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Co-President's Words

דברי הנשיא

On Rosh Hashanah, Rabbi Brian shared how Jewish tradition enjoins us to welcome the stranger. Thirty-six times it says this in Torah. Only once does it say, “love your neighbor as yourself.” Why? Here’s a nice interpretation from Rabbi Jonathan Sacks (former chief Rabbi of England): Both are important. It’s just a lot harder to love the stranger; so we have to hear that call more often.

I’m really proud to see how TvO is heeding this call. Thanks to TvO member Doug Stayman, we now have a working group to support refugees. In December, in concert with two other groups – Ithaca Welcomes Refugees and Catholic Charities – 29 TvO members organized in very short order all the materials needed for 50 refugees arriving in Ithaca in the new year: car seats, toiletries kits. How wonderful to have this avenue to help, when we see in the news so many other refugees we can’t help. Wonderful also to be able to do this explicitly as Jews. As one refugee described his experience arriving in Buffalo and being taken care of by Jewish Family Services there: “I don’t have any problems with Jewish or Christian or any other religion,” he said. “Muslims, we were killed by other Muslims. And now it’s Jewish people who are helping us. So it’s not religion, it’s politics.” (Buffalo News, 11/28/16, “Syrian Refugee: ‘Our Experience in Buffalo, We Find All Love’”). Of their own work, the Jewish aid organization says, “We used to resettle refugees because they were Jewish ... Today we do it because we’re Jewish.” I find this extremely moving.

I’m moved also by TvO’s work building warm supportive connections to Ithaca’s Muslim residents. Four Muslim community members participated in our services on Dec. 10, Human Rights Shabbat. It was enlightening and heartening to hear them comment on the many similarities between our faiths. “We have this concept we call ‘tzedakah,’” one visitor said. “What do you call it in Hebrew?” They also asked us for help as we’re able: funding the first Muslim chaplain at Cornell, and the mosque they hope to build in town. And they asked that we call our elected leaders to pre-empt a Muslim registry. Many heads nodded around the room showing our intent as individuals to take these steps. We also plan to act as a board: to develop a statement against targeting of Muslims or any other group.

I want to end by suggesting one more way I personally would like to welcome the stranger. One of the big take-aways for me from this election is that there is an increasingly toxic divide between Left and Right, and (to a large extent) between rural and urban, and between social classes. These divides need bridging as much as any others. But there are so many barriers to doing this work: fear, anger, distrust, lack of will, and especially know-how. Helpful to my own

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thinking is this TEDx talk by Robb Willer: “Why Your Political Discussions Go Nowhere.” I was particularly struck by Willer’s message at the end: “Empathy and respect. It’s the least we owe to our fellow citizens.”

This in mind, I’m excited by recent board discussions about the need for skill-building workshops on “how to talk about hard things” – not just across political divides, but with anyone who holds passionately-held views very different from our own. Our hope is to be able to provide such in February or March. Stay tuned!

In the meantime, my personal intention (post-election) is to do my piece – for refugees, for local Muslims, and others under threat. But also by making “empathy and respect” a practice, no matter who I’m talking with. As Jon Stewart put it (when asked how he would remain optimistic post-election), “What you need to do in this situation is rally the troops for those most vulnerable ... There’s no real America. It’s just, it is what it is ... Generally people are just trying to get to work. And I think the key for us is to be like, who needs a ride?” (Huffington Post, 12/1/16 “Jon Stewart Finally Went Long”).

– *Miranda Phillips*



Shabbat and Holidays

שבת וחגים

KABBALAT SHABBAT / WELCOMING SHABBAT *Fridays 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted*

January 6 No services scheduled

January 13 Dorothy Debbie and Samuel Debbie

January 20 *Leader TBA*

January 27 Led by Anne Brous

February 3 Cantor Abbe Lyons with Kitah Daled/Hey (4th/5th grade)

Dish to Pass Dinner at 6:45 p.m., Service at 7:30 p.m.

