The Beautification of the Main Sanctuary

By Rabbi Benjamin Hassan

Many of you have been asking what's been happening at SBH since Covid? What have we missed? What's the Altabet Sefer Torah? What's going on?

To answer all your questions it's very simple. We want to show hakarat hatevah appreciation to Sam and Barbara Altabet A"h. They left a legacy gift over a number of years to SBH which has allowed us to make improvements to our facilities, hire new staff and enhance our programming. My plan was to honor their legacy with a Torah written in their memory so that we can always be reminded of their generosity and vision.

Writing a Sefer Torah is also a tremendous opportunity to connect all of our members from the very young to the very old with the timelessness of Torah. That we are constantly looking to enhance our relationship with God and with His holy Torah. I encourage all of you to consider partnering with me and sponsoring a part of the Torah.

Several years ago, my good friend Larry Almo approached me with an idea of purchasing new vestidos (the Torah covers) for all the Sifrei Torah as many of them had not been updated for decades. I put the idea on the back burner but I was always thinking how we could do it. With the help of Eli Almo and Rabbi Avraham Maimon we came up with the idea of restoring the beauty of all the Sifrei Torah and beautifying the Hechal and Teva. Thanks to the generosity of core member families we have New Parochets, Teva covers, Rimonim (the silver crowns on the Torah) and Vestidos for all 10 of our Sifrei Torah.

There are still opportunities to sponsor and all donations over $1,800 will go on a new plaque in the social hall. The following opportunities still remain.

Sponsoring a Book of the Torah is $10,000, a Parasha is $1,800, we have 18 parshas still available. We also have Atzei Chaim (the wooden poles that hold the Sifrei Torah). They are available at $2,500 and come with a silver inscription and we have 5 sets available.

We want everyone to be a part of this project and we don't want finances to be a barrier to anyone. We have a Pasuk/Versefor $180 and a letter is $18. Imagine if every child at SBH had a letter in the Torah what a special gift that would be. We are dedicating the Altabet Sefer Torah on August 15th at 3:00 pm. Please save the date and join us for this festive and joyous occasion.

To make a donation contact Alexis in the office (206)723-3028 or email info@sbhseattle.org
Techelet Lenses

By Rabbi Benjamin Hassan

There are some challenges on the Seattle horizon and some people in our community are deeply concerned for the future of our beloved Sephardic Bikur Holim congregation. I gave this sermon on Shabbat on June 5th, and I thought it would be important to share this perspective with the entire membership. I wish to state for the record, I am not a blind optimist, but I am a believer in us and in our community. Please read and please share with me your thoughts.

At the end of Parashat Shelah, we read five very famous verses recited at least twice daily in the Shema. There we read of the commandment for men to have tzitzit on the corners of their garments, on every corner 7 white strings with 1 blue techelet string. What is the purpose of these tzitzit strings and what is the purpose of the contrast in the lone techelet string?

The Gemara tells us that the techelet string is similar to the sea, which is similar to the sky which in turn is similar to God’s Throne of Glory. In other words, the techelet string is also there to remind us of God through visual association.

However, Rav Soloveitchik offers a different explanation, one that not only explains the mitzvah of tzitzit and techelet, but provides us with a lesson for life. The color white is an expression of clarity, crystal clear. White is also an allusion to purity, like the red string on Yom Kippur turning white.

Techelet is the opposite. Blue represents distance, the sky seems so far away, the sea so vast and endless, God’s throne completely out of this world. It is symbolic of those things in the world that don’t make sense, that we don’t understand, be it in science, philosophy or religion.

Much of that which occurs in our lives is understandable, explainable and tangible. That is the message conveyed by the white tzitzit strings. But there are some laws of nature, which are just that unexplainable occurrences or studies in our lives. That is the techelet. Rather than give up, admit defeat at not understanding, we view that techelet as an act of faith.

Rav Soloveitchik continues and applies this as well to our connection with the land of Israel and the destiny of the Jewish people. We do not know why Israel was selected as THE chosen land and why we were selected as THE chosen nation who has unexplainably survived for thousands of years where other great nations have disappeared.

If we only viewed Jewish history through the white lenses, there is no logical reason to build a Jewish homeland surrounded by enemies. But due to our techelet perspective, due to our faith, we remain connected to this land promised to our forefathers.

