



January 31 - February 1, 2025

ג שבט תשפ"ה

Candle Lighting 5:03 PM

Parashat Bo בא Exodus 10:1-13:16

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Haftarah - Jeremiah 46:13-28 ירמיהו

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Shabbat ends 5:04 PM

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Tuesday - 6:30 PM

Shabbat - 9:30 AM

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On This Week's Torah Portion - Bo

MAY WE WITNESS MANY MIRACLES IN THE COMING WEEKS!

I see miracles all the time. Walking, talking miracles.

If I would be on the lookout, I would notice many more of these living miracles. But every once in a while, a miracle just stares me in the eye and it becomes too hard to ignore.

Like the Holocaust survivor I met, who saw horrors that no mortal eye should see, yet refuses to miss his daily prayers.

Or the young woman with flaming red curls who approached me after my lecture about why Jewish married women cover their hair. She told me that she plans to cover her beautiful locks once she marries, but wants advice on how to sensitively approach her parents so they don't feel rejected by her lifestyle change.

Or the woman who had an abusive childhood and who would be justified in giving in to bouts of depression, but is determined to use her experience instead to grow spiritually and bring joy to our world.

Or the man I met in a small European town who decided to uproot himself and move to a new country, a new language, and a new career in order to find and marry a Jewish woman.

These are all miracles. The repercussions of each of these nature-defying acts are world-shattering.

These are people inspired to bring positive change to their lives. People who don't allow the natural heavy pull of inertia, their pain or disillusionment, to hold them back from achieving greatness. People who break all barriers, to connect with their divine soul.

In this week's Torah portion, after the miraculous ten plagues are visited on the Egyptians, G-d commanded Moses, "This month shall be to you the head of the months; to you it shall be the first of the months of the year." ([Exodus 12:2](#))

Up until this point, Tishrei, the month of creation, was considered the first month of the year. Although [Tishrei](#) still begins the new year—when counting the months, Nisan is considered the first month, and Tishrei the seventh.

When [G-d](#) created the world, He set up divine forces, which we call nature, to govern it. Miracles were the exception. Therefore, Tishrei, the month in which the world and its natural forces came into being, was considered the primary month.

Then came the birth of the Jewish people, a nation that would become living, walking miracles. Once the Jewish people become a nation, this month is counted as the first month.

The miraculous Exodus and our subsequent survival throughout our tumultuous history defy the very laws of nature. The existence of the Jewish people proves that when you are attached to G-d and His [Torah](#), you are not subject to natural limitations.

And the most profound way in which we transcend nature is by fusing heaven and earth, by breaking through our physical and emotional limitations, striving higher and bringing an awareness of an infinite G-d into this finite, material world.

Look around and you will also see so many living miracles!

Shabbat shalom,
Chana Weisberg

Chana Weisberg is the editor of [TheJewishWoman.org](#) and host of the [Ordinary People, Extraordinary Stories](#) podcast. She lectures internationally on issues relating to women, relationships, meaning, self-esteem and the Jewish soul. She is the author of [six books](#) including [Shabbat Delights](#), a two-volume series on the weekly Torah portion.



13 + 60!

*Please join us to celebrate the
60th anniversary of the Bar Mitzvah of*

Sid Levin

Shabbat, February 8, 2025

9:30 AM

Traditional Congregation

Kiddush Luncheon following services is

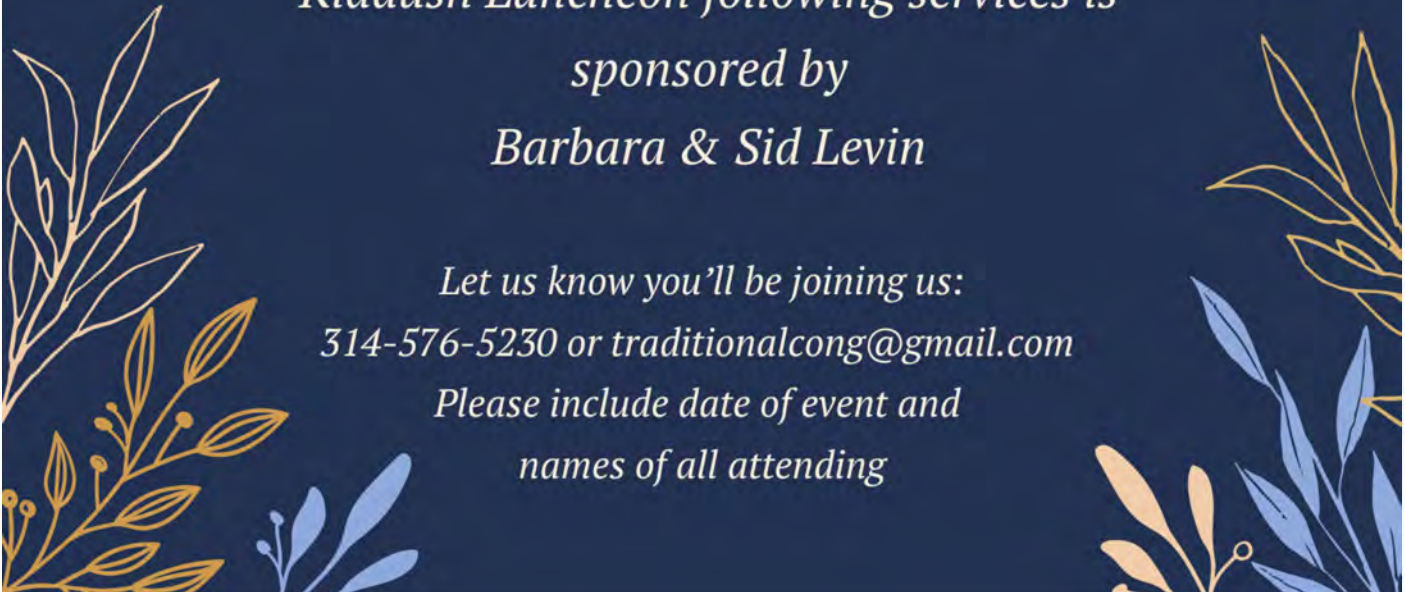
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*Please include date of event and
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A TASTE OF SOUP 2025!

