

FEBRUARY 2019

# B'nai B'rith Banner

Most people have heard of the festive spring holiday of Purim, but have not heard of Purim Katan. Purim Katan is a minor holiday that is only observed during a Jewish leap year. The only difference in the celebration of Purim Katan from Purim is that the megillah is not read. The Jewish Calendar has year-to-year differences that if not "fixed" would cause compete shifts in the calendar. To accommodate these differences an additional month is addad around the Hebrew month of Adar, resulting in an Adar I and an Adar II. This type of year is known as a "pregnant year" or a "leap year" and it occurs seven times in a 19-year cycle during the 3rd, 6th, 8th, 11th, 14th, 17th, and 19th years. Purim Katan begins at sundown February 18, 2019 (14th of Adar I, 5779.)



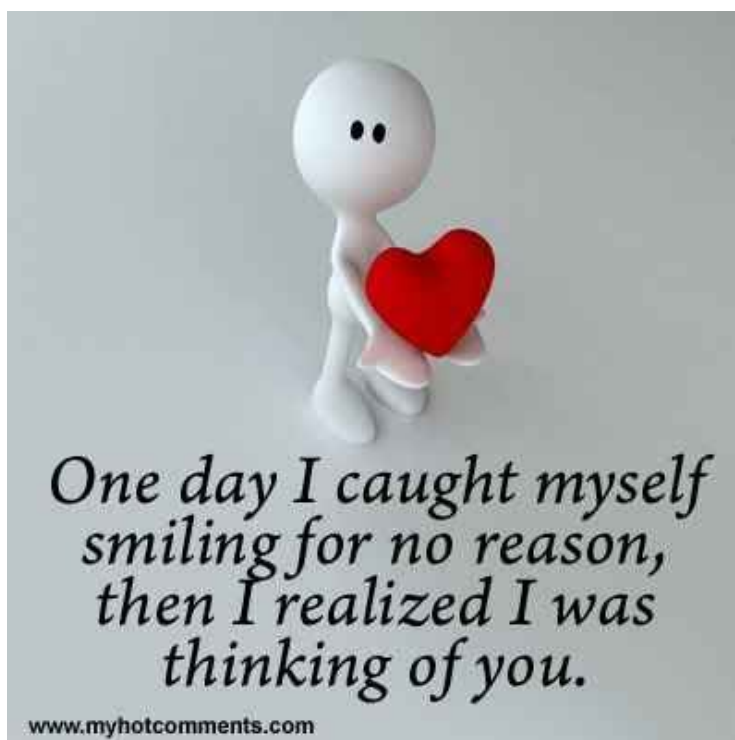
Presidents' Day in the United States falls on the third Monday in February honoring George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and is sometimes understood as a celebration of the birthdays and lives of all U.S. presidents.

The origin of Presidents' Day began in the 1880's, when the birthday of George Washington was first celebrated as a federal holiday. In 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Bill, which moved a number of federal holidays to Mondays. After the bill went into effect in 1971, Presidents' Day became the commonly accepted name. Presidents' Day is usually marked by public ceremonies in Washington, D.C., and throughout the country.





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*One day I caught myself  
smiling for no reason,  
then I realized I was  
thinking of you.*

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## **B'nai B'rith Banner**

**Dear B'nai Residents,**

**I continue to be inspired by each of you. Learning that it is important to be grateful for all the obstacles in life, each obstacle has strengthened us as we continue our life journey.**

**“Breaking Bread” has been a cornerstone of the dining experience for ages. By “Breaking Bread” together we establish bonds, affirm friendships, celebrate events and resolve differences.**