Senator Hubert Humphrey once said to Prime Minister Begin, “Please speak the language we understand, and not in riddles, symbols or mysticism. Speak of politics and economics.”

The rest of the world may see things as black and white, but we are able to see things in shades of techelet.

The spies, too, only saw the land of Israel in shades of white and black, an unconquerable fortified land with giants. They were unable to have faith, to see the land through a prism of techelet.

While Rav Soloveitchik did not mention it, perhaps that’s why these verses about the mitzvah of tzitzit are placed in the end of Parashat Shelach, bookended with the sin of the spies.

The last month has seen a great increase in anti-Israel bias and rhetoric in the news and social media. Partly it’s anti-semitism – the world just hates Jews. But partly it’s because the world only sees things as white and black. They cannot understand our techelet acceptance and faith for the chosen land, or our position as the chosen people.

The same is true here in Seattle. Yes, there are clouds on the horizon with all the Jewish Day Schools struggling with enrollment and some of the schools even planning to close. Some young families have moved away, and some are planning to. BUT if we put on our techelet lenses we realize that there is more here than meets the eye on a black and white level. I do not see in shades of grey but in shades of techelet. I believe in this community of ours. I believe in each of you. I ask that each of us doubles down and connects, contributes, and gives to our community. We must tie tighter knots together and believe in each other. This is the path forward that will bring us to a happier and brighter future.
Giving and Receiving Gifts
By Rubissa Sharona Hassan

What is the best gift you have ever given? What is the best gift you have ever received? What made them so special? Was it the monetary value, aesthetic, usefulness, or sentiment which made these gifts extraordinary?

In our society, gift giving is a regular occurrence. From birthdays and holidays to anniversaries and gratitudes, many opportunities exist to give and receive presents. Although we might spend a great deal of effort thinking about specific gifts for specific people, we do not spend much time contemplating the psychological and sociological components of gift exchange.

Giving gifts is truly an art, an area where some people are naturally skilled, but requires thought, effort, and fine tuning for all. From the selecting of the gift to its presentation, this process involves deliberation, energy, resources, and care on behalf of the giver. Choosing the ideal gift can be an involved process. What does the person need? What do they want? What would be useful to them? Often a person is secretly wishing for a perfect gift, the item they never knew they needed but now cannot live without. An item for which the giver understood them so completely that they were able to intuit, locate, and present this magical item.

Giving a wonderful, meaningful gift does not end at the giving part. It is incumbent on the receiver to complete the process. A gift is not simply given; it is also received. Yes, the gift is to celebrate whatever the occasion, but with grace, gratitude and ultimately joy. Because the recipient may have been hoping the gift would reflect the giver’s ability to find this magical item, or simply provide something more exciting than was gifted, the disappointment can be palpable. You can call it a sense of entitlement or simply poor communication, but if a person does not receive a gift with enthusiasm or at least gratitude, the giver and ultimately the relationship are hurt.

I am not pretending the attitude of gratitude is easy. This is something I am writing about because I personally struggle with it. The second week in May is my birthday, Mother’s Day, and Teacher Appreciation Week. It is a solid week of me being showered with gifts. And this year was a big birthday for me. Somehow it did not fill me with joy. This is what led me to personally explore emotions around gifts, and how I can do better in giving and getting.

Does the identity of the giver, receiver, or gift make a difference? Marginally. When a preschooler presents me with a scribble or a rock, these items are given with as much devotion as a masterpiece or a diamond and should be embraced with as much gratitude. The monetary value of a present is appreciated. The aesthetic of a gift is cherished. The usefulness of the present is enjoyed. Ultimately everything is hinged upon the sentiment of the giver and receiver. When a gift is truly given, it is not transactional and is not indicative of anything more than a thoughtful action to be valued.

At the festival of Shavuot, we celebrate the greatest gift, the Torah. This is the ultimate in gift giving, as it truly is the magical item which we did not realize we needed until we received it. The Giver, the Giver, knows us so completely that He gave each of us the perfect item, an item we cannot live without, forever!

The Torah is given to the Jewish people with great fanfare at Mount Sinai. The Hebrew phrase for the ‘Giving of the Torah’ is ‘Matan Torah’. Matan or matanah means ‘given’ or ‘gift’, just as ‘gift’ is the Nordic word for ‘give’.