SUNDAY
February 23
5:30 - 7:15 PM

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Maureen Brodsky
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Mazal tov to Jean & Stanley Estrin on Daniel's NPR award

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Mazal tov to Beth & Barry Charles on the marriage of their daughter, Randi, to Seth Feinstein

Joan & Lester Schwartz

Appreciation to Anat Reschke & Brad Fink

Mindy Strauss

Mazal tov to Lori & Paul Tesser on the birth of a grandson

Mindy Strauss

Mazal tov to the Lisker Family on Karyn's new roles

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Refuah sh'leimah to Bettina Weinberg

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Refuah sh'leimah to Scott Shafman

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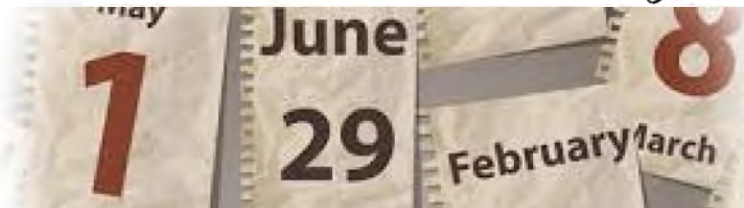
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Do You Have a Yahrzeit Coming Up??



If you would like to say **kaddish** for a loved one, please contact Rabbi Gordon or Mark Weinstein or Marty Levy so that we can arrange a weeknight evening **minyán** for you.

Additionally, upcoming yahrzeits are announced at **Shabbat** services each week; it is a beautiful way to remember and pay tribute to your loved ones. Join us on **Shabbat**, we would love to see you here!

Beautiful NEW Tribute Cards are Now Available!!

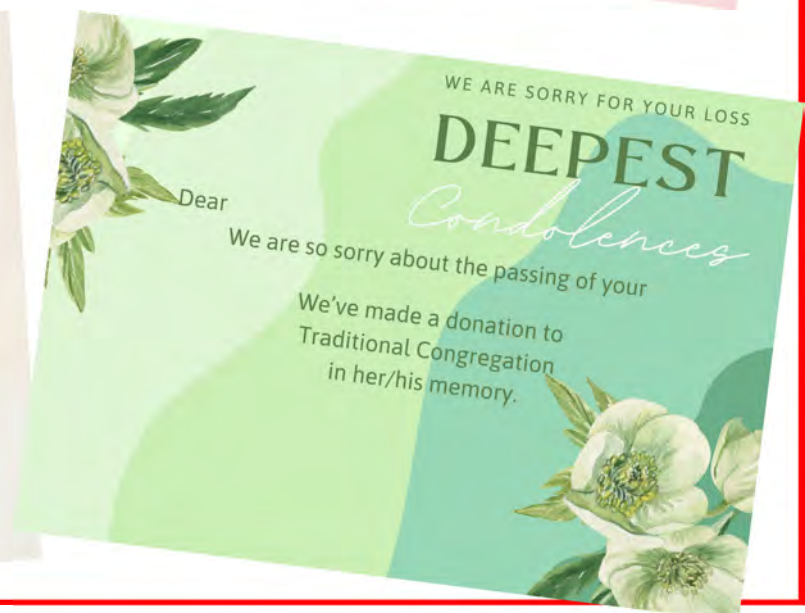
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PRAYER

Teach us true freedom, O God of freedom.
Who revealed Yourself with these words:

*"I am your Almighty God
Who took you out of the land of Egypt,
Out of the house of bondage."*

Many are the slaveries still afflicting humankind:
Ignorance, poverty and fear,
Lust for power, for wealth and for fame.

*Teach us true freedom, O God -
Freedom from selfishness which narrows our vision,
Freedom from hate and poisoning prejudice,
Freedom from gnawing fear and cold indifference.*

Teach us true freedom, O God,
Freedom from sadness and boredom
Through the joy of serving You!

*Teach us the freedom O God,
Which can help us tame our passions
By self-imposed discipline and integrity.*

For only those who place on their shoulders
With their own hands the yoke of the Torah
Are free to carry its life-giving waters
To our parched, barren, thirsty earth.

*Call not a people "Free"
If they be prisoners of fear,
Or prisoners of lust or greed.*

But call people free who love God
And serve the Creator with all their might.

*Call those people free who bind themselves to fellow mortals
For in each person's freedom all are made free!
Teach us, O God, true freedom.*

Unknown

THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT OF SILENCE

Man is a peculiar animal who can read the writing on the wall only when his back is up against it.

Adlai Stevenson