



# The Bulletin

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*Blending Jewish Traditions*

*with Modern Life*

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## HIAS Refugee Shabbat Bagel and Bible

Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>  
9:15am

All are welcome to join us for

### **Breakfast catered by Alsham Chef**

Enjoy Middle Eastern cuisine by local chef Yasmin Almuhsen,  
who resettled to our community from Syria

then at 9:30am

### **Rabbi Megan Doherty of HIAS**

speaks about the HIAS response to the Refugee Crises  
in Israel and the Southern US Border

followed by an abbreviated Refugee Shabbat themed service.



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**Thursdays, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** - Intro to Judaism Class at UConn Hillel

**Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 PM** - Hartford Climate March - See Page 8 & Back Cover

**Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 AM** - HIAS Refugee Shabbat Bagel & Bible - See Front Cover

**Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** - Temple Talks on Zoom - See Page 7

**Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM** - Service & Service - In Person - See Page 6

**Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM** - Shabbat Trumah Art Service - Zoom Only - See Page 5

**Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM** - Annual Chili Cook-off - See Page 14

**Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM** - Shabbes Dinner

**"Hope"**

Tonight is the night of Tu Bishvat, the New Year of the trees. I imagine the trees ringing in their new year with party hats on their branches toasting to their fortitude and strength. They toast to surviving the last year of floods and droughts and winds and heat. Many of the trees in my neighborhood have been washed away into the Fenton River due to flooding. Trees are damming up the river and have caused the Nipmuck Trail behind my house to be covered over with mud and debris. I'm not sure my dogs and I will be able to traverse the muck and mire. Our pleasant walk through the woods has become a bit of an obstacle course in some places. However, compared with many other parts of our country that are dealing with climate change catastrophes, my muddy hiking trail is a small problem.

When it comes to nature my husband Marc and I are what some people may term "Tree Huggers". We love to be in nature because we connect with the peaceful energy and beauty that the Earth provides us. Marc loves the trees so much he even gives personal names to some of his favorites. On Tu Bishvat we honor the trees. It is part of our Jewish heritage to send money to Israel to plant trees. I also have wonderful memories of climbing trees as a child and sitting beneath the shade of trees reading and picnicing. This time of year the trees begin to run their sap, slowly reenergizing and waking up. Soon leaves and flowers will emerge. Soon we will be delighted by their colors and

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**TREE OF LIFE - INSCRIBER NEEDED!**

In the Greer Auditorium in the Temple are two beautiful wall hangings of the Tree of Life. One of the Trees of Life has room for names to be added, but we need someone who has good handwriting and can paint the names on the Tree. A ladder is needed to reach the wall hanging, so you would need to be secure on a ladder.

Please let me know if you can help--  
[sheilabamdur@gmail.com](mailto:sheilabamdur@gmail.com).

**YOU CAN DO IT!****Volunteer Opportunities****Fundraising and Development Committee** invites membership!

Currently looking for help with an initiative to get advertisers on our website and public Facebook page.

**Contact Sheila Amdur:**

[sheilabamdur@gmail.com](mailto:sheilabamdur@gmail.com)

**Library Committee** invites volunteers!

Have updated computer hardware, now we need people to breathe life back into the library.

**Contact Rochelle Marcus:**

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**Grounds Coordinator** position open!

Looking for volunteer(s) to oversee the maintenance of the Temple grounds. Work with the Beautification Committee in coordinating the vendors who mow the lawn, prune the plants, plant flowers and shrubs, and keep the grounds tidy.

**Contact Temple Office:**

(860)423-3743

[office@templebnaiisrael.org](mailto:office@templebnaiisrael.org)

**Caring Committee** invites volunteers!

Help in the effort to offer support to our congregation members in need.

**Contact Ellie Shane:**

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**or Fran Jaffe:**

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**Ritual Committee** invites

volunteers! Help enrich our shabbat and holiday gatherings.

**Contact Judy Stein:**

[jstein@medicareadvocacy.org](mailto:jstein@medicareadvocacy.org)



Something new is happening at the Temple. It's called Shabbat! I mean, it's still the incredible three thousand year old invention of a day to renew and reconnect and affirm our freedom from masters and our refusal to be absolute masters. But as I was going through the calendar for this month's bulletin, I was struck by how much renewed energy (there's that word "renew" again) there is at the Temple around how best to practice Shabbat in our time.

