

TEMPLE BETH-EL



BULLETIN

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Mission Statement: Temple Beth-El is a congregation of Jews and their families building a community committed to participation in all aspects of Jewish life. By community, we mean a group of diverse people who share a strong connection fostered by Temple Beth-El. By participation, we mean that all members will partake in and support the spiritual, cultural, educational and social life of Temple Beth-El.

Federation Moves Into Temple

The Jewish Federation of Greater Rockford has moved into the Temple Building. After more than three years at the Unitarian Universalist facility, they have as of January 1st brought all of their programming and offices to Temple Beth-El.

Executive Director, Goldie Pekarsky, has set up an office on the upper level. The Federation phone number is the same as listed in the Community Directory.

Yoga and Zumba classes have also begun in the social hall on a regular basis. All Temple and Synagogue members are welcome to take part in these classes as well. Contact Goldie Pekarsky for all the details.

"We welcome the Federation into the Temple Building and look forward to a wonderful long term relationship," stated Temple President, Jim Gesmer. He goes on to say, "Having both the Synagogue, Federation and Temple under one roof feels good and we look forward to a coordinated effort to make this a strong center of Judaism in Rockford."

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Chaverim,

A couple of pieces for this month...

First, on a recent Sunday morning, I was having a conversation with a few parents who were gathering in the Library. They were saying that it might be helpful and interesting to have some Jewish learning for non-Jewish people who were looking to learn a little more about Judaism or for Jews who were looking for a bit of a refresher of what Judaism is all about. We thought we could meet on Sunday mornings, unless there was an Adult Education program on the calendar. I liked this idea very much and plan to start it this month! We'll start at the beginning and cover subjects including – the basic ideas of Judaism, rituals, worship, holidays, life-cycle events, some big questions and some history. We'll meet for about an hour starting at 11am. Please join us!

The second topic for this month is Bowling Shabbat. During the summer months, we have many fun Shabbat events such as Dari Fair Shabbat, City Market Shabbat, Pet Shabbat, Shabbat in the Park and S'more Shabbat. Members of the congregation wanted more of this kind of thing during



From Rabbi Binah Wing

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the rest of the year. This is a little more difficult around here because of weather and the lack of events to choose from on a Friday night. And so, last year, the members of the Religious Functions Committee came up with the idea of Bowling Shabbat.

The idea was similar to some of our summer events. We would have a short Kabbalat Shabbat service at the Temple at 6:00pm and then head to the bowling alley for bowling and dinner. As with any new event, we didn't know whether it would be a success or whether people wouldn't like it. Turns out, it was a great evening! Everyone who came had a great time. We socialized and had fun doing it. Some people even got to know people they didn't really know before.

And so, we're having our Second Annual Bowling Shabbat this month on Friday night, February 24th beginning at 6:00pm. We'll have a short service at Temple and then we will head over to Don Carter Lanes for two hours of bowling and fun! You don't have to be good. You just have to be willing to have some fun with fellow members of Temple. I'll probably want to be in a lane with the bumpers up. Not a bowler? Come and cheer everyone on. We have a limited number of lanes reserved so please RSVP if you know you are coming. There is ample amounts of food for sale at the bowling alley. I hope you will bring the family and participate!

Shalom,
Rabbi Wing



Bowling Shabbat Friday, February 24th

We will have a short service
at Temple at 6:00 pm
followed by bowling at Don Carter
Lanes (shoes and bowling included)
Food available for purchase

SPACE IS LIMITED

*****Call the Temple office (815-398-5020) or Rabbi Wing's cell to RSVP**

From the Temple Board.... By Secretary Ellen Salley

Due to inclement weather, the January 2017 board was cancelled.



Zussman's Host TBE Social

We had a fun TBE social night on January 21st at the Zussmans. Lots of chatting, good food and drinks, and a couple of fun "team" games were enjoyed by all!





