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I Guess That's Why They Call It A Shpiel



Featuring the music of
ELTON JOHN



Monday, March 2nd

4:30-6:15 Carnival Games and Bounce Houses

5:15 Pasta Dinner with Salad, Fruit,
Hamentashen, & Ice Cream

RSVP by February 20th

\$15 adults/\$5 kids 3-10/family max \$40
Non Member \$20/\$10/\$60 family max

6:20 Costume parade

6:30 Shpiel (with full megillah reading to follow)

**Social Action: Bring mac &
cheese boxes for groggers to
be donated to the Foodbank**





MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: PAUL & KRISTAN LEVY

Terry Lieberman-Smith

When Paul and Kristan Levy, both healthcare professionals, began building their family, they knew one thing for certain, they wanted their children to grow up with a strong connection to the local Jewish community. Without locking themselves into any specific branch of Judaism, they spent nearly a decade enjoying the exploration of the rich tapestry of Jewish life in the Miami Valley. From PJ Library story



Arthur, Kristan, Caroline, Courtney, Paul, Eleanor

times to the Jewish Film Festival, from Cultural Arts and Books Series programming to the Jewish Cultural Festival, and through visits to area synagogues and temples, the family embraced every opportunity to gain experience and connection. Their four children have many fond memories of the JCC preschool. As their children grew, Paul and Kristan hoped to nurture a deeper and more meaningful Jewish identity for them. At Beth Abraham Synagogue (BAS), they found more than a place to pray, they found a true community. What drew them in wasn't just the programming, it was the warmth of the people, the sense of belonging, and the feeling of stepping into a community that offered comfort, support, wisdom, and connection in a world that often feels rushed and overwhelming. Kristan appreciated the warm welcome she received from the BAS Sisterhood. During a particularly challenging time, after the passing of Paul's mother, that sense of family became especially meaningful.

Over time, the Levys did not just join BAS, they became part of its heartbeat. Although Paul was initially less engaged in synagogue life, he now regularly participates in the minyan and has found great meaning in the ritual life and Torah learning. He often speaks about how the ritual life of the synagogue, and the Torah learning have helped him grow in his understanding of Judaism and in his daily Jewish practice. Through services, he has strengthened his Hebrew, gained a deeper appreciation for the structure and intention behind each part of the liturgy, and found joy in sharing that knowledge with his family and congregants. Paul is also on the BAS Board.

Kristan generously shares her talents by volunteering across a variety of BAS programs and activities. As she is an active member of the BAS Programming Committee, Kristan is a familiar face at many of our most popular events. Whether it's Purim Spiel or Hanukkah celebrations, chances are you will spot her behind the scenes making sure everything runs smoothly and everyone feels welcome. She encourages the family to participate in Shabbat Under the Stars.

The Levy family embodies the idea that a community becomes richer when its members give of themselves. After hearing feedback from congregants during the Strategic Planning meetings about Hebrew-only Shabbat services, Paul recognized an opportunity to help others feel more connected and comfortable in participating in services. Congregants will be learning more about this option in upcoming BAS Bulletins.

And the next generation of Levys is already stepping forward. Courtney and Caroline, one set of the Levy twins, recently celebrated their B'nai Mitzvah. If you are in the building on a Friday morning, you might catch Courtney in the kitchen lending a hand with Kiddush preparations, continuing the family tradition of giving back.

The Levys remind us that community is something we build together, one act of participation, one moment of learning, and one human connection at a time. Their journey is a beautiful example of how Beth Abraham Synagogue becomes not just a place to pray, but a place to grow, to contribute, and to belong.

