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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS *YOM HULEDET SAMEACH!*

Michael Amster
Robert Bernstein
Bernie Bienstock
Curt Biren
Oscar Bolanos
Robert Ditchey
Joshua Dunn

Sumena Dunn
David Feldman
Benedetta Guetta
Sue Hoffman
Paul Klein
Tally Lippman
Joseph Peters

Albert Reff
Sandy Rosenblatt
Jessica Sacher
Laurie Salberg
Gary Samson
Michael Sela
Avraham Shemesh

Debra Silverman
Libby Silverman
Marc Sniderman
Carolyn Spencer

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES *MAZEL TOV!*

Robert Brook & Jackie Kosecoff
Jonathan & Area Kramarsky
Alexander Popper & Sara Hooker

44th anniversary
24th anniversary
10th anniversary

Engaged!

**MAZEL TOV TO:
Erik Hoffman & Malka Barkhourdari**



Snapshots

FAREWELL PARTY FOR JOANNE KLEIN 12/13/25



5th NIGHT OF HANUKKAH 12/18/25



HANUKKAH IN SANTA MONICA 12/22/25



YAHREZEITS

Listed by date name will be read at Shabbat Services.

January 3

Lena Albert, grandmother of Susan Greenberg Norman
Thelma Alpern, aunt of Randy Ziegler
Sandor Fischl, father of Judy Moadeb
Rebekah Gusse, grandmother of Sara Barnard
Harlen Hurwitz, father of Susan Sperling
Zelma Kramer, mother of Jill Gotlieb
Richard Maibaum, father of Matthew Maibaum
James Bennett Osterman, brother of Kathie Rose
Bernard Pimstone, brother-in-law of Fay Pimstone
Doris Posner, mother of Judith Shapiro
Rose Rosenblatt, grandmother of Ellis Rosenblatt and Sanford Rosenblatt
Esther Rosenfeld, mother-in-law of Gail Rosenfeld
Esther Sack Kass, grandmother of Eileen Cohen
Sheldon Spector, husband of Judith Spector
David Stern, uncle of Linda Topal
Rose Stern, grandmother of Linda Topal

January 10

Harry Segal, grandfather of Lolly Bennett
Moiz Mesulam, grandfather of Gina Epstein
Anna Feldman, mother of David Feldman
Morris Freeman, father of Izzy Freeman
Morris Goldberg, father of Elliot Goldberg
Alvin Stover, uncle of Gaylen Grody
David Sage, father of Diana Guth
Jeffrey A. Roth, brother-in-law of Marsha Lewin Latiner
Gertrude Lewis, grandmother of Roz Menitoff
Joe Weinberg, grandfather of Don Morris
Martin Peters, father of Joseph Peters
Florence Warshawsky, grandmother of Beth Ricanati
Aaron Osterman, grandfather of Kathie Rose
Robert Kohler Osterman, father of Kathie Rose
Bernard Samson, father of Gary Samson
Shoshana Sharafiyan, mother of Sara Sherman
Samuel Tamaroff, father of Tammy Steinsapir
Morris Horwitz, father of Susan Yuré

January 17

Shraga Amster, father of Michael Amster
Hannah Goldsmith, mother of Charles Goldsmith
Abraham Gross, grandfather of Shelly Vedres
Lea Kramarsky, mother of Jonathan Kramarsky
Eva Kramer, grandmother of Andrea Jussim, mother of Beverly Schwartz
Henry Latiner, father-in-law of Marsha Lewin Latiner
Sigmund Posner, father of Judith Shapiro
Hannah Preisler, grandmother of Diana Guth

Judith Baar Resnick, mother of Joanne Klein
Gabriel Rosenthal, father of Marian Goldsmith
Yehudit Soltz, mother-in-law of Michael Wyte
Wendy Zeitlin, mother of Sharon Zeitlin

January 24

Moshe Arussi, Ex-husband of Rahel Bogale
Hy Baker, brother of Emanuel Baker
John Biren, father of Curt Biren
Samuel Bortnik, grandfather of Mathew Averbukh
Harold Corwin, grandfather of Cynthia Robinson
David Fischbein, uncle of Alan Fein
Shirle Fleck, aunt of Kathie Rose
Harold Glick, father of Susan Bronstein
Esther Gura, mother of Dennis Gura
Arthur J. Lewis, brother of Teri Lewis
Bertha Marcus, step-mother of Judith Baker
Ethel Menitoff, mother of Michael Menitoff
Meyer Simon Olken, father of Sherwin Olken
Benjamin Reff, father of Albert Reff
Audrey Lou Sagerman, mother of Nancy Pearl
Lillian Turk, aunt of Shirley Strom
Thomas Vedres, husband of Shelly Vedres
George Wolfberg, husband of Diane Wolfberg
George Wolfberg, brother of Ted Wolfberg
Rhia Wolfe, mother of Mrs. Lolly Bennett