On January 18, 2017, I attended the kickoff meeting for Food-a-Rama. This was the first time that I have ever attended a Food-a-Rama meeting. It was

comforting to know that

preparations are already well underway for our May 17, 2017, fundraiser. Ronit Golan, Jay Sklar and many others have been hard at work for many months to prepare for this event.

As you all know, Food-a-Rama is Temple Beth-El's biggest fund raiser of the year. Making this a successful event requires many hours of volunteer work. I am urging all of us to volunteer in some way. Please contact Ronit or Jay if you are able to help us as we prepare for Food-a-Rama on Wednesday May 17. Perhaps you can help with set-up, with food preparations, food deliveries or with cleanup. The success of Food-a-Rama depends upon the volunteer efforts of all of us.

I am also pleased to report that the Temple Board of Directors had a very productive Strategic Planning Workshop, under the guidance of Larry Pearlman, on January 8, 2017.

Larry presented the Board with his summary of the Strategic Planning sessions that took place with Temple members during the fall of 2016. The Board, with great enthusiasm and intensity discussed how best to move forward, both religiously and financially, in order to strengthen our congregation now and in the future. The Board plans to present its recommendations to the entire congregation in the near future, at a date and time to be determined.

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Jewish Federation Book Talk For Men and Women

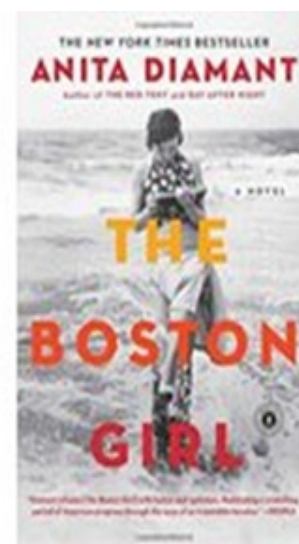
Sunday, February 12, 2:00 at
Temple Beth-El

Rescheduled from January

The Boston Girl: A Novel
by Anita Diamant 978-1-4391-9936-7

Anita Diamant's "vivid, affectionate portrait of American womanhood" (*Los Angeles Times*), follows the life of one woman, Addie Baum, through a period of dramatic change. Addie is The Boston Girl, the spirited daughter of an immigrant Jewish family, born in 1900 to parents

who were unprepared for America and its effect on their three daughters. Growing up in the North End of Boston, then a teeming multicultural neighborhood, Addie's intelligence and curiosity take her to a world her parents can't imagine—a world of short skirts, movies, celebrity culture, and new opportunities for women. Addie wants to finish high school and dreams of going to college. She wants a career and to find true love. From the one-room tenement apartment she shared with her parents and two sisters, to the library group for girls she joins at a neighborhood settlement house, to her first, disastrous love affair, to finding the love of her life, eighty-five-year-old Addie recounts her adventures with humor and compassion for the naïve girl she once was.



Thanks to Jay Gesmer our next book has been selected, *Once We Were Brothers*. More information to follow.

SCHOOL DAZE

200 Words or Less...

By Goldie & Adrian



School resumed in January after a longer than usual winter break. The students baked mandelbrot with Ronit, and everyone thought they were delicious. Barbara Simon and Mitch Kopnick created beautiful music with the students.

We wrote about the Parkinson's fundraiser in the January bulletin, but wanted to update the information. We raised a total of \$400 which was allocated to Hadassah Hospital in Israel for Parkinson's research.



You can see in the photo that we had a very nice turnout even though it was another bad weather day! We have quite a few activities planned for February. The sixth grade students will go to a retreat at OSRUI on February 10-12. We also have art and music activities to celebrate Tu B'Shevat. Lastly, thank you to all who donate money to the Dermer and Garten Funds. We were able to award camperships, supplement the OSRUI retreat, and upgrade our computer lab. The lab is used often by students and Temple members.

Keep Warm,
Goldie and Adrian

did you know...

Q: Did you know that a Jewish menorah can have different numbers of branches?

