

# Emanuel Synagogue Bulletin

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## JANUARY SPECIAL EVENTS

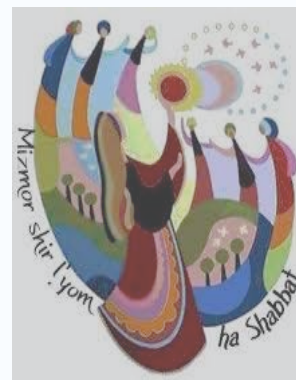
- Jan. 1 Snow Tubing
- Jan. 14 Poker Night
- Jan. 16 Camp Night
- Jan. 19 Sisterhood Shabbat
- Jan. 20 MLK Study & Movie
- Jan. 21 Tu B'Shevat

## SERVICE TIMES

Friday	6:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM
Thursday	8:30 AM

## There's no other Shabbat like Sisterhood Shabbat Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

Although all the parts of the service and luncheon are preformed by women, it is a regular service and Everyone is encouraged to attend.



Pray, Eat, Socialize

## A Very Special Gift

Outside the Rabbis' offices is a new life saving device, an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Richard and Louise Fritz donated the Heartsine Samaritan Pad 350p. This easy to use defibrillator analyzes the heart rhythm and delivers a lifesaving shock to the victims, adult or child, of sudden cardiac arrest.

Thank you, Thank you,  
Thank You





## From the Rabbi's Study Rabbi Abby Jacobson



This month, we continue our series of brief and thought-provoking passages of Talmud. We begin, however, with a very popular contemporary notion: Summarize your Judaism in six words.

The book *Six-Word Memoirs on Jewish Life* continues a project first suggested in the online *Smith Magazine* in 2006 – the six-word memoir. The project pushes people to distill their life story, good advice, or even their company's mission down to exactly six words (you can read more at [www.sixwordmemoirs.com](http://www.sixwordmemoirs.com)). If you're skeptical, you're not alone – the cover of *Six-Word Memoirs on Jewish Life* asks, "Oy! Only six? Why not more?"

### **Some of the sentiments are beautiful:**

*"Leviticus: Love your neighbor as yourself."*

*"The Shema: My favorite six words."*

*"Do good. Be kind. Thank God."*

*"My people celebrate life every day."*

### **Some are stereotypical:**

*"You never write, you never call."*

*"Family spends meals discussing other meals."*

*"Deli food always beats fine dining."*

*"Fourteen Rachels in my address book."*

### **Some might be uncomfortable:**

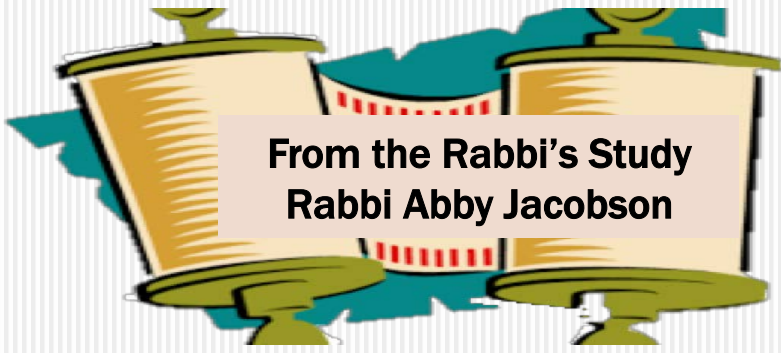
*"Why worry? History suggests it's advisable."*

*"Non-Jewish wife more Jewish than me."*

*"But you don't look Jewish."*

*"A wandering Jew never says goodbye."*

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This was a project of Rabbi Simlai, a third-century Sage from the Land of Israel, who brought five different passages from the Tanakh that he felt summarize all of the 613 commandments – meaning that they summarize the whole of the Torah. (Babylonian Talmud, tractate Makkot, 23b-24a)

According to Rabbi Simlai, King David (who is traditionally understood as the author of the book of Psalms) summarized the Torah in Psalm 15, with eleven points. I invite you to look up Psalm 15 to see the list, and this passage in the Talmud (cited above) for the complete explication of the list.

Rabbi Simlai goes on to point out the verse Isaiah 33:15, which he says summarizes the Torah in six points. Again, the verse and the point-by-point interpretation of it are worth looking up.

Rabbi Simlai credits the prophet Micah with summarizing the Torah in three points: “...only to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.” He credits Isaiah with summarizing the Torah in two points: ...observe justice and perform righteousness.” Finally, he credits both the prophet Amos and the prophet Habakkuk with summarizing the Torah in one point. Amos said, “Seek Me and live,” and Habakkuk said, “But the righteous person shall live by his faith.”



