



# The Gates Way

January 2020

## **Shabbat Vayigash**

**Friday, January 3**

6:15 pm Family "Who Dat" Shabbat

**Saturday, January 4**

10:30 am Morning Worship

## **Shabbat Vayechi**

**Friday, January 10**

8:00 pm Sisterhood Shabbat

**Saturday, January 11**

10:30 am Morning Worship

## **Shabbat Shemot**

**Friday, January 17**

8:00 pm Shabbat Worship with Visiting Musical Scholar, Elana Arian

**Saturday, January 18**

10:30 am J-FLEx Morning Worship with Visiting Musical Scholar, Elana Arian

## **Shabbat Vaera**

**Friday, January 24**

No Worship at CGoP

7:00 pm Installation of Rabbi Sherman Temple Sinai

**Saturday, January 25**

10:30 am Morning Worship

## **Shabbat Bo**

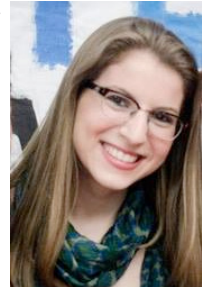
**Friday, January 31**

8:00 pm Brotherhood Shabbat

**February 1**

10:30 am Morning Worship

We live in a broken world. Watching the news each day can be an emotionally challenging experience. And we know, as Jews, that we have an obligation to tikkun olam, to repair the world. In a moment like this, however, the amount of work that needs to be done can feel insurmountable. We might feel powerless against the overwhelming challenges of our world. Pirkei Avot 2:16 teaches us that "it is not [our] obligation to complete the work, but neither are [we] free to desist from it."



Recently, Tzedek, Congregation Gates of Prayer' Social Justice & Social Action Committee, participated in a project that changed my perspective on this issue. We are all familiar with tzedakah boxes – boxes that we use to gather loose change to donate to people in need or to charities that help those in need. Several weeks ago, we made Tzedek boxes. We each brought small cardboard boxes which we decorated with tissue paper, felt letters and paint. We created these Tzedek boxes so that every time we do an act of justice, we write down what we did on a piece of paper and put it in our box. During Passover, we will open our boxes and hold in our hands every single act – both big and small – that we have done over the past few months to make the world a little bit better than when we found it. Every act counts – giving a granola bar to a homeless person, volunteering at a food pantry, buying groceries for the person behind us in line at the store, calling your congressperson about an issue that you care about, or attending a rally for workers' rights.

Rabbi Israel Salanter, the founder of the Mussar (Jewish Ethics) movement, taught, "When I was a young man, I wanted to change the world. I found it was difficult to change the world, so I tried to change my nation. When I found I couldn't change the nation, I began to focus on my town. I couldn't change the town and as an older man, I tried to change my family. Now, as an old man, I realize the only thing I can change is myself, and suddenly I realize that if long ago I had changed myself, I could have made an impact on my family. My family and I could have made an impact on our town. Their impact could have changed the nation and I could indeed have changed the world." As we enter in a new year and a new decade, I invite each of us to pay attention to all of the good that we put out into the world, to feel proud of the little and big acts of justice that we do every day, and to feel inspired to do even more.

*Rabbi Lexi Erdheim*

Congregation Gates of Prayer  
presents  
a Shabbat with  
**Elana Arian**  
**January 17-18**  
"passionate"  
"engaging"  
"talented"

Friday Worship~8:00 pm/Saturday Torah Study~9:15 am/Saturday Morning Worship~10:30 am

Saturday Night Havdalah and Living Room Concert~5:30pm

## Sisterhood News

### Social Action Opportunity

Sisterhood will be collecting cleaning supplies on behalf of the New Orleans Women and Children's Shelter at Sisterhood Shabbat on January 10th. The shelter has indicated it is in need of the following items to aid its mission to provide a safe environment for displaced women and children: Chlorox 4-in-One disinfectant spray, furniture polish, Lemon Pine Sol, Windex, Febreze, 409 All Purpose Cleaner, laundry powder or liquid (high efficiency), Brillo Pads, bleach, Dawn dish washing liquid, and Comet. We will have a bin available outside of the Sanctuary for you to place your donation in that evening, and we'll deliver the supplies to the shelter the following week. Thank you for your participation! Please contact Margery Thomas if you have any questions. [margeryt@gmail.com](mailto:margeryt@gmail.com) or (504) 495-4020.