A: We usually only think of a menorah connected to Hanukkah with 9 branches – one for the shamash and eight more for each night. This kind of menorah is also called a hanukkiah. Another well-known variety has seven branches. This kind of menorah is depicted somewhere in almost every synagogue around the world. It reminds us of the menorah that existed in the Second Temple which was destroyed in the year 70 CE. It is described in the Bible and depicted in relief on the Arch of Titus being carried away by the Romans. Jews consider the 7-branch menorah to be one of the central symbols of Judaism. It is frequently depicted in Israel and one of the most famous sits outside the Knesset building. Temple Beth-El's depiction is actually on the outside of the building on the large wall of the sanctuary. A Shabbat menorah can have two branches but can also have more. A Shabbat menorah can sometimes have additional branches to represent the number of children in a family. Tradition states that once you light more than two Shabbat candles, you can't go back to just two. In our Temple library on the shelves, you can see many varieties of these menorot.

10 Minutes of Torah

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The Union will send you a one page e-mail each day on a topic of Jewish Interest. All you need to do is find 10 minutes a day to "do Torah."

Sign up by logging on to
WWW.urj.org/Torah/Ten

February Oneg Committee

February 3

Patty and Howard Kaufman
Andrea and Mitch Busch

The Temple
Beth-El

Family greatly
appreciates and
thanks our Oneg
Hosts for helping to
make our Services
more meaningful
and offering an op-
portunity for us all
to mingle and
socialize.

February 10

Victoria and Greg
Rozman

Luba Peysakhovich

February 17

Barbara and Jack Simon
Kathleen Kelly and Arnold

Rosen



February 24

No oneg

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

Adults

Harvey Share	2/2
Marissa Holmstrom	2/7
Sherry Brownstein	2/10
AJ Huss	2/11
Ben Holmstrom	2/13
Halle Rubin	2/13
Amy Towne	2/13
Josh Tatman	2/14
Ellen Salley	2/15
Michael Kaufman	2/17
Michael Belinson	2/18
Benjamin Levy	2/23
Milly Kaplan	2/28

Anniversaries

Kim & Harvey Einhorn
2/15/86



Children

Joshua Reid	2/9/07
Max Morris	2/17/10
Dana Neva Wing	2/24/10

Social Action on the Go...

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



Second semester of the
school year is right
around the corner!

Students have already
used up a good deal of school supplies from the
start of the year.

The Social Action Committee of Temple Beth-El
would like to help **Ellis Elementary School**
replenish these supplies.

Please consider donating some new school
supplies to this worthy cause. There will be a box
set up in the entry foyer for collections.

Some items that are always needed are: pencils,
pens, spiral notebooks, notebook paper, solid
colored folders, crayons, markers, etc.

Monetary donations are always welcome (please
leave in the office, with checks made out to
Temple Beth-El).

Let's help our children in the community have a
successful learning experience by being able to
use some new school supplies this winter!

Any questions, please contact Faye Marcus:
fe.marcus@att.net or 815-877-4285.

The Temple Beth-El *Gift Shop*



GIFT SHOP HOURS

Monday—Friday, call the office

Sunday 10am - noon*

*Open Sundays when school is in session.

If you need to visit the shop at another time, please call
the Temple office (398-5020)

YAHRZEIT LIST

If you are interested in having your loved one's name on the Yahrzeit list, please call Joyce in the Temple Office, 398-5020

Read February 3

Rose Share
Herman Gudema
Leon Gross
Sidney Rettig
Martin Hernandez
J.J. Harris
Jerome Morris
Saul Weiss
Patrick Weedman
Isaac Goldman
Herman Wolfson
Donald Busch
Jeffrey Mark Dryer
Lilith Kornell

Read February 10

Sarah Levy
Henrietta Gesmer
Robert Ruthe
Jules Cohen
Vera Evans
Robert Silverman
Bernard Jacob Ernstein
Isaac Grossman
Alexander Lewin
Louis Zenoff
Alice Shaw
Samuel Futerman

Read February 17

Fay Helfand
Anne Saruk
Joseph Mendeloff
Dr. Adalbert Pap
Henry Silverstein
Erna Salomon
Abraham Goldman
Sheldon Franks
Sandor Alt
Irving Stern
Abraham J. Zenoff
Kay Foss
Sam Hellman

Read February 24

Rhea Bork
Eleanor Weiss
Carolyn Kaplan Jerome

YAHRZEITs cont.

