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Morgantown, West Virginia

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those that hold fast to it.

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It's hard to believe, but the

**Hanukkah Latke Party**

is just around the corner.

This year's celebration will take place on

**Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup>.**

Time TBA

In addition to our standard fare of

**latke's, sour cream, and apple sauce,**

we will be having a

**Silent Auction.**

We are looking for donations that can be used in our silent auction.

In previous years this included gift certificates, bottles of wine, handyman hours, babysitting hours, discounts at area events, golf outings, restaurant certificates and the like.

If you, your family, friends, neighbors or even complete strangers can donate any of these items

(or anything you feel would fit) please call me (304-942-4856) or email me (adam.rosefsky@gmail.com)

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

*Shalom*

*Adam Rosefsky*

President, TOL



Join the Latke Brigade.



Enjoy the mass candle lighting.



**Adam  
Rosefsky**

One of the things I really like about the Jewish religion and our traditions is that every year we do 3 things in rapid succession. First we have Rosh Hashanah, the huge joyful celebration of our New Year. Ten days after Rosh Hashanah, we have our most solemn and holy celebration where we ask to be forgiven for mistakes and transgressions and where we forgive others for their mistakes and transgressions. Finally a few days later we open our Torah for all to see and then we rewind it to the beginning so that we can start our journey again.

Last month we completed this Jewish tripecta and put another High Holiday season is behind us. However, rather than looking at it as simply another cycle of our Jewish journey, I see this year as our First cycle.

This cycle has a number of firsts for our community. This was our First High Holiday with Rabbi Joe. This was our first High Holiday with our new board. This was our first High Holiday trying new scheduling and our first High Holiday in a very long time

with such a large turnout.

As with most "firsts", not everything goes perfectly, and people need time to adjust to changes.

The joy of firsts and of Judaism is that every year we get to start over and restudy what has gone before. We get to learn from the past and, hopefully, learn new insights and correct mistakes.

As we move through our new (and first full) cycle, The Board, The Rabbi and I will all be looking to improve and, hopefully, continue to meet and exceed the needs and desires of the entire congregation. In order to do that effectively, we need to hear from all of our members.

To that end, we have set-up an email address for members to send comments, suggestions, issues and complaints. The email address is: kvetch.tol@gmail.com. All messages sent to this email will be reviewed by myself and the board, and will be sent, if appropriate, to the committee designated to address the issue.

However, the best method to make sure that your need are met at Tree of Life is participation. We have lots of committee's that could use your skills and talents. If you are willing to serve on a committee, please let me know directly at adam.rosefsky@gmail.com.

*Shalom*

*Adam Rosefsky*

### **Babette Graf**

The Tree of Life Congregation  
would like to acknowledge  
a very generous bequest  
from our beloved long time member  
**Babette Graf.**

Babette's gift will allow us to  
make some needed repairs to the  
Tree of Life building  
and to further our congregational programming.  
*May her life be for a blessing*

## **Mishiberach and Yahrzeit Lists.**

It has been noticed that Names on both the Mishiberach list and the Yahrzeit (of those who passed in the last year) list, are not always accurate. It can be embarrassing (and possibly scary) to hear someone's name read for Mishiberach when they are no longer ill, or to hear a Yahrzeit well after the first year has passed.

To make sure that our lists are current, the Ritual Committee and the Board are working to update the submission procedure and follow-up procedure. Until the process is finalized, please use the following guidelines:

### **Yahrzeit**

- Provide the Name of the individual (with some pronunciation if it is a difficult name).
- Provide the Date of Passing
- Provide your contact information so we can reach you if we need clarification.

### **Mishiberach**

Unless you specifically tell the Rabbi, Mishiberach names will remain on the list for 30 days. For example, If a person has an ongoing issue (such as my father who continues to recover from a stroke), let the Rabbi know when you put the name on the list, and the name will remain until you ask for their name to be removed from the list.

In order to effectively manage this, we need the following:

- Provide the Name of the individual (with some pronunciation if it is a difficult name).
- Provide your contact information so we can reach you when needed.

### **To Add a Name**

When you want a name added to either list, please email Rabbi Joe (rabbi.joe.wv@gmail.com) or call him at: 304-685-0990 and provide the requested information

*Thank you,  
Tree of Life*



**Rabbi  
Hample**

### The Next Stage

In October we were reading the creation of the world and God's first handshake with humanity in the form of the rainbow. The text in November-December takes things to the next stage, as God chooses a particular people to enact God's plan. This time of year is designated for taking things to the next stage.

