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Be The Change

“The times, they are a-changin’”, Bob Dylan first sang more than 50 years ago. It is a time of change for our synagogue, as in the last month Rabbi Betsy Torop led the last service of her 14-year tenure with CBS. We are blessed to have Rabbi Richard Address and other leaders fill our pulpit as our rabbi search committee continues the sacred work of finding our next spiritual leader.

It is said that humans are not fond of change, and biologically our bodies are hard-wired to try to maintain stability, a term called homeostasis. I have recently returned to teaching biology, and one of our central concepts is homeostasis. From maintaining body temperature to glucose levels in our bloodstream, our bodies even fight our efforts to lose weight when losing would be better for our overall health. It takes extra effort, and even then, change is not always successful.

How does Judaism view change? As a people, we are encouraged to engage in tikkun olam, repairing the world. Reform Judaism has a strong legacy of engaging in tikkun olam, and some Jews find more meaning in their relationship with G-d through these acts than in traditional practices such as prayer or ritual. Jews fight to improve the environment, for issues of social justice, and a host of other issues. Our efforts are rooted in Torah, where we are repeatedly told to take care of the widow, the orphan, and the stranger. We are taught to make the world a better place and to engage in acts that bring about this change.

Our community is in the middle of a time of change. Some aspects of these changes have been unsettling, even if necessary. Families have left the congregation, and others have joined. We are seeing many more service leaders providing various types of worship opportunities. Three different rabbis have recently spent time with us to see if they might be the best fit as our next spiritual leader. Even if for the better, we humans find change hard. As this new calendar year unfolds, we each can contribute positively to the change that is happening around us. New opportunities are arising. Not all of us can lead a service or have the time to step up to help with a committee event. However, we each can find a way to be a positive part of the change we are experiencing. Martin Luther King, Jr. teaches us, “If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.”

Embrace change not as a negative, but as an opportunity to finding or creating good. Talk to others, strengthen relationships, reach out to our leaders, and add your voice to Beth Shalom’s growth in this time of transition. Each of us has a role, and Rabbi Tarfon taught us in Pirke Avot that it is not our responsibility to finish the work, but we are not free to desist from it. Let’s all work together to help CBS become stronger as a synagogue and as a community.

See a column from one of our interim rabbis on page 4.

FROM THE PRESIDENT - David Friedman

Have You Ever Hugged Your Contractor?

The Prologue ...

Have you ever met someone who was good-natured, softhearted, calm and kind, and seemed totally at ease with themselves? I never had, until recently. I am going to tell you a story I'm still trying to figure out - one that has had a profound impact on me.

The Set Up ...

Recently, we had some work done in our home. The contractor we hired, turned out to be an artist. We received a quote which we accepted, and work began. My office is in my home, so there were many opportunities to take breaks, and get to know Bill (not his real name.) As it turns out, Bill is Polish. He was born Catholic, and though he doesn't practice Catholicism, he is a very religious, spiritual Christian. Bill had already been to Israel twice, and a third trip was scheduled. He'd hoped to have the work completed before leaving flying over again, but Hurricane Irma changed his plans.

A few days before he was to leave, and nearing completion of our bathroom, in a very tactful way, he let me know that his quote had not taken into consideration a few things: First, the shallow garden tub, we'd replaced with a deeper, jetted tub, had required about 10 extra hours of work. Secondly, he did not realize we wanted the floor tile set at an angle. This required more time. Lastly, after the job had started, we asked him to build a seat, in the shower.

When Bill initially started the job, we made weekly payments. At this point, we still owed him \$200. I asked him how much more he would have charged us? He said, he'd think about it and let me know. I would never expect him to work for free, and planned to compensate him fairly.

The next day, he said he would have added \$1,600 to the quote, but, "I would be OK with half, or \$700, but it's up to you." I could tell that this was an uncomfortable conversation for him.

When Carol Anne got home from work, we talked about it. As he is packing up for the day, I told him, "We are going to pay you \$1,600, because you earned it." Bill responded, "No, I won't take that." To which I said, "Think about it while you're away and let us know when you get back from Israel."