## FROM OUR PRESIDENTS

To our Emanuel Synagogue Family:

We are certainly pleased that the weather forecast turned out to be wrong and the Hanukkah festivities were able to carry on. Thank you to the Sisterhood for all their hard work and dedication to make the Latke Lunch such a splendid event!

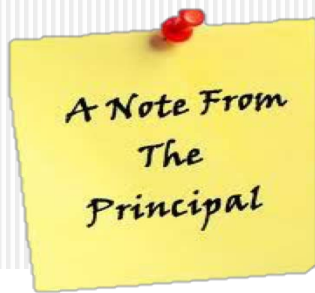
Your board members are continually working on security issues to keep you safe and have met with officials to evaluate our building's security. We will be inviting you to a brief safety drill in the coming weeks so that everyone is comfortable in our place of worship. We ask that our members be proactive and greet newcomers, not only to be inviting but also to be aware of who we allow in our building.

Next time you are at the synagogue, please take a minute to locate the new defibrillator located outside the Rabbi's office. It should be accessible to everyone in our building. Here is the link to the 5 minute video on how to use it. If you have further questions, please let us know. It is the Heartsine Samaritan PAD 350. [https://youtu.be/\\_99hQA-1Mz8](https://youtu.be/_99hQA-1Mz8). Many thanks to Richard and Louise Fritz for donating the unit.

Let's Be Green!! We are very excited about our new online bulletin. This has been in the works for a long time! You will be receiving a monthly email letting you know the bulletin is available and a link to open it. It will be in color and very professionally done! If you would prefer to receive a hard copy in the mail, please let the office know.

We wish all of you a happy and healthy 2019!

Julie and Tammy  
Co-Presidents



Rabbi Juan Mejia

Dear ICSS Families,

January brings a new semester to ICSS. We are extremely grateful to Mike Korenblit (Holocaust - 7th and 8th grade) and to Rabbi Juan Mejia (Prophets - 6th grade) for teaching in the Fall Semester, and we welcome Leah Hanna (Israel - 7th and 8th grade) and Rachel Opatowsky (Comparative Judaism - 6th grade) as they begin teaching for the Spring semester. We are extremely thankful to the rest of our committed faculty for their constant efforts on behalf of our kids' Jewish education.

On Sunday January 20th, ICSS will be joining Temple B'nai Israel in their annual MLK celebration. Children in Pre-K to 5th grade will have class normally in our 10 AM - 12 PM slot. Students in grades 6th-10th will be helping out with the MLK programming. Please have your students at the Temple at 5:30 PM. The program will end at 8 PM.

On Sunday, January 27th parents are welcome to join the Jewish Federation during ICSS for a documentary titled "They Played for Their Lives", in honor of International Holocaust Remembrance Day. This documentary is free to attend and open to the entire community. Children in seventh grade and above are welcome to attend as long as they are accompanied by an adult. The movie will be showing from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Temple B'nai Israel.

### **Our schedule for January is as follows:**

Sunday, January 6th (10 AM-12 PM): ICSS Class (Beginning of First Spring Semester)

Sunday, January 13th (10 AM-12 PM): ICSS Class

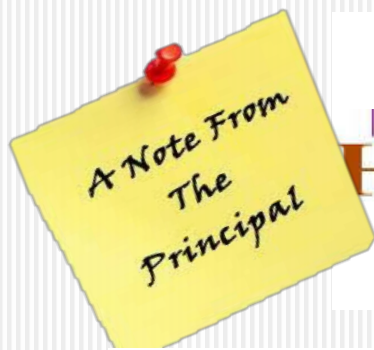
Sunday, January 20th (10 AM-12 PM): ICSS Class for Grades Pre-K to 5th

Sunday, January 20th (5:30-8 PM): ICSS MLK Program for 6th to 10th

Sunday, January 27th (10 AM-12 PM): ICSS Class/"They Played for their Lives" Movie

Stay warm and inspired in this new 2019,

Rabbi Juan Mejia and Mrs. Rachel Opatowsky MAEd, RJE



# BLOOM FAMILY H E B R E W SCHOOL



Rabbi Juan Mejia

Dear Bloom Family Hebrew School Families,

Happy 2019! We hope that this first semester of class has been one of joy, meaning, and learning. We will be on break for the first Wednesday of the month (January 2nd) when we will be doing teacher enrichment with our outstanding staff.