Since arriving in Morgantown last summer, I've met and become friendly with much of the congregation. I've had the exhilarating honor of leading your High Holiday services in partnership with the talented and personable Cantor Daniel Hazan. I've launched the new Sunday school with the invaluable support of Education chair Brian Lemoff.

And now that I have a moment to breathe, I see there are many important tasks waiting that I've barely thought about. We need a program for young adults. We need a process for aspiring converts. Congregants who are ill or frail would like the rabbi to visit them. Congregants interested in cultural or social justice initiatives would like the rabbi to set the direction. Many in the wider non-Jewish community seek a relationship with TOL, but they depend on us to define the terms of engagement.

And I in turn depend on all of you, to tell me and show me what your Jewish priorities are. If there is enthusiasm and energy for this or that endeavor, I will work with you to make it happen. But I'd better conserve my time and energy for the things that matter most.

Part of taking things to the next stage is learning from our blunders. At this season we are reading about our ancestor Jacob, who made

many mistakes, fumbled his way to leadership, and received the new name of *Israel*, "Wrestles with God." Now there's a role model!

Jacob got confused on his wedding day and mistook another girl for his bride (Genesis 29:21-26); that must have been embarrassing. In the same way, I may occasionally mix up the names and faces at TOL. Please accept my apologies.

Jacob erred by not knowing the religious practices of his own family members, their distinctive brand of home observance (Genesis 31:32). In the same way, I may have disappointed you from simple ignorance of your congregational *minhag* (custom). I'll get better with practice.

Jacob risked misunderstanding by not speaking the language of his audience (Genesis 31:47). In the same way, I may have miscommunicated with you by neglecting to ask important questions or failing to give clear answers. I guess it's all part of wrestling with God.

I am conscious of serving some constituencies more fully than others. By default, I've spent most of my time on the children and the Shabbat regulars. Much as I enjoy those two groups, I know I am short-changing some other populations. Please bear with me as I figure out how to embrace those pieces of my job.

Ten years ago I was active at a synagogue where a couple of congregants started an environmental action committee. When those individuals moved out of the area, the environmental action committee faded away and the resources were shifted to other projects. It's the same at TOL. No sense pursuing a goal without a fan base. But if there is excitement about a film series or Israeli dancing or a soup kitchen, you can count on my support. Please call me or e-mail me or drop by during my Tuesday afternoon office hours, and tell me where you want to drive this bus we call TOL. Taking things to the next stage doesn't mean standing still, it means moving forward. I need you to help me draw the map.

## Treasurer's Report

I hope that you all enjoyed our High Holy Day services and social activities as much as I did. Thank you to everyone who has already pledged for the current fiscal year which began on September 1. If you have not already done so, please make your pledge as soon as possible even if you can't pay the pledge now. We use the dues pledges as we make financial and programming decisions for the year. You can let me know how you plan to pay the pledge. We are flexible with the payment plans. Please remember that if you make your dues payments at the end of the calendar year, the envelope must be postmarked by December 31 to count in 2012. The postmark date is the only one that counts – not the date on the check.

Please remember that donations to the various Tree of Life funds make a thoughtful memorial or a gift for those hard to buy for friends and relatives. The funds include: Rabbi discretionary, prayer book, religious school, library and general fund. You can commemorate a special event or person on our Simcha Tree – only \$250 for a leaf. For stones, please contact me for the pricing.

## Call for Volunteers

We all want Tree of Life to be the center of Jewish Life in North Central West Virginia. In order to achieve this goal, you can help. We are looking to begin new and expand existing committees to help broaden our outreach and the services we offer.

If you are willing to serve on a committee, please let Adam know.  
304-942-4856  
Adam.rosefsky@gmail.com

### Chanukah: What's the Miracle?

Chanukah, our December candle-lighting holiday, is symbolized by the *dreidl* or spinning toy with four Hebrew letters on it. The four letters stand for the motto, *Nes Gadol Hayah Sham*, "A great miracle happened there." So Chanukah is a miracle holiday. But what's the miracle?

The miracle identified by the *Al ha-Nissim* prayer is a military victory against long odds. In 167 BCE the Jews rose in revolt against the Seleucid (Greek-Syrian) tyranny of Antiochus IV Epiphanes. Led by the pious Hasmonean family, nicknamed Maccabees, the Jews were out-armed and outnumbered. But like the American patriots who would someday defy the mighty British Empire, we Jews were fighting on our own land, for our own homes and families and faith. We knew the terrain better than the enemy, and we were more motivated than the enemy. It was history's first war for religious freedom, and it succeeded. The Seleucids quit Jerusalem in 164 BCE, and Judea enjoyed a century of independence.

