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### **RABBI'S MESSAGE**

## Winter, Death, Grace, and Grandpa

As I watch the snow fall here in Glens Falls and clothe each twig in two inches of snow, I get a thrill of excitement, and a deep satisfaction that only comes from enjoying something more than the physical phenomena before me, the special sense of enjoying the beauty of God's creation. But there is also a stark. unforgiving clarity to winter that can be difficult to live with during these months of cold and snow. The Christian thinker and author. Parker Palmer writes insightfully about the winter. I quote him at length, because every word is carefully chosen, and the effect is poetic.

> The little deaths of autumn are mild precursors to the rigor mortis of winter. The southern humorist Roy Blount has opined that in the Upper Midwest, where I live, what we get in winter is not weather but divine retribution. He believes that someone here once did something very, very bad, and we are still paying the price for his or her transgression! Winter here is a demanding season and not everyone appreciates the discipline. It is a season when death's victory can seem supreme: few creatures stir, plants do not visibly grow, and nature feels like our enemy. And yet the rigors of winter, like the diminishments of autumn, are accompanied by amazing gifts.

> One gift is beauty, different from that

of autumn but perhaps more beautiful still. I am not sure that any sight or sound on earth is as exquisite as the hushed descent of a sky full of snow. Another gift is the reminder that times of dormancy and deep rest are essential to all living things. Despite all appearances, of course, nature is not dead in winter it has gone underground to renew itself and prepare for spring. Winter is a time when we are admonished. and even inclined, to do the same for ourselves.

But, for me, winter has an even greater gift to give. It comes when the sky is clear, the sun brilliant, the trees bare, and the first snow yet to come. It is the gift of utter clarity. In winter, one can walk into woods that had been opaque with summer growth only a few months earlier and see the trees clearly, singly and together, and see the ground that they are rooted in.

A few months ago, my father died. *He was more than a good man, and* these months have been a long, hard winter for me. But in the midst of the ice and loss, I have found a certain clarity that I lacked when he was alive. I see now what was concealed when the greenness of his love surrounded me - how I counted on him to help me cushion life's harsher blows. He cannot do that for me now, and at first I thought, "I must do it for myself." But as time has gone on, I have seen something deeper still: it never was my father absorbing those blows but a larger and deeper grace

that he taught me to rely on. When my father was alive, I confused the teaching with the teacher. Now my teacher is gone, but the grace is still there, and my clarity about that fact has allowed his teaching to take deeper root in me. Winter clears the landscape, however brutally, giving us a chance to see ourselves and each other more clearly, to see the very ground of our being. ...

*Our inward winters take many forms* – failure, betrayal, depression, death. But every one of them, in my experience, yields to the same advice: "The winters will drive you crazy until you learn to get out into them." Until we enter boldly into the fears we most want to avoid, those fears will dominate our lives. But when we walk directly into them protected from frostbite by the warm *garb of friendship or inner discipline* or spiritual guidance – we can learn what they have to teach us. Then, we discover once again that the cycle of the seasons is trustworthy and life-giving, even in the most dismaying season of all. ("Seasons," 1999)

Parker Palmer moves through a concert of themes: from winter to clarity, to spiritual struggles, to the death of a father, and eventually to a deeper divine grace that supports us like the hard ground. For me these are the themes of this winter. My Grandfather, Dr. Dwight Madison Slater, died this winter. And I was home in Michigan for weeks as we awaited the appropriate time to commemorate his life. He was an extraordinary man. A man who I hope to be like someday. As I have grown and learned more about myself, he has become more and more of a model for me. I spent a day with family emptying out his apartment near Detroit. As I went through

some of the books that accompanied him to the end, I found some of significant interest for myself. So I brought them home. Grandpa was so full of life, it is hard to let him go. But I was with him two days before he died. I brought Anav, who is two and a half now, to see him. He looked pretty bad at this stage. She recoiled when she saw him, as she has done from other sick people who are close to death. Something instinctual must tell her that something is not right. But she calmed down and sat with me. Eventually Grandpa opened his eyes. I was able to play for him one of my favorite pieces of music, a piece of vocal music by Guillaume Dufay that for me is transcendent. I discovered it in a history of music course during my first year of College, at a tiny institution specializing in the history of Western culture that he recommended I consider before going on to a regular four-year college. When I heard it. I felt I had never really lived as fully before listening to that music. So I brought something good back from my studies to share with my grandpa who has been my teacher of how to live well. I will miss Grandpa dearly. His memory will long be a blessing for me.

