

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
October 2017



No Birthdays

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**  
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16 Ivan & Helen Schreiber



**Bereisheet Blurb**

And so we begin again...This week we begin with the story of creation, Adam and Eve, the serpent, the fleeing from the Garden of Eden, and the tragedy of Cain and Abel. These are stories that we have known since childhood, and so we tend to think of them as children's stories. But these stories are to be read for life lessons, for morality & spirituality, not for their historic or scientific accuracy. Nonetheless, here are a few tidbits you may not have realized about the structure of this familiar story.

- There is a definite structure to creation. On days 1-3 God creates the habitats, and on 4-6, the inhabitants of the respective habitats.

Day	Habitat	Day	Inhabitants
1	Universe	4	Celestial bodies
2	Seas & Sky	5	Fishes & birds
3	Dry Land	6	Land animals & humans

For literalists who insist that God created the universe in 7 24-hour days, we question how long were those first 3 days before the sun was created? They could have been billions of years.

- It's interesting to note that the sequence of creation also parallels evolutionary theory, with sea creatures evolving first to birds, with land animals coming later.
- For those who claim, "God created Adam & Eve, not Adam & Steve," we can answer by closely reading Chapter 2, verses 18-20. In this version, Adam is asked to check out all the animals first to see if he could find a mate from among them, before the creation of woman. Lucky for him...

Shabbat shalom.

**WELCOME ברוכים הבאים**



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**Rabbi Tracee Rosen**

Candlelighting 5:38 p.m.

**SIMCHAS TORAH**

**Friday, October 13, 2017**

9:00 a.m. Simchas Torah Morning Services

6:30 p.m. Evening Services

**Saturday, October 14, 2017**

9:00 a.m. Services

**SHABBAT BERESHITH**

**Genesis 2:4-4:26 pp. 6-16**

**Haftarah: Isaiah 42:5-43:10 pp. 21-25**

**Kiddish sponsored by the Congregation**

**All welcome**

## Prayer for healing

We pray for a speedy recovery of body and spirit for the following loved ones and members of our community.

Ailene Barkhoff, Mark Brenner, Peter Enneking, Adrienne Flisser, Keren Goldberg, Susan Hahn, Thomas Hannagian, Terry LeBlanc, Nelson Magedman, Peggy Markowitz, Shoshana Perlmutter, Joan Rothfeld, A. David Silverman, Sharon Smelkinson, Philip Todora, Charlie Tarnor, Randy Thomas, Marcia Turkiewicz, Richard Wasserman, Susan Weintraub

### **Mi Shebeirach, by Debbie Friedman**

**Mi she-bei-rach a-vo-tei-nu  
M'kor ha'bra-cha l'i-mo-tei-nu  
May the source of strength  
Who blessed the ones before us,  
Help us find the courage  
To make our lives a blessing,  
And let us say, Amen**

**Mi she-bei-rach i-mo-tei-nu  
M'kor ha-brach-cha l'a-votei-nu  
Bless those in need of healing  
With R'fu-a sh'lei-ma  
The renewal of body,  
The renewal of spirit  
And let us say,  
Amen**

We wish "Refuah Shelemah," a speedy recovery to Congregants, family and friends who are ill.  
We encourage you to call or visit with them and wish them well.

If anyone wants a name listed for a mishebeirach, please call the office by Wednesday of the week and the name will go into the bulletin for that week.

The following Yahrzeits will be observed during the coming week. Kaddish may also be said on Friday Evening & Saturday morning October 13th & October 14th, 2017.

El Malei Rachamim, the memorial prayer, may be said on the Monday or Thursday preceding the Yahrzeit at the 8:00 am Minyan.

Date	Tishrei	Deceased	Relationship	Observant
13	23	Ben Hamerschlag	Father	Marty Hamer
13	23	Rose Schwartz	Mother	Efrem Schwartz
15	25	Hattie Lermseider	Mother	Rita Volk
15	25	Allan Segall	Brother	Owen Segall
16	26	Minnie Kriss	Mother	Barbara Newman
17	27	Michael Gubin	Father-in-law	Shirley Gubin
17	27	Abraham Koven	Uncle	Sheldon Koven
17	27	Jake Lessner	Father-in-law	Rhoda Lessner
19	29	Lena Rose	Mother	Benjamin Rose
19	29	Leo Rothschild	Father-in-law	Florence Rothschild
20	30	Thema Newman	Sister	Peggy Markowitz