Strange to say, the Talmud describes a completely different Chanukah miracle. The Seleucids had defiled the Jerusalem Temple with their alien worship, and the sanctuary had to be re-dedicated. As the Talmud tells it, only one day's supply of sacred oil was available: but it miraculously burned for eight days, until more oil could be obtained. This story explains the name of the holiday: *Chanukah* means Dedication. It also provides the excuse for the foods deep-fried in oil that are traditional on this occasion, from *latkes* (potato pancakes) to jelly doughnuts.

The *haftarah* (Prophetic selection) for Chanukah hints at yet another miracle. In the book of Zechariah we read the famous words: "Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, says the Eternal of Hosts." We may have won a battle or two, but in the long run it is through devotion to

God that Israel has prevailed. That's the only miracle that could preserve a small, scattered nation through millennia of oppression.

It's always nice to have a choice, and this festival provides us with a choice of miracles to believe in. The military miracle is popular with Israelis, who have found in the Maccabees a role model for vigorous national defense. The oil miracle is of course favored by devotees of greasy snacks, while the spiritual miracle offers food for thought. Whichever version you prefer, Chanukah impels us to light a flame at the darkest season of the year. Other religious obligations are waived if you lack the resources to fulfill them: but you must beg, if necessary, to acquire fuel for the Chanukah lamp. The point of the holiday is to tell the world of our unquenchable dedication, to bear witness that hope cannot be extinguished: for the deepest gloom can always be dispelled by the flickering candle of faith.

### Children's Education

The new religious school opened on September 9 and is off to a great start. Each Sunday morning we begin with a kid-friendly service and a skit based on a Biblical or Jewish story, usually with whimsical props and comical songs. The first couple of skits were acted mainly by teachers, but the students have gradually taken ownership of the drama. The ethic of participation spills over into general congregational worship. For example, several children blew shofar at the end of Yom Kippur.

At midmorning on Sunday the students adjourn to classes by age group. We have four in the preschool-kindergarten level, seven younger elementary, six older elementary, and eight tweens. Our team of eight teachers, one *madrichah* (teacher's aide), and four substitutes is talented and resourceful. The students enjoy art projects: at Rosh ha-Shanah they drew the birthday presents they want to give

the world, like recycling more, not fighting with siblings, planting trees, helping sick and lost animals. At Sukkot they imaginatively festooned the sukkah with novel decorative motifs like spiders. For Simchat Torah they made paper Torahs and arks.

The kids are growing more familiar with the Bible stories we are studying, supplying the correct details in classroom Jeopardy, and recognizing the outlines of the narrative even in the Hebrew. In fact, they like learning Hebrew words related to the class material. The children are also engaged in *tikkun olam* (social action), initiating a food drive to benefit Bartlett House on University Ave. And they are asking great questions, the essence of being a Jew.

The Hebrew school serves students from the third grade up who seek deeper religious involvement and particularly *b'nei mitzvah*. Eleven children are studying Hebrew spelling and pronunciation, either on Sunday afternoons or on Thursday evenings. A couple of advanced students attend a Hebrew grammar class on Wednesday afternoons. Children approaching *b'nei mitzvah* also have one-on-one lessons to learn the prayerbook, the Torah service, and the art of sermonizing.

The second Friday night of every month has been designated Family Shabbat. The service will be earlier than usual and oriented toward young people, and there will be a potluck supported by religious school families. We will also hold a full Torah service once a month, either on a Friday night or a Saturday morning. This will model the ritual for aspiring *b'nei mitzvah*.

You can help make the religious school a success! Attend family and Torah services and share your encouragement. Donate books, music, art supplies. Volunteer as a teacher, a substitute, a resource for special occasions. Above all, whenever you see one of our kids, ask them what they're learning in religious school. They'll amaze you!

## Adult Education

According to Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, Jewish prayer entails a creative tension between *keva* (the fixed or official structure) and *kavvanah* (the flexible or personal dimension). No one should worship mechanically from the prayerbook, mouthing the printed text without reflecting on its meaning. Unfortunately, many find the standard prayers baffling, even in translation. We suspect the tradition met the spiritual needs of our ancestors, but how can we unlock its power today?

