

Friday, January 15, 2021, 7:30 PM Shabbat Zoom Service

(Zoom link at the bottom of this e-newsletter)

Yahrzeits for January: *May their Memory be for a Blessing*

Florence Amber, Bill Feinstein, Sara Kastner, Lee Kaufman, Rosalind Kramer, Albert Levin, Libbie Murstein and Ben Newman. And, just recently, ***Meredith Carpe***

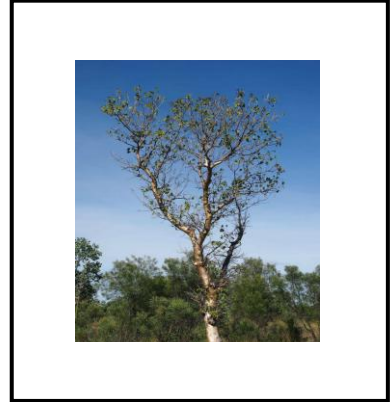
VIRTUAL TU B'SHVAT SEDER WITH OTHER BUCKEYES

Sunday, January 24 at 1 PM via ZOOM –Flyer attached

YOU must sign up at the link:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYld--urTkuGNNXbLwXQ-vj20K4MDawISPh>

Join fellow Jews from over a dozen small Jewish congregations from around Ohio for a free online celebration of Tu B'Shvat, the New Year of the Trees. This one-hour virtual program (sponsored by the Ohio Regional Small Community Congregations, Jewish Community Legacy Project, and the Jewish Federations of North America/Network of Independent Communities) will feature a Tu B'Shvat seder, which explores the symbolic messages and meanings hidden in the natural world and the life-cycle of trees, and the connections Jewish tradition makes between these symbols and our own lives. The program includes music, learning, socializing, and more. ***The list of foods for this Seder you may want to have ready is attached to this email, as well as the song sheet.***



FEBRUARY SERVICE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12 - PURIM COMES EARLY TO A.E.



Jason Schmidt, Jese Shell, Ella Shuchat, Mike Feinstein in 2018. Who will be Haman this year?

WANTED! Looking for February's Purim spiel actors! No previous acting required. (Bonus if you've done stand-up in professional comedy clubs!)

MESSAGE FROM RABBINIC INTERN TZVIA:

Shalom,

I'm not sure about you but I'm about ready to give up my 7-day free trial of 2021. The new year was supposed to bring a fresh start, yet here we are, facing the same problems we were before.

This coming up week in the Torah we read *Parsha Va-eira*. We read how the Hebrews were discouraged with the actions that were taking place that would lead to their freedom from slavery. We read about the plagues which rained down on the people of Egypt, yet miraculously the Hebrews of Goshen were saved. We also read, that God did not act alone in the freeing of the Hebrews. God worked with a reluctant Moses who worked with Aaron and Miriam. Together, these siblings fought the stubborn godlike Pharaoh and convinced him to desist from the oppression he was inflicting on the Hebrews.

Today, it is hard to tell which plague we are suffering from when there are so many: COVID, mental health, and a toxic political climate. When we add in the stubborn wills and hardened hearts of millions of people, the battle towards freedom feels insurmountable.

Yet from this Parsha, we also get hope. We are not working alone as we do our part in surviving these plagues, God is here with us. Many of us may be reluctant, like Moses, when we are tasked with doing our part to bring about an end to the suffering. And some of us may be natural leaders like Aaron and Miriam - ready to help others. Whichever character we more closely align with, what matters is that we all have a role to play in this developing story of 2020/2021. We are partners with God in creating a better tomorrow. God has given us scientists, experts, and healers, and it is our responsibility to listen to them. I pray that they are quick with tongue and action in helping us fight these plagues. May our hearts soften to the idea of helping our nation rebuild itself as we prepare to enter this new wilderness of 2021.

May the One who blessed the staff of Moses, bless our actions as we continue the fight these on-going plagues. Watch over those who have stumbled, Sacred Healer, and gird them with the strength to move forward. Our Divine Compass, guide us, the leaders of our country and the experts, as they navigate us through this winding wilderness.

This year is just the beginning. Let us re-subscribe ourselves to doing what it takes so that next year we can all be in Jerusalem.

The questions I will ask at our next service are: how have our hearts been hardened this past year? -AND- In what ways has God acted in partnership with you?

L'shalom, Tzvia

MISHEBERACH: *Prayers for healing to*

Jerry Hillelson* (*address for cards below*), Fred Freed, Carol Polino, Shelley Roberts, Mike Swanger

THANK YOU!

Melissa Reed, Cory & Sharon Lemmon, Piper Foster, Josh Brown, Maxine Rubin

How do I get on Zoom for our January 15 Shabbat Services???:

1. Go to Zoom and enter the **Meeting ID: 810 4667 9632, Passcode: Shalom 5781**

OR

2. **Join Zoom Meeting LINK for all upcoming services:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81046679632?pwd=WGpGQnM1cTJDOXZqVHhpT2Rabmttdz09>

3. ***OR***

Dial from any phone

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CARDS TO JERRY HILLELSON:

(cards welcomed to Jerry: % Springmeade, Room 118 (until 1/14) and then it will be another room; 4375 S. Co. Rd. 25A, Tipp City OH 45371

Cards to Joanne Hillelson at home, 2875 Hickorywood, Troy OH 45373