Bill returned 12 days later, but only stayed a short time. He was dealing with jet lag and didn't want to attempt anything that required precision. I asked, "So, how much more should we pay you?" He said, "Nothing. G-d spoke to me and told me not to take any more money." Now, I heard what he had just said, but I wasn't listening. Not fully. And I wish I could take my response back. I was only focused on trying to do what I felt was the right thing. To pay him for his work. I didn't know the full story at the time. How could I? So, I shouldn't berate myself too much. But here's how I responded. I said, "My G-d spoke to me and said I needed to pay you for your time." I handed him a \$1,000 check I had in my pocket. Reluctantly, he took the check. We both were a little uncomfortable. I wasn't sure, but something didn't "feel" right.

He came back one more day to finish up. As the day ended, I helped him pack up. We shook hands and hugged. Ever hug your contractor?

Bill's Story ...

A few days later, Bill called. He said he wanted to come by to talk. We met later that afternoon. I met him outside as he pulled into the

driveway. I invited him in, but he said he preferred to speak outside.

He told me, "The first time I went to Israel, one of the first places I visited was the holocaust museum. It was there that I learned of the horrific role the Polish people had played during the holocaust. They helped the Nazis by divulging the locations of homes lived in by Jews. And for disclosing these locations, the Polish people were allowed to keep the possessions owned by these Jews. They dug up dead Jews so they could take their gold fillings. The more I learned, the more I realized it was very possible some of my relatives could have taken part in these atrocities. It weighed very heavy on my heart, and I have struggled with this for years."

Bill also let me know, which is common knowledge, that Germany had since offered restitution to Israel, but Poland has offered nothing to Israel.

He continued. "This past summer, I took my Mother to her Catholic Church. While in church, G-d spoke to me. He told me that I needed to offer restitution to the Jewish people for the possible actions of my ancestors. This time, I heard him clearly. I was listening. I was present.

Digest that! Put yourself in my shoes. As a Jew, what thoughts would go through your mind if, while speaking to someone, they say, "G-d spoke to me?" As Jews, we talk to G-d. We pray to G-d. But we don't speak in those terms, that G-d speaks to us. Not in the same sense that he was relating to me.

Telling this story to me was very difficult for him. He was getting emotional. I said nothing as he continued. He shared a few more terrible things the Polish people did.

I could feel the weight of responsibility he'd put on his shoulders for acts committed by people that, other than being Polish like himself, might not have been involved.

He continued. "While I was on the return flight from Israel, G-d spoke to me again. This time, he told me that you are the Jew I'm to give restitution to on behalf of your people."



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Congregation Beth Shalom provides a meaningful spiritual home for people of all ages and levels of knowledge, a place to learn and to question, a place to worship and to celebrate, and a place to find a community that cares.

We offer:

- ☆ **Friday worship services at 7:45 PM**
- ☆ **Religious school pre-k through 10th grade**
- ☆ **Complete B'nai Mitzvah preparation**
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Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Friday, Feb. 2, 7 p.m.:** The 5th and 6th grade students will lead services. Please note the early time.
- **Sunday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m.:** Special congregation meeting about bylaws. Details on page 5.
- **Saturday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m.:** Mardi Gras Gala event. More information on page xx.
- **Sunday, Feb. 25, 9:30 a.m.:** Purim celebration and Torah Tots.
- **Monday, March 19, 6 p.m.:** Page Turners. More information on page 6.
- **Friday March 23, 7:45 pm:** Challah baking event. See page 6 for more information.
- **Sunday, March 25:** CBS blood drive.

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This was one of the very few times that I controlled my knee-jerk need to introduce humor into a conversation. I was speechless. I did not know what to say. How do you respond? This is not a conventional conversation between two men.

Still remaining silent, Bill asked me, "Would you forgive me for the acts that my people did to your people during the holocaust?" I really hadn't completely grasped what was being asked of me, but, nevertheless, I said, "Yes," without skipping a beat. Bill then asked, "Would you forgive my people for what they did to your people?" Again, I said, "Yes." Lastly, Bill said, "If you will forgive me and my people, for what they did to your people, hold out your hand." I raised my hand to shake his. I figured we were going to shake hands, and that would be that! As we shook hands, I could feel that his hand was not empty.

