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From The Desk of The Rabbi

“LIVING IN TWO WORLDS”

Recently, I watched a documentary on the Roman Empire and during the time of Julius Caesar's reign, the current solar calendar used by most of the world today was established. While this was a great achievement for the Roman Empire, there was a certain number of pagan/human connections that made up this calendar. For example; July and August were named after Julius and Augustus Caesar. January was named after the Roman deity Janus. February was named after the Roman festival of purification called Februa. March was named after Mars, the Roman deity of war. I think you can get the picture here.

However, we the Jewish people live according to the rhythm of two different calendars – the secular and the sacred. The night of December 31 is an exciting time in one secular tradition, but meaningless in the sacred. And at the same time, the first of Tishri takes on universal spiritual meaning for us Jews, but has no meaning for the non-Jewish secular world. This duality certainly presents many challenges for the Jewish world and for most of us Diaspora Jews, we tend to rely on the secular calendar most of the time and it certainly makes us think and check when our holidays are going to occur.

While they are always on the same Hebrew calendar date, they do not occur on the same day of the secular calendar. Chanukah is all over the month of December and sometimes starting at the end of November. Same for all the Chagim in their perspective secular months. Shavuot could fall in either May or June. Pesach could fall in either March or April. Rosh Hashanah could fall as early as the beginning of September or as late as early October.

Fortunately, the Jewish people were given a calendar by Hashem and through the watchful care and calculations of our sages, we see the world differently every month of our calendar and we have a different perspective of the term “New Year”.

According to the Mishneh, and I have mentioned this before, there are four different new years: one for spring (Nisan), one for accounting or “taking stock of your life” (Elul, originally for taking stock of the livestock for sacrifices), one for the birthday of the world and humanity (Tishri), and one for trees (Shevat). On January 17th, we will celebrate Tu B'Shevat, the New Year for trees.

In the context of the rhythm of our secular calendar, January is a “winter” month. Celebrating a new year for trees in the height of winter seems, at best, counterproductive. The trees around us are bare, even here in Texas. Their green leaves turn brown and have fallen off. Branches sway perilously in winter winds, and we feel what most consider to be winter descend upon us. From a northern perspective, Ellen and I consider winter here an extended fall. The -6 degrees of last February was the closest in our 15+ years of living in Tyler that we could definitely say; “It's winter outside”. This year, as I compose this month's article in December, it's in the 70's. At this time, I'm thinking that the trees may start budding here by Tu B'Shevat like they traditionally do in Israel.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

What does the number 10 mean to you? Maybe the first thing that comes to mind is the Ten Commandments. You may consider the 10 tests that Hashem gave to Abraham. Or when Abraham was negotiating to save the destruction of Sodom due the merit of at least 10 righteous people who lived there. You may even consider the Ten Plaques. The tenth letter in the Alaf Beis is the letter yud which is a reference to G-d. In this view, I am considering the need for 10 men and women who are needed for the Minyan. In Orthodox circles, the Minyan requires 10 Jewish men over the age of Bar Mitzvah. In our Conservative synagogue, we consider Jewish men and women over the age of 12 for women and 13 for men to count toward the 10 required for a Minyan. The quorum of 10 represents the community. The biblical source for the requirement of 10 to complete the Minyan comes from the time that Moses sent spies to scout the land of Canaan. Ten of them returned and issued a report concluding that it was not a conquerable land. G-d was disappointed with their lack of faith. G-d questions Moses as to how long will this evil assembly complain against him. Thus we learn that an assembly or congregation comprises of 10. An assembly of 10 is required when G-d is being sanctified in public reading of the Torah and Haftorah. There are several other prayers that require the presence of 10 constituting a Minyan. This discussion leads me to the main message that I am addressing. It takes a long time for us on Shabbos to obtain a Minyan and sometimes we do not achieve this goal. This is important for us to have a Minyan to have our quorum and to have our community. It is important to be able to read from the Torah to understand our History, our Heritage, and learn the message that Hashem is giving us. The services on Shabbos are for all of us. I look forward to seeing more of you. Shabbat Shalom.

Michael Tobes

JANUARY Bimah Schedule

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| 1 | Steve Roosth |
| 8 | Samantha Clark |
| 15 | Dr. Stan Weiner |
| 22 | Kimberly Walls |
| 29 | Tim Birmingham |

Remember, if you can't be on the Bimah when scheduled, you need to find a replacement.

