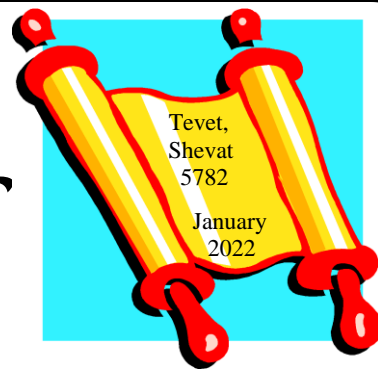




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## Candle Lighting Times

### January

January 7 – 4:30 p.m.

January 14 – 4:38 p.m.

January 21 – 4:46 p.m.

January 28 – 4:55 p.m.



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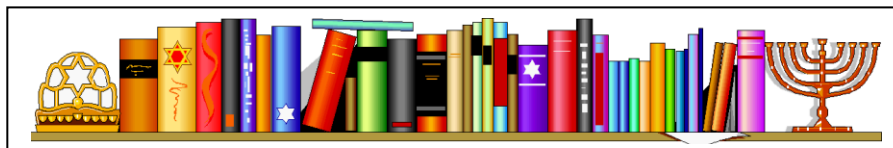
### February

February 4 – 5:00 p.m.

February 11 – 5:09 p.m.

February 18 – 5:17 p.m.

February 25 – 5:25 p.m.



### January

Marilyn Propp  
Tom Halperin  
Jenny Schwartz



To Trude Reiser on the birth of her grandson, Judah Alexander Reiser. Congratulations to the parents, Michelle and Jeffrey Reiser

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday, January 1

10:30 a.m. – Service  
Parsha: Va'era

### Saturday, January 8

9:30 a.m. – Service with Rabbi Arsers  
Parsha: Bo

### Saturday, January 15

10:30 a.m. – Service  
Parsha: Beshalach

### Sunday, January 16

10 a.m. – Talmud Study via Zoom  
Zoom link will be sent via email

### Saturday, January 22

10:30 a.m. – Service  
Parsha: Yitro

### Saturday, January 29

10:30 a.m. – Service  
Parsha: Mishpatim

## Let's Study Talmud

Join Rabbi Arsers on January 16 at 10:00 AM for study and discussion on a topic to be determined. Look for details in coming e-mails.

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***From our Rabbi, Michael Arsers***

We say at the beginning of *shacharit* every morning, “These are the precepts whose fruits a person enjoys in this world but whose principal remains intact for him in the World to Come. They are: the honor due to father and mother, acts of kindness, early attendance at the house of study mornings and evenings, hospitality to guests, visiting the sick, providing for a bride, escorting the dead, absorption in prayer, bringing peace between man and his fellow – and the study of Torah is equivalent to them all.” This is a very impressive list of the most important *mitzvot*, but we see that study has a very special place in Judaism.

Let us be clear, Torah does not refer only to the Five Books of Moses. Torah includes the entire Jewish tradition. Of course, engaging in the close study of the primary texts of the Jewish tradition is of paramount importance. We have been pursuing this precept in our monthly series Let’s Study Talmud which we have conducted on ZOOM. Our sessions have allowed us to gain an appreciation for the variety of approaches to the observance of Jewish holidays and how what we do is rooted in the Talmudic discussions. The *derashas* that I write every week are also part of our study of Torah. In each one, I attempt to explore an aspect of the weekly portion in order to explain its deeper meaning or to see how it fits into a broader understanding of Judaism.

Studying Jewish history and Jewish literature of later periods, including contemporary Jewish life, is also important and should be taken seriously. There are, of course, many resources today for engaging in such study. I would like to recommend one resource that I consider to be of very high quality. The [tikvahfund.org](http://tikvahfund.org) hosts a web site that is worth your time exploring. There are podcasts, articles, and online courses on a wide range of topics. Currently, the featured courses include “Deuteronomy, the Last Speech of Moses,” with Micah Goodman. The course description states, “The ideas of the Book of Deuteronomy changed the world. One of Israel’s leading intellectuals delves into the theological and political lessons

of Moses’s final speech.” There is a course that explores in depth the Israeli Declaration of Independence. There are two courses taught by Ruth Wisse, professor of Yiddish Literature at Harvard University. Rabbi Meir Soloveichik teaches “Jewish Ideas and the American Founders.” He holds a Ph.D from Princeton University and is rabbi of Congregation Shearith Israel, the oldest congregation in the United States. He also is the director of the center for Torah and Western Thought at Yeshiva University.