Feb 10 Tu B’shvat seder at 7 p.m. (see next page for details)

Feb 17 Patti Jacobson

Feb 24 Family Music Shabbat: Dinner at 6 p.m., Singing from 6:45 – 7:45 p.m.

In the spirit of sitting around the campfire or around the Shabbos table, join us in the tradition of a sing-a-long! Bring a veggie/dairy dish to pass, an instrument if you’d like, a song to share, and a joyful, musical heart.



SHABBAT MORNING

Saturdays, 8:45-10 a.m.

January 7 and January 14 and February 4

Prayer, chanting and meditation, led by Miranda Phillips.

All are welcome!

Religious School

בית ספר תיקון ואור

We're in the darkest (and sometimes gloomiest) days of the year, but there's plenty of *or* (light) and gladness at TvO Religious School!

Gan and Kitah Alef כיתה א (K/grade 1) students are enthusiastic bakers. They fill the building with the scent of challah and Chanukah cookies as they learn about Jewish life -- through food!

Kitah Bet/Gimel כיתה ב/ג (grades 2/3) students love to read. They've read stories about the Torah, about kindness and mitzvot, and of course, about Chanukah.

The students in **Kitah Daled/Hey** כיתה ד/ה (grades 4/5) are Hebrew learners and thinkers. They are working very hard on becoming fluent Hebrew readers -- and plan to practice often over the winter break! Support our Daled/Hey students by joining them on Friday, February 3 for Shabbat dinner at 6:45 and services at 7:30. Stay tuned to the e-newsletter for further enticing details!

Kitah Vav/ Zayin כיתה ו/ז (grade 6/7) students are talkers! Every week they discuss the Torah portion, share their own experiences with being welcoming (like Abraham and Sarah), or sibling rivalry (like Jacob and Esau), and being imperfect (like all humans, including our Torah ancestors). They celebrated together as their classmate/madrich Duffy became a bar mitzvah, and he inaugurated a new tradition of being carried in to Tefillah on a chair, and then leading the prayers on the Sunday before his bar mitzvah.

We won't have Religious School during Chanukah this year, but we prepared with songs, stories, practicing the prayers, and making and playing with dreidels.

Students enjoyed a special "**Day at Camp**" at the Foundation of Light. We sang camp cheers, created havdalah candles and herbal *besamim* (spice packets), made garbage bag fashions, and ate yummy snacks. Special thanks to Rabbi Suzanne Brody, Sharon Glass, Frank Smith, Lauren and Anya Korfine, Kenny Berkowitz, Beth Milles, Claudia Coen, Stella Whitaker, and all the teachers and madrichim of Tikkun v'Or and Temple Beth-El who helped make the day a great success. Many parents and students are happy to talk about their Jewish summer camp experiences -- just contact us! More information is also available at:

<www.iaujc.org/summer-programs-for-youth>

<www.jewishcamp.org/one-happy-camper>

Kol hakavod (great job!) to Maya Blanchard, Maryn Horvath, Zoey Zentner, and Annika Berggren, madrichot (assistants) who have all helped lead tefillah (prayer services) at Religious School.

In January we're looking forward to some new chugim (electives), including music, Jewish comedy, and cooking.

Building Community - Strengthening our Alliance with Muslims

On Sunday, January 29 at 1 p.m., TvO will sponsor a conversation with members of the local Muslim community. We'll begin with a potluck lunch (vegetarian/dairy please). Then, using information gathered on Human Rights Shabbat, our Muslim guests will discuss the stereotypes and assumption held by non-Muslims about Islam and Muslim people. They also will talk about specific things that we can do to be allies to Muslim people, particularly if we witness harassment or is we are present when someone speaks in an aggressive or ignorant manner regarding Muslims. This may include the opportunity to role play appropriate responses. There will be time for discussion and consideration of possible next steps.

Dinner & a Movie: Season 7

If these were cool summer evenings, we could sit around the friendly light of a campfire, toast marshmallows and tell stories. But it's winter and it's cold. So come in where it's warm, fill up your plate and gather 'round the table. We have some really good stories for you!

