their Jewish identity.



Angels of Mercy – Ronnie Mand and Jo Ann Howard have continued to co-chair this project. We thank Carol Caplan, Susan Dufour, Jo Ann Howard, Ronnie Mand, Melanie Vaughan, and Martha Woody for securing their business ads. We also thank our Hadassah and non-Hadassah donors who supported this project. We surpassed our goal with a grand total of \$18,644 for HMO!



Birthday/Anniversary Cards – Thank you to Dawne Lucas for continuing to chair this project. She works on it year-round in order to send out the birthday and anniversary cards each month. Thank you to those of you who support this project. We raised \$1,547, which not only supports Hadassah's two Youth Aliyah, villages, but will also bring a smile to the faces of those who will receive birthday and anniversary cards in 2026.



Rays of Hope & Celebration – This year-round project has given members a way to virtually light a menorah at a meeting and/or send a mazel tov, get well, or an expression of sympathy to a friend or family member. We raised \$414 for Greatest Need.



Notes like these make our Angels of Mercy project even more meaningful.

It is my pleasure to donate to Hadassah's Angels of Mercy project. What a worthy organization! God bless all of you working on this wonderful project.

Carolyn

Thanks for all you do on behalf of Hadassah. It was so dear to my Mother's heart.

Sara

Contribution for the good works of Hadassah.

Janet and Bob

It is my honor to add my humble contribution to yours!

Marcy

Thank you for including us on your September 2025 letter to raise funds for HMO. I do remember my mother being Chapter President and meeting Golda Meir in Miami at the National Convention. Mom was a committed member of Hadassah for her entire adult life.

Irving

I am happy to donate to such a worthwhile project as Angels of Mercy.

Cheryl

Thank you for your continuing your good works for Israel.

Joanie L.

Nature Names Hadassah's Hospitals #1 in Israel for Scientific Output



Hadassah Medical Organization, Jerusalem

Jerusalem — The leading journal *Nature* has named the **Hadassah Medical Organization**, the hospital system of Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, the **#1 hospital in Israel for scientific output**. The publication's *Nature Index* also ranks Hadassah among the top 200 hospitals worldwide.

The *Index* tracks primary-research articles in 145 natural- and health-science journals chosen, based on reputation, by an independent group of researchers.

Of all of Israel's hospitals, during the period 2024 to 2025 the Hadassah Medical Organization was the most prolific author of articles on the clinical sciences (patient-centered medicine), oncology and carcinogenesis, microbiology, genetics, cardiovascular medicine, hematology and many other areas.

Said **Eyal Mishani, PhD**, head of the hospital system's Research and Development Division, "Nature ranked the hospitals based on impact factors, such as what they've published, the number of times an article was quoted and how many online visits each received – all of the academic parameters that facilitate an assessment of a hospital's scientific work."

Dr. Mishani, who has overseen Hadassah's research program for two decades, gives credit for the hospital system's success to its staff, who "focus on the 'hottest' areas of research in every sphere of medicine you can think of."

He and **Yoram Weiss, MD**, chief executive of the Hadassah Medical Organization, agree that its parent body and generous donors have been essential to the success.

"Without the support of Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, and forward-thinking philanthropists who understand the importance of the work we're doing, we wouldn't have been able to achieve what we have or to establish research centers that are changing the face of medicine," said Dr. Weiss, citing as examples Hadassah's Wohl Institute for Translational Medicine, the Hadassah Organoid Center and the Hadassah Cancer Research Institute.

Israel's Health Ministry Ranks Hadassah's Hospitals #1 in Jerusalem for Internal Medicine

JERUSALEM — Israel's Ministry of Health has ranked the **Hadassah Medical Organization** first in Jerusalem and second in Israel in a new report on the quality of care provided by Israeli hospitals' internal medicine departments.

The Ministry has also ranked the Jerusalem-based hospital system, which is owned by Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, first in Jerusalem in preventing internal medicine readmissions – one of the most important indicators of the quality of care – citing the in-depth, professional and comprehensive care the Hadassah Medical Organization gives its patients.

To rank Israel's hospitals, the Ministry compared their performance on six measures, including staffing levels for physicians and nurses, patient experience and clinical outcomes.

Said **Yoram Weiss, MD**, chief executive of the Hadassah Medical Organization, "Our rankings reflect the intensive and professional efforts of our multidisciplinary teams. That includes everyone in the internal medicine intensive care unit, which does so much to enhance the quality of care in internal medicine."

Internal medicine departments are the foundation of Israel's public hospital system, with hundreds of thousands of patients receiving care each year, often for complex medical conditions and multiple illnesses. Population aging and the rising incidence of chronic diseases have added to the burden on already busy departments.

The Ministry of Health's stated goals in publishing the rankings, which are used to allocate government grants, include promoting public transparency and encouraging continual improvement.

