WEEKLY SERVICES FRIDAY: 7:00PM SATURDAY: 9:30AM SUNDAY: 9:30AM

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RABBI'S REPORT

Spring Forward!

Yes, I know we have already reset our clocks, but those are the external clocks, the ones which tell us the time of day. I am speaking of our internal clocks, the ones which tell us the Jewish time of year.

There are two significant events in April, one readily apparent and another which affects me directly. Later this month we start celebration the festival of our freedom, Pesach. This is the major holiday of our year, the time which begins the story of our people as a free nation, free to worship our One God. Over 70% of all Jewish people (Pew Research Center) participate in a Seder. This is no regardless if they belong to a temple or not, if they define themselves by denomination or not, or even how they describe their Jewish identity. The matzah and the bitter herbs, the charoset and the eggs, call all Jewish people to the Seder.

And, it's easy to celebrate the seder, whether in your home, or at the shul's first night seder. Although I will not be with you, student rabbi Yael Werber will be, helping to lead the festivities. The Haggadah, the four cups of wine, Mah Nishtanah, and more will be part of the night of community and family, as we usher in the chag (holiday).

The holiday of Passover is a personal holiday. We celebrate the day as if we are slaves, and we are led to freedom by the recitation of the exodus from Egypt. Avadim Hayinnu, we are slaves.

The night is not all serious reading of ancient texts, however. There are plenty of songs, and plenty of frogs! Singing can continue for a long time after the official reading, but we must be finished by midnight. We need to be in shul the following morning for the first day of Passover and Shabbat. (Passover starts with the first Seder on Friday, April 19 and Shabbat/Festival Services on the morning of April 20. The second Seder is on Saturday night, April 20.)

Unfortunately Fran and I will not be in Glens Falls for the start of the chag, but we will be with you for the final days.

Just before Passover begins, on Tuesday, April 16, I will be ordained as a Rabbi by The Academy for Jewish Religion. It is a very humbling experience, one that I have worked for seven years to fulfill. During that time I took over 70 courses ranging from Talmud and Tanach, to the Zohar, Sefer Yestzirah, Counseling, Midrash, Contemporary Denominations, Development of Rituals and too many others to enumerate here. There were also courses in liturgy, from Shabbat to Yammim Noraim (the High Holydays).

In addition I have been fortunate to serve in congregations for over three years. I started as a rabbinic intern, and then spent more than three years as a student rabbi in Milford, CT and in Glens Falls. My work in the communities was vital in preparing me for the day.

But this is not the end of my training, merely a highlight of my journey. I'll be continuing at CST through Shavuot in June, and after that there will be other opportunities for me to serve the Jewish people. Even at my age, which I admit is slightly more than Yael's, I enjoy the prospect of bringing my interpretation and commentary of Torah.

When I arrive in Glens Falls on Friday, April 26, it will be as Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg, and I will have the honor of celebrating the last two days of Pesach with the Glens Falls community. We will celebrate Pesach and Shabbat on Friday night and Saturday morning, and also celebrate my ordination. My best wishes for a *Zissen* Pesach, A Happy Passover; and a *Kasher* Pesach, a kosher Passover.

Rabbi Gerry L. Ginsburg

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Heart-felt congratulations to Gerry Ginsburg on his ordination as rabbi from Academy for Jewish Religion. Gerry has worked hard to achieve his dream of becoming a rabbi and is a model for all of us who would like to take on new and meaningful challenges later in life.

In April, we will be welcoming back those in our community who winter in warmer climates. Like the first sounds of chirping birds in the spring, our returnees will bring ruach (spirit) with them and together we can awaken our sleeping neshamas (souls).

In addition to our spirited Friday night and Saturday morning Shabbat services, we will be hosting a first night Passover seder April 19, led by Student Rabbi Yael Werber, with a delicious kosher for Passover meal and at an affordable price.

We will be implementing major parts of our synagogue safety plan over the next few weeks. Unfortunately, we will need to get used to more locking of doors and ringing of bells to get inside. I have always been reluctant to place any barriers to entry but we really have no choice at this time as restricted entry is the most effective way to protect our congregants from violence. Fortunately, modern technology should make this transition relatively painless.

Mark Hoffman



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Religious school continues on *Sundays at* 9:30 AM. Please contact Mark Hoffman at: <u>shaarayt@yahoo.com</u> for information. April dates are: 7th, 14th, and 28th and each start with a weekly-themed short children's service.

WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

פרשת השבוע Weekly Torah portion

Tazria	6 April
TORAH	Leviticus 12:1-13:59
HAFTARAH	Ezekiel 45:16-46:18
Metzora	13 April
TORAH	Leviticus 14:1-15:33
HAFTARAH	2 Kings 7:3-20
Pesach	20 April
TORAH	Exodus 12:21-51
HAFTARAH	Joshua 3:5-7, 5:2-6:1,6:27

Shemini Shel Pesach 27 AprilTORAHDeuteronHAFTARAHIsaiah 10

Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17 Isaiah 10:32-12:6

SYNAGOGUE NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Congregation Shaaray Tefila & Sisterhood Send Their Very Best Birthday Wishes to the Following Members & Friends:



Jill Paltrowitz Aleta Fisher April 1 April

Rena Bernstein April 7 **Michelle Silver** April 13

Barbara Ziff April 19

Scott Schwartz Terry Gottesman April 25

Barbara Rapaport April 28 April 4

Charles Vengrove Jeffrey Schwartz April 8

Peter Kudan April 16

Judith Aronson Michael Rapaport April 20

William Robitel April 27

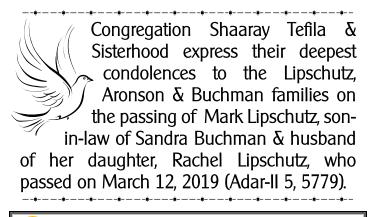
Bruce Hafter April 29 Best Wishes to the Following Members for a Very Happy Anniversary:

> **Judy & Bob Korcz** April 2nd 53rd anniversary

Lynn & Martin Meyer April 16th 58th anniversary

Gerald & Nancy Goldstein April 22nd 52nd anniversary

Michael & Amy Gersten April 24th 36th anniversary



If you have an upcoming yahrzeit and need a minyan, please let us know.

We welcome member articles and news to



our monthly Bulletin. We reserve the right to edit submissions for content and length. We reserve the right, at our discretion, to refuse to publish or remove any

content we deem inappropriate. The monthly due date is usually the third Thursday of each month. Please submit items to: <u>cstgfny@gmail.com</u>. Thanks!



Our student Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg is being ordinated this month of April and we all wish him much success, best wishes & thanks for everything he's done for his time with us here at Congregation Shaaray Tefila!



COMMUNITY EVENTS



is Friday, April 19th at 6PM

This will be a friendly & stimulating Passover Seder led by student Rabbi Yael Weber and kosher with help from Samantha's Catering of Glens Falls. The cost is: \$25.00 per adult, \$10.00 for ages 3-13 and children under 3 are free! (Maximum charge of \$60 per family).

Please RSVP to the office at 518.792.4945 or email: <u>cstgfny@gmail.com</u> or <u>shaarayt@yahoo.com</u>.

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SISTERHOOD NEWS April 2019

Heathy and happy spring to everyone! Belated Chag Sameach Purim. Hope you enjoyed the delicious hamantaschen prepared by Nancy, Francine, Cher, Logan, Anna, Lana, Annabel, Kristi, Gabe and Hollie.

Happy Passover to congregants and friends!

Deepest sympathy to our longtime Sisterhood member Sunny Buchman on the passing of her son-in-law, Mark Lipschutz and to the Lipschutz and Aronson families.

Mazel Tov to Gerry Ginsburg on his April Rabbinical Ordination. We are proud of and congratulate our Student Rabbi Gerry.

Healing thoughts and prayers to many congregants and friends of Congregation Shaaray Tefila and Temple Beth-El.

Look forward to seeing our Snowbirds in April and May.

Best wishes to all, Dolly and Bonnie Sisterhood Co-Presidents



Friday, April 5: Oneg sponsored by the Yanklowitz & Gold families in memory of Ben Yanklowitz.

Saturday, April 6: Kiddush sponsored by Mark & Cher Hoffman in honor of everyone who comes to make a minyan for services.

<u>Friday, April 12</u>: The Glen. Oneg sponsorship available.

<u>Saturday, April 13</u>: Kiddush sponsorship available.

Friday, April 19: Passover Seder 6PM **Saturday, April 20:** Kiddush sponsorship available.

Friday, April 26: Oneg sponsorship available.