The etymology of the word ‘present’ is far more complicated but has greater implications about actually being present in the exchange process. Two weeks after ‘Matan Torah’, the Torah teaches us a new word and concept in gift giving, in the Torah portion ‘Terumah’. This word means ‘to donate’, as the construction of the Mishkan, a man-made holy space to convene with the Almighty, unfolds. Homiletically the word ‘terumah’ contains the root word ‘ramah’ which means ‘elevated place’. In this way we understand that in certain ways, giving elevates the giver to a higher level.

Earlier I explored the crucial role of the recipient in completing the gift-giving process. Through the lenses of gifts as donations, the receiver is either nullified or universalized. Donate to a charitable cause and you are supporting a crucial institution, but no one person sees or holds a physical item. Donate a park bench and everyone can enjoy your generosity. Not only are you elevating others, but you also are elevated to a higher level. It is the ultimate gift without needing a recipient.

Terumah, a donation which elevates oneself, all recipients, and the Almighty, is obviously the pinnacle in gift-giving. Being a part of the Sefer Torah donation program at SBH is the ultimate opportunity. Please look at the information about participating in this glorious and unique moment in our synagogue’s history.

Contributing certainly can have the monetary value, aesthetic, usefulness, and sentiment for an extraordinary gift for all. Monetarily you can give as generously as you are able, with no amount being too

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small. The aesthetic of a Torah is beyond timeless and the new vestidos are simply stunning.

It is perhaps the usefulness and sentiment of a Torah which are most remarkable. This Torah is part of the forever gift that Hashem gave us at Mount Sinai. It is used actively several times a week by the community and celebrated with great beauty on Shabbat and holidays. It will be clutched by young men at their Bar Mitzvah and will rest quietly while meledados, are recited in front of it. It will be carried and kissed. Danced with and elevated. And we the congregation, now and for generations to come, will be elevated by the gift, its words, beauty, and rituals. We hold it and it holds us. We elevate it and it elevates us. We give it and it gives us. The Torah is the ultimate gift, not as transactional but in reciprocity.

Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder  
By Jerry Mezistrano

The other day…(Well, more like, many years ago), I was visiting the Summit at First Hill, where my father lived for many years. In the lobby are two lovely pictures painted by our own Robert Schoenfeld. I bring this to your attention because my father donated one of the pictures. However, that is not the end of the story. Originally there was a little plaque with the artist’s name and the donor. This was not good enough for my Dad. He felt insulted that his name was smaller than the artist’s. After all, he paid for the painting and the artist only created it. So much for being humble and not wanting any recognition.

In the dining hall hangs a copy of a Chagall painting that my father also donated. He was offended that they chose to hang this lithograph in the dining area, and not somewhere more prominent. After all, it was a Chagall and it should be displayed in a more significant area. You must understand that when my father bought this painting at the Ezra Bessaroth auction, he thought it was an original Chagall. I tried to explain to him that this was only a copy. I said, “Dad, if this were an original painting by this world-famous artist then the picture would not only be worth millions, but would be hanging in a museum somewhere instead of next to the kitchen door at the Summit.” He finally accepted my explanation but for years he felt betrayed that he had purchased a fake from the Ezra Bessaroth. What can I say? The man really knew his art.

The apartment my father resided in at the Summit had a semi-private hallway that led to his front door. On the walls next to his entrance, he hung a large American flag, various plaques and a copy of a Rembrandt painting entitled “Old Man.” Again, he thought the Rembrandt was the original, and he also decided the painting was of a Rabbi. Thus it was appropriate to have it displayed near his front door. To this day, I’ll never understand how the Summit let him get away with this. His neighbors never complained. I guess they found it amusing that my father had converted his elegant entrance into a trailer park.

My father’s assortment of art not only included a velvet painting of two roosters, but also his most cherished, poorly painted portrait of Rabbi Maimon he had commissioned an artist to create. To him this picture was priceless and he displayed it proudly in our home for years.

When I was in the military, I recall sitting in the barracks one night with a couple of soldiers. One of the servicemen who was of Italian descent assumed (because of my last name) that I was Italian as well. He turned to me and said, “When you were a kid was there a picture of the Pope displayed in your home?” I replied, “What?” The soldier continued, “Yeah, when I was young, we had two pictures always on display. The first one was of Frank Sinatra and the second was a picture of the Pope.” Now an Irish soldier joined in, “In my home we had three portraits of the Pope, President John Kennedy, and an Irish tenor named Dennis Day.” Now both men look at me for some response.

