CONGREGATION SHAARAY TEFILA

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RABBI'S REPORT

Be Happy, It's Adar!!!

The beginning of February marks the appearance of the Hebrew month of Adar. On February 5 the month of Adar begins and during the month of Adar our joy increases.

Pay close attention to that sentence. It says our joy INCREASES, which means that we are always supposed to be full of joy; it's just that in Adar the level intensifies.

While it might seem to some that this is a modern creation of a greeting card company, its roots are in ancient sources, both the Babylonian Talmud and the first kabbalistic book, one which predates the Zohar, *Sefer Yetzirah*.

Sefer Yetzirah, known as The Book of Creation, tells of God's creation of the world in a far different, much more spiritual incantation than Genesis. Although we do not know exactly when it was written, scholars place the appearance of the book to between 200 BCE and 200 CE. In it each month of the Jewish year is described as having a unique color, letter of the Hebrew alphabet, zodiac sign, tribe, sense, and a controlling organ/limb of the body.

Sefer Yetzirah predates the Zohar, the most famous kabbalistic source, and Rabbi Isaac Luria, The Ari (Lion), one of the Zohar's earliest and most noted interpreters. The author of Sefer Yetzirah is unknown, but several sources attach it to Abraham, although I think that is more an honorific attribute, as the book is very powerful.

The Babylonian Talmud states: "Mishenichnas Adar marbin b'simchah," "When Adar enters, we increase our joy" (B. Ta'anit 29a).

The most obvious reason we are more joyful is because the holiday of Purim falls in the month of Adar. Although the evil Haman wanted to destroy us, Queen Esther and Mordechai teamed up to save the Jewish people of Shushan.

When there are two Adars this year because of the leap year, Purim is celebrated in Adar II, in order for Purim to be celebrated directly in front of Pesach.

But back to Sefer Yetzirah. The happy month of Adar is symbolized by the Kuf, which means "monkey" and "eye of the needle" in Hebrew. The sign of the zodiac is Pisces, or fish. One symbolism of Torah is that of water, so in this month the fish swim in the waters of Torah. Similarly, it can be said that they swim in the sea of Talmud.

The tribe which is attributed to Adar is Naftali. In Kabbalah, the name of the tribe, Naftali, is read as two words that mean "sweetness is to me". Some ancient writings express that the *mitzvah* on Purim is to reach the level of the "unknowable head" by drinking during Purim eve which is expressed, as: "one is obligated on Purim to become sweet, until one is unable to differentiate between 'cursed be Haman' and 'blessed be Mordechai.""

Sefer Yetzirah is a mystical book. One reads the letters, symbols, months and words over and over until it becomes a chant, either in your mind or out loud. The world came into being by God speaking, and it was. We follow that process, of us speaking, in this book, and the thoughts and visions of creation are thought about anew.

As we come into Adar, discover your own thoughts, inner happiness and inner strength. Queen Esther understood that to save her people she would need to be strong to get the king to understand exactly what the Jews needed. The happiness in the month of Adar, I believe, revolves around understanding what blessings you have been given and using those blessings to serve your community and the Jewish world.

Rabbi Gerry L. Ginsburg

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thanks to Stacey Mandlebaum, Larry Greenberg, Mick Mannheimer-O'Dalaigh, Mike Berkowitz, Nancy Goldstein, and Bruce Markowitz for diligently working on measures to enhance the safety of our congregants at Shaaray Tefila. The security committee has met with the Warren County Sheriff Department and with the Glens Falls Police Department. They have already made some changes and will be creating a comprehensive plan in the near future to address some of our security vulnerabilities. Part of this plan will require everyone's involvement and participation through safety awareness training. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

Our Wednesday evening Torah class is off to a good start. Please feel free to stop by at 7PM Wednesdays for some interesting Torah discussion and learn a little Hebrew while you are at it. We are all learning together.

Mark your calendars for *Shabbat Across America* on *Friday evening March 1 at 6PM* at the shul. Rabbi Ginsburg will join us for a short Shabbat service followed by Shabbat dinner. A kosher main course will be provided and participants will be asked to bring cold salads and desserts. Watch announcements for more details.