Train of Life, January 14, 6:30 p.m.

This is one of those films that might sit in your Netflix queue for a while. It looks interesting, it gets good reviews, but you scroll past it, maybe because you find the whole "Funny Holocaust" category a little unsettling. But it works because when the news is bad and the dark day is fast approaching you realize that the "takes a village" thing is for real. Besides, here in post-election Ithaca, escaping north on a fake deportation train doesn't sound so crazy. So how about taking a night off from the relentless 21st-century, 24-hour news cycle and come together with your movie night friends (and a visit with the shtetl fool)? It's ok, we'll write you a note. (1998, 103 minutes, French and German with English subtitles)

The Komediant , February 11, 6:30 p.m.

If the Komediant were matzo ball soup, then Pesach Burstein is the matzo ball. He deserves the featured role and he earned the title of his memoir, "Geshpielt a Leben"! (What a Life!). But a good matzo ball soup isn't just a matzo ball floating around on its back, it also needs more than a schtickle of schmaltz and salt. Archival footage and interviews with Yiddish stage veterans provide the schmaltz, a fascinating if somewhat sentimental history of the Yiddish theater from its early days through and beyond its post-Holocaust decline. Pesach's widow, Lillian Lux, is the sly narrator, who along with her daughter and son salt the film with their own stories about surviving in a show-business family. Don't you love it when a bowl of soup makes a full meal? (2000, 80 minutes, English, Yiddish, Hebrew with English subtitles)

Food is served at 6:30 and films begin promptly at 7:00. Be sure to arrive early to maximize your schmooze time! This is not a publicly advertised event but all human beings are most welcome so feel free to bring friends. There is no charge but a small voluntary donation is requested. All events take place at Tikkun v'Or/Ithaca Reform Temple, 2550 N Triphammer Rd. Contact Jonathan Plotkin with any questions at 607-227-3618 or jjplotkin@gmail.com.

While you're at it, pencil in March 18 and April 8 on your calendars as future Dinner & a Movie Nights!

Hebrew for Adults

עברית מבוגרים

Have you always wanted to learn Hebrew but never found the time? Did you once know how to read Hebrew, but the rings on the trees have accumulated since your bar/bat mitzvah and your skills are a bit shaky? Can you sort of follow along, but resort to the transliteration every time? Are your kids learning Hebrew and you wish you could help them? You are not alone!

Join us on a self-paced, independent study journey to learn to read Hebrew. Each participant will work through the curriculum independently at her or his own speed. The focus is on prayer-book Hebrew. We meet once a month to support and encourage each other, share tricks, ask questions, and read aloud with each other.

Next meetings: January 8, February 5, and March 5, from 10:30-11:15 a.m. at Ithaca Bakery at Triphammer Marketplace.

Contact Lauren Korfine <lkorfine@gmail.com>.

Tu B'Shevat Seder**Friday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m.**

Diana Levy and Nomi Talmi will lead our Tu B'Shevat seder as we celebrate the New Year for Trees and the interconnectedness of humans with the natural world. At this seder we explore the four mystical worlds of the Kabbalists. Eating special kinds of fruit, drinking wine, and bringing our attention to different perspectives about the world around us, we mark these worlds.

We hope you can join us as we gain inspiration from readings and blessings, sing, reflect, and recommit ourselves to caring for the earth. In the dead of winter the seder is a warm spot that builds connection and inspires.

Environmental awareness and political action has come to play a large role in the celebration of Tu B'Shevat. Donating to environmental causes, becoming more environmentally conscious, and spending time among the trees is a great way to honor this holiday whether or not you can make our celebration.

We will serve an abundance of fruits and nuts (but not a dinner).