If this is your dilemma, please join Rabbi Joe's ongoing liturgy class, 1:00 to 3:00 Thursday afternoons. We focus on the content and choreography of prayer, how to own the prayerbook and make it work for you. The class serves those who want to pray more confidently, those who want to lead services, and those who want adult *b'nei mitzvah*.

Hebrew proficiency is not expected: the Talmud specifies that one may pray in any language. But if you are willing to try a smidgen of Hebrew, it will enrich your experience. Weekly attendance is not required: feel free to attend as your schedule permits.

*Rabbi Joe Hample*

## The Singing Tree

Twenty-six youth from six different faith communities across Morgantown paired up on Sunday, September 16 to create art for an outdoor display along the Caperton Rail Trail river front. Eliana Tauger, Emily and Jonathan Lederman represented the Jewish teens.

The middle and high school students participated in teams of two, working together on a ceramic/glass leaf that represented their traditions and themselves, and learned a little bit about each other in the process.

These tile leaves are a part of an international art initiative called *The Singing Tree*. The Morgantown *Singing Tree* effort is coordinated by BOPARC.

According to project director, Debbie Palmer, the tree will be an expression of diversity within the Morgantown community and will include leaves designed and made by different organizations and individuals in town.

First Presbyterian Church of Morgantown donated its 2011 Peacemaking Offering in support of this activity, covering the cost of the art materials and a pizza party afterwards. It was a beautiful afternoon and a great way to bring youth (and adults) from the Jewish, Protestant, Roman Catholic, Muslim, Unitarian, and Buddhist communities together.

*Michelle Leverage*

### Photo Album: The Singing Tree



## **Tree of Life Congregation Transition Committee Report to Congregation November 2012**

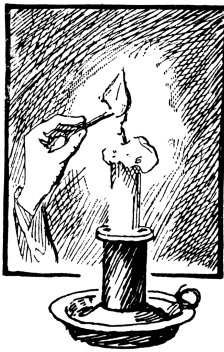
The Transition Committee's original charge was to help facilitate the change in our congregation, our outgoing Rabbi and our incoming Rabbi.

The big job of facilitating Rabbi Joe and Barry's relocation here, finding housing, and scheduling administrative and community introductions was an exciting effort. We are so pleased to have been chosen to fulfill it. We thank the Board, and you, for vesting your confidence and trust in us.

Our other important jobs were to: ensure a clean handoff of responsibilities between Rabbi Feder and Rabbi Joe; help Rabbi Feder say goodbye and prepare him for his new position; help Rabbi Joe settle in and efficiently and effectively take on his new duties and responsibilities; and to help the congregation move forward, accept and embrace the changes.

So far, the Transition Committee has successfully completed all but two of our duties, and both of those tasks are well in progress. We work with Rabbi Joe to help get him acclimated to TOL and we continue to work with the congregation to make sure we are all in the loop as we move forward.

Our Oct 14 meeting agenda addressed Rabbinic, Ritual, Educational, URJ, Committee, TOL and the Greater Community Relationships. Of course the other issue was open communication between the committee, the rabbi and the congregation. This is truly the most important role for our committee between now and when our charter expires in April. We will continue to work with the Rabbi, the Board and the Congregation to make sure that this stressful period runs smoothly.



### **"Blessed is the Match"**

*Hannah Senesh*

**Blessed is the match, consumed in kindling flame.  
Blessed is the flame that burns in the heart's secret places.  
Blessed is the heart that knows, for honors sake, to stop its beating.  
Blessed is the match, consumed in kindling flame.**

אֲשֶׁרִי הַגִּפְרוֹר שֶׁנִּשְׂרַף וְהַצִּית לְהַבּוֹת.  
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## Sisterhood

Sisterhood has been focusing on bringing exciting programs to the synagogue and community. By the time you read this newsletter we hope that many of you will have enjoyed the wonderful talents of our guest Susan Leviton. We plan to continue to offer enriching experiences that will inspire and energize your Jewish imagination.

Some possibilities include classes for writing memoirs and or for writing ethical wills. We will continue to support the education of the children of TOL, perhaps with a hula hoop family event!

We need more Sisters to join us and share your ideas and energy. Please consider becoming a Sisterhood member or renewing your membership.

Any chance of a counterpart organization, i.e. a TOL Brotherhood?!! They are famous for lox and bagel brunches. How 'bout it guys??

*Rosa (Roz) Becker*

## Hadassah

Shalom y'all. We are looking forward to an exciting year, making new friends, renewing old friendships, and expressing our support for Hadassah and Israel.