As we come to difficult spells of our life, may we be blessed with the faith to believe that a deeper grace supports us. Though it is sometimes hidden, there is grace in the winter too.

Stephen Slater

There's a Holy Spark in each of us that's hidden very well; when it's revealed, we make our world a place where G&d candwell.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brutal weather took a toll on our weekly service schedule in January, with cancellation of services all together on the weekend of January 5-6. While we need our regular fix of Jewish prayer, we don't want to put anyone at risk of physical injury. Having said that, it is pretty rare that we can't make it safely to synagogue and we really need your presence. Please make an effort to come to services – I promise you will be glad you did.

February will be another month without major holidays but we are looking forward to Erev Purim on February 28. We will be celebrating with pizza, hamantashen, noshes, costumes and an abbreviated but dramatic magilla reading that will allow kids and parents to get to home and to bed at a reasonable hour.

Meanwhile, save the date for Passover first night communal Seder March 30. We will have another delicious prepared kosher for Passover dinner and stimulating Seder. Once again, adult cost is \$25 and children \$10, maximum cost per family \$60. Those of you who have been to our recent Seders can attest to good food and great conversation and it's even a Jewish thing!

Congratulations to Malachi LaRock, who just had his artwork published in the Jewish World Calendar. Thanks to Logan Curtis for stimulating our religious school students with great art projects.

I would also like to express my condolences to Logan on the recent loss of her grandmother.

See you at Shul!

Mark Hoffman



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Religious School continues on Sundays at 9:30 AM. Please contact Mark Hoffman at: <u>shaarayt@yahoo.com</u> for any questions.

Anyone who borrowed a copy of the JPS Children's Bible from the Synagogue and are now finished, it would be appreciated to return as we currently need some back.

# WEEKLY TORAH PORTION



## **EXODUS/SHEMOT**

<b>Yitro</b>	<b>03 February</b>
TORAH	Exodus 18:1-20:23
HAFTARAH	Isaiah 6:1-7:6. 9:5-6
<b>Mishpatim</b>	<b>10 February</b>
TORAH	Exodus 21:1-24:18
HAFTARAH	2 Kings 11:17-12:17
<b>Terumah</b>	<b>17 February</b>
TORAH	Exodus 25:1-27:19
HAFTARAH	1 Kings 5:26-6:13
Tetzaveh	<b>24 February</b>
TORAH	Exodus 27:20-30:10
HAFTARAH	1 Samuel 15:1-34
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Fred Sensor, who passed on January 14,

2018 (Tevet 27, 5778) and on the passing of Florence Lebenson, grandmother of our Religious school teacher aide, Logan Curtis, who passed away on January 15, 2018 (Tevet 28, 5778).

## SYNAGOGUE NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & IMPORTANT DATES



Purim begins February 28<sup>th</sup> and we will be having a fun party here that evening!



**Passover Seder** is on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Reservations required. The cost this year will be \$25.00 per person or \$60.00 at maximum per family.

**Dr. Lozman** will be giving a speech on Sunday, April 15th at 11:00 AM. He will talk about his parents' tribulations during the Holocaust and his trip to their graves, which he found to be a veritable disaster, unkempt, forgotten, a sacrilege on holy ground. He promised himself that he would restore it, and he will talk about the many years he has spent restoring fifteen destroyed Jewish Cemeteries in Eastern Europe.

Student Rabbi Stephen Slater's Ordination,

will be the 10th graduating class of Hebrew College.

When: June 3rd, at approximately 3PM.

*Where:* Temple Reyim: 1860 Washington Street, Newton, MA 02466.

Please call the synagogue office or contact Dolly Morrissey if interested in attending.



**The Bat Mitzvah of Aliya Cohen** will take place on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome to attend!

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**



Federation again will offer scholarships to area children and college students to attend overnight Jewish camps, Jewish summer travel experiences, and summer and year-long Israel experience programs. Funding is also available for any program that provides Jewish enrichment and inspires Jewish continuity, which may include youth movement or organization weekends and activities, leadership seminars, etc. Due to the limited amount of funding, decisions are based on financial need that will be determined by completion of a detailed questionnaire, submission by both parents of the most recent complete federal income tax return available, and possible telephone follow-up. All scholarships awarded are based on financial need. In considering an applicant's need, we consider the program expense and any exceptional circumstances or financial burdens or responsibilities that the immediate family may have. Please call the Federation office for more details.

