

kehillath Shalom JUDAISM

Rabbi's Reflections

Learning Nevi'im (Prophets)

BY RABBI LINA ZERBARINI



eply rooted. Boldly relevant,

the Israelites to enter the Promised Land? Did you Bible. The expansive meaning: Torah = all of Jewknow that there is actual human sacrifice in the Bible? Did you know that prophets rebuked kings - and didn't lose their heads? Did you know that an Israelite king consulted a medium to talk to his (deceased) prophet?

These narratives and more are found in the Hebrew Bible – in the section referred to as Prophets.

This year, in our Shabbat morning Torah study, instead of following the calendar of Torah portions for each week, we are going to explore the next section of the Bible together. In Hebrew, our Bible is called the *TaNaKh*, an acronym for Torah (first five books), Nevi'im (Prophets), Ketu-morning, October 29th. I hope you will join us in vim (Writings). We will begin by reading the first of the Prophetic Books, referred to as Early Prophets: Joshua, Judges, I and II Samuel, and I and II Kings. These books recount historical-style narratives of the settling of the Promised Land, the rise of the monarchy, and the building of the First Temple.

Kehillath Shalom Synagogue has long been a learning congregation. For years, we have studied Torah together – in both the narrow and expansive meaning of the word. The narrow meaning:

Did you know a Canaanite sex worker enabled weekly study of Torah = the first five books of the ish wisdom and tradition through Adult Ed, Lunch & Learn, Bagels & Books, Movies & Munchies, special speakers, etc. This year's Shabbat Morning Torah Study will *still* be Torah Study – just not study of the weekly Torah portions. We will read and discuss together – chapter by chapter, starting with the book of Joshua.

> The text is available online at Sefaria, but I recommend that you purchase a *TaNaKh*, available new from the publisher here or used from many sites. We are the People of the Book – you should have The Book!

> We will begin our study of *Nevi'im* on Shabbat this new venture. In the words of Joshua himself: *chazak v'ematz* − be strong and resolute! ❖



The Elders ask the Prophet Samuel to appoint a king over Israel. [1 Samuel 8:4-

The Morgan Picture Bible, c. 1250

One link, One Meeting ID#, for MOST KSS meetings!

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or click this link:

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From the Co-Presidents

More than Pumpkin Spice

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BY BEVERLY MANNIX

With the New Year, I start to think of what I can do better, how I can make amends to anyone I might have offended in some way, and what personal goals I can set for myself. I also think about what has to be done at KSS; do we have enough chairs, what's the room set-up, did I finish my Kol Nidre appeal speech, who's putting up the Sukkah, and hundreds of other things. But there is always one thing that overpowers all of this...

PUMPKIN SPICE.

You can't escape it. So, while I am trying to get organized for the High Holidays at Kehillath Shalom, I'm overpowered by that smell. It is everywhere. I go into Target and every other store and there it is with the artificial flowers, hand lotions,

soaps, candles, and of course all through the food aisles. Pumpkin spice donuts, cereal, tea, coffee, pancake mix, even beer. I guess at this stage of my life I even associate Rosh Hashanah with that smell. The New Year, though, does bring with it so many things that I do enjoy. Not many hot humid days anymore, which means much less time to work on my hair!! The fresh smell of the autumn leaves and beautiful colors that come with them. Lucky for me, I now live in a condo so I can appreciate

the leaves and not have to worry about raking and bagging them up. I can open my windows and enjoy all that fresh air.

I have always been intrigued by other cultural customs and found many interesting autumn celebrations occurring this time of year that don't involve pumpkin spice. While doing research on this I found there are well over 25 fall customs but I would like to share with you some of the more interesting ones and their origins.

Did you know that we have farmers to thank for our November Election Day? Congress in 1845 had to take into account most that people needed a two-day window to travel to their voting location when designating **Election Day**. The first Tuesday in November (later codified as the Tuesday *after* the first Monday) became the day since Sunday was church, Wednesday was market day, and No-

vember was post-harvest and pre-snow.