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*OF BLESSED MEMORY

Rooted in Renewal: Tu B'Shevat, Eco-Kashrut, and the Call to Planetary Consciousness

Rav Aubrey Glazer



Every year, as the winter stillness begins to soften, the Jewish calendar offers us a quiet but profound invitation: *Tu B'Shevat*, the New Year of the Trees. Often called the “Jewish Arbor Day,” *Tu B'Shevat* is far more than a celebration of nature’s beauty. It is a spiritual reminder that the world is not a backdrop to our lives—it is a living partner in our covenant with God. In a time when ecological anxiety is rising and the fragility of our planet feels

increasingly visible, *Tu B'Shevat* arrives as a gentle but insistent teacher. It asks us to look at the natural world not as a resource to be consumed, but as a sacred text to be studied, honored, and protected.

This year I invite us all to explore *Tu B'Shevat* through one of my favorite arboreal lenses that of *Elan d'Kol Hai*, “The Tree of All Life,” a mystical image that appears in Jewish liturgy and Kabbalistic tradition. *Elan d'Kol Hai* is not simply a metaphor—it is a worldview. It teaches that all life is interconnected, that every creature and every ecosystem is a branch of a single, divine tree. When one branch is harmed, the entire tree feels the wound. When one branch flourishes, the whole tree is strengthened.

Tu B'Shevat invites us to cultivate this consciousness not only during the holiday, but throughout the year. And one of the most powerful tools for doing so comes from Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, who expanded the traditional idea of *kashrut* into what he called “eco-kashrut.” While traditional *kashrut* that is a hallmark of our identity as Conservative Jews asks: *Is this food fit to eat?* Eco-kashrut extends this query and further asks: *Is this food ethically and ecologically fit for the world?*

Eco-kashrut challenges us to consider the entire chain of impact—how food is grown, how workers are treated, how animals are raised, how land is stewarded, and how our choices affect the broader web of life. It is a spiritual discipline that aligns beautifully with the teachings of *Tu B'Shevat* and *Elan d'Kol Hai*. In this spirit, I am also sharing three challenges as action directives—practical, meaningful, and rooted in Jewish tradition—that can help us deepen our planetary consciousness, practice eco-kashrut, and strengthen our connection to the Land of Israel.

1. Practice Eco-Kashrut Through Daily Micro-Choices:

Eco-kashrut invites us to see every act of consumption as a spiritual act. It asks us to honor the dignity of all creation—*kavod habriyot*—through mindful choices. This might mean:

- Choosing foods grown with organic, sustainable, ethical practices;
- Reducing single-use plastics
- Composting food scraps as we are already doing in our BAS kitchen;
- Supporting local farmers and regenerative agriculture, like a CSA;
- Buying Israeli produce from farms committed to ecological stewardship.

These micro-choices are not trivial. They are daily affirmations that we see ourselves as part of the Tree of All Life, not separate from it. When we choose foods that honor the earth, we practice a form of *kashrut* that nourishes both body and planet. Supporting the Land of Israel can be woven into this practice by purchasing Israeli fruits—especially those of the seven species—and by supporting Israeli environmental organizations working on reforestation, water conservation, and sustainable agriculture.

2. Adopt a “Mitzvah Tree” for the Year

Tu B'Shevat is a natural moment to plant trees, but the deeper spiritual work is to become a guardian of trees throughout the year. This can take many forms:

- Planting a tree in Israel through JNF or other organizations;
- Supporting reforestation efforts in areas affected by wildfires;
- Planting native species or pollinator-friendly gardens;
- Advocating for urban tree canopy expansion in Dayton and Montgomery County.

In the mystical imagination, every tree planted is a *tikkun*—repair—for the world. The Midrash teaches that when God created Adam, God said, “All this I created for you. Take care not to destroy My world.” A “mitzvah tree” is a way of taking that charge seriously.

For those who want a deeper connection to the Land of Israel, consider adopting a specific forest, nature reserve, or ecological project and learning about its history, challenges, and needs.

3. Create a Personal “*Brit HaAdamah*” — A Covenant with the Earth

Just as we have a *brit* (covenant) with God, *Tu B'Shevat* invites us to create a *brit* with the earth—a personal commitment to living in harmony with the planet. This can be a written statement, a family ritual, or a set of guiding principles.