Membership & Welcoming Committee**ועד החברות**

Introducing our newest members:

Allen Minsky: *"I moved up to Ithaca from the east coast of Florida in September 2016 so I could be closer to family after my wife passed away. My wife and I did not have children of our own so being near family was important to me. I live at Longview – an adult community in Ithaca. My wife and I had a tax and investment business in California where we lived for over 40 years until we retired and moved to Florida. Other than my having to get used to winter weather, I find Ithaca a great place to live. There are so many activities that you can be involved in. I joined the temple soon after coming up as I felt that being part of a temple is an important part of my life and wanting to be involved with the Jewish world as well. I have participated in several activities at the temple and I hope that as time goes on, I will be able to participate in more. I find the temple to be a very welcoming organization and I am glad I am a part of it."*

Marion Rain Deats: *"I joined Tikkun v'Or after many years of going to the High Holidays services and feeling inspired each year. This year, when we contemplated what we wanted to add or change in our lives, I again felt the call to be more involved with this wonderful community, and my own Jewish soul, and realized the time is NOW."*

Melanie Lefkowitz and Anthony Elia: *"We live on East Hill with our children: Alexandra, 9; Bram, 7; and Nate, 4. Anthony is an attorney with Miller Mayer and Melanie does communications for Cornell University Library. Melanie is a native of Brooklyn and Anthony grew up in Norwich, N.Y.; we both attended Cornell as undergrads and moved to Ithaca from Brooklyn in 2013. We're looking forward to becoming part of the Tikkun v'Or community."*

The best way to support Tikkun v'Or is by becoming a member. For more information contact Ann Wexler <annwex1@gmail.com>

Donors

צדקה

Thank you to our recent donors:*Building Fund:*

Ted Schiele

Sue Merkel & Joseph Yavitt, *for heat pumps**Feeding the Hungry Fund:*

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Special thanks to the Ithaca Area United Jewish Community (IAUJC) for a grant to support our Religious School and congregation through tuition assistance.



Tikkun v'Or Tribute Cards

Tribute cards have been sent:

- * To Duffy Berkowitz & his family in honor of Duffy becoming a bar mitzvah, from the Debbie family;
- * To the Debbie family, in memory of Jack Debbie from Annie Wexler and Tony Gaenslen and from Ann Hoffman and Brian Cutler and from Peter and Sherry Burford;
- * To Lois Levitan and Martha Armstrong in honor of the birth of Samuel Josiah, from Janie Carasik

Tribute cards are an easy way to acknowledge lifecycle events (simchas, yahrzeits, memorials, expressions of appreciation and thanks), while reinforcing our community connections, and supporting our financial needs. Each card sent is a donation to our synagogue. For more information, contact Sherry Burford at <sherry@tikkunvor.org> or at (607) 319-4982.

Mazel Tov

מזל טוב

- Mazel tov to Dan Apfel and Emily Reiss on the birth of their son Isaac Linden Apfel (Hebrew name Yosel), on Thursday, November 24.
- Mazel tov Pamela and David Shapiro on the birth of Jeremiah Cohen Shapiro, joining brothers Solomon and Clayton. He was born on September 10.
- Mazel tov to Martha Armstrong and Lois Levitan on the birth of their grandson, Samuel Josiah Levitan-Wisotsky (Hebrew name Yoshiyyah) was born December 6, 2016, to Katya Levitan-Reiner and Rebecca Wisotsky. He will make his home in Beacon, NY.
- Mazel tov to Janie Carasik on her 80th birthday!
- Mazel tov to Duffy Berkowitz on becoming a bar mitzvah!



Caring Committee

ועד מצוה

Carol Shama, chair of the Caring Committee, is seeking individuals within the congregation who may be willing to volunteer, on an as needed basis, for a variety of tasks. Tasks may include but are not limited to: providing a meal for a family with a new baby, a ride to services for a congregant who is no longer able to drive, a ride to a doctor's appointment, emotional support during a time of difficulty. As you consider whether or not you can offer to volunteer to provide assistance to members of our religious community, keep in mind that your caring strengthens our circle of community acknowledging that all of us need help at different times in our lives. With regard to the Caring Committee, many hands will make light work!