**Here’s to living life, “Breaking Bread!”**

**Enjoy!**

**Beth**

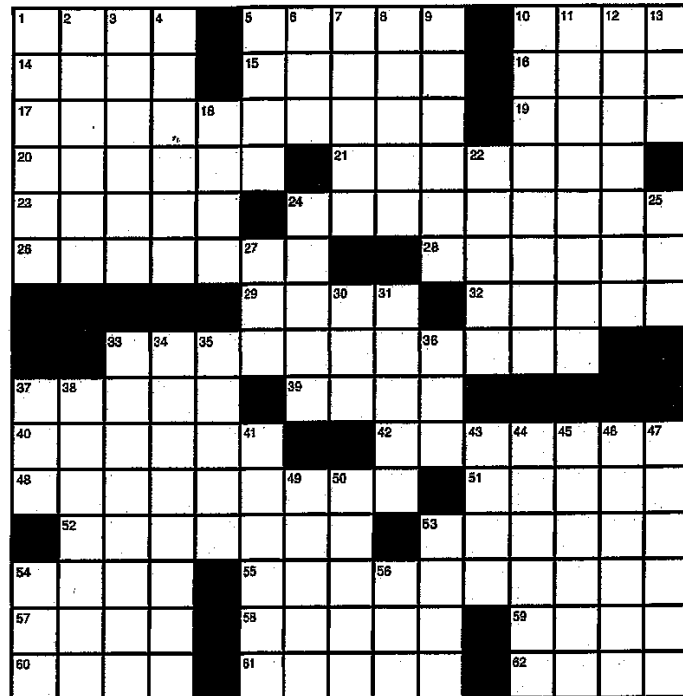


## School Supplies

Robert Stockton

### ACROSS

1. Speck or streak
5. Sayings of Jesus
10. Manhattan munchies
14. Prefix with harp or pilot
15. Get up
16. Word on a dollar's edge
17. Collegiate coffee sweetener
19. Shipboard rocket, perhaps
20. Coahuila condiments
21. \_\_\_-faire
23. Troubled
24. Collegiate stationer's supply
26. Watches over
28. State bordering Arizona
29. They're present at a hearing
32. Young haddock
33. Collegiate transportation need
37. "Cold \_\_\_" (Foreigner hit)
39. Nordic maker of Thunderbolts
40. Like some words or wurst
42. Cameo
48. Collegiate security items
51. Tactician's traps
52. Swedish rubber?
53. Petty
54. Places for flowers or coral
55. Collegiate headgear
57. "Thanks for clearing that up!"
58. Site of a Herculean task
59. Pierre's pals
60. Where cubs might report



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61. Word with Dutch or heat
62. Constructed

### DOWN

1. Tries to dry, as a spill
2. Compound of gold
3. Like some bases or kisses
4. "Sniff!"
5. Burns' beau
6. Tulsa sch. named for a televangelist
7. Affleck film that won 6 Razzies in 2003
8. Stern with a bow
9. High homes
10. An attractive one may cause lawsuits
11. Written up
12. Frigidaire competitor
13. "Let me think...."

18. Capital city sluggers, for short
22. "Jes' think...."
24. Emulates Niagara
25. Gnarly to the max
27. It helps you start driving a round
30. Cape Town's home: abbr.
31. Attempts
33. Infamous al Qaeda leader
34. Bypasses security, perhaps
35. Boat bottoms
36. Shea stat
37. "Rehab" Grammy winner Winehouse
38. Like some twins or cats

41. "Any way the wind blows \_\_\_ really matter...": Bohemian Rhapsody
43. The magi, e.g.
44. New York county containing the Donald J. Trump State Park
45. Bronchodilator's target
46. Fixed the bathroom tiles
47. African blood-sucker
49. More likely to be picked from the pound
50. Krispy \_\_\_
53. Hurdle before the bar: abbr.
54. Call from North, South, East or West
56. It gets warm, then it gets a cosy

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## **B'nai B'rith Banner February 2019**

**Someone said the best thing about February is that it's the shortest month in the year. That was in reference to the weather, I'm sure. We are almost used to unexpected snowstorms and wild variations in temperature. But we watch the short, dark days getting a bit longer each day! This is when farmers pour over their seed catalogs in earnest anticipation of spring planting. When the snow falls and the winds blow, we can adopt a philosophical attitude and know "even this shall pass away". But there are good days in February too!**

**This month we celebrate Presidents' Day with the birthday of our nation's first president, George Washington; the birthday of our Civil War president, Abraham Lincoln and the birthday of the optimist and great communicator, Ronald Reagan. We can also celebrate Valentine's Day with random acts of kindness and remember that next month is March! How fast the seasons fly!**

**Have we made any New Year's resolutions? I prefer to call them hopes or good Intentions ("resolutions" sounds legalistic and threatening). Of course with each New Year it's impossible not to make promises to oneself, even if we don't share them. One special promise we must live to everyone we meet is to be polite and cordial; we could extend ourselves and even be friendly. We can brighten someone's day by a big smile and cheerful hello.**

**We started the New Year right with our New Year's brunch. We remind ourselves that we are one community, sharing our lives and responsibilities to make life the best it can be for all of us. Make it a 'must' for next year!**

**We thank our manager Beth for her support of activities in our interest. Beth is enthusiastic about the Arts project conducted by Sue and Jane on Tuesdays which several of us enjoy. They are doing a great job; come and satisfy our creative urge! Beth is supportive too of English Help on Thursdays. Thanks to Beth we have boards and markers to display the teachings more clearly. The Residents' Association continues to enjoy our Quarter Birthday celebrations and will try to get back on schedule with regular film nights and monthly ziti-pizza dinners after the renovation. Meantime, stay well and remember spring is on its way.**

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