<u>Saturday, April 27:</u> Kiddush sponsored by Fran Ginsburg in honor of her husband Rabbi Gerry's ordination.

HONORABLE MENTCHEN:

Thank you to all who sponsored, helped, and contributed to an Oneg or Kiddush during March, including: Bonnie Yanklowitz, Rosalie Rothstein, Mike & Amy Gersten, Congregation Shaaray Tefila & Sisterhood.

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Deepest Sympathy to the Lipschutz. Buchman & Aronson families on the passing of Mark Lipschutz. From: Bonnie Yanklowitz

> In memory of Irving Kaplan. From: Sunny Buchman

In memory of Mark Lipschutz. From: Roz Winston

YAHRZEIT RECORD FOR APRIL 2019

"The Memory of the Righteous is for a Blessing" Yahrzeit date listed after the name(s) of deceased.

> **Michael Connor** Monday, 4/1/2019 Adar-II 25, 5779 **Anna Aronson Sidney Benson** Wednesday, 4/3/2019 Adar-II 27, 5779 **Ben Yanklowitz** Thursday, 4/4/2019 Adar-II 28, 5779 Ida Bronne **Mary Friedman Arnold Kent** Saturday, 4/6/2019 Nissan 1, 5779 **Raymond Kantrowitz Irving Rapaport** Joseph Yanklowitz Sunday, 4/7/2019 Nissan 2, 5779 **Murry Silverman** Monday, 4/8/2019 Nissan 3, 5779 Eric Torvi Tuesday, 4/9/2019 **Rose Aronson Goldie Brown** Herbert Silverman Wednesday, 4/10/2019 Nissan 5, 5779 **David Podell Dora Sheerer** Abraham Joseph Zweibelson Thursday, 4/11/2019 Nissan 6, 5779 **Ruth Boorstein Harold Green** Louis Housman Friday, 4/12/2019 Nissan 7, 5779 Yetta Cohen **Mever Dubner** Leonard Gould **Rose Radin** Harriet Varnadore Monday, 4/15/2019 Nissan 10, 5779

Samuel Rodman **Clayton Wood** Tuesday, 4/16/2019 Nissan 11, 5779 **Charles Housman Terrance Sproul** Wednesday, 4/17/2019 Nissan 12, 5779 **Ruth Alkes Darlene Berkowitz** Dr. Milton Greenberg **Charles N. Weill** Thursday, 4/18/2019 Nissan 13, 5779 **Chevah Kaplan** Jacob M. Kirschner Leonard Schwartz Ida Seaman Friday, 4/19/2019 Nissan 14, 5779 Samuel Goldman **Ann Mever** Anna Weinstraub Saturday, 4/20/2019 Nissan 15, 5779 **Esther Aronson Jules Dube** Sunday, 4/21/2019 Nissan 16, 5779 Vera Koble Sunday, 4/21/2019 Nissan 16, 5779 William Aronson **Lillian Brezner** Monday, 4/22/2019 Nissan 17, 5779 Stella Fuld Samuel Shapera Tuesday, 4/23/2019 Nissan 18, 5779 Harris Kaplan A. Morton Raych Harry Witepsky Wednesday, 4/24/2019 Nissan 19, 5779 **Shirley Feinberg** Thursday, 4/25/2019 Nissan 20, 5779 Allyssa Bobbin Sarah Raych Friday, 4/26/2019 Nissan 21, 5779 Samuel Kopelovitz Saturday, 4/27/2019 Nissan 22, 5779 **Barbara Friedricks Charles Kudan** Anna Sherman **Abraham Spar** Sunday, 4/28/2019 Nissan 23, 5779 **Moe Friedman Benjamin Solomon** Monday, 4/29/2019 Nissan 24, 5779 Rae Krull Tuesday, 4/30/2019 Nissan 25, 5779

YAHRZEIT RECORD FOR MAY 2019

"The Memory of the Righteous is for a Blessing" Yahrzeit date listed after the name(s) of deceased.