To add your name to a list of willing volunteers or to request assistance of any kind contact Carol Shama at <csshama462@gmail.com> or 315-945-4610.

Many Thanks

רב תודה

Thanks to:

- Recent service leaders: Nomi Talmi and Denise Cassaro, Anne Bussard, Peter Silberman, Miranda Phillips, Cantor Abbe Lyons and the students of Kitah bet/gimel (2nd and 3rd grade) Kitah vav/zayin (6th and 7th grade);
- Oneg hosts: Carol and Sam Shama, Annie Wexler and Tony Gaenslen, and the families of Kitah bet/gimel and vav/zayin, and Bridget Meeds for organizing the class dinner;
- Those who coordinated and helped with the weekends with Rabbi Brian - Diana Levy, Karen Schachere, Joan Friedman, Mihal Ronen, Laurie Willick, Lisa Ellin, Susan Eschbach, Will Fudeman, Grace Horowitz, Sue Merkel, Noah Friedman, Aron Gutman, Beth Cohen, Mike and Amelia Dorf, Sherry Colb, Christine Evans, Sam Sachs;
- Marne Kamp Oshae, Richard Rosenfeld, Lise Rosenfeld, Corinne Stern, and Moriah Tebor Shaw for leading us in song on Shabbat in December;
- Mahmoud Burton, Dieynab Diattais, Jarr Jagne, and Nagiane Lacka, our guests from the Ithaca Muslim community for sharing your prayers and experiences with us;
- Diana Levy, Corinne Stern, Nancy Saltzman and Aliza Ellner for leading us in dancing;
- Diana Levy and Patti Jacobson for leading a discussion on community values;
- Shabbat in the Community hosts: Corinne Stern, Sandy Thananart and Tim Bael, Moriah Shaw and Brian Cutler, Sharon Ziegler, Janie Carasik, Melanie Lefkowitz and Andy Elia, Christine Evans and Aaron Sachs, and Sarah Rubenstein-Gillis. Also, we'd like to thank the Shabbat in the Community organizers Peter Silberman and Annie Wexler;
- Tamar and Noa Shapiro-Tamir and Maya Blanchard for reading Torah, and Beth Milles for reading haftorah;
- Jeff Berkowitz, Diana Levy, and Judy Saul for leading post-election discussions;
- Jonathan Plotkin for organizing Dinner & a Movie again, and to Arthur Birnbaum for delicious dinners;
- Shawn Murphy, Ted Schiele, Carol Shama, Sam Shama, Peter Silberman, Jen Kagan, Joan Friedman, and Lisa Ellin for highway cleanup;
- Lisa Ellin, Kenny Berkowitz, and Eric Miller for chaperoning students at laser tag;
- Thanks to Aron Gutman for organizing pre-Chanukah bowling;
- On Sunday December 18, members of the refugee assistance work group gathered at the temple to pack up personal hygiene kits for men, women and children who will be welcomed as refugees into the Ithaca community. The needed 26 kits contained personal items such as toothbrushes, combs, shampoo, band aids, soap, etc. Additionally, two booster seats were purchased to be used for the safe transportation of children upon arrival at the Ithaca airport. Thanks to the following for the purchase and delivery of the varied supplies for the kits: Allison Andersen, Regi Teasley, Fran Markover and Ron Schoneman, the Zentner Family, Sue Merkel and Joe Yavitt, Mary Biggs, Martha Armstrong and Wendy and Raia Gutman. Thanks for helping to pack up the kits goes to Peter and Sherry Burford, Mary Biggs, Sue Merkel and Joe Yavitt, Fran Markover and Ron Schoneman, Denise and Maryn Horvath, Howard London, the Zentner family and Nina Cummings. Kind thanks to Howard and Harriet London for storing the kits until they can be delivered to the families. Finally, thanks to all who have donated to the temple fund for the refugee work group to help with the purchases. If anyone would like to make further donations to the fund for future efforts, feel free to send a check to the temple, and be sure to note that it is designated for the refugee assistance fund.