The wedding of the Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig to Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen took place on October 12, 1810. To commemorate this celebration, **Oktoberfes**t was created. It was celebrated year after year and by 1896 the parties grew as well as the beer stands.

Did you know that **apple bobbing** was originally a British courting ritual? Each apple was assigned the name of an eligible bachelor, and each woman would try to grab the apple representing the man she was interested in. Getting the apple on the first try meant a "happily ever after" ending, second attempt meant they would get together but their love would not last. The third try was a no-

go. Sounds like a perfect TV reality show! The game waned in popularity but during the 1800s, a version was revived by Americans remembering their cultural roots.

Movember started in a pub in 1999 in Adelaide, Australia. Some men came up with the idea to raise money and awareness for charities by growing their moustaches out for a month. The idea quickly caught on and by 2003, many other organizations adopted the practice. Since then, the Movember Foundation has

raised more than \$863 million for men's health causes worldwide.

My home town of Philadelphia was the start of **Black Friday** sales. The Philly police used the term Black Friday to refer to the rowdy fans attending the Army- Navy football game. Local retailers took advantage of the crowds by having sales and calling the day Big Friday. But the police term for the day stuck and thus the tradition of getting up in the middle of the night to snag all those deals was born.

I hate **candy corn** but it is here to stay. It was invented by George Renninger in the 1880s, originally called "chicken feed." By the end of that century, it was brought to the masses by the Goelitz Candy company to be enjoyed by everyone.

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STOPPING BY MAKAMAH WOODS More than Pumpkin Spice (A Prayer)

BY BOB FEINSTEIN

Whose woods these are... Who cares? We don't. Drab warblers, once a bright spring yellow Arrow across the wide trail As we venture forth in the late afternoon The dog bounding ahead and lagging behind Amusing us, pink tongue lolling and lustrous red coat

Catching the sun,

Fine contrasts to the tired green dregs of early September

We trudge the crunbling hill and turn off the hot wide trail

Into the cool shade of the forest Our little one bends to pull up wild onion grass Amid the tangle of green for us to smell

And then – look – a grey-blue jay's feather And there – she points – in the elbow crook Of an old oak's protruding root – Is the entrance to a chipmunk's lair. She wonders at a fallen sycamore leaf Dry and already turned a dull red

She is only eight But she sees what we never do Her eyes are closer to the forest floor, perhaps? But then somehow an inchworm is loosed from A broad frond at shoulder-level and into her Loving hand. My wife and I missed that, too.

The woods are not particularly dark nor deep And we have no obligations to speak of today We've traveled no more than a mile and We're neither sleepy nor ambitious for More miles to go.

I try to stay away from prayer, But sometimes, very late at night... Giving thanks comes easier Such an afternoon Walking in the woods with my family Is all I could want From this world. It's enough.

> Bob read this poem at the Bat Mitzvah of his daughter, Hannah, last month.



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Nanowrimo, or National Novel Writing Month, began in 1999 when Chris Baty and 21 of his friends vowed to hunker down and finally finish those novels that were bouncing around in their heads and get 50,000 words down on paper during the month of November. Six of them were successful, the next year 140 participated, and to date there are 798,161 active writers and 367,913 completed novels.

Abraham Lincoln is said to have been the first president to pardon a turkey. Supposedly his son had befriended a turkey named Jack; however there is no documentation for this origin. John F. Kennedy let a turkey roam free that was given to him by the National Turkey Foundation and thus an important function for our presidents officially began.

Why do we **carve pumpkins**? As far back as the 1500s, the Irish told a story about Stingy Jack, who made a deal with the devil to never claim his soul. When he died, God wouldn't let him into



heaven so Jack was doomed to walk the earth for all eternity, with only a burning coal to light his way, which was inside of a carved out turnip. To this day it is believed he roams the world as Jack of the Lantern, or Jack O'Lantern. Irish immigrants brought this tale to the United States, as well as the tradition of turnip carving. Pumpkins are much more plentiful in the United States and allowed for more room for candles and thus became the veggie of choice.