We celebrated both Hadassah's 100th birthday and the start of Sukkot on Sunday evening, Sept 30th at the home of Sara Aronin.

North, South, East and West we shook the luav and etrog as we welcomed Henrietta Szolda and other Hadassah matriarchs to our sukkah.

Thanks to an imaginative program created by Rosa (Roz) and Daya, we truly felt a new unity with these

inspirational women. The pot luck dinner was pretty good too!

Our Hanukah party plans anticipate a latke supper on Thursday night, December 13th. Multiple menorahs, each with six candles plus the shames, will make for a dramatic display. Time and location TBA. Plan to attend and feel free to invite friends, new and old.

We are starting to plan a Gala Costume Party to celebrate Purim. Expect more information when plans are further along. You also are invited to our annual spring Book Brunch. Look for more details via e-mail.

*Shalom, Monique Gingold*



COOPERS ROCK SHABBAT featured Rabbi Joe blessing a nacho chip, in lieu of challah, and an enormous "Blue Moon" rising the east as the sun set in the west.



Group Aliyah



Break the Fast



Tashlich



Afternoon Services



Rosh HaShanah



The Final Blow: Gadol!





Challah lessons



Coopers Rock



Tashlich



Rebecca



Challah braiding



TOL's youngest



Stephen



Shofar School



Children's turn

*Mazal Tov*

***Eliana Tauger***

*A West Virginia  
National Merit  
Semifinalist*

**Todah Rabah**  
to

**The ritual committee  
and  
Rabbi Joe  
for successfully  
re-organizing the  
High Holidays Services.**

**Lee Kass  
for an abundant  
Rosh Hashanah Oneg**

**Julie Penn  
For a delicious  
Yom Kippur  
Break-the-Fast**

**And to everyone who  
worked to make 5773  
a memorable  
holiday season.**

**MI SHEBEIRACH /  
WELLNESS PRAYERS**

Please remember to consult with those who are in need of healing, before publicly adding their names to the Mi Shebeirach list. With their permission, we would like to add whatever support we can to their recovery and healing.

**Tree of Life**

regrets that the name of  
**Sandra S. Gutmann**  
was inadvertently omitted  
from the 2012 Yizkor Book.  
May her memory be a blessing.

**THANK YOU  
(*Todah*)  
to our Wonderful  
Congregation**

The coordinators of the TOL Rosh Hashanah Oneg (Lee Kass) and Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast (Julie Penn) wish to offer thanks to everyone who contributed to these special High Holiday events in many ways.

We appreciate the wonderful food contributions, the time and effort helping with set-up and clean-up, in addition to monetary donations for these events.

Your support of our Community means a great deal to us and to the leadership of Tree of Life. Your kindness insured our synagogue's ability to meet the programmatic and spiritual needs of all of our congregants. We are grateful to you for your generosity, which is an important statement of support for Tree of Life.

Best wishes to you and your loved ones for a New Year of continued good health and personal fulfillment.

*Lee and Julie*

*We note with sorrow  
the passing of*

*Irving Herbst  
father of  
Linda Herbst*

*May his memory  
be a blessing*



**Thank you**

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who helped organize  
and enable the  
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**NOV/DEC 2012**