Mark Hoffman

WEEKLY TORAH PORTION



Mishpatim2 FebruaryTORAHExodus 21:1-20:23HAFTARAHJeremiah 34:8-22, 33:25-26

Terumah9 FebruaryTORAHExodus 25:1-27:19HAFTARAH1 Kings5:26-6:13

Tetzaveh16 FebruaryTORAHExodus 27:20-30:10HAFTARAHEzekiel 43:10-27

Ki Tisa 23 February
TORAH Exodus 30:11-34:35
HAFTARAH 1 Kings 18:1-39

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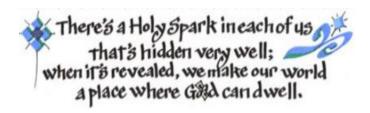
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Religious school continues on *Sundays at* 9:30 AM. Please contact Mark Hoffman at: shaarayt@yahoo.com with questions. February dates are as follows: *February 3rd and 10th* and each start with a weeklythemed short children's service.

New Class!

Wednesday evenings at 7PM we now offer an Adult Education class with changing weekly topics of Torah discussion. Please join us!



SYNAGOGUE NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

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



February 3 February 4
Emily Frank Nancy Goldstein
Tamar Wurzberger-Choppa

February 9
Jane Arnold
Jordan Havens
Mark Hoffman
Daniel Robitel

February 13 February 15
Valerie Hope Jerrilyn Benson
Francine Torra

February 20 February 28 Sofia Choppa Jay Bobbin

Best Wishes to the Following Members for a Very Happy Anniversary:

Linda & Stephen Bush February 6th 47th anniversary

Dr. Syd & Lorraine Hochman February 24th 39th anniversary



BLOOD DRIVE Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2019 Noon – 5PM WALK-INS WELCOME!

Congregation Shaaray Tefila, at 68 Bay Street, Glens Falls, will be hosting a blood drive on *Wed.*, *February 6*, *2019 from 12-5PM* for the American Red Cross. Let's garner good will from inside and outside of our synagogue and help save lives. All blood types are needed.

To schedule please call:
1-800-RED-CROSS or visit
Redcrossblood.org and enter
sponsor code:
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FUND DRIVE



We are collecting bottles as a fundraiser. Please contact Nancy Goldstein to donate 518.792.2700

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 normally the third Thursday.

Please submit items by email to cstgfny@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



2019 Scholarship Applications DUE February 22, 2019!

www.jewishfedny.org/services/scholarships/

JEWISH ENRICHMENT

Do you know a local child (through college age) who wants to experience an enriched Jewish experience? Jewish sleep-away camp? A Jewish summer-travel experience? A summer or year in Israel? A convention, kinnus, leadership-training or other program? Each year Federation awards need-based scholarships for these fabulous experiences that enrich the lives of children in the Capital Region.

ACADEMIC

Federation has several academic scholarships available!

- Abraham & Eleanor Staff College Scholarship
- David and Rose Udelson Bray Scholarship
- Medwin/Krouner Pharmacy Scholarship
- Judith Littman Wax and Oscar Ben Zion Wax Scholarship
- Axelrod-Lichtenstein Scholarship
- Paul M. Gans Scholarship

Hilda and Dr. John Lanzkron Medical Scholarship

Jewish Enrichment Scholarships:

Please use the <u>application form</u> for Jewish enrichment scholarship applications only. For inquiries, please call Rebecca Miller,

(518) 783-7800 ext. 225.

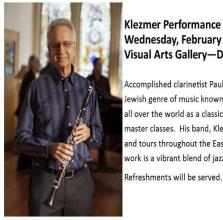
Academic Scholarships:

Please visit our <u>website</u> for information about academic scholarships and how to apply. For inquiries, please call Deborah Goldstein, (518) 783-7800 ext. 230. (Note: Please do not use the Jewish enrichment application form for academic scholarships.)

Free Tax Return Preparation!

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Warren County is offering free tax help to families and individuals whose household income is below \$55,000. Trained community volunteers can help you with special credits, such as Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit for which you may qualify. In addition to free tax return preparation assistance, free electronic filing (e-filing) will be offered. Individuals taking advantage of the e-file program will receive their refunds in half the time compared to returns filed on paper – even faster if you have your refund is deposited directly into your bank account. To schedule a tax appointment for Warren & Washington County call 1-800-211-5128.