Our Oklahoma City Campus will have class on Wednesdays from 4:15-6:15 PM on the following dates:

- Wednesday, January 9th
- Wednesday, January 16th
- Wednesday, January 23rd
- Wednesday, January 30th

Given that Norman City Schools are closed on MLK day, we will not have class on that Monday (January 28th) in our Norman Campus. We will have class on Monday from 4:30-6 PM at the facilities of OU Hillel on the following dates:

- Monday, January 7th
- Monday, January 14th
- Monday, January 28th

Have a fruitful Tu Bishvat and a Happy New Year,

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# Sisterhood News

*Carol Epstein Recording Secretary*

“It was a miracle” or Jewish people do not listen to weather reports!!! Whatever you believe, we had a wonderful event on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. The Sisterhood Latke Lunch was a true Hanukkah celebration. Lots of Latkes, grandparents, grandchildren and adults of all ages sharing the spirit of the holiday. The “Balloon Lady,” Bingo Game and a visit with the “Mensch on the Bench” was a fun surprise!!

The Blue Apron Brigade was led by **LAURA LEVINE, BRENDA HOOPER, and LOIS PENDERGRAFT**, and included **LISA SLATER, DIANE RUBIN, MARILYN ZOBLOTSKY, HELENE HARPMAN, JOYCE FRIEDMAN, MANDIE THORNTON, JAN GREEN and CAROL EPSTEIN.**

A special thank you goes to **JAN GREEN and HER FAMILY**, whose Gift Shop displays decorated the entire social hall. The duo of Bella and Gracia preformed a selection of Hanukkah songs!!! A very big Thank You to our very own “bench warmer” **JEFF GOSS!**



Where else can you hear the women of Emanuel Sisterhood lead the service, do the blessings, carry the Torah, give the D’var Torah AND prepare a delicious lunch for the congregation!!!

Please come support your wives, mothers, sisters, daughters, bubbes, aunts, and friends for this once a year event.



## IT'S HAMANTASCHEN TIME



Cherry, prune, chocolate, apricot, raspberry, poppy ,and assorted. Only \$10.00 for a baker's dozen. Be on the lookout for your flyer in the mail with more information and a Hamantaschen Order Form

## Emanuel Sisterhood Gift Shop



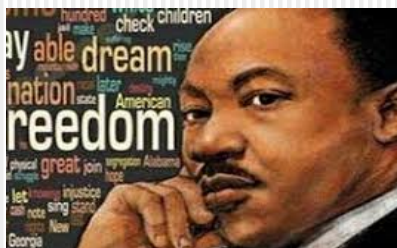
Buy your Bar & Bat Mitzvah, Wedding, and Baby Gifts. Plus, Yahrzeit and Shabbos candles, Jewelry, pottery and so much more



January 1<sup>st</sup>



January 16<sup>th</sup>



January 20<sup>th</sup>



March 17-21



### SLEDDING ON STERIODS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

ESY slides into an afternoon of fun, Snow Tubing at the Bricktown Ballpark. MEET AT THE JOHNNY BENCH STATUE TUESDAY JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, AT 1:30 PM. \$13 gets you unlimited slides and the youth group will buy the hot chocolate for members.

**SLIDE INTO FUN, BRING A FRIEND & DRESS WARM!**

### Camp Night

**Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

Following Hebrew School (6 PM) in the Youth Lounge, come meet Rabbi Eliav Bock, Director of Ramah in the Rockies. This informative evening will include dinner and cool camp SWAG.

### ESY Participates with the MLK Jr. Holiday Coalition

For the second year in a row ESY will participate and honor Dr. King. ESY will begin with an overnight studying the teachings of Dr. King and in the morning we will march to remember January 20 & 21

### SOONER IS GOING HOLLYWOOD BZOOMER LA Shabbaton March 17-21

4th annual BZOOMER Shabbaton is going Hollywood. Sunset on the Santa Monica Pier, Museum of Tolerance, Theme Park, and Purim LA Style will make this a spring break to remember. Applications will be out soon, estimated cost is \$350 + airfare. Contact Jeff to save your spot for West Coast fun!

### IT IS GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME AGAIN

Support Girl Scout Troop 613 Beginning February 1<sup>st</sup> and buy your yearly supply of Girl Scout S'mores®, Caramel deLites®/Samoas®, Peanut Butter Patties®/Tagalongs®, Shortbread/Trefoils®, Do-si-dos®/Peanut Butter Sandwich, Lemonades™, and Thin Mints® only \$5, \$6, and \$7 per box depending on your favorite.





## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Dr. Michael & Diana Robinson
- 22 Larry & Mary Trachtenberg
- 27 Ivan & Myrna Markowitz
- 29 Murray & Sharon Cohen



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

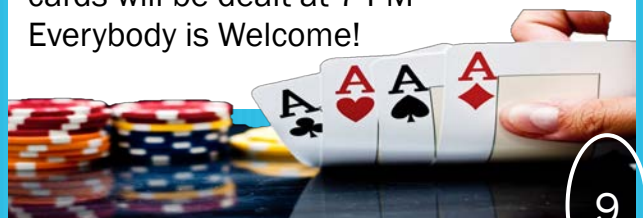
- 1 Amanda Blumenthal
- 1 Ronna Davis
- 2 Arlette Poplin
- 5 Martin Rich
- 5 Tina Rothblum
- 5 Jean Routman

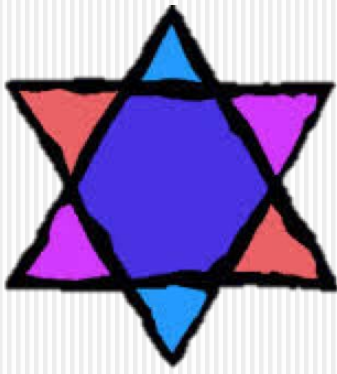
## MORE JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Levi Aroch
- 9 Ronnie Grinberg
- 11 Margret Cotten
- 11 Sharon Neuwald
- 14 Harry Merson
- 16 Mylin Klein
- 19 Larry Trachtenberg
- 21 Samuel A. Friedman
- 25 Jay Farber
- 25 Carol Krasnow
- 26 Lizzy Moore
- 29 Jorja Rose
- 29 Howard Stein



Go all in and be part of the January 14<sup>th</sup> Men's Club Meeting & Poker Night. The cards will be dealt at 7 PM  
Everybody is Welcome!





# תודה רבה TODA RABAH

## **Donation to Rabbi's Discretionary Fund Slater Family Fund**

Dr. Michael Robinson & Valerie  
Robinson-Hill

Levi Aroch & Ana Reyes

Cesar & Belki Padilla

Dr. Robert B. & Phyllis Epstein

## **In appreciation of Rabbi Abby Jacobson**

Dr. Michael Robinson  
& Valerie Robinson-Hill

## **Donation to Hebrew School**

Levi Aroch & Ana Reyes

Cesar & Belki Padilla

## **Donation to Cemetery Fund**

Dr. Robert B. & Phyllis Epstein  
Brenda Hooper

## **In Honor of Eleanor Miller**

Don Goldstein

Martin & Shirley Rich

## **In Honor of Eleanor Miller good wishes for her move to NJ**

Dr. Robert B. & Phyllis Epstein

## **In Honor of Brenda Hooper & Joyce Friedman for caring and the Tanakh**

Eli Rubowitz

## **In Honor of Michael & Joan Korenblit**

Dr. Mark & Debra Wolraich

## **In Honor of Shirley Shanker's 90th Birthday**

Jerry & Jackie Bendorf

Sylvia Trachtenberg

## **Speedy Recovery of Tammy Weiss**

Loren & Julie Plotkin

## **Speedy Recovery of Jonathan Sparks**

Brenda Hooper

## **In memory of lives lost**

Coe Plumbing, Inc.