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JANUARY BOARD MEETING

Sunday, January 9 2022
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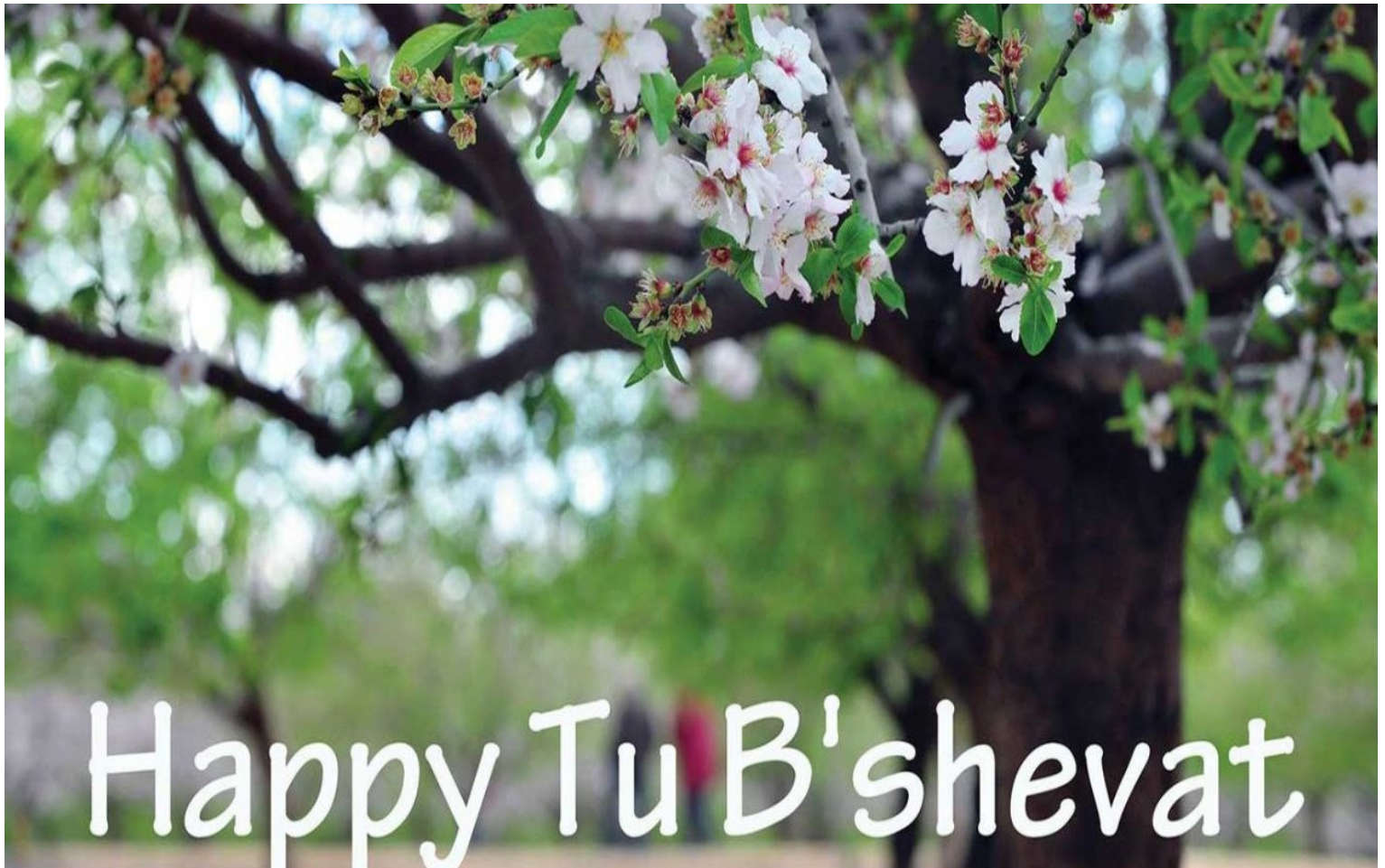
But, Tu B'Shevat reminds us that the rhythm of the Jewish calendar, which is how the Jewish people measure their spiritual existence, is ever present in our lives. Even though we may find ourselves in the "dead of winter" (and I say that with tongue and cheek) here in Texas, in Israel, where it is also winter, the first and earliest harbinger of spring has already arrived. Life is starting to come back to the land.

In Israel, one can see the first hints of color that will fill the landscape in the coming months. Anyone who has spent the winter in Israel knows that this period of time can drain the spirit and numb the hands due to the amount of rainy days during this time. But Tu B'Shevat, like a strangely warm day in March provides premonitions of better and warmer days to come.

After the barrage of secular holidays that have come and gone, Tu B'Shevat comes along to remind us that we are Jews and we are connected to our land, and to our faith. As we continue in this new secular year and as we recover from the traditional onslaught of the "holiday season", Tu B'Shevat is a healthy reminder for the need to strike a balance between living in the secular world and find meaning and sustenance from the spiritual world.

I think it would be a wonderful idea to keep this in mind as we prepare to celebrate Tu B'Shevat this year. If Tu B'Shevat is true to its secular date, it will, in all probability, be cooler outside. But if we allow the sacred calendar of the Jewish year to work its magic on us, maybe, just maybe, we can imagine how good it will be to feel warm and for it to be spring-like, with almond trees in bloom, and G-d's blessings descending upon earth.