Feeling the paper he'd pushed into my palm, I said, "Bill, I don't want to take my hand away." To which he said, "If you will forgive me, and forgive my people, take your hand away, and put it in your pants pocket." So I did as he asked.

There was a little more conversation. We both agreed to stay in touch. He said he wanted to remain a part of our lives. I felt the same way. Again, we shook hands. Hug each other, and he left. I went into the kitchen to try and relay to Carol Anne, what had just happened. I pulled \$1,000 in cash out of my pocket. Carol Anne and I just looked at each other trying to figure this out.

The Take-away ...

I'm still trying to understand what I'd experienced, and what I'm supposed to have taken away. I'm left with some questions. As Jews, we talk about doing good deeds, (tzedakah) offering forgiveness, helping the poor, etc. Have you ever asked someone for forgiveness? Are you totally at peace with yourself? Regardless of how we feel about ourselves, how would the people closest to you describe your aura? Calm and soft hearted? At peace? Are you like Bill?

See you in temple.

February Oneg Schedule

There can be no joy without food and drink. — Talmud, Mo'ed Katan

THANK YOU! to the following people who will host an oneg Shabbat in February.

- **Feb. 2:** The **5th and 6th grade parents** will host the oneg in honor of their students, who will lead services.
- **Feb. 9:** **Anna Feldman** will host the oneg in honor of her birthday.
- **Feb. 16:** **Mitch & Suzie Baylis** and **Rob & Stephanie Ferry** will be hosting in honor of their wedding anniversaries.
- **Feb. 23:** **Andrea Chassen** will host the oneg in honor of her parents' wedding anniversary, 70 years ago.

On behalf of the Oneg Committee I want to express our sincere thanks for the generosity of our February hosts!

If you have any questions or are interested in hosting an oneg, please contact us (Judith 856-816-2174, Anita 813-990-9498, and Anna 707-628-5399).

Anna Feldman, Judith Pliner, and Anita Hoffman

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RABBI SEARCH- *Sheila Fishman*

Your Rabbi Search Committee has been quite busy over the past several months. The process has been like a whitewater rafting experience. The committee has been crowded into an inflatable raft and we have been navigating our way along the river. There have been times when the water has been calm and we are making progress. At other times, the river has been raging and we have become snagged in a rock formation. We felt lost and pulled against each other. Finally, we found that we must work as a team to maneuver our way around getting back to the calmer waters. We are moving in the right direction. We realize that we must be patient and we must be strong. We will arrive at our destination triumphant.

While on our river journey, we received eleven applications from some of the finest reform rabbis. After interviewing and pressing for information, we decided on three applicants. We then arranged for you to meet them. In mid-December, Rabbi Claudio Kogan visited with us. He provided spiritual presentations, interacted with our children, socialized with us, and visited our surrounding communities. Similar visits and interactions with Rabbi Joshua Leighton and Rabbi Noah Ferro were provided in the earlier weeks of January. Following each visit, each congregant was asked to a questionnaire on Survey Monkey, or send an email to Sheila Fishman, the Committee Chair. We requested each rabbi to provide three to five references. Sheila Slavkin and Toby Koch checked those references.

The Rabbi Search Committee subsequently met to discuss their personal reactions, to analyze the survey data collected, and to examine the reports from each rabbi's personal references.

With this meeting, it was determined that additional information was still required of Rabbi Kogan and Rabbi Ferro. We were just not ready to make a final decision. Furthermore, additional applications have been received that we wish to review more closely. Accordingly, we cannot provide you with the name of our next rabbinic leader. However, we do believe that we will be led into the future with our next rabbi effective with July 1.

FROM HAZZAN FRIEDLER

Dear Congregants,

My name is Hazzan Moshe Friedler, and I will join you at services on different Shabbatot weekends during this year. My Kabbalat Shabbat is a musical Shabbat where I deliver my Tefilot with my voice and my accordian. I hope that you will feel free to join me in song and prayer.



It is a Jewish tradition at the synagogue to have two pulpits, one on each side and the lectern in the middle from where we read the Torah. Those pulpits on each side are one for the rabbi and one for the hazzan...

The rabbi brings his intellect and interpretation of Jewish law from his pulpit through sermons and d'var Torah ... pure intellect.