*Gates of Prayer  
Sisterhood*  
**sparkle**  
**Shabbat**

*Friday, January 10, 2020*

*Lets help the New Orleans Women and Children's Shelter sparkle!  
We will be collecting your donations of cleaning supplies  
that night to be delivered to the shelter.*

## Brotherhood News



Brotherhood Shabbat

Friday, January 31

8:00 pm

Join Brotherhood for a special Shabbat evening that will include a torah reading.



### BROTHERHOOD SUPER BOWL POOL

Keep an eye out for the Brotherhood Super Bowl Pool this year! Cost will be \$10 a square and you will be able to sign up on the board at CGoP.

### Brotherhood and Sisterhood Health Breakfast Series

Sunday, January 19

9:30am

### Risk Factors of Cardiovascular Disease and its consequences

Presented by

Rafael Shabetai

Senior Chief Medical Underwriter

Pan-American Life Insurance Group

## THERE ARE MANY DOORS Which one can we help you open?

### WRJ Southwest District - Louisiana Area Day Saturday, January 11

at Congregation Gates of Prayer

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| 10:30am | Shabbat Worship with Guest Speaker<br>Susan Bass, WRJ President  |
| 12:15pm | Luncheon sponsored by Congregation Gates of Prayer<br>Sisterhood honoring Nita-Joan Sams, long-time member<br>of CGoP Sisterhood |
| 1:15pm  | OPENING THE DOOR TO ALL:<br>Reproductive Health & Rights with<br>Susan Bass, WRJ President                                       |
| 2:00pm  | MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Nosh & Network   |
| 2:15pm  | BE A DOOR OPENER, NOT A CLOSER:<br>Listening Campaigns   |
| 3:00pm  | Words to Inspire You on Your Way & Haudallah   |

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT BY  
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For more information contact  
Jennifer Daley at [wrjswpresident@gmail.com](mailto:wrjswpresident@gmail.com)



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Congregation Gates of Prayer Sisterhood  
& WRJ Southwest District

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## CONTINUING ED

Adult Hebrew with Phil Gaethe  
Wednesday, January 8  
7:00 pm

Are you interested in learning Hebrew?  
Phil Gaethe will be starting classes  
on Wednesday evenings. For more  
information, contact Phil at  
[educator@gatesofprayer.org](mailto:educator@gatesofprayer.org)



Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Erdheim  
Wednesday, January 22  
12:00 pm

Once a month, Rabbi Erdheim will be  
holding a lunch and learn program.  
Bring your lunch and join her!  
If you have suggestions for topics you  
would like to see covered,  
please contact Rabbi Erdheim at  
[RabbiE@gatesofprayer.org](mailto:RabbiE@gatesofprayer.org).



## January Yahrzeits

### January 3-4

\*Estelle Joseph Feitel, \*Stella Sabin Gordon, \*Sol B. Leopold, Mollie Silverstein, \*Irene Estelle Ziegler, Meyer Kierys, \*Gerson Saltz, Marcella Sgutt, \*Leonard David Stone, Henrietta Cohen Bratman, \*Sylvan Robert Cohn, Frieda Kaufman Gelman, Mitchell Krane, \*Rose Joseph Landau, \*Samuel Polmer, Julius Stabinsky, \*Henrietta Feitel Strauss, Morris Watsky, \*Leonora G. Bloch, Fanny Greenberg, Natalie Milner Greenwald, Moses Heidenheim, Jeri Jacob Klein, \*Retta Fisher Loeb, Dorothy Plautt, \*Leon Robbins, \*Milton Berke, Hattie Ezkovich, George Hyman, Emily Rau Levin, \*Agnes Colbert McCarty, Bertha Slesnick Rosenwasser, \*Sidney E. Rudman, Moses Share, Harris Warren, \*Sidney Carl Baumsten, Ken Curtis, Milton Evensky, Joseph Fink, Louise Kahane, Miriam M. Pastel, \*Ulrich Rosen, Sarah Spinner, Jacob Leopold Weil, Saralyn Plantowsky Bronfin, \*Yetta Covert Kancher, \*Mamie Hayem Kaufman, Ida Sperling Levy, Leon E. Levy, Celia Kleinfeldt Paillet.