“First, even though I have an Italian last name, I’m not Catholic, I am Jewish. Second, we did not have a picture of the Pope in our house, but we had a picture of our Rabbi. A rabbi is like your parish priest but much cooler. And third…” Now I am stalling because I am stumped. I am trying to come up with a Jewish singer. Let me think under the letter A - I can’t think of any one. Under B - we have Barbara Streisand, Billy Joel, Bette Midler, Barry Manilow, Tina Turner. Wait a minute Tina Turner doesn’t start with a B, and in addition I doubt that she is Jewish, even though her husband’s name was Isaac. All these singers are too young to have been hanging on our wall when I was a kid. I’ve got to come up with a singer, I’m not going to let these other soldiers get the best of me! Then it dawned on me. I came up with a singer and, in truth, we did have a photo of my father standing next to him. “We had a picture of a man who was a fabulous singer, but most of you GI’s lack any culture so you probably never heard of him. His name was Reverend Benaroya,” I tell them.

Now that I think about it my father was not the only one who wasn’t the greatest art critic in my family. Years ago, we gave my father-in-law a large frame,
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which allowed him to place a number of small personal pictures in it. The following week we dropped by his house and discovered the large frame with all the models hanging on the wall. When we asked why it was being displayed this way, my father-in-law’s answer was that he did not know you could remove the pictures that came in the frame, and besides, they seemed like nice people.

In retrospect, who am I to criticize someone’s taste in art? I guess art is whatever moves you, brings you pleasure, or stirs your emotions. If it brings you joy and someone else doesn’t appreciate it, well that’s their problem. Always remember that beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

Please send questions and comments to jerrymezistrano@gmail.com.

We Are Back!
By Jack Schaloum

I’m on a flight to Hawaii as I write this and I’m thinking of a couple of the many advantages I have as being president of the synagogue. One is free membership*, two is writing down my thoughts in my articles to you and three is interacting with the Rabbi, sometimes several times during the week. I have to say, I couldn’t be any more proud of Rabbi Hassan as when I saw in early May that he was one of the original signers of the statement from a group of Sephardic rabbis from around the world backing Israel in its time of need and survival. In a time when there was so much false and negative press around the world about Israel along with growing anti-Semitism, Rabbi Hassan (including our Rabbi Emeritus, Simon Benzaquen) chose not to be silent. Kol Ha Kavod for your continued leadership!

There’s so much happening at SBH. Let’s start with a big event happening on August 15th. This will be the dedication of the new Altabet Sefer Torah and vestidos. Please see this La Boz, weekly emails, or talk to Rabbi Hassan if you would like to donate.

In the near future you will be able to see a new architect’s rendering of what the much-needed repair and remodel of the exterior of the social hall will look like. The committee has been working long and hard along with being extremely fiscally responsible in working on this project. Stay tuned. I am sure you will be impressed!

Much more is happening around the synagogue but these are just a couple teasers. And finally three words can describe SBH at this moment in time. We are back. Shabbat morning services have been averaging between 100-120 people! The youth (girls and boys) come up to the pulpit at the end of services and lead us all in Adon Olam. When Covid hit and we first shut down the synagogue I ended my LaBoz article by saying that once this was over and we were back to normal I look forward to seeing all my brothers and sisters at a Shabbat service. We are now back to normal-ish. Hey Shabbat services are not that long! They start at 8:30 am and are done by 11. After services (weather permitting) join us for a L’Chaim and a bite at our outdoor kiddush! Please join us on August 21 for a kiddush in honor of Diana Black and her many years of service as the SBH office manager.

That’s all for now. Shaloha (that’s shalom & aloha)!

*By the way, just kidding about the free membership!

Jack Schaloum

Save the date!
Shabbat, August 21
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Community Life in Pictures

Jack Gottesman hosted on May 23, 2021 evening an in-person social. Rabbi Hassan talked about the importance of reconnecting with one another and learning together.