There's a service for the whole community on the 2<sup>nd</sup> created by some of our Jewish Exploration families, and a Refugee Shabbat on the 3<sup>rd</sup> catered by one of the Syrian families we helped to resettle. On the 10<sup>th</sup>, young and old will gather for a (ritual) Service and (physical) Service for the benefit of elderly neighbors – our "Service & Service" focused on Tikkun Olam and love. The 17<sup>th</sup> brings our annual Art Service inspired by the Torah portion focused on the artistry of the ancient tabernacle.

And on Wednesday, the 7<sup>th</sup>, a working group on creating Shabbat community, aka our expanded and revitalized Ritual Committee, will convene. That group will take ideas from the recent "Creating Connection" event, the work already done, our vast store of tradition about Shabbat, and our sometimes conflicting notions of what we can get from Shabbat, and create a program that will help us strengthen our community and spirits by gathering on Shabbat.

Details for all these special Shabbatot and the Ritual Committee/Working Group can be found throughout this Bulletin.

Hoping to see you on the new/old Shabbatot this month!

*Rabbi Jeremy*

## CREATING CONNECTION ON SHABBAT

### You're Invited to the Next Steps!

In December, several dozen Temple members gathered for an ice cream social to discuss "Creating Connection" on Shabbat. How can we, in this particular time and place, best use and reconstruct our heritage's gift of Shabbat to strengthen our community and our spirits? What will meaningfully bring us together and work its magic? We gathered lots of feedback on what we've been doing and lots of ideas about what we might do in the future. There's not one answer or formula, but it's clear that, as Moses told Pharaoh, we'll go forward "with our young and with our old," with fun and with spirit. The path forward will be determined by members of the congregation who join together to map it. If you'd like to be one of those, please let Judy Stein know and come to the **first meeting of the Shabbat Community Planning Group and Ritual Committee on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024****24 SH'VAT, 5784**

Parashat Yitro

Exodus 18:1 - 20:23

This year: 19:1 - 20:23

Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-13

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024****1 ADAR I, 5784**Rosh Hodesh Adar I

Parashat Mishpatim

Exodus 21:1 - 24:18, Numbers 28:9-15

This year: 22:4 - 23:19, Numbers 28:9-15

Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1-24

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024****8 ADAR I, 5784**

Parashat Trumah

Exodus 25:1 - 27:19

This year: 26:1-30

Haftarah: I Kings 5:26 - 6:13

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024****15 ADAR I, 5784**

Parashat T'tsaveh

Exodus 27:20 - 30:10

This year: 28:31 - 29:18

Haftarah: Ezekiel 43:10-27



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**SHABBAT TRUMAH ART SERVICE**

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**Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM****Zoom Only**

Our annual Shabbat Trumah Art Service is one of our many highlight Shabbatot of the year. It's inspired by the Torah portion, which begins to describe the artistry of the ancient Sanctuary. The service follows the structure of the regular service, keeping the "*baruh atah/* praised are you" anchors, but generally replacing the paragraphs leading to them with visual images supplied by members of the congregation or collected by Rav Jeremy. You are welcome to send Rav Jeremy suggested images on the themes of the service before February 13<sup>th</sup>. As in all tradition-based services, the themes are: waking up in the physical world, song and connection, light and creation, love and responsibility, unity, hope and justice and freedom, ancestors, the revitalizing power of love, holiness, Shabbat, prayer and place, gratitude, and peace. Send in your images to [ravjeremy@templebnaiisrael.org](mailto:ravjeremy@templebnaiisrael.org) (whether photos or images of artworks)!

Members have commented that this is one service that is especially good on Zoom, as it gives everyone a better view of the images. So the service will be Zoom-only.

Please join in this visually enriched Shabbat service in honor of Shabbat Trumah – the Shabbat of the artistic gifts!



## FEBRUARY SHABBAT SERVICES AND CELEBRATIONS

Please note Zoom and In-Person availability for each week and watch your email for last minute changes!

