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BOARD MEETING

February 9, 2026

RABBI PRAVER'S SHABBAT

February 7th and 21st
Monday, March 2nd EREV PURIM
Friday, March 13th
Shabbat Across America & Canada
April 2nd. Seder

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14 Shevat -11 Adar

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Fri., February 6/19 Shevat

Candle Lighting 5:02

Sat., February 7/20 Shevat

YITRO

Fri., February 13/26 Shevat

Candle Lighting 5:11

Sat., February 14/27 Shevat

MISHPATIM

SHABBAT SHEKALIM

Fri., February 20/3 Adar

Candle Lighting 5:19

Sat., February 21/4 Adar

TERUMAH

BIRKAT HACHODESH

Fri., February 27/10 Adar

Candle Lighting 5:28

Sat., February 28/11 Adar

TETZAVEH

SHABBAT ZACHOR

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Something to Look forward To

Most of us have had enough of snow and cold weather. We also await the days when it's lighter outside for a longer period of time. Because most of us live in New Jersey, we have to deal with these issues.

The weather is something that we can't control. Fortunately we know how to deal with it and we do it very well.

However, we know that February is part of winter. We also know that March, April, May, and June will follow.

Let's look at this in a positive way. We are going in the direction of spring and summer, when the situation will be more to our liking. For most of us, seeing more of the sun makes us more hopeful because it brings more light. The anticipation eases our anxiety and brings us hope.

We relate it to our temple situation. Our goal is to attract more members. As of yet, we have not succeeded. We are very thankful for Paloma and her children, who joined us recently. We hope that we can do more.

Let's hope that light will reign supreme. Let's anticipate more new faces that will join us in our mission. Let's let the sunshine in and make Temple Emanu-El a beacon of love, peace, and joy.

RABBI'S MESSAGE

SHALOM AND BLESSINGS OF PEACE

As we reflect on the Jewish holidays that occur in February, we find a common thread that weaves them all together - the majestic symbol of the tree. From Tu B'Shvat (15 Shvat 5786 / February 2, 2026, to Rosh Chodesh Adar (1 Adar) February 17-18, and the revelations of the burning bush, trees stand as witnesses to the divine presence in our lives.

On Tu B'Shvat (15 Shvat 5786 / February 2, 2026), we celebrated the renewal of life and the sweetness of fruit that trees provide. Trees remind us that life is precious, and every moment is an opportunity for growth and nourishment. Just as trees require care and attention to flourish, so too do our spirits and our communities.

The burning bush, where Moses encountered the Divine, was a pivotal moment in our history. Moses' humility and willingness to listen allowed him to receive the revelation of God's presence. As we navigate our own journeys, may we too find the courage and humility to listen and respond to the Divine call. God is found in all of creation, in our homes, synagogues, hearts, and in all the little and mundane things we do in our daily lives, not just in the burning bush in the Sinai desert.

Rosh Chodesh Adar (1 Adar 5786 / February 17-18 2026) marks the beginning of the Hebrew month that contains the joyous Purim holiday (14 Adar 5786 / in which we celebrate overcoming and outsmarting Haman, one of the most evil antisemites in our history. These days, it seems we sadly face similar challenges. May we once again use our resilience and wisdom to overcome and continuously reach times of joy and celebration. The new moon's illumination reflects the light of the sun, reminding us that even in darkness, there is always the potential for light and redemption. And with God power and blessings, all things can come to be.

As we move forward, may we be blessed with life, health, and light - both physical and spiritual. May our lives be nourished by the wisdom of the Torah, the beauty of nature, and the love of our community. May we be a source of strength, comfort, and inspiration to one another, and may our homes be a haven of peace and tranquility.

SCHMOOZE

On Shabbat, January 10, 2026, Irwin Rothblat discussed whether Albert Einstein's Jewishness was relative. It seems that it is but in his own unique way. He was regarded as one of the world's foremost geniuses. We, as Jews, proudly claim him as one of our own.

He did not practice our religion in the earliest stages of his life because his parents Hermann and Pauline, who lived in Germany at the time, were leery of being Jewish. They even changed his name from Abraham to Albert. They also sent him to Catholic school as well.

Max Talmud, an acquaintance of the Einsteins helped Albert with his science while comparing it to Bible stories. That's how he was introduced to Judaism. It seems that his form of the religion is similar to Deism, which claims that G-d created the world but left it in human hands.

Irwin did a tremendous job teaching us about one of the most famous people in the world. We thank him for all of his research and his beautiful presentation.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT	PRICE		
March 2nd.	Purim			
March 13th.	Shabbat Across America	\$30.00 per person Chinese Food	Total capacity 30 people	R.S.V.P By March 4th
April 2nd.	Seder			

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FROM: RENEE & ALBERT BOUSSO

**TO: SUE SHAPIRO— IN MEMORY OF MURRAY BLACKSTONE ל"צ, BELOVED
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YAHRZEIT

February 1-7/14-20 Shevat

Lillian Kessel, Rose Altschuler, Dr. Leo Cooper, Charles E. Grodberg, Irving Lipman, Grace Rosenberg, Rose Scharf, Meyer Goichberg, Diane Rosen Wigdor, Rabbi Abraham Feinerman, Samuel David Fox, Maurice Zinader, Isaac Eicken, Eva Grodberg, Gertrude Halper, Rose Trambitsky, Solomon Robinson, Hannah Gross

February 8-14/21-27 Shevat

Rose Greenberg, Nathan Bernzweig, Belle K. Schulman, Frances Resnick, Emma Mutterperl, Dr. Melville Gurland, Minnie Rose, Blanche Levy, Morris Wapnowitz, Herman P. Feinberg, Morris Droutman, Abram A. Shapiro, Nathan Goldman, Max Potashkin, Fay Eisenberg, William L. Kafenbaum, Abe E. Edelman

February 15-21/28 Shevat-4 Adar I and II

Arthur I. Ravitt, Jennie Schwibner, Solomon Gross, Wolf B. Grunstein, Norton A. Lazarus, Harry L. Trambitsky, Adolph Klein, Herman Susskind, Dr. Irving M. Halperin, Nathan Mutterperl, Ben Hockstein, Ruth B. Apfelbaum, Dr. Isaac Frank, Julien B. Abrahams

February 22-28/5-11 Adar I and II

Jules Anzel, Jennie Moskowitz, George Safrin, Joseph Samuel, Rose Zinader, Benjamin M.A. Kline, Theodore Ted Perlman, Anna R. Frank, William Toffel, Anna Adler, Cele B. Abramson, Annie Grotsky, Howard W. Eicken, Nathan Wein, Alfred David Tepper, Donald B. Golden, Esther Shapiro, Sophy Susskind, Sheldon W. Weiss, Simon Elbaum, Seymour Kochansky, Samuel I. Fenton, Dr. William O. Cohen

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 _{TU} BI'SHEVAT	3	4	5	6	7
8	9BOARD	10	11	12	13	14
15	16Presidents ' Day	17ROSH CHODESH	18ROSH CHODESH	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

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