The other pulpit belongs to the hazzan, who with songs and prayers reaches the people for Shabbatot and different holidays --- all through song and prayer.

It's my hope to share together the beauty of the Jewish melodies that inspired so many families through our history. Chazak veematz let's strengthen one another and make Congregation Beth Shalom, like always our Jewish home of prayer.

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Kudos & Mazels

Join with CBS in offering congratulations and recognition to the following members on their accomplishments:

KUDOS

- Kudos to **Sheila Fishman** and the **rabbi search committee** for providing interactive opportunities for congregation members to meet all of the visiting rabbis.
- Kudos to **Carol Anne Friedman** for her time and effort in arranging meals for the visiting rabbis.



*Do you know a CBS member who should be congratulated for a special accomplishment?
If so, email the name and accomplishment to cbs-admin@hotmail.com.*



Special Congregational Meeting

The Members of the Bylaws Committee, Toby Koch, Richie Bauman and Gerry Pliner. Has called for a special congregational meeting Sunday, Feb. 11, at 10 a.m. We have updated the 2009 bylaws. We have simplified the Bylaws and brought them up to date. On Jan. 2, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the updated bylaws.

Please join your fellow congregants at this special meeting. The changes to the bylaws will be presented. Your vote is needed to pass this updated version. We have previously emailed a letter to the congregation with the update bylaws. If you want another copy, please contact Toby Koch or Richie Bauman.

MEMBERSHIP

What a wonderful way to begin the new year! Please help us "welcome back **Jonathan and Jennifer Chasin** and son **Maxwell**" to Congregation Beth Shalom! It's so nice to have the Chasin family back in our CBS family!

And remember, when you see unfamiliar faces at temple events, be sure to say hello and welcome them. After all, you never know who joined or rejoined our wonderful congregation!

Happy 2018 to everyone!

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LIFELONG LEARNING—Richie Bauman



Life-Long Learning, aka education (notice - I didn't say "adult"), is really a partnership in our setting - between clergy, lay leadership and congregants. One cannot do it without the other. Our next rabbi will not be on board until July 1; assuming we have a successful candidate we want and

wants us in return. So, we have February through at least the end of June to have some classes/programs/events before our next rabbi arrives.

But I am not a mind reader - I really need some help here! There are some things I've already done, mostly text based - with food, schnapps/wine, etc., such as: Dead Sea Scrolls, Psalms, Minor Prophets, Maccabees, Lamentations, Torah study - and, if it's not on this list, I'm willing to give it a try. But I need YOUR feedback - it would really be appreciated. Please contact me at bau-manrc@gmail.com with your ideas and thoughts.

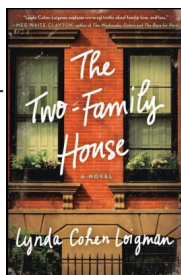


Thanks, Richie

PAGE TURNERS

Monday, March 19, at 6 p.m., Page Turners will meet for a discussion of *The Two Family House, A Novel*, by Lynda Cohen Loigman.

Loigman's debut novel is an engrossing family saga set in post-war Brooklyn. It focuses on two families that are inextricably linked by blood, marriage, and a long-held secret. Brothers Abe and Mort took over their family box business when their father died, even though Mort had his heart set on studying mathematics. The brothers and their families share a two-family house. As the story opens in 1947, wives Rose and Helen are themselves as close as sisters, happily bringing up their children together. Rose and Mort have three young daughters, and Helen and Abe, on the top floor, are bringing up four sons. Then, the two women get pregnant at the same time, deliver their babies together during a horrible blizzard, and make an instant decision to swap the babies that will change all of their lives forever. The story follows the families through decades.



Loigman's use of shifting perspectives allows readers to witness first-hand the growing consequences of long-festered secrets and the insidious lies that cover them up. This historical family drama has a dark underbelly, but Loigman's decision to let the reader in on the secret allows the setting and mood of the novel take over as the characters move haltingly toward redemption and peace.

With the book discussion, a light dinner will be offered. Our moderator for the evening will be Sheila Fishman.