**Friday, February 2, 2024**      **5:30 PM**      **Community and Family Potluck - In Person**  
**6:15 PM**      **Family Friendly Service - In Person & by Zoom**

### **Jewish Explorations Families Make a Service for All!**

We're inviting the entire community to participate in a potluck dinner with our Jewish Explorations families at 5:30 PM! Can't think of a dish to bring? Your presence and conversation itself is the perfect addition to dinner. A Shabbat service for young and old will follow at 6:15 PM. For the first Friday of February, four Jewish Explorations families will be sharing leadership of the service. This all-community Shabbat will include much sharing: dinner; "roses, buds, and thorns;" and interpretations of four core service blessings from four Jewish Explorations families. Please join us!

**Saturday, February 3, 2024**      **9:30 AM**      **HIAS Refugee Shabbat Bagel & Bible - In Person & by Zoom**

See Front Cover for details.

**Friday, February 9, 2024**      **6:15 PM**      **T.G.I.Shabbes - In Person, Zoom opens at 6:45 PM**

### **T.G.I.Shabbes - New Mix!**

Some of you will be happy to know (and maybe a few sad) that Rav Jeremy is inaugurating a T.G.I.Shabbes music mix that's not based on mystical texts or difficult poetry. The next T.G.I.Shabbes mix is all music by Reconstructionists. We think you'll like it! As always, the true theme will be celebrating Shabbat together in a joyful, relaxed way. See you there!

**Saturday, February 10, 2024**      **5:30 PM**      **Service & Service - In Person**

Some suggestions at the December "Creating Connection" gathering included trying a Saturday night Havdalah gathering, bringing kids and adults together, and doing a hands-on tikkun olam project. One of our Shabbat formats already had two of those three and can easily be adjusted for the third, bringing kids and adults together. "Service and Service" has a ritual service focused on the story of tikkun olam and on making a community based on love. It also has physical service that accomplishes tikkun olam in some way. This version of Service and Service on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM will bring our Jewish Explorations families and the rest of the community together for a service all will appreciate, a light dinner provided by the Temple, and an art-project service to bring a little joyous cheer to our community's shut-ins. Join us! Please RSVP to [office@templebnaiisrael.org](mailto:office@templebnaiisrael.org) so we know we have enough supplies.

**Friday, February 16, 2024**      **7:30 PM**      **Tikkun Olam vaNefesh Service - In Person & by Zoom**

**Saturday, February 17, 2024**      **10:00 AM**      **Shabbat Trumah Art Service - By Zoom Only**

Our annual art-filled Shabbat Trumah service, featuring art submitted by the community! See page 5 for details.

**Friday, February 23, 2024**      **6:30 PM**      **Shabbes Dinner - In Person**

This month's dinner will be hosted by Carol & Yves Kraus.

**Saturday, February 24, 2024**      **10:00 AM**      **Shabbat Service - In Person & by Zoom**

## TEMPLE FAMILY NEWS

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*Hamakom yenachem* - Condolences      המקום ינחם

To Grace Adams on the passing of her sister, Lucy DeLuca.  
May her memory be a blessing.

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## CARING COMMITTEE - Caring For Each Other In Times Of Need

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Thanks to Sheila and Hillary for this month's leadership and a big thank you to Carol Kraus for volunteering for February. Please consider joining our committee, we are always looking for new members, male or female.

Although the weather is cold and harsh the caring committee members are warm and comforting! Please let Ellie, Fran or Rav Jeremy know if any help is needed.

## LOOKING FOR YOUR RECIPES!

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Do you have a favorite Passover recipe that you would like to share? This could be a great way to try dishes from other countries. Email your recipe(s) to [mgoldenmossberg@hotmail.com](mailto:mgoldenmossberg@hotmail.com) by March 10, 2024 for publication in April bulletin.

## TEMPLE TALKS

**Hillary Stern**

**Temple Talks offers a simple, sociable and structured way to practice communicating while building understanding and relationships.**

**February's topic is "Hope."** Instead of resigning ourselves to our current situations, we can dream and build new possibilities. This is hope in action. In this way, hope is an energy source that resides in each of us. It is a type of knowing beyond the five senses of touch, smell, sight, hearing, and taste. When we hold hope in our hearts and minds – when we hold the vision or dream of something new, better and more life-giving – we are compelled to move toward it. We have a choice: to keep hope alive or to give in to doubt and let hope fade away, calling it a waste of time, useless daydreaming and overly optimistic thinking.