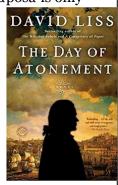
And, of course, there is the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, all those football games, the new fall TV line up, the World Series, and Trick or Treating. And so we are back to pumpkin spice. We have Starbucks to thank for that. It is actually a blend of common household spices: cinnamon, clove, nutmeg, allspice, and mace. No pumpkin, though. By 2003 their marketing department offered Pumpkin Spiced Latte and since then anything and everything in the fall now has a pumpkin spice option! �

bagels & books

For the first time in over two years, we gathered together *in person* for our discussion of Kirsty Manning's *The Song of the Jade Lily,* and what a joy it was. Set in WWII-era and modern-day Shanghai, the book is at once a mystery, a love story (or two or three), and a history lesson about the 20,000 Jews who sought refuge there, and it met with our universal approval. Many thanks to hostess Dalia Rosenthal, who laid out a magnificent spread in her inimitable style, and we had the pleasure of welcoming not one, not two, but *three* new members to the group: Isabel Zinman, Hedva Lewittes, and Glenda Kupersmith.

Our October 13 selection is *The Day of Atonement*, by David Liss. Sebastião Raposa is only

thirteen when his Converso parents are unjustly imprisoned by the Inquisition, and he is forced to flee Portugal or face the same fate. A decade later, as Sebastian Foxx, and having converted back to the Judaism which his ancestors had been forced to renounce, he returns to Lisbon, seeking revenge on the Inquisition priest responsible for the destruction of his family. "[T]hrows notions of



vengeance and atonement into sharp relief."

For the rest of the year, we will read:

November 20 — *Memories After My Death*, by Yair Lapid (joint session with Israel Affairs Committee)

December 18 - *The Gown*, by Jennifer Robson

January 22 — *The Choice*, by Edith Eva Eger February 19 — *The Oracle of Stamboul*, by Michael David Lukas

March 19 — Plunder: A Memoir of Family Property and Nazi Treasure, by Menachem Kaiser

April 16 - *The Other Einstein,* by Heather Terrell

May 21 — *The Vanished Collection,* by Pauline Baer de Perignon

June 25 — A Bend in the Stars, by Rachel Barenbaum

Watch TWAKS and email for location info. .



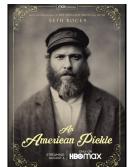
MOVIES & MUNCHIES An American Dickle Wednesday, October 19 7:30 pm

On Zoom

An American Pickle, directed by Brandon Trost, (August 2020), stars Seth Rogen playing the two lead roles. At first, this film feels like a comedy: Herschel, a Jew from Schlupsk in Eastern Eu-

rope, falls into a pickle vat in 1920s Brooklyn at the very moment the factory is condemned. He is revived 100 years later, perfectly preserved.

But the main goal of *An American Pickle* is not laughter. This looks and feels like a classic Jewish fable transported to present-day Brooklyn. It is really a simple fable about Jew-



ish identity, faith, and family. It conveys "a timely humanist message" about where the world is right now from app development to generational conflict. At its heart is the sense of the importance of family, inner strength, and the feeling of displacement immigrants often feel in a new land. It has been called "a treat; warm, witty, and ultimately deeply humanistic . . . a real joy of a film."

Click here to watch the trailer.

We will be meeting (on Zoom) on Wednesday evening, October 19, at 7:30 PM. Log-on info to follow; watch TWAKS and your email.

The DVD is available in Nassau and Suffolk county libraries. Watch at home at your convenience and then we will join together to share our thoughts.