Stacy Coe

## **In Honor of Helene Harpman for the Hanukkah Party**

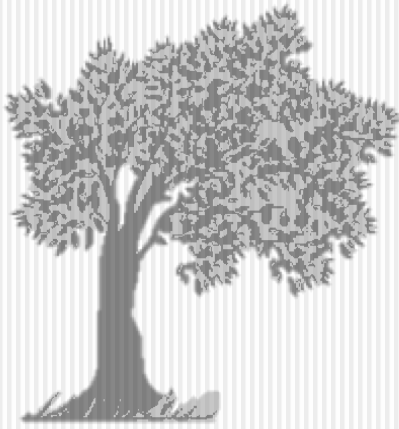
Eli Rubowitz

## **In Honor of Marsha Gainer for the latkes**

Eli Rubowitz

## **In Honor of Marvin Eerson the bartender**

Eli Rubowitz



# *In Memory Of Our Loved Ones*

**ALBERT BATESHASKY**

Judith Bateshansky

**ANNIE BLUM**

Phil & Janelle Kopp

**MICHAEL BARLOW**

Anita Barlow

**AL COHEN**

Elaine Weise

**BEN COOPER**

Dr. Robert B. & Phyllis Epstein

**HANNAH ELIMELECH**

Fred & Arlette Poplin

**YEHOUDAH ELIMELECH**

Fred & Arlette Poplin

**ALBERT EMMER**

Murray & Sharon Cohen

**LARRY EMMER**

Murray & Sharon Cohen

**FAY EPSTEIN**

Dr. Robert B. & Phyllis Epstein

**ABE GOLDSTEIN**

Don Goldstein

**PEARL GOSS**

David & Lindy Goss

Jeff & Hali Goss

**OSCAR GREEN**

Harold & Jan Green

**JULIUS JOSEPHSON**

Martin & Shirley Rich

**WILLARD MEYER**

Miriam Want

**HENRIETTA OSHERWITZ**

Tom Osherwitz

**DR. EILEEN RAIZEN**

Don Goldstein

**ELAINE ROBINSON**

Murray & Sharon Cohen

Don Goldstein

Brenda Hooper

Sherri Jacobson

Dr. Martin & Laura Levine

Donald & Debbie Nevard

Robert & Tammy Weiss

Dr. Mark & Debra Wolraich

**ERIE ROSE**

Deborah & Quenton

Duren

**HOWARD SILVERMAN**

Elaine Weise

**SAM SKALOVSKY**

Al & Shirley Skalovsky

**RUTH STEIN**

Howard Stein

& Nance Cunningham

**LAURA STINGER**

Richard & Louise Fritz

**JOSEPY YOURMAN**

Mark & Janet Price

**WILLIAM & BELLE WEISE**

Elaine Weise



## *With Affection We Recall..*

**Tuesday, January 1,  
24 Tevet**

Florence Lederman Schneider  
Lisa Wagner  
Shirley Hellman

**Wednesday, January 2,  
25 Tevet**

Bertha Dorn  
Ruth Goldberg  
Anne Rothbard

**Thursday, January 3,  
26 Tevet**

Mildred Kowaloff  
Elizabeth Sherman

**Friday, January 4,  
27 Tevet**

Margaret Janco  
Allan Stone  
Joan Weinberg

**Sunday, January 6,  
29 Tevet**

Jerry Arvine  
Blanche Goldberg  
Joe Levy  
Lillie Stackhouse  
Ann White

**Monday, January 7,  
1 Shevat**

Bessie Bennett  
Adeline Gratch

**Wednesday, January 9,  
3 Shevat**

Jerome Rose  
Florette Shanker

**Thursday, January 10,  
4 Shevat**

Lisa Anne Fogle  
Dorothy Kurlender  
Zel Rozin

**Friday, January 11,  
5 Shevat**

Diane Albrecht  
Aaron J. Levy  
Arthur Silberman  
Albert Waintroob

**Sunday, January 13,  
7 Shevat**

Albert Bleiweiss  
Evelyn Craig  
Ida Shanker

**Monday, January 14,  
8 Shevat**

Kitty Arvine

**Tuesday, January 15,  
9 Shevat**

Alice Gardner  
Helen Smith  
Goldstein  
Sylvia Golsen  
Ferdinand Klein



## *With Affection We Recall..*

**Wednesday, January 16,  
10 Shevat**

James Beauchamp  
Jarvis Craig  
I. H. Gardner  
Rebecca Gardner  
Amparo Restrepo

**Monday, January 21,  
15 Shevat**

Joy Guile

**Wednesday, January 23,  
17 Shevat**

Bernice Butler Gardner  
Edward Skalovsky

**Sunday, January 27,  
21 Shevat**

Sadie Block  
Kent Doyle  
Jeanette Lemson  
Nathan Lichtenstein  
Fanny Arshopsky Smith

**Friday, January 17,  
11 Shevat**

Jacob Colodesch

**Thursday, January 24,  
18 Shevat**

Dr. Herman Fagin  
Frances Marwil  
Joe Rodman

**Monday, January 28,  
22 Shevat**

Charlotte Leser

**Saturday, January 19,  
13 Shevat**

Charles Jacobson

**Tuesday, January 29,  
23 Shevat**

Shirley Redlich

**Sunday, January 20,  
14 Shevat**

Herbert Langsam  
Nathan Rothbard  
Leon Settles

**Friday, January 25,  
19 Shevat**

Israel Slutzky

**Wednesday, January 30  
24 Shevat**

Eva Green  
Stanley Slater  
Edward Sureck

**Saturday, January 26,  
20 Shevat**

Sterling Byers



PICTURES



OF THE

MONTH