A *Brit HaAdamah* might include commitments such as:

- Observing one “tech-free” period each week leading to 25 hours on Shabbat to reconnect with the natural world;
- Donating annually to an Israeli environmental nonprofit;
- Learning one new Jewish teaching about ecology each month;
- Reducing food waste through mindful meal planning;
- Supporting renewable energy initiatives.

By articulating our commitments, we transform intention into practice. We become active participants in the healing of the world.

Conclusion: Becoming Branches of the Tree of Life

Tu B'Shevat is not only a holiday—it is a spiritual orientation. It reminds us that we are branches of a vast, interconnected tree whose roots stretch from Eden to Jerusalem, from our backyards to the forests of the Galilee. Eco-kashrut, *Elan d'Kol Hai*, and the teachings of *Tu B'Shevat* call us to live with reverence, responsibility, and joy. When we nurture the earth, we nurture ourselves. When we support the Land of Israel, we strengthen the roots of our people. When we live with planetary consciousness, we honor the divine spark in all creation. May this *Tu B'Shevat* inspire us to grow, to act, and to root ourselves more deeply in the Tree of All Life.

Mazel Tov

Noah Levinson, son of Hannah and Stephen Levinson, will be called to the Torah on February 7th for his Bar Mitzvah at Beth Abraham Synagogue.

Noah plays trombone in the Oakwood Junior High band and jazz band, enjoys performing in JCC musicals, and participates in Destination Imagination.

He is an avid science fiction reader, a friend to all animals, and a Dungeons and Dragons and Magic the Gathering enthusiast.

Noah was born in New York City and spent his toddler years in Los Angeles before settling in Dayton.

He is looking forward to his first summer at Camp Ramah in Wisconsin.



PrayerLab Shabbat

Are you curious about the choreography of prayer and ritual life in the synagogue services? Join us on Saturday, February 14th for the next installments of our interactive prayer lab service. Bring your questions and curiosities.

**Saturday, February 14
@ 9:30 am**

Social Action Update

Tobi Urzi

The BAS Social Action Committee kicked off the year with incredible energy. When our community comes together, the light we create is unmistakable.

A heartfelt *Todah Rabah* to Beth Adelman, for her years of leadership and tireless dedication to social action through her chairing of this committee and other community related activities. Her work continues to inspire those around her, and I am honored to help carry that momentum forward.

Our Shoes4theShoeless drive was an enormous success. In December we collected 550 pairs of socks. Thank you to everyone who built the display, spread the word, and donated so generously. The Shoes4theShoeless was deeply grateful for Beth Abraham's support.

And now... Purim is on the horizon! On March 2, bring your boxes of mac & cheese and get ready to grogger Haman's name right out of the room.

Throughout the year, our battery recycling initiative and food bank donations continue to exemplify the small acts that make a significant difference.

There is much more ahead in 5786/2026. Social Action has several meaningful projects in the works, and we will keep you updated as we move forward together.



NOW HEAR THIS

Julie Liss-Katz, Beth Abraham President



From the very beginning of the Torah, relationships are central. God declares, "It is not good for a person to be alone." Judaism recognizes that we are shaped

and strengthened by the people who walk beside us. Additionally, in Pirkei Avot, we are taught to "Make for yourself a teacher and acquire for yourself a friend," suggesting that friendship requires an investment in time and effort, rather than just waiting for one to appear. However, Jewish friendships do not exist only in one-on-one relationships. They flourish in community. The synagogue, the study group, the shared Shabbat table, these are all spaces where friendships grow.

For the past 14 years, Elaine Arnovitz has been our true friend, serving as our Business Director and connecting with our congregation emotionally, spiritually, and ethically. Her last day at work will be Friday, February 27.

It will be hard to imagine Beth Abraham without Elaine's daily presence. A native Daytonian, the synagogue has been her spiritual home since birth. I can't remember how many times I've leaned over to ask, "Who is that?" only to learn of someone's entire family history.