Shabbat Sha-challah

• **Friday, March 23, 7:45 p.m.:** Calling all challah bakers and those that want to be! Join us on Shabbat Sha-challah featuring the traditions and customs of making challah. Congregants are invited to put on their aprons and knead up their best challah and bring that masterpiece to the temple. Following services we will be eating these wondrous delights and sharing recipes, if you will. Please R.S.V.P. to Sheila Fishman at gold17@verizon.net if you wish to participate. Here's your chance to get your fill before Pesach begins!

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EDUCATION—Amy Weinstein

"The aim of education should be to teach us rather how to think, than what to think - rather to improve our minds, so as to enable us to think for ourselves, than to load the memory with thoughts of other men." - Bill Beattie

After several weeks of vacation, we returned from winter break and have been busy ever since! We have assisted with the fundraiser by making masks to wear at the Mardi Gras Gala and spent time with our rabbi in scholar. Our students had the opportunity to learn with several different rabbis as they visited during our rabbi search activities.

With all these activities, our school remains focused on delivering the very best Judaic and Hebrew education possible! We are well into our 2nd semester. Our Hebrew classes are focusing on learning prayers and working hard to increase their skills. I challenge you to make it to each class on time and ready to learn.

Important Dates

- **Friday, Feb. 2, 7 p.m.:** Family Shabbat
- **Sunday, Feb. 4:** RS
- **Wednesday, Feb. 7:** Hebrew & Confirmation
- **Sunday, Feb. 11:** RS
- **Wednesday, Feb. 14:** Hebrew
- **Sunday, Feb. 18:** No RS (Presidents' Day Weekend)
- **Wednesday, Feb. 21:** Hebrew
- **Sunday, Feb. 25:** RS (Purim Celebration) & Torah Tots
- **Wednesday, Feb. 28:** Hebrew

BESTY BEAT

I hope everyone had a great first semester.

First, I have an administrative announcement, youth group will now be meeting at the Starbucks on the corner of FishHawk Blvd. and Bayberry Glen Drive the first Sunday of each month, beginning at 4 p.m.

An important event is coming up, Spring Kallah!! This is open for 8th- 12th graders. Registration ends Feb. 21! If you have any questions feel free to email wanna-bemybesty@gmail.com. It is going to be a great event full of friends, Shabbat services and interactive programs. These events are once -in-a-lifetime experiences. Scholarships are available, email us for more information.



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A Trip for Two to the 52nd Annual Country Music Awards & A Country Music Awards After-Party in Nashville: Three days & two nights (November 2018) (Land Only). Recognized worldwide as "Country Music's Biggest Night™," the CMA Awards represent the pinnacle of achievement in the Country Music industry.

New Orleans Trip with airfare, 3 nights in the French Quarter, Dinner Jazz cruise and a 3-hour cooking class: Come Hungry for Southern Cuisine and Soulful Music to New Orleans, Louisiana for four days & three nights at either the St. James Hotel, the Windsor Court Hotel, the Hyatt Centric French Quarter New Orleans, or the Maison Dupuy Hotel with economy class air for two, including a tour of the city, a dinner jazz cruise and a class at the New Orleans School of Cooking.

A VIP Trip for Two to Hamilton on Broadway: (Land Only) Hamilton is the hottest ticket on Broadway right now! And this once-in-a-lifetime experience gets you not only tickets to the show at Richard Rodgers Theatre, but dinner with two cast members and an in-theater meet and greet as well!

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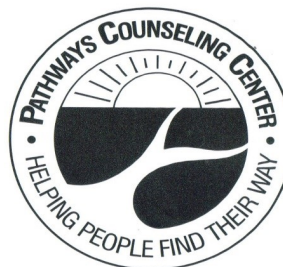
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KOLOT SHOLOM NOTES

Shalom!

I began the writing of this *Kibbitzer* article three times, because I was intent on giving you a cursory report on my trip to the URJ Boston Biennial. Now I realize why I had to begin over and over. It is impossible to give you a brief view of this very monumental experience.

My sole reason for going was to sing with other temple musicians and to bring back to our congregation new and interesting music for our services. And yes, I did that. I have a backpack filled with new ideas and melodies to enhance our worship. And I can truly say the music and Cantor Leigh Korn, our conductor, were worth the whole trip for me as a musician.