Daniel Brownstein Sr.
Mamie Rosenbloom
Donald Messinger
Gussie Alt
Leonard Shanhouse
Martin Price
Ervin Fruchtnicht
Eva Weiss



MEMORIAL BOARD

Honor the memory of your loved ones by placing their names on the board in our memorial alcove. Please supply the Temple office with the name, date of birth and date of death. The minimum donation is \$200. The light alongside each name is lit every year to mark the anniversary of the death, and the name appears in the annual memorial book.



CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR FUNDS

Building Fund

In memory of Ed Light
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-Mary and Jim Gesmer

In memory of Evalyn Schaap
-Brina Grigg

In memory of Lilith Kornell
-Susan and Jay Kamin and family

Mazel tov to Gerry Schaider on the wedding of her grandson
-Susan and Jay Kamin

Dermer Fund and Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Julius and Geri Katz
Speedy recovery to Eric Goelzer
In honor of Howard Schoeller
-The Schoeller Family

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In honor of Jay and Louise Gesmer and JJ and Fere Ja-vaherian being honored by the Jewish Federation
In memory of Evalyn Schaap

In memory of Myron Kullens
-Faye Marcus

In memory of Evalyn Schaap
-Judy and Chuck Picus

Landscaping Fund

In memory of Betty Hertz
-Milly Kaplan

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Wally Peters and David L. Hillman
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Speedy recovery to Sherry Brownstein
-Brina Grigg

Sheldon Liebovich Fund

In memory of Don Marks
-Rosie and Chuck Hyman

Unrestricted Donation

In memory of Morton Einhorn
-Harvey and Kim Einhorn

CONDOLENCES TO:

Howard Weiss and family
on the passing
of his father,
Warren

The Temple has been the recipient of donations from the Temple Family in the name of many funds in order to supply much needed money for worthwhile programs and projects. We would like to spotlight a couple of these funds.

Benjamin Schaider Bldg Fund

provides funding for unexpected and major repairs or enhancements to the Temple Building.

Sheldon Liebovich Fund for Families in Crisis provides funds for Temple families who are in need, at the discretion of Temple leadership.

GRTY NEWS

Submitted by:
Aaron Barenbaum
Media and
Technology VP

After a few weeks off to spend the holidays with family, GRTY commenced once more with bowling on January 8 to kick off 2017. Filled with pizza, soda and excitement to get back into GRTY events, our spirits

were high even though our scores were not.

After a couple of months without many youth group events, GRTY will soon be getting back into the thick of things with planning our annual GRTY led Shabbat service. Our first planning session is on February 5, and the service is set for March 17. It is sure to be successful and fulfilling for all involved just as it is every year. The GRTY led Shabbat service is always exciting for the participants and provides the community with the rare opportunity to see its youth in action. At the same time, the congregants will be able to learn more about GRTY's events and our service project, the Rockford Refugee Project. It is sure to be a fulfilling and uplifting experience for all!



Memorial and Tribute Donation Form



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☐ Chai (\$18) ☐ \$10

☐ \$4 (Min.)

☐ Other: _____

Fund:

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Lazarus ☐ Dermer ☐ Building ☐
Woodruff ☐ Rabbi's Discretionary
☐ Pap ☐ Kupperman ☐
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TEMPLE BETH-EL

MINUTE WITH A MEMBER

Dear TBE Friends:

This "Minute with a Member" features Jackie and Len Bernstein. We hope you will enjoy getting to know them a little better!

Tell a little about yourself and family:

Jackie was born and raised in Rockford. I was born and raised in southern California. After college, Jackie moved to Los Angeles. While working at UCLA, we met and within a year we were married. After I finished my Periodontal residency at USC, we lived 1 year in California and then moved to Rockford in 1978. We have 3 adult daughters: 1 is married, 2 live in southern California and 1 lives in Chicago. This August we celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary in Europe.