Her commitment, professionalism, and steady presence have helped shape our synagogue in ways both visible and behind the scenes. Over the years, she has shown up with care, patience, and a genuine sense of responsibility to this congregation and its members. Because of her, our synagogue has become more welcoming, more organized, and more grounded.

In Jewish tradition, we place great value on *avodah* – meaningful work done with purpose – and *chesed*, acts of kindness that strengthen community. Elaine has embodied both. She has supported countless moments of prayer, learning, celebration, and comfort, and they have not gone unnoticed.

We are deeply grateful for all she has given to us over these past 14 years.



Personally, I met Elaine approximately 30 years ago when Alex and Michael were in the same Hillel first grade class. It is a friendship measured in shared lives, showing up through joy, loss, and everything in between. It includes many car trips to Ramah, impromptu Shabbat dinners, and building a condo together. It is trust, endurance, rare, and special.

Elaine, may you truly know how much you are appreciated and may the years ahead bring you continued fulfillment, health, and blessing.

And great neighbors.



In the Beth Abraham Family

Thanks to the following Kiddush Sponsors:

January 3 - Sam Dorf and Masha Kisel in celebration of Sam's election to Oakwood City Council
January 10 - Howard and Sue Ducker in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary
January 17 - Louise & Rex Tincher in memory of Myer & Evelyn Horowitz
January 24 - Janel Pequignot in memory of her grandparents Louis and Pearl Wollin
January 31 - Cantor Raizen in memory of Harold Raizen; Matt & Elaine Arnovitz in memory of Theodore & Tala Arnovitz and Fred & Ruth Scheuer

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries February

February Birthdays

February Anniversaries

2 Alan & Myrnie Moscowitz
12 Walter Rice & Bonnie Beaman Rice
15 Irvin & Gayle Moscowitz
23 Edward Sperber & Amy Munich

** If your birthday or anniversary is not listed above, please call the office so we can put it in the database

**WE RECORD WITH GREAT SORROW THE
PASSING OF:**

Richard "Dick" Feiner, father of Adam Feiner
Ralph Tincher, father of Rex Tincher





- **Abraham Rubin and Estelle Vard** on the birth of their daughter, Lisa Hadar Rubin, on July 1, 2025.
- **Melinda & Bill Doner** on the birth of their third granddaughter, Sophie Blair Doner, on December 31 to Bradley and Skylar Doner of Glencoe, IL. This is Renate and the late Charles Frydman's 20th great grandchild.
- **Rachel and Brandon Kinard** on the birth of their son, Daniel Kinard, on Jan. 3, 2026.
- **Cantor Jerome & Goldye Kopmar** on the birth of their 21st great grandchild.
- **Lee Schear** on All The Best Delicatessen beening named the Best Deli in Ohio in "The Best Deli in Every State That Locals Defend Fiercely," a nationwide guide published by Family Vacations U.S.

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Borkin & Gottesman Families, for their legacy to Beth Abraham, by Martin & Jenny Gottesman

Judy Woll & Ron Bernard, for their 50th anniversary, by Beverly Louis



YAHRZEITS

This list represents yahrzeits for this month as listed in Beth Abraham's database. If we have missed a name, please call the Synagogue office at (937) 293-9520 and let us know so we can update our records.

This February (Shevat - Adar) we remember:

SHEVAT

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Yetta Barsky
Meera Berkovitz
Harry Berkowitz
Dorothe J. Bernstein
Morris Bernstein
Albert C. Bessel
Elizabeth Beyer
Vera Bishow
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Aaron Brown
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Samuel Foreman
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Celia Gershon
Isadore Glachman
Alvin Goodwin
Norman H. Greenberg
Belle Grossman
Benjamin Handler
Fannie Haskin
Florence Heller
Irving Hellman
Rebecca Hillelson
Jule Hulman
Ishur L. Jacobson
Ike Jacobson