With Torah Blessings,
Rabbi





shabbat shalom



JANUARY SCHEDULE OF READINGS

Triennial Readings/Holiday Readings

Saturday	January	1	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	VAERA -Birchat HaChodesh Exodus 8:16 - 9:35 Ezekiel 28:25 - 29:21	9:00 A.M.
Saturday	January	8	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	BO Exodus 12:29 - 13:16 Jeremiah 46:13 - 28	9:00 A.M.
Sunday	January	9	Tephillin Service		8:00 A.M.
Saturday	January	15	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	BESHALACH Exodus 14:26 - 17:16 Judges 4:4 - 5:31	9:00 A.M.
Saturday	January	22	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	YITRO Exodus 19:1 - 20:22 Isaiah 6:1 - 7:6; 9:5 - 6	9:00 A.M.
Saturday	January	29	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	MISHPATIM - Birchat HaChodesh Exodus 23:20 - 24:18 Jeremiah 34:8 - 22, 33:25 - 26	9:00 A.M.



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Tu B'Shevat

Monday

January 17th, 2022



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AFTER SERVICES/
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January Celebrations Birthdays

- 1 Nathaniel Tov Walls
4 Hannah Morgan Schumer
11 Elsie Beaver
Faith Elizabeth Melamed
13 Christie Osburn
17 Brent Mosley
23 Victoria Hammel
24 Susan Israel Cason-Parks
25 Gary Paul Beck
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- 4 Tim & Fran Birmingham
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Yahrzeits

JANUARY 1 - JANUARY 6

- 1 Rose Carter
Sarah Hertzfeld
Morris Leaman
Joe Levy
Jesseo Tubat
Louis Sobel
- 3 Mollie Acenberg
- 5 Winifred Heringhi
Milton Joel Kapner
- 6 Dr. Dan Golenternek
Aaron Joseph Levy
Harris Zuckerman

JANUARY 7 - JANUARY 13

- 7 Frayde Mastbaum
Minnie Beatrice Waghalter
- 10 Robert Beaver
Ellinore S. Learner
- 11 Dorothy E. (Leon) Jacobs
- 12 Morris Sherman
- 13 Samuel Genecov

JANUARY 14 - JANUARY 20

- 14 Emmanuel (Manny) Smith
Joseph Aranow
Marleen Mandell
Rebecca Miller
- 15 Jennie Haltzman
- 16 Mollie Mirsky
Ike Rudman
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Minnie Kahn
Selma Kahn
- 17 Frances Soltes Sobel
- 18 Rose Beaver
- 20 Isaac Block
Raymond Kahn
Jane Pearl Suarez
Sidney M. Wolf

JANUARY 21 - JANUARY 27

- 21 Ida Kurtz
Barnett Wolf
- 23 Eva Levy
Sam Krasner
Sarah Kline
Sol Katz
Jeanette Levy Lemson
- 25 Fannie Abramsky
Millie Heffler
Mike Levine
- 26 Morris Engle
- 27 Sarah Leah Lulky
Minnie Nathan

JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 3

- 28 Israel Katz
Laura W. Muntz
- 29 Harry Freedman
Sam Vogel
- 1 Mayer Lulky
- 3 Leo Frank
Sara Krumholtz

FEBRUARY 4 - FEBRUARY 10

- 4 Ernestine Berlin
- 6 Melvin Rubin
Frances Vogel
- 7 Hattie Freeman
Dr. Harold Roosth
- 9 Rabbi Morris Nathan Taxon
- 10 Mary Cohen Golenternek

FEBRUARY 11 - FEBRUARY 17

- 11 Jake Roosth
- 14 Abraham Eisen
Isadore Golenternek
- 16 Ruby Hayman Kahn
Helen Levy
- 17 Marcus Leon Strum

FEBRUARY 18 - FEBRUARY 24

- 19 Dr. Wiley Roosth
Mynette Rochelle Goldberg
Sol Smith

FEBRUARY 18 - FEBRUARY 24 cont.

- 20 Jean Katz
- 23 Annie Rabinowitz Edelman
Hannah Ruth Frank
- 24 Fred Davidoff
Jake Luskey

FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 3

- 25 Edna Greenberg
- 26 Hannah Jarett
Nelson Kendall Jeffers
Hortense Cohn Israel
Anna Leaman
Charles Rosenthal
- 27 Hannah Florence (Flo) Berkman
Phillip Feld
- 29 Isadore Sulsky

MARCH 4 - MARCH 10

- 7 Boris Shteinsheleifer
- 8 Mary R. Golenternek
Richard Hale Jeffers
Freida Serkes
- 9 Celia Goldstucker
- 10 Harry Mermelstein

MARCH 11 - MARCH 17

- 11 Alexander Golenternek
Miriam Seiderman
- 14 Morris Jarett
- 15 Ida Goldberg

MARCH 18 - MARCH 24

- 19 Helen Nathan Caro
- 21 Nate Ginsberg
Bert Jacobs

MARCH 25 - MARCH 31

- 27 Jack Berry
- 29 Annie Levine
- 30 Sylvia Gaylin



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Thank you, Leanne