Your motto in life:

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. It really says it all.

What do you do for

fun? (Hobbies, special interests, etc.)

Jackie bakes and does custom gift-wrapping. Her specialties are the Jackie B chocolate sheet cake and gift-wrapping for babies. I do automobile stuff and fortunately continue to enjoy my specialty, especially pathology.

Favorite movies, or books:

Jackie's favorite movie is "Pretty Woman." My favorite book recently, is Bill Nye's, Undeniable and my favorite movie is "Woman in Gold"

Your favorite Temple activities:

Our favorite activity is Food-a-Rama. Jackie especially likes making chopped liver one day, then herring the next and on the day of, visiting with everybody as she waitresses.

I have always wanted to...

We have always wanted to visit Japan and China.



Temple Beth-El Adult Education Committee Presents:

Hava Nagila (The Movie) is a documentary romp through the history, mystery and meaning of the great Jewish standard.

Featuring interviews with Harry Belafonte, Leonard Nimoy, Connie Francis, Glen Campbell, Regina Spektor and more, the film follows the ubiquitous party song on its fascinating journey from the shtetls of Eastern Europe to the kibbutzim of Palestine to the cul-de-sacs of America. High on fun and entertainment, *Hava Nagila (The Movie)* is also surprisingly profound, tapping into universal themes about the importance of joy, the power of music and the resilient spirit of a people.



When: Sunday, March 5 at 10:00 am

Where: Temple Beth-El

What: Breakfast and a Movie

Why: To Have Fun!

Breakfast is an eggstravaganza

(egg dishes prepared by adult ed. committee members, oy vey!)

Everyone is welcome to this free event

Please RSVP to Joyce at the Temple 815-398-5020



URJ OLIN-SANG-RUBY UNION INSTITUTE

Youth and Family Programs

Family Camp

March 24-26, 2017

There will be lots of fun activities which may include: ropes course, basketball, volleyball, gaga, arts and crafts, Shabbat at OSRUI, s'mores over the campfire, and more! Activities are for adults and children together. Programming is oriented towards children age 5-12, although younger children are welcome.

Only a few spots left! For more information and to register, see our [website](#).



SciLab Spring Break Camp

March 27-31, 2017

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Adult Programs

URJ Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute and the WRJ Midwest District present

Mah Jongg, Canasta and Games Weekend

March 31 - April 2, 2017

Relax with friends while you enjoy an entire weekend of Mah Jongg, Canasta and games. Lessons available. For more information and to register, see our [website](#).

Devorah Quilting Kallah

April 19-23, 2017

OSRUI pieces together this fabulous adult program for all levels of quilters, beginners through experienced. Coordinated by Flo London. Registration opens February 1! For more information and to register, see our [website](#).

Hava Nashira

May 31-June 4, 2017

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Our car mitzvah donation program has earned over \$40,000 in the last 8 years. This comes about through the incredible generosity of our congregants. Jerry Paris has sold his Midas Auto Repair facility on North Main St. after being in business for 38 years. It is now owned by Butitta Bros, and the manager's name is Neil. **The new organization has agreed to continue the car donation program under the same arrangement as before.**

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in the last 8 years.**

Please contact the new manager at 815-962-7914, and he will insure that Temple is properly rewarded. If you have any questions, please call Jerry at 815-222-6016.
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Coming Attractions

March 2017

Sun. 12th Purim Service and Federation Party
Fri. 17th GRTY led Shabbat Service

April 2017

Sun. 2nd Good Deeds Day
Thur. 6th-7, 9th Rummage Sale
Sun. 23rd Holocaust Remembrance
Sun. 30th Israel Day

May 2017

Wed. 17th Food-A-Rama
Sat. 27th Madeline Towne Bat Mitzvah

June 2017

July 2017

August 2017

Sun. 27th Ethnic Festival and Parade

September 2017

October 2017

Sat. 21st Ella Holmstrom Bat Mitzvah
Sun. 29th Adult Ed: Ben Hecht Play

November 2017

Sun. 12th Federation Kick Off

December 2017

January 2018

February 2018

Tentative Date *

Temple Board

Meets the 2nd Wed. each month
Library 7:00 PM

We hope this page of Coming Attractions helps you plan ahead for activities at Temple Beth-El. Please understand that some dates and times might be tentative and will be updated each month as dates get closer.