### January 10-11

Janice Loeb Antin, Mary DeCuir, Sam Freeman, \*Mabel Levine, Morris Scotty Levy, \*Marion Spitzer Mayne, Edward Morris, Solomon Shnaider, \*Myrtle Plonsky Zoller, Dan W. Feitel, Helen Goldberg, Ginger Pelofsky, Simon Piller, Jacqueline B. Slobotzky, Mollie Steinberg, \*Cecile C. Daube, Harry Koniarsky, Josef Rittman, \*Faye Barton Sherman, Harry Kahn, Herman Levitan, \*Amelia W. Mann, Ted May, Sr., \*Esther Nowak, \*Gerson Saltz, Isabel Herzog Winsberg, Peter Brandt, \*Max Fisher, \*Dora Herscovitz, Ruth Leah Katz, Arthur Klein, Leon Levy, \*Mildred Misrie Liniado, Belle Levy Lippman, \*Edith Oppenheimer, Howard Orshesky, Bertha Hirsch Dryfuse, \*Harold A. Frank, \*Bertha Simon Goslinski, Arnold M. Lincove, Earl Washofsky, Bluma Weiner Bienn, Bessie Chaika, \*Murray Gilbert, Ruth Hammond, \*Courtney L. Israel, Sophie M. Mann, Raymond Raskin, \*Ellie H. Schill.

### January 17-18

\*Rose Bosofsky Bernstein, Clara Hinda Biegeleisen, Max Joel Fisher, \*Freda Israel Kansas, Sara Haas Steckler, Tillie Loeb Yarutsky, Eric Becker, Leah Friedman DeBlanc, Abraham Forman, Pincus Gardsbane, \*Paul Unger Young, Dr. Sidney Antin, Fannie Davidson Klumok, \*Annette Levy, \*Alexander Lichtentag, Claire Lea Silber, Marian N. Stevens, \*Rosalee Yasnyi, \*Mildred Landau, Flora Levitin Solomon, Sidney S. Graff, \*Jacob S. Gross, \*Myron L. Levy, Alfred Lippman, Sr., \*Rosalie Meyer Loeb, Robert M. Love, William Moss, \*Chaim David Rau, \*Jennie Borochoff, \*Fannie Jacobs Goldberg, \*Alvin Kenneth Halpern, Henry Herron, \*Arthur D. Leopold, \*Stella Mildred Liniado, \*Joshua Daniel Loewy, Joseph Perlich, Gladys Cohen Stillman, Tillie Friedman Weinberg, Irmgard Coopersmith, Barney Raitman, \*Judith Bookman Rudman, Jerome Trepel.

### January 24-25

Dr. William Gerson Fellman, Rudolph Friedenberg, Gertrude Goldberg, Muriel Landau, Joanne Suckow, \*Frances Baum, \*Stanley H. Fried, \*Florestine Kaufman Hayem, Max Pelzie, Leonard Heymann Roes, \*Gertrude F. Freed, \*Leon Hainebach, Frances Kahn Insler, Isadore D. Kuperman, \*Sophie Haas Levy, \*Helen O. Levy, Saul Rubin, \*Susan Liniado Waltner, \*Tobias Borochoff, \*Isidore Fisher, Ida Orkin Gamsu, Rabbi Moses H. Goldberg, \*Vivian L. Goldstein, Elias Jacob, \*Yetta L. Lupin, Gustave Louis Paillet, \*Abe Strauss, \*Sarah Deutchman Cohn, Minne Goldstein, Dr. Sydney Warren Kluger, Cecile Midlo, Sarah Wible, \*Pauline Kantrow Crum, \*Leon Davis, Eva Goldberg, \*Rose Russ Goldenberg, \*Donald Katz, Clara Mirkin, Fannie Coplan Orshesky, Samuel Paillet, \*Susan S. Wasserman, Sarah Burstein, \*Harry Cohen, Jacob Goldman, Meyer Pollack, \*Joyce Ruth Harper Salomon, \*Ann Segaloff.