RSVP <u>LoisH4@aol.com</u>, 516-364-0265 or DoloresW324@a<u>ol.com</u>, 631-643-2645. ❖











sukkot family dinner & celebration



Wednesday, October 12 6 pm@Rabbi Lina's



What is the meaning of the High Holidays? We are not really supposed to believe there's a Big Man God decreeing our fates in a Book of Life. But what are they about? How might they help us? We will draw upon Mordecai Kaplan's *The Meaning of God in Modern Jewish Religion* to explore the deep and potential personal societal meanings of the upcoming holidays. (Don't be put off by the "God" word; this is Kaplan we're talking about!) Begins September 8 at 12:30 on Zoom.

Adult Ed: Jewish Prayer



Sunday, November 6, from 10 - 12

What is Jewish Prayer?
Is there a difference between
Prayer and Liturgy?
How do you pray?
How would you like to pray?





Unknown Heroes Among Us: The Story of Paul Kaye

shared by his wife, Susan Kaye



Thursday, 11.3.2022@7 pm Kehillath Shalom Synagogue

Learn how Paul Kaye was recruited to bring Jewish refugees from Europe to Palestine by ship in 1947.

Light refreshments served • Zoom participation possible

RSVP to Judy Davis: jdavis4727@aol.com by Thursday, October 20

Caring & Sharing

We mourn the loss of our long-time member, FRED WEINBERG, former Board member, comedy night emcee, Donald Trump impersonator, term limits advocate, and mensch. Our deepest condolences are extended to Dolores, to daughters Nancy and Jill, to the rest of the family and to Fred's many friends. May you be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem, may you know no more sorrow, and may his memory be for a blessing.

We announce with sadness the passing of EU-GENE GOLDBERG, father of our member NEIL (DAWN) and grandfather of ETHAN and JONA-THAN.We send prayers and love that the Goldberg family be comforted, along with all mourners.

We are also sad to announce the passing of our former member, NORM ABRAMS, fondly remembered as clarinetist with the Prevailing Winds Quintet, among his many other accomplishments. May his memory be for a blessing. •

Welcome to Our New Members

RHYA JERROLD and NATHANIEL, of Plainview and

HELENE KOLOTKIN, of Deer Park,

both since last year, but don't think we ever officially welcomed them. New this year are:

COREY & ANDREW HOLLIS and LOGAN and SPENCER, of Farmingdale

ISABEL ZINMAN, of Huntington

HEDVA LEWITTES, of Glen Cove

GLENDA KUPERSMITH, of Huntington

We are delighted that you have chosen to become part of our Kehillath Shalom family and hope to see you around on Shabbat, at Torah School, at Bagels & Books, on Zoom or in person, and at whatever of our many other activities appeal to you. ❖

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LOOKING FOR A NEW OIL COMPANY?

Skaggs-Walsh, KSS' heating oil supplier, gives us cash thank-yous if you sign up with them and say Kehillath Shalom Synagogue referred you. Our first two referrals, ABBY PARISER and PETER GOLLON, and JANE

KÜNSTLER and CLIFF BROFFMAN, earned us \$100 each The third

each. The third referral is worth \$200! Will you



be the one? Referrals #4 and 5 would also earn us \$100 each, and #6 would be another \$200, and so on.

Contact Skaggs-Walsh at 516-227-3700, or skaggswalsh.com. ❖

Do You Zelle?

KSS can now receive payments through Zelle, the quick, convenient, no-fee online payment system used by Bank of America, Capital One, Chase, Citi, and many other banks.

Make donations, pay for special events, pay dues — no checks, no stamps, no fees. Log into your bank account, find Zelle, and send to <u>kehillath-shalom@optonline.net</u>.

Note: Do NOT Zelle to the office phone! It won't work!