Feeding the Hungry: Machil Re'avim

מאכיל רעבים

Thanks to Robin Dubovi, Harriet London, Dorothy Debbie, Daniel Sverdlik, and Deb Miller for making lunches for the Rescue Mission Friendship Center in October, and to Cantor Abbe Lyons and the students of kitah vav/zayin (6th and 7th grade) for making lunches in December.

If you are interested in making lunches in January or February (any number is appreciated), or want to contribute financially and have someone else make the lunches, contact Dorothy Debbie at dorothywork@gmail.com or 272-3893.

Often one person buys all the supplies and then people come help make the lunches and contribute financially to the cost of supplies. If you can help make lunches that would be great. For those of you who would like to help out but can't come make the lunches, you can still contribute financially to the lunchmaking. The temple has a Feeding the Hungry Fund that you can contribute to and these contributions will be used to reimburse the person who buys the supplies. If you would like to contribute financially you can send a check to the temple, made out to Congregation Tikkun v'Or or the Ithaca Reform Temple and just note that you want your contribution to go to the Feeding the Hungry Fund.



Condolences

תנחומים

Tikkun v'Or sends condolences on the death of Dr. John G. (Jack) Debbie, age 80, father of Paul Debbie, father-in-law of Dorothy Debbie, and grandfather of John and Samuel Debbie. Jack Debbie passed away on December 4 in Saranac Lake, NY.

May his memory be a blessing.

Bereavement Support Committee

When a loved one dies, we want to assist you as quickly as possible. Please use the following procedure:

- Email the Bereavement Support Group at: [<BereavementSupport@tikkunvor.org>](mailto:BereavementSupport@tikkunvor.org)
- Call Naomi Wilensky on her cell phone: (607) 280-6781 or email [<naomi.wilensky@tikkunvor.org>](mailto:naomi.wilensky@tikkunvor.org)
- If Naomi is unavailable or not able to return your call/email, call Rabbi Brian Walt on his cell phone: (508) 560-0589



*Imagine living a century ago in a shtetl.
No television or videos. What would you do for an
evening's relaxation?
Perhaps friends would come together to read or tell
stories and poems, or play music.
Let's try to recreate that time of slower pleasures.*

AN EVENING OF JEWISH STORIES, POETRY AND MUSIC

*The Temple Beth-El Social Hall
Court Street, corner of Tioga Street in Ithaca*

Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 7:30

Sponsored by the Temple Beth-El Arts Committee

*Adults and children should consider presenting stories, poems, music or
skits under seven minutes duration. Please let us hear from you. To offer
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Fall 2016

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Our board is grateful to serve the vibrant Jewish community of Ithaca. You are a part of it! Through your support and our organizing, we accomplish a great deal. Recent activities are impressive. Have you seen our beautiful website at www.iaujc.org? Check out its events calendar for activities of Jewish interest in our area. Here are some of the ways you have supported our community:

Instilling Jewish Values and Identity in Our Youth

- Local families received grants to send their children to Jewish overnight camp! We are indebted to the Robert and Marcia Ascher Endowment of the IAUGC and to Linda and Stephen Pope. Without financial support, this initiative would not be possible. Sustain this effort with a donation to our "Campership" fund. **Learn more about the program from the enclosed brochure.**
- Free subscriptions to the PJ Library Jewish Storybook program have been available through IAUGC since 2008. We have over 100 children subscribing. Recently, we began a new program, "PJ Our Way," for children 9 - 12. Support this effort with a gift to the "PJ Library" fund.
- Your generosity sustains our own Ithaca Jewish Preschool – B'Yachad. In addition, it supports the religious schools of Temple Beth El and Congregation Tikkun v'Or, as well as the Hillels on both campuses. Join this effort by donating to our "Local" fund.