<u>Deadline for applications is</u> February 23, 2018, for all scholarship requests for programs that take place during the summer of 2018 and includes those semester or year-in-Israel programs that may not end before

the end of May 2019. Although it may be too early to apply to these programs, now is the time to apply for scholarships through our Federation. The scholarship committee allots funding during one time period only. Applications received after the deadline will only be entertained if additional funding is available. Please encourage all potential applicants to submit their applications in a timely manner.

Qualified applicants who hope to spend summer 2018 in an enrichment program should apply to the program as soon as possible. Some of the camps and programs fill to capacity early in the year.

The can be downloaded from the Federation website, **www.jewishfedny.org**.

Federation directly funds camperships for eligible local Jewish day camps. Interested students should apply directly to these camps for camperships.

> Update on the Tree and Marker honoring Matthew Rozell



The tree that our Greater Glens Falls Jewish Community purchased in honor of Matthew Rozell was planted by the Village of Hudson Falls in early November at the Village Park in downtown Hudson Falls. The marker to accompany the tree has already been completed by

Loiselle Memorials and is ready to be installed next to the tree sometime in the spring at a date to be decided, at which time there will be a dedication ceremony for all to attend.

A big thank you to all of you who have contributed to make this honor to Matt possible. Thanks to everyone who came out to donate blood at our January blood drive. We had a good turnout despite the winter weather here in the northeast! The results:

BLOOD DRIVE GOAL:	22
SCHEDULED DONORS:	11
REGISTERED DONORS:	19
POWER RED:	0
FIRST TIME DONORS:	2 GREAT!

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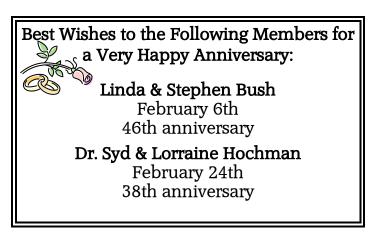
We welcome member articles and news to our monthly

American

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 for submissions is the third Tuesday. Please submit your article in an e-mail message or an attachment to: <u>cstgfny@gmail.com.</u> Thank you.





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

February 1 Sidney Kanofsky

**February 3** Emily Frank

February 4February 9Nancy GoldsteinJane ArnoldTamar Wurzberger-Choppa

**February 10** Jordan Havens Mark Hoffman Daniel Robitel **February 13** Valerie Hope Francine Torra

February 20

**February 15** Jerrilyn Benson

on Sofia Choppa

**February 28** Jay Bobbin



## SISTERHOOD NEWS February 2018

Good health and stay warm snow-birds since many climates have been changing more than usual.

Stay warm, safe and healthy non-snow birds as we deal with these cold snaps and fluctuating temperatures and weather!



Sisterhood is planning a special fundraiser on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow in a future bulletin.

Well wishes to Sandra Smith who recently moved to South Carolina.

Thoughts and prayers to Buddy Kantrowitz who recently moved to New Jersey. His son Jason has updated us that Bud is presently in hospice.

## Happy, healthy, safe 2018 to ALL!

Dolly & Bonnie, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

### **KOSHER DELIVERY**

The due date to place your local Kosher Delivery is **Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.** The Delivery will be **Tuesday, February 20th. Call 1-800-727-5674 to place an order.** 



## Sponsoring an Oneg or Kiddush

Consider sponsoring an Oneg or Kiddush to honor or remember your loved ones for their birthdays, wedding or bar/bat mitzvah anniversaries and yahrzeits. Call the office if you want to sponsor an Oneg or Kiddush. If you would like Lox, there is an extra charge. Thank you for supporting the Sisterhood, as we support you!

## February ONEGS & KIDDUSHES SPONSORED BY:

**Friday, February 2:** Oneg sponsorship available.

**<u>Saturday, February 3:</u>** Kiddush sponsored by Laura Fram in honor of friends.

**Friday, February 9:** Oneg sponsorship available.

**Saturday, February 10:** Kiddush sponsorship available.

**Friday, February 16:** Service at The Glen. Oneg sponsored by Karen Berman in memory of Larry Berman. **Saturday, February 17**: Kiddush sponsorship available.