**Join us over Zoom on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.**

Please join in the “Keep Connecticut’s Climate Promise March” Friday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 12 PM at the Old State House in Hartford. Car poolers will gather at the Temple for a 10:30 departure to Hartford. Our demands are directed not only to our State Legislators, but also Eversource, Travelers Insurance, DEEP, and the Capitol Area System heating and cooling management. Our efforts, as the legislative session begins, will put pressure on our lawmakers to make certain CT reaches the 2040 zero carbon goals set forth in the Governor’s Bill signed in 2022. As a State, we are not on target to reach this goal and this march will propose adopting more stringent targets, establishing greater accountability, and providing mechanisms of enforcement. The areas of target are primarily emissions and climate-related health disparities. The solutions proposed include State level climate accountability, multiple program supports around clean energy and energy efficiency, legislation to enable insurance companies to divest from fossil fuels, enacting an Environmental Rights amendment, addressing inequities in toxic permitting and expansion of polluting facilities, and addressing housing inequities and clean transportation. The march will be followed by specific advocacy opportunities during this short session.

We are also preparing for our 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> HIAS Refugee Shabbat welcoming Rabbi Megan Doherty, from HIAS, and Yasmin Almuhsen, Middle-Eastern caterer extraordinaire. We hope many of you join us to learn about the work of HIAS at the southern border and in Israel while enjoying the delicacies Yasmin prepared.

Please continue to help us help our young Guatemalan mother’s transitioning to this country with few resources. We have a contribution basket set up in the synagogue’s lobby with a list of needed items. These include small bags of rice, diapers size 1-7, winter baby clothing (3 mo.-3 yrs), wipes, vegetable oil, Walmart gift cards, salt, Maseca flour.

Please mark your calendars for the **long-postponed weatherization event** to learn how you can save money on energy and energy efficiency upgrades for your home and learn about the upgrades that the synagogue is making through a special program with EnergizeCT and IREJN. This takes place on **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm at the synagogue.**

For more information about these activities or to become involved with this work, please contact Merle at [jermerle@att.net](mailto:jermerle@att.net).

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**Hillary Stern**

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renewed energy. This is what “Hope” means to me. It is natural to renew and regrow. It is innate that revitalized energy is possible not just for trees but for us as well.

If you are distressed about the state of the planet, the trees show us how we can have hope. It can also ease your anxieties to do one small thing like eliminate plastic, donating to your favorite cause or marching in a climate march (wink, wink, February 2<sup>nd</sup> in Hartford with the Tikkun Olam Committee). This helps us feel like we are upping our game by contributing to the solution. In the mean time, take a tip from my husband Marc and name a tree. You might be surprised by what good friends they make.

To delve further into this topic of “Hope” please join the Temple Talks conversation on Zoom on February 8th at 7pm.



Shalom, everyone!

I hope you're all well and making the best of this most recent bout of seasonal weather! This month, I'd love to put a spotlight on our Israeli emissaries, Hila and Netanel. These two young people have signed on to work with our Jewish Explorations students this school year, and every week they arrive with bright smiles on their faces and carefully crafted activities that, even if just for an hour, bring pieces of Israel to Willimantic. Whether they're exploring Israeli music, talking about history, leading thought-provoking discussions, making holiday crafts, or working in groups to create presentations or compete, our students are receiving so much care and knowledge from these two amazing emissaries. We are so, so lucky to have them with us and I'm so thankful that they are a part of our circle this year!



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### 5784 Chai Appeal (cont.)

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Michael & Anne Willenborg

## FEBRUARY YAHRZEITS

Remember to light your Yahrzeit candle on the night before the date shown. It is also appropriate to join our Shabbat celebration to say Kaddish on the Shabbat when your loved one's name is read, and to give tzedakah in your loved one's memory. May their memory be a blessing.