> **Isadore Ackerman Charles Friedman Michael Winston** Wednesday, 5/1/2019 Nissan 26, 5779 **Bella Diskin** Pat Perrotti William Shapiro Thursday, 5/2/2019 Nissan 27, 5779 ChristineKaufler **Henry Rapaport** Jerome Tucker **Betty Yaspan** Friday, 5/3/2019 Nissan 28, 5779 Joseph Goldberg **Tillie Lazarus Carrie Wachtel** Saturday, 5/4/2019 Nissan 29, 5779 **Clara Suckman** Sunday, 5/5/2019 Nissan 30, 5779 **Chayim Gersten Max Gersten Isabelle Levy Bernadette Suckman** Rueben Swirsky Monday, 5/6/2019 Iyar 1, 5779 Celia Cohen Samuel Grauman **Elliot Hirsch** Tuesday, 5/7/2019 Iyar 2, 5779 Hyman Berkowitz **Jennie Elkes** Harry Podolsky Wednesday, 5/8/2019 Iyar 3, 5779 Sarah Aronson Thursday, 5/9/2019 Iyar 4, 5779 **Isadore Smul Morris Weiner** Friday, 5/10/2019 Iyar 5, 5779 **Rita Spar** Louis Weiner Saturday, 5/11/2019 Iyar 6, 5779 Lawrence Greenberg **Abraham Kline** Sunday, 5/12/2019 Iyar 7, 5779

Larry Chapman **Ralph Shapiro Samuel Shapiro Lillian Suckmon** Monday, 5/13/2019 Ivar 8, 5779 **Arnold Abrams Edwin Brown** Mary Swirsky Hyman Tunick Wednesday, 5/15/2019 Iyar 10, 5779 Marriella Marie Cohen **Fannie Mandwelle Fannie Rosenstein** Thursday, 5/16/2019 Iyar 11, 5779 Mary V. Aronson Joan DelSignore **Esther Friedman Arnold Silverberg** Friday, 5/17/2019 Iyar 12, 5779 **Eugene Harold Modell** Saturday, 5/18/2019 Iyar 13, 5779 Jacob Seigel **Lillian Snyder** Sunday, 5/19/2019 Ivar 14, 5779 **David Nonkin** Sarah Spar Monday, 5/20/2019 Iyar 15, 5779 **Paul Beck** Leba Grebova Joseph Krell Yitzchak Orshansky **Benjamin Swirsky** Estyr Yaffee Tuesday, 5/21/2019 Iyar 16, 5779 **Samuel Grode Maurice Rosenberg** Wednesday, 5/22/2019 Iyar 17, 5779 **Bessie Aronson Bruce Michael Kantrowitz Philip Schwartz** Louis Silverman Thursday, 5/23/2019 Iyar 18, 5779 **Regina Charhon** Selma Hafter Friday, 5/24/2019 Iyar 19, 5779 **Hattie Solomon Cohen Philip Frank Sophie Novak Rose Rodman** Saturday, 5/25/2019 Iyar 20, 5779 T. David Chesler Harry Kaplan Abraham Koble Sunday, 5/26/2019 Iyar 21, 5779

I. Alfred Alkes Sol Goldstein Louise Goodman **Ralph Leinoff Emma Rosenberg** Sara Tate Monday, 5/27/2019 Iyar 22, 5779 Jean Rosenberg Sarah L. Suckman Wednesday, 5/29/2019 Iyar 24, 5779 Frank Greenberg **Dr. Morris Yaffee Morris Yaffee** Thursday, 5/30/2019 Iyar 25, 5779 **Bessie Goldberg Stanley Robinson Morris Weiner** Friday, 5/31/2019 Iyar 26, 5779



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APRIL 2019

Sunday	Monday 1	2	3 ADULT ED: TORAH CLASS 7PM	Thursday 4	Friday 5 7PM Service With student Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg	Saturday 6 NISAN 9:30AM Service With student Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg
7 Religious School 9:30AM	8	9	10 ADULT ED: TORAH CLASS 7PM	11	12 6:30PM Service at THE GLEN	13 9:30AM Service
14 Religious School 9:30AM	15	16	17 ADULT ED: TORAH CLASS 7PM	18 BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE	19 PASSOVER SEDER 6PM with student Rabbi Yael Werber	20 Pesach 1 9:30AM Service with student Rabbi Yael Werber
21 Pesach 2	22 Pesach 3 Earth Day	23 Pesach 4	24 Pesach 5 ADULT ED: TORAH CLASS 7PM	25 Pesach 6	26 Pesach 7 Office Closed 7PM Service	27 Pesach 8 9:30AM Service
28 Religious School 9:30AM	29	30				