### January 31-February 1

\*Emma Kling Cohn, Richard Gordon, Sam B. Hirsch, A. Louis Sizeler, David Leopold Weil, \*Stella Cohn, Samuel B. Katz, Branah Nemeth, \*Harold Rubin, Sidney Stabinsky, Jacob Goldman, Marcia Lachoff, Alvin R. Leopold, Florence Jacobus Milner, \*Earl E. Polmer, \*Ethel Mazur Polunsky, Stephen Preston, Rudolph Jacobs, \*Louis Shapiro, \*Sol Strauss, \*Dr. Max Myrum Greenberg, Martin Kugler, \*Sharyn Robbins Silverstein, Doris Simon, Abe Cohen, Nathan W. Fredman, David Rabin, Lillian Feitel Roseman, William Rosenbaum, \*Kurt S. Schwartz, \*Jerry Z. Aronowitz, \*Jack Fry, Daniel Furman, \*Ina Miller, Myron Moshkowsky, Blanche Sitron, Dorothy Varon, \*Eva Simon Welsch.

## N'davot~Contributions

### The General Fund

#### In Memory of:

**Jack Pollack**  
Peggy Blum  
**Herbert Gross**  
Jack Gross  
**Max & Edith Sofer**  
Dale & Jeannie Biggers  
**In Appreciation of:**  
**Gates of Prayer**  
Melissa Goldin Evans

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

#### In Memory of:

**Helen & Stanley Weinberg**  
Jayne Stillman  
**In Appreciation of:**  
**Rabbi Gerber**  
Celia Katz  
Stephen & Mary Sue Katz  
Lorraine Williams

### Assistant Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

#### In Honor of:

**Rabbi Erdheim's Installation**  
Lorraine Williams  
David & Michelle Bassham  
Rick & Ann Streiffer  
Melanie & Richard Blitz

### The Music Fund

#### In Memory of:

**Albert Paillet**  
Susan & Gerald Levin  
**In Appreciation of:**  
**Tory May**

Lorraine Williams

#### In Honor of:

**The Speedy Recovery of Dr. Stephen Cohen**  
Lazelle, Amy & Becky Alexander

### The Sarah Winsberg Memorial Flower Fund

#### In Memory Of:

**Esther Rosenberg**  
Cindy, Avrom, Stephanie, Sandra & Aaron Denn  
**David Harsha**  
Cindy, Avrom, and Stephanie Denn  
**In Honor Of:**  
**The Wedding Anniversary of Debbie and Jon Schlackman**  
Debbie & Jon Schlackman

### The Fund for the Louise Hayem Manheim Center for Early Childhood Education

#### In Memory of:

**Rebecca W. Levin**  
Darlene & Dean Yellin  
**Michael Blitz**  
**Bryna Yellin**  
**Dr. David Harsh**  
Melanie & Richard Blitz  
**Michael Blitz**  
Randall Blitz  
**Sol Klumok**  
Sue & Fred Preis  
**In Honor of:**  
**The Birth of Alexandra Reece Ostermann**  
Diana & Chip Mann

### The Cemetery Fund

#### In Memory of:

**Edith Oppenheimer**  
**Marge Skretny**  
**Jeri Klein**  
**Elsie Mohre**  
Marion & Harry Mohre  
**Elsie Mohre**  
Michele, Vadim, Hannah & Kaitlin Gelman  
**Samuel Horton Pancamo**  
Renee Horton  
**Ruth Parody Watsky**  
Lazelle Watsky Alexander

### The Louise Hayem Kitchen Fund

#### In Memory of:

**Juanita S. Henry**  
Diana & Chip Mann

### The Simon L. & Flo C. Streiffer Leadership Development Fund

#### In Memory of:

**Helen & Charles Schwarcz**  
Sandy Streiffer Schwarcz

### The Social Action Fund

#### In Honor of:

**Rabbi Erdheim**  
Susan & Gerald Levin

### The Building Fund

#### In Memory of:

**Rose Weiner Brandt**  
Linda & Bobby Brandt

### The Cecile Washofsky Memorial Jacobs Campership Fund

#### In Memory Of:

**Cecile Washofsky**  
Harris & Rosalie Dulitz

## Mazel Tov

To our congregants, **Darlene & Dean Yellin** on the birth of their granddaughter, Blair Harper Berins. Parents are Halley & David Berins.