ADAR

Theodore I. Jacobus
Ruth Joffe
Kate Kahn
Fannie L Kahn
Edward I. Kahn
Max Kantrovitz
Andrew D. Kaplan
Nathina Kastan
Paul Saeks Katz
Norman Katz
Fannie Katz
Hyman Kisch
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Hilda Kneller
Emilie Kohlhagen
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Esther Mann
Frances Marwil
Leslie M. Mayerson
Rae Mellman
William Mintz
Hershil Morris
Solomon Moskowitz
Harold Nathanson
Richard Nierenberg
Mildred Newman
Oppenheimer
Paul Ornstein
Beila Polichenka
Harold Raizen
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Nathan Reingold
Pauline Resler
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Gayle Kuhr Sharpe
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Nate Silverston
Ben Silverstone
Julius Simon
Jacob Sivitz
Mose Sivitz
LaVerne Smith
Leah Solomon
Morris Speigel
Philip Stayman
William Suson
Meyer Sussman
Salman Tinianow
Rayzel Tracht
Sheila Wagenfeld
Henrietta Waldman
Helen Wasserman
Beth Ann Wynn
Fannie Yanishefsky
Dennis Zappin
Simon Zawatsky
Morris Zeifman
Mary Zidel

YAHRZEITS

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Marlene Carne
Samuel Chasens
Florence Cohen
Emma Cohen
Albert Cretella
Sarah Curtis
Samuel Daitch
Ida Dubro
Miriem Ducker
Joyce Dumtschin
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Holy Desire?

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Join the journey into the greatest Love Song ever written.

4 Tuesdays
@10am on Zoom
February 2026



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Women's Interfaith Meeting

Judy Woll

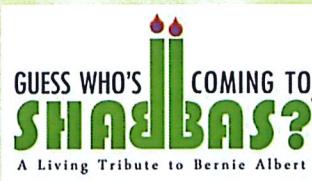
Beth Abraham and Sisterhood will be hosting the Women's Interfaith Luncheon at Beth Abraham on **Thursday, February 12th** at 11:00 -1:00, bringing together women from diverse faith traditions for a morning of connection, reflection, and shared wisdom. This month's gathering will center on the theme of "Fire and Water"—exploring how these powerful elements appear in our spiritual stories and rituals. Participants will have the opportunity to share personal insights, engage in thoughtful dialogue, and enjoy the welcoming atmosphere that makes these meetings so meaningful. All are encouraged to come. Sisterhood is providing lunch. Please RSVP to ladiesinterfaith@gmail.com.

Second Seder

Beth Abraham will once again gather for a Second Seder on Thursday, April 2nd.

We wanted to let you know as you plan for Pesach.

We will take reservations on a first come, first served basis as space may be limited.
More information on timing and cost will follow.



If You Can't Eat Hametz, Eat Chocolate!

Dr. Elyssa Wortzman



Our annual Passover candy fundraiser to benefit the Religious School starts now and ends on March 1st. With every sweet you eat or gift, you provide more resources to teach our students the twin Jewish values of sweetness, hesed (compassion) and hakarat ha tov (finding the good in what you see). This year our goal is to raise the funds to purchase a piece of equipment for the classroom.

Shop online for a variety of OU Kosher for Passover candy, and many more items!

New! Miss Chocolate is now offering Passover Favorites, an OU kosher for Passover candy that has great value and is delicious. Most importantly, this candy is made by the same manufacturer as Bartons, which is still available.

FOLLOW THESE ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cut and paste the web address below into your browser, then hit the and “Enter” key or use the QR code
2. Click Kosher for Passover – SHOP NOW
3. Every item you buy means prizes for our students and gets us closer to our goal of raising the funds for a classroom tablet.
4. Send this link/QR code to your friends and family and ask them to help.
5. You’ll get it shipped directly to you! This year all orders will be placed online and paid for online with the only option of shipping to home at a flat rate of \$12. Get together with friends and reduce the shipping charge!

The link will be in the News & Notes too!