Have a Date to add?
Well!
Jayskl@aol.com

GRTY 2016-2017 Calendar

Feb. 5.....Service Planning Session #1 plus 1 hour writing workshop: noon-2:00 at Temple. BRING LUNCH

Feb. 12 Hamantaschen Making: noon-2:00 pm at Temple BRING LUNCH

Feb. 17-20 NFTY National Convention in Chicago

Sat./Sun Feb.. 25/26 *Puppy Washing at Petland: 7358 N. Cherry Vale Mall Dr. (4/shift) **Sat.** 10-12; 12-2; 2-4 pm **Sun.** 12-2 pm
Parents needed

***Means you can earn service hours**

Advisors: Nanci Soriano H: 654-7677 cell: 222-9626

Lauren Lamont: cell: 988-3727

RSVP to ALL activities quickly please even if you can't attend

Dues: 7-8 graders: \$25 (2nd child \$20)

9-12 graders: \$40 (2nd child \$25)

NFTY on line Registration:

www.nfty.org/no

HELP WANTED:

CARING COMMITTEE

The Caring Committee was formed to provide a meal(s) to a member in the event of a birth, death or illness. Anyone interested in being on the Caring Committee list or is interested in providing a ride to a Temple function, please contact Carol Gordon at 815-398-4214 or cggordon50@hotmail.com.

Membership

Do you know of any unaffiliated Jews looking for a congregation?

If so, contact Elisa Whitman, membership chairperson at 815-988-2134

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Saturday Morning 10:00 AM

The Tree of Life

Remember a loved one or celebrate a wonderful occasion by noting it forever on the Temple Beth-El Tree Of Life in the foyer. Contact the Temple office for details.

The Temple Bulletin goes away to College....

If you have a student heading off to college, we would like to send him or her a copy of the Temple Bulletin. Let them have one more connection to home while they are away. All we need are name and address, and we will do the rest. Give Joyce a call in the office, and add one more piece of mail from home for your student.

Visit the Temple Beth-El
New Web Site Address...

<http://templebethel-rockford.org/>.

Check it out!

The Yiddish Corner

GOZLIN

(GAHZlin)

A Petty Thief, An immoral character
That *gozlin* will say anything to get what he
wants whether it is true or not.

On the Lighter Side...

The Women I Love

A young Jewish man excitedly tells his mother he's fallen in love and going to get married. He says, "Just for fun, Ma, I'm going to bring over 3 women and you try and guess which one I'm going to marry."

The mother agrees.

The next day, he brings 3 beautiful women into the house and sits them down on the couch and they chat for a while. He then says, "Okay, Ma. Guess which one I'm going to marry."

She immediately replies, "The red-head in the middle."

"That's amazing, Ma. You're right. How did you know?"

"I don't like her."

The Bear

A man is out in the woods when he comes across a bear.

Frightened for his life, he runs as fast as he can to escape the bear and hides in a cave. He is horrified to find that the bear has run after him into the cave, and now the man is trapped. He closes his eyes and begins to recite "Sh'ma Yisrael" in anticipation of his final moments. When he is finished, he opens his eyes and is surprised to see the bear in front of him with his eyes closed - also praying. The man thinks to himself "how lucky am I to be cornered by what must be the only Jewish bear! We're *mishpocheh* - I'm saved!"

And then he listens more carefully to the bear's prayer "hamotzi lechem minhaaretz."



February 2017 Religious Services

February 3
Family Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

February 10
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

February 17
Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm

February 24
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm

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