January 31

Gesya Averbukh grandmother of Mathew Averbukh
William Barnard, husband of Sara Barnard
Rebecca Bortnik, grandmother of Mathew Averbukh
Benjamin Brook, father of Robert Brook
Morris Davidson, uncle of Judith Baker
Bernard DeHovitz, father of Dan DeHovitz
Joshua Eisenstein, nephew of Marian Goldsmith
Eugene Erdley, grandfather of Alyssa Ganezer and father-in-law of Celeste Erdley
David Gaiser, father of Heather Moses
Faina Gelman, sister of Alla Feldman
Stanley Greenberg, uncle of Tammy Steinsapir
Mimi Harris, aunt of Karen Gottlieb
Beatrice Horwitz, mother of Susan Yuré
Magda Kovacs, remembered by Shelly Vedres
Leonard Mitchell, father of Nicholas Mitchell
Rose Rose, mother of Stan Rubin
Raffi Sabban, husband of Sonia Sabban
Peter Schwartz, brother of Eileen Cohen
Sam Stover, grandfather of Gaylen Grody
Leah Wolfberg, mother of Ted Wolfberg

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In honor of

Joanne Klein, on the occasion of her retirement, by Andrea and Noah Jussim

Alla Feldman & Family, by Esther Lubovich

Lunch & Learn, by Pavel Karasik

In memory of

• LARRY EPSTEIN,

brother of Shirley Strom, uncle of Joel & Holly Strom, and Elaine & Howard Behnken, by Lolly Bennett, Sue & Paul Hoffman, Keren Gottlieb, Minda & Jeff Salberg, Laurie & Gary Samson, Ellis Rosenblatt, Michel & Jacolyn Bron, Marsha Lewin Latiner, Alan & Susan Sperling, and Barbara Goldstone

• SAMUEL TURETSKY,

brother of Carol Turtsky, by Keren Gottlieb, Lolly Bennett, Lou and Judy Zucker, Judy and Manny Baker, and Jeff and Minda Salberg

• SEYMOUR KRAMER,

Father of Beverly Schwartz, by Beverly Schwartz

• SCOTT MITCHEL OLKEN,

son of Elaine and Sherwin Olken, by Elaine and Sherwin Olken

• DINAH POSTERNACK,

mother of Elaine Olken, by Elaine and Sherwin Olken

• AL ISRAEL,

Father of Larry Israel, by Larry and Kim Israel

• ELSA GOTTESMAN NEIMAN,

mother-in-law of Gail Neiman, by Gail Neiman

• BERNARD NEIMAN,

father-in-law of Gail Neiman, by Gail Neiman

• META KATZ,

sister of Gail Neiman, by Gail Neiman

• MARGARET SAGE,

mother of Diana Guth, by Diana & David Guth

• ZELDA JOY MITCHELL,

mother of Nicholas Mitchell, by Nicholas Mitchell and Dorine Kramer

• SEYMOUR KRAMER,

father of Dorine Kramer, by Nicholas Mitchell and Dorine Kramer

• JUDITH BAAR RESNICK,

mother of Joanne Klein, by Joanne and Paul Klein

• STUART SCHWEITZER,

husband of Suzanne Schweitzer, by Suzanne Schweitzer

• ARTHUR J. LEWIS,

brother of Teri Lewis, by Teri Lewis

• SHOSHANA SHARAFIYAN,

mother of Sara Sherman, by Sara Sherman

• RICHARD MAIBAUM,

father of Matthew Maibaum, by Matthew Maibaum

• GEORGE WOLFBERG,

brother of Ted Wolfberg, by Ted and Roselynn Wolfberg

• HENRY LATINER,

father-in-law of Marsha Lewin Latiner, Marsha Lewin Latiner

• JEFFREY A. ROTH,

brother-in-law of Marsha Lewin Latiner, Marsha Lewin Latiner

• BERNARD SAMSON,

Father of Gary Samson, by Gary and Laurie Samson

JACK TOPAL KIDDUSH FUND

In honor of

Debra & Richard Silverman on the marriage of their son, Charles to Zara Nery, by Marla Rubin & David Shapendonk

Jill & Rabbi Michael Gotlieb on the birth of their granddaughter Lily Shoshana Fierstadt, by Marla Rubin & David Shapendonk

Joanne Klein, on her retirement, by Marla Rubin & David Shapendonk

Shirley Strom, on her 97th birthday, by Marla Rubin & David Shapendonk

In memory of

Larry Epstein, brother of Shirley Strom, uncle of Joel & Holly Strom, and Elaine & Howard Behnken, by Marla Rubin & David Shapendonk

Deborah Bochner Kennel, mother of Sarah Kennel and Matthew Kennel and stepmother of Sorel, by Marla Rubin & David Shapendonk

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In memory of

Esther Gura, mother of Dennis Gura, by Dennis and Kathy Gura

Rebecca Gura, sister of Dennis Gura, by Dennis and Kathy Gura

Esther Rabb, mother of Dennis Gura, by Dennis and Kathy Gura

Sol Gura, father of David Dennis, by Dennis and Kathy Gura

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In honor of

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