**Friday, February 23:** Oneg sponsorship available.

**Saturday, February 24:** Kiddush sponsorship available. Family & movie night.

#### HONORABLE MENTCHEN:

Thank you to all who sponsored, helped, and contributed to an Oneg or Kiddush during January: Bonnie Yanklowitz & family, Norman Kudan, Cher Hoffman, Marilyn Bazan, Francine Torra, and Sisterhood.

## WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THESE THOUGHTFUL CONTRIBUTIONS

#### **BUILDING /GENERAL FUND**

In memory of Stephen Slater's grandfather, Dr. Dwight Madison Slater From: The Temple, Rose Rothstein and Dolly Morrissey.

> In memory of Jack Weinstein From: Rose Rothstein.

In memory of Abe & Eli Rudnick to the Holocaust Library Fund From: Clara Rudnick.

Thoughts & Prayers to Buddy Kantrowitz From: Bonnie Yanklowitz.

Congratulations to Stephen & Bethany Slater From: Larry Greenberg.

> Donation to cover cost of Kiddush. From: Cher Hoffman.

In memory of Gustave Cohen From: Leone Straus.

#### **M/M SAMUEL ARONSON EDUCATION FUND**

In memory of Estabelle Witepsky to Howard & Cindy Raych. From: Sunny Buchman.

In memory of Alex's beloved father To: Alex & Mila Libers. From: Sunny Buchman.

In memory of Dr. Dwight Madison Slater To the Slater family. From: Sunny Buchman. If you have an upcoming yahrzeit and need a minyan, please let us know.

## YAHRZEIT RECORD FOR FEBRUARY 2018

"The Memory of the Righteous is for a Blessing" *Please note: Yahrzeit date is listed after the name(s)* of the deceased. William Kanoff Louis Kent **Irving Matlow** Friday, 2/2/2018 Shevat 17, 5778 **Morris Kantrowitz Eva Levitan Benjamin Segel** I. Morton Yanklowitz Saturday, 2/3/2018 Shevat 18, 5778 **Cynthia Frost Mildred Seaman** Monday, 2/5/2018 Shevat 20, 5778 **Daniel Beale Joseph Eddleton Annie Schwartz Arthur Lewis Shapera** Tuesday, 2/6/2018 Shevat 21, 5778 **Esther Silverman** Carl Suckman Wednesday, 2/7/2018 Shevat 22, 5778 **Isaac Alkes** Lena Shapiro Thursday, 2/8/2018 Shevat 23, 5778 **Celia Frost Maurice Lebowitz Abraham Levitt Anne Lucks** Friday, 2/9/2018 Shevat 24, 5778 **Maurice Berman** Henrietta Besher Joan Charisse **Gustave Cohen Henry Cohen** Ida Hoffman **David Levitan** Joan Weill Saturday, 2/10/2018 Shevat 25, 5778

**Robert Weiner** Sunday, 2/11/2018 Shevat 26, 5778 **Edith Kurzweil** Monday, 2/12/2018 Shevat 27, 5778 **Edith Block** Tuesday, 2/13/2018 Shevat 28, 5778 Larry Berman **Reva Cohen Ethel Juris** Wednesday, 2/14/2018 Shevat 29, 5778 **Frances Fleming Philip Goldstein Rose Greenberg** Henrietta Lebowitz Thursday, 2/15/2018 Shevat 30, 5778 William Drazin **Stewart Stern** Samuel Suckman **Mayer Wexler** Friday, 2/16/2018 Adar 1, 5778 **Michael Jack Forman Irving Rosenberg** Lena Semelisky Sunday, 2/18/2018 Adar 3, 5778 **Mollie Boorstein** Monday, 2/19/2018 Adar 4, 5778 **Charles Baron Irene Brown** Libbie Levin **Miriam Schulman** Louis Solomon **Florence Stillman Mary Yunich** Tuesday, 2/20/2018 Adar 5, 5778 **Eva Alkes** Lawrence Levv **Mariasa Reed** Wednesday, 2/21/2018 Adar 6, 5778 **Bruce Rothstein Belle Suckman** Thursday, 2/22/2018 Adar 7, 5778 **Father Michael Abraham Milton Grunberger** Friday, 2/23/2018 Adar 8, 5778