But when I tried to put into words what this biennial meant to me, the music is not the whole story. The plenaries that conveyed the importance of our Reform Movement in a changing and often tumultuous world, the scholarly lectures of our Jewish educators and the oneness experienced in prayer and meditation go far beyond a perfunctory explanation.

I'm extremely grateful to those congregants who supported me in attending this year's biennial, while at the same time I am acutely aware of my obligation to impart the learning I received. With that in mind, I've

asked Steve Slavkin, head of the ritual committee if I might give the D'var Torah on Feb. 9, at the Blue Jeans Shabbat Alive Service. I hope you will come to hear what we as a reform congregation can do to help repair the world and to carry out the mission of our Reform Movement.

How can we work to improve conditions for the handicapped, the sexually abused, the hungry and those who cannot enjoy the freedoms we possess in this country? How can we honor and embrace the diverse political voices within the Reform Movement, and the diversity in general of our people? Can we speak for those who have no voice? Can we join people of other faiths and find a common bond? These are among the many questions offered at the biennial. We at Congregation Beth Shalom have already begun to address some of these issues. How can we move forward on others?

It is a good thing to have high ideals. Now let us take the next step to achieve them.

I hope you'll join me Feb. 9, with an open heart to welcome the many messages, musical, liturgical and ethical of the URJ Biennial.

*Todah Rabah,
Joan Frankel*

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2/2	Rob & Stephanie Ferry
2/6	Keren Vergon & Anna Brubaker
2/10	Rachel & David Moskowitz
2/12	Mitch & Susan Baylis
2/26	Jennifer & Jonathan Chasin



Yahrzeits

2/1	Cohen, Sarah	Grandmother of	Roberts, Sandra
2/1	Levine, Abraham	Father of	Weiner, Marcia
2/2	Johnson-Morrison, Marie Josephine	Grandmother of	Berdit, Dorothy
2/2	Kay, Vivian	Grandmother of	Miller, Iylene
2/3	Workman, Florence	Mother of	Feldman, Anna
2/3	Garafola, Vincent	Father of	Frye, Christina
2/3	Rogovin, Ann	Mother of	Rogovin, Richard
2/4	Green, Eugene	Father of	Tiller, Rita
2/9	Bensanceney, Kathy	Niece of	Edelson, Laurie
2/11	Goldman, Maurice	Father of	Aronson, Sharon
2/11	Fishman, Judy	Mother of	Fishman, Errol
2/12	Pliner, Leon	Father of	Pliner, Gerald
2/13	Jacobson, Albert	Father of	Jacobson, Peter
2/15	Workman, Daniel	Nephew of	Feldman, Anna
2/16	Gordon-Lutz, Rose	Great Grandmother of	Berdit, Mark
2/17	Ratner, Joan	Sister of	Ratner, Ira
2/18	Strauss, Dr. Dorothy	Mother of	MacNaughton, J E
2/19	Sandberg, Rose	Mother of	Santucci, Sandy
2/20	Armus, Reuben	Father of of	Fishman, Sheila
2/2	Lieberman, Esther	Grandmother of	Richter, Rudina
2/22	Honig, Molly	Mother of	Richter, Rudina
2/22	Cohen, Florence	Mother of	Grimm Silverstein, Blossom
2/22	Scheiner, Joe	Father of	Ruiz, Susan
2/24	Silverstein, Gertrude	Friend of	Grimm Silverstein, Blossom
2/26	Sapolsky, Herbert	Father of	Burkett, Susan
2/26	Brill, Deborah	Mother of	Savitt, Scott
2/26	Fleischman, Anna	Grandmother of	Weisman, Lauren
2/28	Frankel, Frederick	Husband of	Frankel, Joan
2/28	Feldman, Meyer	Father of	Feldman, Stephen
2/28	Siegel, Abraham Isaac	Grandfather of	Miller, Eric



Birthdays

2/2	Kaler, Larry
2/3	Lamattina, Justine
2/3	Fishman, Sheila
2/10	Rapp, Allison
2/12	McCormick, Noah
2/13	Meyers, Zachery
2/16	Leybovich, Ron
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