Easy as aleph, bet, gimel! �

The Israel and Jewish Affairs Committee Presents

A Series of Forums and Discussions

THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE STATE OF ISRAEL







Memories After My Death: The Story of My Father, Joseph "Tommy" Lapid, by Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid Sunday, November 20, 10 am

Joint Session with Bagels & Books

Israel and the Middle East: What American Media Don't Tell You Saturday, December 17, Services at 10 am, Forum at 11:15 am

The Reasons for Founding the Modern State of Israel Saturday, January 21, Services at 10 am, Forum at 11:15 am

Saturday, Sandary 21, Services at 10 am, Forum at 11.13 am

Update and Report from Israel and the Middle EastSaturday, March 25, Services at 10 am, Forum at 11:15 am

Ten Years of Forums: What We've Learned and What's Next Saturday, April 29, Services at 10 am, Forum at 11:15 am

Moderated by Kehillath Shalom member Nissim Yeheskel, Israeli native and frequent visitor.

Kehillath Shalom Synagogue Presents:

(Cosponsored by the HJC Israel Engagment Committee)

A Conversation with Professor Mark S. Rosentraub

OFFERS MADE/OPPORTUNITIES MISSED



An attempt to build programs between a US University and a University in the Palestinian Authority:



Sports, Israeli Arabs, and a Failed Effort.



Sunday, Oct. 23, 7 pm
Kehillath Shalom Synagogue
57 Goose Hill Road
Cold Spring Harbor NY



Light refreshments served

For several years, Professor Mark S. Rosentraub of the University of Michigan worked with faculty from the American Arab University in Palestine (AAUP) to establish a master's degree in sports business. The plan was to deliver the degree program with faculty from both the University of Michigan and AAUP. This first partnership for the University of Michigan with a Palestinian university was to be financed by the University of Michigan.



Dr. Rosentraub had been involved with Arab students from Israel and Palestine for several years before attempting to build a new master's degree at AAUP. Dr. Rosentraub had also worked with faculty from the Hebrew University on plans and programs for an emerging Palestine from 1999 to 2001. Professor Rosentraub has been a visiting scholar at the Hebrew University and the University of Jordan.



Dr. Mark Rosentraub is the Bickner Endowed Professor of Sport Management at the University of Michigan. He has taught at the Hebrew University and Ben-Gurion University. He has worked on partnerships supported by the business community in Nazareth and has been involved with negotiating with the Palestinian Authority to deliver educational program in Ramallah and Jenin. Professor Rosentraub has also worked with the Jewish Federation of Cleveland to build programs focused on cooperation between Jews and Arabs in Israel and in the Palestinian Authority.

RSVP to Judy Davis: idavis4727@aol.com by Thursday, October 20



Sunday, October 16

1-4pm

St. John's of Cold Spring Harbor

(1670 NY-25A)

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SHABBAT SERVICES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

Meditation Walk at Target Rock NWR 10 am Torah Portion: <u>Vayeilech</u>, <u>Deuteronomy 31:1-30</u>

Moses prepares the people for his death and announces that Joshua will succeed him. He instructs the priests and elders regarding the importance of the Torah. God informs Moses that upon his death, the people will commit idolatry and "many evils and troubles shall befall them." God tells Moses to teach the people a poem that will "be My witness."

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

Candlelighting on Zoom 6:30 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

Torah Study 10 am

Tefilah 11:15 am

Torah Portion: <u>HaAzinu</u>, Deuteronomy 32:1-

<u>52</u>

Moses sings his last song, a love poem to God and a chastisement of the people, who are not worthy of Adonai. The poem recounts the blessings that God has bestowed on the Israelites, the wicked deeds they have committed, and the punishments that God then inflicted upon them. God tells Moses to begin his ascent of Mount Nebo, from where he will see the Land of Israel from a distance but will not be allowed to enter it.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

Candlelighting 6:30 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

Torah Study 10 am

Tefilah 11:15 am

Torah Portion: <u>Chol Hamoed Sukkot</u>, Exodus

33:12 - 34:26 and Numbers 29:26 - 34

Exodus: Moses asks God to go with the people on the Exodus. God agrees and allows Moses to behold his presence, but only from the back. God orders Moses to carve the second set of tablets, reaffirms the Covenant with Israel, and establishes the observances of Pesach, Sukkot, and Shavuot.