Vinona Hudson Farnsworth Abraham Goldman Nathan Pine **Perry Seaman Dorothy Semelisky Reinheimer** Jennie Solomon Saturday, 2/24/2018 Adar 9, 5778 **Peter Accardi** Monday, 2/26/2018 Adar 11, 5778 **Esther Connor** Harry Greenberg Tuesday, 2/27/2018 Adar 12, 5778 **Fannie Fiedel Elizabeth Kraftchick** Jeanne Mandwelle **Bella Rosenberg** Saul Silverstein Wednesday, 2/28/2018 Adar 13, 5778



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Lydia Cifone **Charles Furman** Lena Gould Harry Kopelovitz **Frances Schwartz** Philip Weinstein Thursday, 3/8/2018 Adar 21, 5778 **Isadore I. Cohen** Samuel Luria **Percy Weinstein** Friday, 3/9/2018 Adar 22, 5778 **Estelle Goldman** A. Charles Hoffman Walter Stern Saturday, 3/10/2018 Adar 23, 5778 Joseph Gerstein **Gertrude Juris** Joseph Klinetsky Harry Rote-Rosen **Anna Chary Michael Connor** Monday, 3/12/2018 Adar 25, 5778 **Regina Elliott** Tuesday, 3/13/2018 Adar 26, 5778 **Anna Aronson Sidney Benson Morris Frost Matthew Green Beatrice Kantrowitz Gerald Miller Stanley Seaman** Wednesday, 3/14/2018 Adar 27, 5778 **Morris Goldstein Howard Hirsch Edward Lippman-Podolnick Benjamin Rosenstein Stephen Stillman Ben Yanklowitz** Thursday, 3/15/2018 Adar 28, 5778 **Ida Bronne** Mary Friedman **Arnold Kent** Saturday, 3/17/2018 Nissan 1, 5778 **Raymond Kantrowitz Irving Rapaport** Joseph Yanklowitz Sunday, 3/18/2018 Nissan 2, 5778 **Murry Silverman** Monday, 3/19/2018 Nissan 3, 5778

**Rose Aronson Goldie Brown** Herbert Silverman Wednesday, 3/21/2018 Nissan 5, 5778 **David Podell Dora Sheerer Abraham Joseph Zweibelson** Thursday, 3/22/2018 Nissan 6, 5778 **Ruth Boorstein** Harold Green Louis Housman Friday, 3/23/2018 Nissan 7, 5778 Yetta Cohen **Meyer Dubner** Leonard Gould **Rose Radin** Monday, 3/26/2018 Nissan 10, 5778 Samuel Rodman Tuesday, 3/27/2018 Nissan 11, 5778 **Charles Housman Terrance Sproul** Wednesday, 3/28/2018 Nissan 12, 5778 **Ruth Alkes Darlene Berkowitz Dr. Milton Greenberg** Charles N. Weill Thursday, 3/29/2018 Nissan 13, 5778 Chevah Kaplan Jacob M. Kirschner Leonard Schwartz Ida Seaman Friday, 3/30/2018 Nissan 14, 5778 Samuel Goldman **Ann Mever** Anna Weinstraub Saturday, 3/31/2018 Nissan 15, 5778



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Sunday	Manday	Tuesday	Wedneedey	Thursday	Friday	Soturdov
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday 1	2 6:30 PM Service	Saturday 3 9:30 AM Service
4 No Service No Religious School	5 Kosher order Due Date	6	7 Beginning & Intermediate Hebrew Class 7 & 8 PM	8	9 Student Rabbi Stephen Slater 6:30 PM Service	10 Student Rabbi Stephen Slater 9:30 AM Service Shabbat Shekalim
11 Student Rabbi Stephen Slater 8:30 AM Service Religious School 9:30 AM	12	13	14 Beginning & Intermediate Hebrew Class 7 & 8 PM	15	16 ADAR 6:30 PM Service at The Glen	17 9:30 AM Service
18 9:00 AM Learning & Discussion Service No Religious School	19 President's Day OFFICE CLOSED	20 Bulletin Deadline Kosher Delivery	21 Beginning & Intermediate Hebrew Class 7 & 8 PM	22	23 6:30 PM Service	24 9:30 AM Service Family Night: Havdalah & Movie Shabbat Zachor
25 9:00 AM Learning & Discussion Service No Religious School	26	27	28 Ta'anit Esther Erev Purim Purim Party & Megillah reading 6PM			