To **Carrie & Brint Marks** on the birth of their son, Theodore Emile Marks.

To **Jennifer Schwartzberg & Dennis Wilson** on the birth of their son, Leon Patrick Schwartzberg-Wilson.

To **Michael Mann, son of Diana & Chip Mann**, on his engagement to Ashleigh Castin.



## Welcome to Our New Members

**Sparkie Wilson**  
1230 Esplanade Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70116

**Samantha Frank & Matthew Quan**  
2326 Chartres Street  
Unit B  
New Orleans, LA 70117

## In Memorium

**Allen A. Weiner**

## BABY & ME

**Monday, January 13**  
**10:00 am**  
**Budding Artists**  
For more info,  
contact Melanie  
in the CECE office



**Bagels with President,**  
**Aaron Wolfson**  
**Sunday, January 12**  
**9:30 am - 11:30 am**

Come stop by anytime between 9:30 and 11:30 am to shmooze with our Temple President, Aaron Wolfson! He wants to hear what you have to say!

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<b>12</b> 15 tivet 9:30 am J-FLEX 9:30 am SH Breakfast and Board Training 9:30 am Bagels with Aaron 12:00 pm JewCCY Jewce	<b>13</b> 16 tivet 10:30 am Baby & Me	<b>14</b> 17 tivet 9:00 am Yoga 7:00 pm SH Board 7:00 pm BH Board	<b>15</b> 18 tivet 7:00 pm Adult Hebrew	<b>16</b> 19 tivet 9:00 am Yoga 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b> 20 tivet 8:00 pm Shabbat Worship with Eliana Arian	<b>18</b> 21 tivet 9:15 am Torah Study 9:30 am J-FLEX 10:30 am Morning Worship 5:30 pm Havdalah and Concert <i>Shermot</i>
<b>19</b> 22 tivet 9:00 am BH & SH Health Breakfast	<b>20</b> 23 tivet OFFICE CLOSED MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	<b>21</b> 24 tivet 9:00 am Yoga 6:00 pm Executive Committee 7:30 pm Board of Trustees	<b>22</b> 25 tivet 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn 7:00 pm Adult Hebrew	<b>23</b> 26 tivet 9:00 am Yoga 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>24</b> 27 tivet 6:15 pm Worship at Temple Sinai for Rabbi Sherman's Installation	<b>25</b> 28 tivet 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Morning Worship <i>Valera</i>
<b>26</b> 29 tivet 9:30 am J-FLEX	<b>27</b> 1 shevat 7:00 pm SH Book Club	<b>28</b> 2 shevat 9:00 am Yoga	<b>29</b> 3 shevat 7:00 pm Adult Hebrew	<b>30</b> 4 shevat 9:00 am Yoga 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>31</b> 5 shevat 8:00 pm Brotherhood Shabbat	<b>FEBRUARY</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

**Important Dates to Remember:**

**Sisterhood**

- Jan. 10 - SH Shabbat
- Jan. 11 - WRJ Area Day
- Jan. 12 - SH Board Breakfast & Board Training
- Jan.14 - SH Board Mtg.
- Jan. 19 - SH/BH Health Breakfast
- Jan. 27 - SH Book Club

**Brotherhood**

- Jan. 14 - BH Board Meeting
- Jan. 19 - SH/BH Health Breakfast
- Jan. 31 - BH Shabbat
- I-FLEX**
- Jan. 18 - J-FLEX Shabbat Morning
- Jan. 5, 12, 26

**Seniors**

- Jan. 6 - Senior Outreach Lunch

**Young Children with Adults**

- Jan. 13 - Baby & Me

**Adult Education**

- Jan. 8 - Adult Hebrew Starts
- Jan. 22 - Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Erdheim
- Eliana Arian Shabbat**
- Jan. 17 - Shabbat Worship
- Jan. 18 - Torah Study and Morning Worship
- Jan. 18 - Havdalah & Living room Concert

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