Date	Day	Event	Time
11/1/12	Thursday	Liturgy class	1:00-3:00 pm
11/2/12	Friday	Family Shabbat & potluck	6:30-8:00 pm
11/3/12	Saturday	Shabbat & Torah study*	10:00 am-12:00 noon
11/6/12	Tuesday	Rabbi's drop-in office hours	1:00-5:00 pm
11/8/12	Thursday	Liturgy class	1:00-3:00 pm
11/9/12	Friday	Service & potluck at Hillel House (no service at TOL)	6:30-8:00 pm
11/10/12	Saturday	Shabbat & Torah service & potluck	10:00 am-1:00 pm
11/13/12	Tuesday	Rabbi's drop-in office hours	1:00-5:00 pm
11/15/12	Thursday	Liturgy class	1:00-3:00 pm
11/16/12	Friday	Mazal Tov Shabbat	7:30-9:00 pm
11/17/12	Saturday	Shabbat & Torah study*	10:00 am-12:00 noon
11/20/12	Tuesday	Rabbi's drop-in office hours	1:00-5:00 pm
11/22/12	Thursday	Thanksgiving, no class	
11/23/12	Friday	Thanksgiving break, no svc	
11/24/12	Saturday	Thanksgiving break, no svc	
11/27/12	Tuesday	Rabbi's drop-in office hours	1:00-5:00 pm
11/29/12	Thursday	Liturgy class	1:00-3:00 pm
11/30/12	Friday	Wine & Cheese Shabbat	6:30-7:30 pm
12/1/12	Saturday	Shabbat & Torah study*	10:00 am-12:00 noon
12/4/12	Tuesday	Rabbi's drop-in office hours	1:00-5:00 pm
12/6/12	Thursday	Liturgy class	1:00-3:00 pm
12/7/12	Friday	Shabbat Wisdom, special oneg	7:30-9:00 pm
12/8/12	Saturday	Shabbat & Torah study	10:00 am-12:00 noon
12/9/12	Sunday	Latke party & silent auction	5:00-7:00 pm
12/11/12	Tuesday	Rabbi's drop-in office hours	1:00-5:00 pm
12/13/12	Thursday	Liturgy class	1:00-3:00 pm
12/14/12	Friday	Family Shabbat/Chanukah	6:30-8:30 pm
12/15/12	Saturday	Shabbat & Torah service & bagel brunch	10:00 am-1:00 pm
12/18/12	Tuesday	Rabbi's drop-in office hours	1:00-5:00 pm
12/20/12	Thursday	Liturgy class	1:00-3:00 pm
12/21/12	Friday	Mazzal Tov Shabbat	7:30-9:00 pm
12/22/12	Saturday	Shabbat & Torah study	10:00 am-12:00 noon
12/25/12	Tuesday	Rabbi's drop-in office hours	1:00-5:00 pm
12/27/12	Thursday	Liturgy class	1:00-3:00 pm
12/28/12	Friday	Wine & Cheese Shabbat	6:30-7:30 pm
12/29/12	Saturday	Shabbat & Torah study	10:00 am-12:00 noon

\*Football Saturday

**From WVU Hillel:**

On Friday November 9th at 6:30 pm, WVU Hillel will host Tree of Life for Shabbat Services and a potluck dinner. This is a great chance to get to meet the Jewish students at WVU. Please bring your favorite vegetarian dish. RSVP by sending an e-mail to [heidi.solomon@mac.com](mailto:heidi.solomon@mac.com) or call 304-685-5009. Come even if you forget to RSVP!

**STAN COHEN'S ONEG**

TOL will celebrate Stan Cohen's 70th birthday with a special Oneg on **December 7th**. Please come and congratulate Stan!

*Baruch attah, Adonai, shomea t'fillah.*  
**Blessed are you, Eternal,**  
**who hears our prayers.**

**If You or a Loved One Is Ill**

*Rabbi Joe Hample*

I am eager to connect with congregants or family members who are ill, whether in a hospital, nursing facility, or at home. Please notify me if you or a family member would like a visit, and tell me when and where to find you. I can only respond if I know your situation. You may call me, 304-685-0990, or e-mail me, [rabbi.joe.wv@gmail.com](mailto:rabbi.joe.wv@gmail.com).

*Mi she-berach avoteinu v'im-moteinu*, may the One who blessed our ancestors bless and heal those among us who are ill. May God have compassion and send them a complete healing from heaven, a healing of the spirit and a healing of the body, *hashta ba-agala u-vizman kariv*, now, speedily and soon. Amen.

*[For more details, please see page two]*

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### Mazal Tov Shabbat

On the third Friday of every month, we recognize, honor and bake a cake for all congregants who celebrate a birthday or anniversary in that month. The names of our honorees for November and December are below. If anyone has been inadvertently omitted, please contact

Linda Jacknowitz at  
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### November 2012

Bob Cohen  
Alan Rosenbluth  
Richard Cohen  
Stan Cohen  
Jean DeLynn  
Amy and Richard Gutmann  
Larry Jacowitz  
Susan Newfield  
Michael Stern  
Linda and Adam Rosefsky

Deborah Green  
Rebecca O'Neal  
Steve Markwell  
Craig Behr  
Jim Friedberg  
Dan Solomon  
Daya Solomon

### December 2012

Kathleen Abate  
Roger Abrahams  
Paul Brager  
Daniel Berrebi  
Art Jacknowitz  
Robert Hunt  
Adam Komisaruk  
Martha and Norman Lass  
Keith Newman  
Muriel Millstone  
Emily Lederman  
Stephanie Savitch  
Linda Rosefsky  
Sheryl Grossman  
David Rosen