There are many other courses. Some are free, some are not. I only mention a few to whet your appetite. But, if we are looking for an online source for serious Jewish scholarship of the highest caliber, this web site is fantastic.

***Peoria Hebrew Day School News***

PHDS students did a wonderful Hanukkah Program for their families. We were happy to be able to find a safe option for our students to preform in front of their families. As always, the best part of the live performance was the cute little preschoolers’ section of the play. This year they were dressed up as a menorah, gelt, or a dreidel. Everyone in the audience was laughing and had smiles on their faces. We are going on our winter break, and we look forward to starting back up again in January. We love seeing the kids right after break because you can always notice little growth changes in the kids because we haven’t seen them in a few weeks.





### **Kiddush Fund Donations**

*Honor of Diane Wetchler on the birth of her grandson, Zavier Bordatto. Congratulations to the parents, Drs. Daniel and Krupa Bordatto*

20 X CHAI – Anonymous

2 X CHAI – Jumna and Norman Nathan

3 X CHAI – Shanta and David Nathan

CHAI – Marcy and Michael Kennelly

*In appreciation of the Hanukkah meals*

Paul and Annette Small

*Memory of the yahrzeit of our dear, beloved friend, Gene Schindles*

CHAI+ – Craig and Joan Freed Kuchel

*Memory of the yahrzeit of our dear, beloved friend, Rhetta Schindles*

CHAI+ – Craig and Joan Freed Kuchel



### **Torah Fund Donations**

*Memory of the yahrzeit of our dear, beloved aunt, Marilyn Oxenfeldt*

CHAI – Marcia and Carl Inselberg and family

*Memory of the yahrzeit of my dear, beloved mother, Betty Schuster*

CHAI+ – Randy Schuster

*Memory of the yahrzeit of my dear, beloved grandfather, Abe Siegman*

CHAI+ – Randy Schuster

*Memory of the yahrzeit of my dear, beloved father, Irving Favus*

CHAI+ – Donna Patrick

*Memory of the yahrzeit of my dear, beloved grandmother, Ruth Feinner*

2 X CHAI+ – Elyse Perlen

*Memory of the yahrzeit of our dear, beloved husband and father, Boris Wine*

10 X CHAI – Marie Wine

CHAI+ – Leo Wine



### **Freyda Fredman Hospitality Fund**

*Honor of Marilyn Propp's birthday*

2 X CHAI – Sharon and Mike Stein and family

*Honor of Gladys Awada's recuperation and her many years of managing our Agudas Achim office*

CHAI – Marilyn Propp

*Honor of Trude Reiser on the birth of her grandson, Judah Alexander Reiser. Congratulations to the parents, Michelle and Jeffrey Reiser*

Cindy and Eric Goldberg

*Memory of Linda Schwabacher*

CHAI – Marilyn Propp



### **Charity Fund Donations**

*Honor of Rabbi Arsers for providing me with a weekly derasha on my computer*

Joan and Tom Halperin

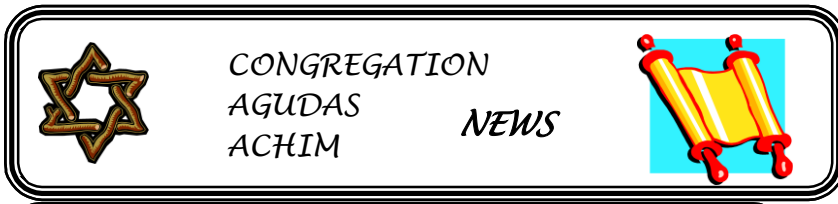
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# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:30 am – Service Parsha: Va'era
2	3  Rosh Chodesh	4	5	6	7 Candles @ 4:30	8 9:30 am – Service With Rabbi Arsers Parsha: Bo
9	10	11	12	13	14 Candles @ 4:38	15 10:30 am – Service Parsha: Beshalach
16 10 am–Talmud Study	17 Tu B'Shevat	18	19	20	21 Candles @ 4:46	22 10:30 am – Service Parsha: Yitro
23  30	24  31	25	26	27	28 Candles @ 4:55	29 10:30 am – Service Parsha: Mishpatim



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