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Rubissa Sharona's Matan Program -
A mother/daughter program for girls in 5th and 6th grade preparing for their Bat Mitzvahs

Sephardic Young Professionals (SYP) of Seattle is back! After a couple years off, our very own, Alexis DeBrock, has taken over the programming and planning for SYP Seattle. This group started back up again Spring 2021 and had its first in-person event April 29, 2021 evening, celebrating Lag La'Omer. It was a great success and over 30 people attended!
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  Shely Gonzalez- Congrats on graduating in public health from UW!
    Francisco & Karla Gonzalez

In Memory Of
  Rabbi & Mrs Maimon
    Corrina Dorfman
  Albert Ovadia
    Maxwell Salzberg

Chai Fund
In Honor Of
  Terry Azose- Happy 70th birthday!
    Marcie Alhadeff
  Betsy Babani- Continued good health & happy birthday!
    Yosef Kalinko
  Regina Friedland- In appreciation and for everything you do
    Lilly De Jaen
  Al S. Maimon- Happy 80th birthday!
    Sol L. (Mo) Azose
    Sally Maimon

Sam Mezistrano- Happy 60th birthday!
  Sol L. (Mo) Azose

David Oppenheimer- Happy 70th birthday!
  David & Lea Polaner

In Memory Of
  Jack Babani
    Yosef Kalinko
  Tamara Lynn Haleva
    Helene Behar
  Lee Scharhon
    Stanley & Esther Morhaime

Irving Calvo Youth Fund
In Honor Of
  Mordo De Jaen- 90th Birthday
    Mordo De Jaen

Good Health To
  Entire SBH Congregation
    Mordo De Jaen

In Memory Of
  Beverly De Jaen
    Mordo De Jaen

General Fund
In Honor Of
  Larry Almo- Happy birthday!
    Renee E. Varon
  Larry & Lysa Almo- Happy anniversary!
    Renee E. Varon
  Mordo De Jaen- Happy 90th Birthday!
    Jack & Barbara Cordova
    Elie & Miriam Levy
  David Jassen- Happy birthday!
    Larry & Janet Jassen
  Raymond Levy- Congrats on graduating from Law School
    Albert & Alexandra Angel
  Al S. Maimon- Happy 80th birthday!
    Larry & Lysa Almo
    Rosie Maimon
  Ralph & Esther Maimon- Happy anniversary!
    Renee E. Varon

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Sam Mezistrano- Happy 60th birthday!
  Rosie Maimon
  Jerry & Rosa Mezistrano

Leon S. Mezistrano- Happy 91st birthday!
  Jerry & Rosa Mezistrano

Isaac & Luci Varon- Birth of a grandson
  Irving and Luann Bertram

Isaac & Luci Varon- Happy 45th anniversary!
  Irving and Luann Bertram

Donation in support of IDF/Tzahal
  Larry & Janet Jassen

SBH- gratitude for the great benefit received by so many SBH services, classes, & shiurim
  Steven Daniel Chanthavisay

Good Health To

Stanley Habib
  Jack & Fortune Eskenazi

In Memory Of

Daniel Almoslino
  Michelle Almoslino

Minnette Almoslino
  Akemi Marshall

Sam Angel
  Alan Benoliel
  Barbara Calvo
  Steven & Reyna Gustav
  Jack I. Schaloum & Lisa Nakamura
  Shirley Sidis

Jack Babani
  Jason & Laura Haleva

Sarah Baroh
  Sophie Morhaime

Miriam Bernstein
  Diane Aboulafia & Peter Shapiro

Esther Bertram
  Irving and Luann Bertram

Sonia Blumenzweig
  Sara Blumenzweig

Charles Brudo
  Jack & Barbara Cordova
  Myrna Cordova
  Seattle Sephardic Brotherhood

Albert Cordova
  Suzanne & David Boshes

Selma Friedman
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  Seattle Sephardic Brotherhood

Tillie Scappa
  Rachelle Meyer

Magda Schaloum
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Katherine Scharhon
  Jack & Barbara Cordova
  Stanley & Esther Morhaime

Lee Bornstein Scharhon
  Louise & Leonard Berman
  Stanley & Esther Morhaime

Rachel Scharhon
  Jack & Barbara Cordova

Refuah Shelema

Our congregation would like to wish a speedy recovery to the following members:

Adina Almo
  Chana Gonzalez
Rebecca Almo
  Ellen Kotkin
Steve Calvo
  Rachel Vaillancourt
Lucia De Fumis
  Eitan Varon
Sam Haleva
Betty Halfon
Meldados

Louise Berman  Brother  YEHUDA ben SULTANA  21 Tamuz  Thur. July 1  (Jerry M. Chiprut)
Rachel Vaillancourt  Brother  YITZHAK ben ESTHER  21 Tamuz  Thur. July 1  (Isaac Serra)
Sol Amon  Mother  ESTRAYA bat ESTHER  22 Tamuz  Fri. July 2  (Estraya Amon)
Rachel Vaillancourt  Sister  FIBY bat ESTHER  22 Tamuz  Fri. July 2  (Fiby Bensabat)
Kaden Oppenheimer  Mother  MAZAL bat SARAH  22 Tamuz  Fri. July 2  (Fortunee Goldman)
Roz Bornstein  Father  YISRAEL ben RAHEL  23 Tamuz  Sat. July 3  (Irving Adatto)
Robin Calderon  Mother  Grandmother  24 Tamuz  Sun. July 4  LISA bat RIVKA  (Lillian Calderon)
Jay Behar  Mother  LISA bat RIVKA  24 Tamuz  Sun. July 4  (Lillian Calderon)
Allyn Adatto  Father  YAAKOV ben BECHORA SARA  25 Tamuz  Mon. July 5  (Jack Adatto)
Larry Adatto  Father  YAAKOV ben BECHORA SARA  25 Tamuz  Mon. July 5  (Jack Adatto)
Jeff Merriman-Cohen  Grandfather  DOV BAER ben REUVEN  26 Tamuz  Tue. July 6  (Boris Rubens)
Debbie Muscater  Friend  MOSHE ben SULTANA  26 Tamuz  Tue. July 6  (Steve Musceter)
Steve Condiott  Husband  26 Tamuz  Tue. July 6  (Steve Muscatter)
Cecile Blumenzweig  Son  ELIYAHU YAAKOV  27 Tamuz  Wed. July 7  (Eli Jacques Baroh)
Sara Blumenzweig  Grandson  ELYIYAHU YAAKOV  27 Tamuz  Wed. July 7  (Eli Jacques Baroh)
Rabbi Morton &  Son  SHEMUEL ZALMAN  27 Tamuz  Wed. July 7  ben LEAH BAYLA
Leah Moskowitz  (Shmuly Moskowitz)
Louise Benaltabe  Mother  SARAH bat KADUN  28 Tamuz  Thur. July 8  (Sally Benaltabe)
Jack I. Eskinazi  Sister  SARAH bat KADUN  28 Tamuz  Thur. July 8  (Sally Benaltabe)
Stanley Bensussen  Brother  MOSHE ben KADUN  28 Tamuz  Thur. July 8  (Michael Bensussen)
Steve Weinstein  Wife  28 Tamuz  Thur. July 8  (Michael Bensussen)
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Kaden Oppenheimer  (Esther Elaine Chiprut)
Mordo De Jaen  Wife  28 Tamuz  Thur. July 8  BULISSA bat CAILO
Susan Matalon  Mother  28 Tamuz  Thur. July 8  (12 mos.)
(Rosie Maimon)
Sol Azose  Wife  29 Tamuz  Fri. July 9  (Mary Azose)
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Larry Azose  Mother  29 Tamuz  Fri. July 9  (Mary Azose)
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Diana Azose  Sister  29 Tamuz  Fri. July 9  (Mary Azose)
Julia Jerusalmi  MIRIAM bat ESTHER  29 Tamuz  Fri. July 9  (Mary Azose)
Rosie Maimon  29 Tamuz  Fri. July 9  (Mary Azose)
Regina Amira  Brother  1 Av  Sat. July 10  HAIM ben MAZALTOV
Cohen  (Victor Barkey)
Debbie Muscater  Mother-in-law  2 Av  Sun. July 11  SULTANA bat PERLA
Sue Muscater  (Sue Muscater)
Isaac L. Varon  Mother  2 Av  Sun. July 11  YETA bat FAIGLE
Sandy Varon  (Jacqueline Varon)
Beth Ann Blumberg  Father  3 Av  Mon. July 12  YOSEF ben
Jack J. Cordova  MAZALTOV  (Joseph J. Cordova)
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