Kaddish will be said for the following yahrzeits on February 2nd and 3rd			
Louis Brettschneider	Grandfather of Bruce Brettschneider	24 Shevat	February 3
Roselyn Sepowitz		24 Shevat	February 3
Jay Lassow	Brother of Michael Lassow	24 Shevat	February 3
Ruth Sandler Bleustein		24 Shevat	February 3
Hyman N. Chasen		25 Shevat	February 4
Lillian Hochberg		25 Shevat	February 4
Jeanne Glickstein	Aunt of Adrienne Marks	25 Shevat	February 4
Maria Magdalena Guinez	Mother of Ramona Nishball, Manena Guinez and Techy Gochros	26 Shevat	February 5
Richard Meisler	Brother-in-law of Susan Meisler	26 Shevat	February 5
Regina Piotrkowski	Mother-in-law of Gail Petrowsky	27 Shevat	February 6
Robert Schupack		27 Shevat	February 6
Jack Rabinowitz		27 Shevat	February 6
Abraham I Ostrofsky		29 Shevat	February 8
Dora S. Ballon		30 Shevat	February 9
Dora Frankel		30 Shevat	February 9
Anna Russian		30 Shevat	February 9
Annie Segal	Mother of Herb Segal	30 Shevat	February 9
Kaddish will be said for the following yahrzeits on February 9th and 10th			
Pauline Zenchoff		1 Adar	February 10
Mila Nishball	Stepmother of Alex Nishball	1 Adar	February 10
Minnie Sugarman	Grandmother of Todd Friedland	1 Adar	February 10
Esther R. Sussman		1 Adar	February 10
Clara Davis		1 Adar	February 10
Harry Freedman		2 Adar	February 11
Edward Pollack	Husband of Rita Pollack	2 Adar	February 11
Dina Fox		2 Adar	February 11
David Rothenberg	Grandfather of Sandra Roth	2 Adar	February 11
Henry Portnow	Father of Aline Hoffman	2 Adar	February 11
Milton Kaskowitz		3 Adar	February 12
Florence Rappoport	Mother of Doreen Simonsen	3 Adar	February 12
Miriam Chasen Kerachsky		4 Adar	February 13
Dora Levine		4 Adar	February 13
Alfred Helfer	Father of Stephanie Malinow	4 Adar	February 13
Frank Lewis	Father of Barry Lewis	5 Adar	February 14
Muriel Narotsky	Mother of Debbie Stoloff	6 Adar	February 15
Mildred Harris	Grandmother of Rochelle Marcus	6 Adar	February 15
Julius L. Sussman		7 Adar	February 16
Norman Hilsenrad	Husband of Marsha Hilsenrad	7 Adar	February 16

## FEBRUARY YAHRZEITS (continued)

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Kaddish will be said for the following yahrzeits on February 16th and 17th			
Natalie Shifrin	Second Cousin of Bruce Brettschneider	8 Adar	February 17
Samuel Schretter		8 Adar	February 17
Samuel Nishball	Grandfather of Marc Kronisch	9 Adar	February 18
Lena Hochberg		10 Adar	February 19
Harry Chait		10 Adar	February 19
Nathan Marks	Father of Adrienne Marks	10 Adar	February 19
Corinne Mittelman		11 Adar	February 20
Gail Piotrkowski	Sister-in-law of Gail Petrowsky	11 Adar	February 20
Sarah Leah Heller		12 Adar	February 21
Florence Eisenberg		12 Adar	February 21
Barnet Shifrin	Great-Uncle of Bruce Brettschneider	14 Adar	February 23
Abraham Hillman		14 Adar	February 23
Kaddish will be said for the following yahrzeits on February 23rd and 24th			
Larry Segal	Brother of Herb Segal	15 Adar	February 24
Benjamin Hochberg		17 Adar	February 26
Melvyn Douglas Starger		17 Adar	February 26
Murray H. Rosen	Great-uncle of Debra Sarazin.	18 Adar	February 27
Esther Frankel	Grandmother of Michael Lassow	19 Adar	February 28
Bernard Newman	Father of Carol Kraus	19 Adar	February 28
Bill Baber	Father of Jim Baber	20 Adar	February 29
Gary Gottesman	Close friend of many	20 Adar	February 29
Rabbi Osher Reisman	Grandfather of Sharen Peters	21 Adar	March 1



May their memories be a  
source of strength  
and a blessing.



### CHEVRA KADISHA

After a Jew dies, a burial society, the *Chevra Kadisha* (literally, "holy society") prepares the body for interment. This process, called *Taharah* (purification), involves the ritual cleansing and subsequent dressing of the body, by men for males and by women for females, in preparation for burial. This requires training in the traditions and prescribed methods involved in traditional Jewish burials. This is a very personal and meaningful mitzvah we perform to support our fellow members.