Holocaust Education and Commemoration

- Our Holocaust Education Committee brings speakers to local schools, presenting personal accounts to students. Together with Ithaca College communications students, local survivors are being interviewed, and these films will soon be available for classroom use. Support this work with a contribution to our "Local" fund.
- Our annual Holocaust commemoration attracts people of all ages and backgrounds. The Jacob and Jeannette Geldwert Holocaust Memorial Lecture Fund was established this year. Please strengthen our ability to bring Holocaust knowledge and commemoration to our community by making a donation. Use the memo section of your check to designate this fund.

Helping Needy Jews Abroad

- On November 8th, Beny Bitton, Mayor of Dimona, Israel, visited Ithaca to thank us for our generous support of the *Lunch and Learn* program for at-risk school children. We organized a roundtable meeting that included leaders of Ithaca's educational and hunger relief organizations. Your gifts to the "Lunch and Learn" fund or the "General Global" fund help to ease the lives of people around the world.

Explore all the IAUGC projects at www.iaujc.org/causes-we-support. If you have not made a donation since March 1st, we urge you to make a gift at this time. If you have already contributed to our 2016/2017 campaign, we thank you so very much and ask you to consider an additional gift so that we may continue to generously distribute funds to worthy causes. Be a part of this strong community.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Hoffman, Campaign Chair



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January 2017 - Tikkun v'Or

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6 No services scheduled	7 Parashat Vayigash Shabbat morning service 8:45-10 am
8 Adult Hebrew 10:30-11:15 at Ithaca Bakery Triphammer Mkt	9 Exec meeting 7-9	10	11 Vav/Zayin 4:30-6 pm	12	13 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm Dorothy Debbie & Samuel Debbie	14 Parashat Vayichi Shabbat morning service 8:45-10 am Dinner & a Movie 6:30 pm
15 Religious School 9:15-12	16 Martin Luther King Day	17	18 Vav/Zayin 4:30-6 pm	19	20 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm Leader TBA	21 Parashat Shemot
22 Religious School 9:15-12	23	24 Board meeting 7-9 pm	25 Vav/Zayin 4:30-6 pm Friendship Center lunches 5:45 pm	26	27 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm Anne Brous	28 Parashat Vayera
29 Religious School 9:15-12 Building Community: Strengthening Our Alliance with Muslims 1 pm	30	31	1 Vav/Zayin 4:30-6 pm	2	3 Kabbalat Shabbat with daled/hey (grade 4/5) and Cantor Abbe 6:45 dinner, 7:30 pm service	4 Parashat Bo

February 2017 - Tikkun v'Or

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Religious School 9:15-12 Building Community: Strengthening Our Alliance with Muslims 1 pm	30	31	1 Vav/Zayin 4:30-6 pm	2	3 Kabbalat Shabbat with daled/ney (grade 4/5) and Cantor Abbe 6:45 dinner, 7:30 pm service	4 <i>Parashat Bo</i> Shabbat morning service 8:45-10 am
5 Religious School 9:15-12 Adult Hebrew 10:30-11:15 at Ithaca Bakery Triphammer Mkt	6	7	8 Vav/Zayin fieldtrip to Longview Bookgroup 7 pm	9	10 Tu B'Shvat (5777) begins at sundown Tu b'Shvat seder 7 pm	11 Tu B'Shvat (5777) <i>Parashat Beshalach</i> Dinner & a Movie
12 Lincoln's Birthday Religious School 9:15-12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 <i>newsletter deadline</i> Vav/Zayin 4:15-5:45	16 Exec meeting	17 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm Patti Jacobson	18 <i>Parashat Yitro</i>
19 No Religious School	20 Presidents' Day	21	22 Washington's Birthday No classes Friendship Center lunches 5:45 pm	23	24 Family Music Shabbat 6-8 pm	25 <i>Parashat Shekalim</i>
26 No Religious School	27 Board meeting 7-9 pm	28	1 Vav/Zayin 4:30-6 pm	2	3 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm (Patti J?)	4 <i>Parashat Terumah</i> Shabbat morning service 8:45-10 am

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