Numbers: Passover sacrifices for the fourth day.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

Candlelighting on Zoom 6:30 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

Torah Study (lay-led) 10 am

Tefilah (lay-led) 11:15 am

Torah Portion: Bereshit, Genesis 1:1-6:8

Creation, Adam and Eve, the Tree of Knowledge, the expulsion from Eden, Cain and Abel.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

Candlelighting on Zoom 6:30 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

Torah Study 10 am

Beginning the Book of Joshua

Tefilah 11:15 am

Meditation Service

Torah Portion: Noach, Genesis 6:9-11:32

Noah, the Ark, the Flood. God makes a covenant with Noah to never again destroy humanity and the earth. •



Zoom Quick Reference Schedule

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Morning Gathering		8 am			8 am	
Torah Study & Tefilah						10 am
Candlelighting					6:30 pm	
Lunch & Learn				12:30 pm		

Zoom Meeting ID for most events 882 6522 6225, Password 046 425



Friday evenings, 6:30

(When nothing else is scheduled)

We'll share, sing, and bring Shabbat peace.

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Or Phone: +1 646 558 8656

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We will learn, study, share, pray.
As usual, come for Torah Study or Service or Both!
Join Zoom Meeting by computer: https://zoom.us/j/88265226225
Or phone: +1 646 558 8656
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Morning Gathering: Tuesday & Friday Mornings at 8 am Establish a strong, centered, calm foundation for the day.

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Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:00 pm

> An initial intake by telephone or in person is required before joining this group.

Fee: \$8 per session | Member Discounted Fee: \$5

For registration go to:

https://tinyurl.com/4rhrzpdu

Let's L GRO and

ourselves

Going through a separation

or divorce can cause a person to feel overwhelmed, confused, angry, lonely, or often a combination of those emotions and more. You may be struggling to make sense out of your situation or trying to decide what next steps to take for yourself.

Our support group, led by an experienced Social Worker, gives you the opportunity to meet with others and find a sense of connection and support during what can be a challenging time.

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Morning Gathering

Tuesdays and

Fridays 8 am

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Meditation Walk at Target Rock NWR 10 am

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Reverse Tashlich Beach Clean-up 2 pm



Kol Nidre 6:30 pm



Yom Kippur 10 am Jonah Study and Discussion 4:30 pm Yizkor and Neilah 5:45 pm



Candlelighting on Zoom 6:30 pm



Torah Study 10 am Tefilah 11:15 am

6:07

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Sukkah Raising 10 am Sukkot Dinner 6:30 pm



Sukkot Festival Service 10 am

Board Meeting 7:30 pm

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Sukkot Family Dinner Lunch & Learn At Rabbi's 6:30 pm

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12:30 pm Zoom The Meaning of God in Modern Jewish Religion

Shabbat Service 6:30 pm

Torah Study 10 am Tefilah 11:15 am

Newsletter Deadline



Environmental Festival @ St. John's, CSH 1-4 pm

Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah Festival Service 10 am

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Simchat Torah



Movies & Munchies An American Pickle 7:30 pm

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Candlelighting on Zoom 6:30 pm

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Torah Study 10 am Tefilah 11:15 am Rabbi Away

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Bagels & Books 10 am The Day of Atonement Israel Program 7 pm Prof. M. Rosentraub

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Membership Tea 2 pm

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Rosh Chodesh Group Lunch & Learn 7:30 pm



12:30 pm Zoom



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Candlelighting on Zoom 6:30 pm



Torah Study 10 am Meditation Service 11:15 am

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Lunch & Learn 12:30 pm Zoom Israel Program The Story of Paul Kaye 7 pm



Soup Shabbat 6:30 pm



Torah Study 10 am Tefilah 11:15 am

5:28