We welcome anyone interested in joining us in this sacred work. Please contact Fran Jaffe ([franjaffe@earthlink.net](mailto:franjaffe@earthlink.net)) or Ken Dardick ([kdardick@gmail.com](mailto:kdardick@gmail.com)), Co-Chairs, or Rav Jeremy ([ravjeremy@templebnaiisrael.org](mailto:ravjeremy@templebnaiisrael.org)).



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15th ANNUAL



AND NOSH FEST! IT'S NOT  
JUST FOR CHILI LOVERS!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>,  
5:00 P.M.

TEMPLE BNAI ISRAEL  
383 JACKSON STREET  
WILLIMANTIC, CT  
ALL ARE WELCOME!



**TASTE & VOTE: LOTS OF  
GREAT VEGETARIAN CHILI!  
(WINNER GETS A \$50 GIFT  
CERTIFICATE TO WILLI BREW)**



**NOSH ON SOME NON-CHILI  
GOODIES**



**SIP DELICIOUS BEER DONATED  
BY WILLI BREW. MUST BE AGE  
21 OR OLDER. WE'LL HAVE  
SODA TOO!**



**ENJOY AN OVER-THE-TOP ICE  
CREAM BAR! BUILD YOUR  
OWN SUNDAE!**



**BUST OPEN A PIÑATA  
(YOUNGSTERS ONLY!)**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <small>22 SHEVAT</small>	2 <small>23 SHEVAT</small>  4:47 12:00pm Hartford Climate March 5:30pm Temple Potluck 6:15pm Shabbat Service	3 <small>24 SHEVAT</small> 9:15am HIAS Refugee Shabbat Bagel & Bible
4 <small>25 SHEVAT</small>	5 <small>26 SHEVAT</small>	6 <small>27 SHEVAT</small>	7 <small>28 SHEVAT</small> 4:45pm Jewish Explorations 7:00pm Ritual Committee	8 <small>29 SHEVAT</small> 7:00pm Temple Talks on Zoom	9 <small>30 SHEVAT</small>  Rosh Chodesh Adar I  4:56 6:15pm T.G.I. Shabbes	10 <small>1 ADAR I</small>  Rosh Chodesh Adar I 5:30pm Service & Service In Person Only
11 <small>2 ADAR I</small> 9:30am - Tikkun Olam Comm. Meeting	12 <small>3 ADAR I</small>  Lincoln's Birthday	13 <small>4 ADAR I</small>	14 <small>5 ADAR I</small> 4:45pm Jewish Explorations	15 <small>6 ADAR I</small> <b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b> 7:00pm Intro to Judaism: UConn Hillel	16 <small>7 ADAR I</small>  5:04 7:30pm Tikkun Olam vaNefesh Service	17 <small>8 ADAR I</small> 10:00am Shabbat Trumah Art Service - Zoom Only
18 <small>9 ADAR I</small> 5:00pm CHILI COOK-OFF	19 <small>10 ADAR I</small>  Washington's Birthday (observed)	20 <small>11 ADAR I</small>	21 <small>12 ADAR I</small> 4:45pm Jewish Explorations 7:00pm Board Meeting	22 <small>13 ADAR I</small>	23 <small>14 ADAR I</small>  Purim Katan  5:13 6:30pm Shabbes Dinner	24 <small>15 ADAR I</small> 10:00am Shabbat Service & Jewish Explorations Shabbat Experience
25 <small>16 ADAR I</small> 10:00am Sandwich-making at Soup Kitchen	26 <small>17 ADAR I</small>	27 <small>18 ADAR I</small>	28 <small>19 ADAR I</small> 4:45pm Jewish Explorations	29 <small>20 ADAR I</small> 7:00pm Intro to Judaism: UConn Hillel		

# KEEP CONNECTICUT'S CLIMATE PROMISE MARCH

**FEBRUARY 2ND, 12PM, OLD STATE  
HOUSE, 800 MAIN STREET, HARTFORD**

JOIN OUR MARCH TO DEMAND STATE LEADERS KEEP THEIR  
CLIMATE PROMISE AND HONOR EVERYBODY'S RIGHT TO A  
SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE CONNECTICUT!!



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