<https://shop.misschocolate.com/index.asp?PID=238156>

With much gratitude in advance – BAS MAASEH school



The Rick Pinsky Brunch Speaker Series

Sponsored by Men's Club

10 am • \$9 • RSVP



February 1

Rav Aubrey Glazer

Allyship and Hospitality
for the Q+ community



February 8

**Dr. Kathy Platoni,
Col. (Ret), US Army**

The Plight of Veterans,
No Matter What the War



SISTERHOOD NEWS

Irene Fishbein

Sisterhood purchased food safety gloves in three sizes to fit all cooking volunteers to use every time they are working in the kitchen. A wall rack for the gloves was also purchased for convenient storage.

If you'd like to help pack and/or deliver Mishloach Manot bags for Purim and are not already on our list, please contact Irene Fishbein and she'll be more than happy to add your name.

MAHJshuganahs dates this month are Thursday Feb. 12 & 26 from 1:00-4:00PM. Please RSVP to Theda Wagner if you'd like to attend.

Please join us for our next Sisterhood Zoom Meeting on Thursday, February 5th at 10:00AM. The link will be in the Monday, February 2nd News & Notes.

Please contact Connie Roberts for Gift Shop assistance. She's always happy to help!

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

Irwin Dumtschin

Annual Raffle Fundraiser: Be on the lookout for your raffle tickets later this month! Our raffle drawings will take place during the Men's Club's annual **Deli Dinner & Movie Night on Sunday evening, March 22nd** — a community favorite, so be sure to mark your calendars.

Every ticket you purchase helps the Men's Club continue providing meaningful support and essential programs for our synagogue. Thank you for strengthening our community with your participation and generosity.

World Wide Wrap 2026 – Sunday, February 8, 2026 (Super Bowl Sunday): Sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, our Men's Club will join conservative Jews around the world in celebrating the mitzvah of wrapping tefillin as part of the annual **World Wide Wrap**. Thousands of men, women, and children participate each year, coming together in prayer during their morning minyanim. We will gather in person at **8:30 AM in the Beth Abraham chapel** with Rav Aubrey. Men's Club and Rav Aubrey warmly encourage everyone, whether you are experienced or brand new, to take part in this meaningful mitzvah.

At 8:15 that morning, a short training session will be offered for anyone who would like guidance on how to put on tefillin. We hope to highlight the beauty of this daily practice: a moment of "first thoughts," grounding, and reflection on our connection to God. For many, tefillin can also be a source of comfort during times of illness, loss, or the everyday challenges of life.

As a thank-you for participating, everyone who wraps tefillin that morning will receive a coupon for a **free brunch** following services.

Men's Club Monthly Meeting: The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 16th at 7:30 PM on Zoom. Our meetings are open to all, and we welcome and encourage anyone to participate! Look for the Zoom link in the upcoming News & Notes.

MEN'S CLUB/SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

On **February 21st**, join Men's Club and Sisterhood for a special morning as they lead the entire Shabbat service. This lay led service will highlight their participation in the religious life of the shul, as well as Men's Club and Sisterhood's continued support within the synagogue.



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LIVESTREAM LINK

The link for all livestreamed services through StreamSpot is:

<https://venue.streamspot.com/72a802ed>

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The Rick Pinsky Brunch Speaker Series



**Friday,
February 13th 5:30 - 6:15 pm**

Join Cantor Raizen to usher in Shabbat with songs, prayers, instruments, movement, dance, yoga and more.



Times for Shabbat Candle Lighting & Services

Online service links can be found at
www.bethabrahamdayton.org,
Facebook, or in your weekly News & Notes email

Friday, February 6

Candle Lighting 5:45 pm

Saturday, February 7

Morning Service 9:30 am
Havdalah 6:45pm

Friday, February 13

Candle Lighting 5:53 pm

Saturday, February 14

Morning Service 9:30 am
Havdalah 6:53 pm

Friday, February 20

Candle Lighting 6:01 pm

Saturday, February 21

Morning Service 9:30 am
Havdalah 7:00 pm

Friday, February 27

Candle Lighting 6:09 pm

Saturday, February 28

Morning Service 9:30 am
Havdalah 7:08 pm