Klezmer Performance with Paul Green Wednesday, February 6 at 6pm Visual Arts Gallery—Dearlove Hall

Accomplished clarinetist Paul Green will perform in traditional lewish genre of music known as Klezmer. Green has performed all over the world as a classical clarinetist as well as teaches master classes. His band, Klezmer East, was founded in 2003 and tours throughout the East Coast. The unique sound of his work is a vibrant blend of jazz and Jewish melody.

Paul Green Productions (561) 302-5816 info@paulgreenmusic.com

The Klezmer Concert is in conjunction with Text/ures of Iraq Exhibition Contemporary Art from the Collection of Oded Halahmy November 15, 2018—February 7, 2019

New York-based artist Oded Halahmy, a Jewish native of Baghdad, Iraq, brings together a group of Contemporary Iraqi artists in Text/ures of Iraq.

Modern Arabic and Hebrew calligraphy, abstract collages made from the remains of destroyed books and Middle Eastern landscapes infused with palm trees and pomegranates are all presented in the collection. Although the artists comment on the tumultuous history of Iraq they also look toward a time of peace in the homeland they love.

CONTACT: Rebecca Pelchar, Director-pelcharr@sunyacc.edu / 518-832-7738



SISTERHOOD NEWS

Healthy, safe February to ALL!

Please volunteer if possible to assist with the upcoming American Red Cross Blood Drive at the synagogue on February 6, 2019 from 12-5PM.

Be safe & warm! Dolly and Bonnie Sisterhood Co-Presidents

FEBRUARY ONEGS & KIDDUSHES SPONSORED BY:

Friday, February 1: Oneg sponsorship available.

Saturday, February 2: Kiddush sponsorship available.

Friday, February 8: Oneg sponsorship available.

Saturday, February 9: Kiddush sponsored by Sunny Aronson Buchman in memory of her Aunt Mary Aronson Yunich and of her Uncle Dr. Albert Yunich.

Friday, February 15: Oneg sponsorship available.

Saturday, February 16: Kiddush sponsorship available.

Friday, February 22: Oneg sponsorship available.

Saturday, February 23: Kiddush sponsorship available.

HONORABLE MENTCHEN:

Thank you to all who sponsored, helped, and contributed to an Oneg or Kiddush during January, including: Laura Fram, Bonnie Yanklowitz, Francine Torra, Peter & Nancy Kudan, Ronni Shelley, Pat Balasuriya & Sisterhood.



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'd like to sponsor one. Thanks for supporting Sisterhood, as we support you!

KOSHER DELIVERY

The next order due date is **February 4th** for delivery of Tuesday, February 19th. Call 1-800-727-5674 to place an order.

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THESE THOUGHTFUL CONTRIBUTIONS

BUILDING / GENERAL FUND

General donation:

From: Jonah Berman & Joan Levine

In memory of Norm Kudan. From: Kathleen Sinnott

In memory of Gustave Cohen. From: Leone Straus

ELI RUDNICK FUND

In memory of Abe Rudnick. In memory of Father Michael Abraham. From: Clara Rudnick

SISTERHOOD FUND

In honor of Sisterhood for their hard work making each week a successful Oneg & Kiddush.

From: Elaine & Salomon Charhon





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

Robert Weiner

Friday, 2/1/2019 Shevat 26, 5779

Edith Kurzweil

Saturday, 2/2/2019 Shevat 27, 5779

Edith Block

Sunday, 2/3/2019 Shevat 28, 5779

Larry Berman

Reva Cohen

Ethel Juris

Monday, 2/4/2019 Shevat 29, 5779

Philip Goldstein

Rose Greenberg

Henrietta Lebowitz

Tuesday, 2/5/2019 Shevat 30, 5779

Daniel Beale

William Drazin

Stewart Stern

Wednesday, 2/6/2019 Adar-I 1, 5779

Irving Rosenberg

Lena Semelisky

Friday, 2/8/2019 Adar-I 3, 5779

Mollie Boorstein

Saturday, 2/9/2019 Adar-I 4, 5779

Charles Baron

Irene Brown

Libbie Levin

Miriam Schulman

Louis Solomon

Florence Stillman

Mary Yunich

Sunday, 2/10/2019 Adar-I 5, 5779

Eva Alkes

Lawrence Levy

Mariasa Reed

Monday, 2/11/2019 Adar-I 6, 5779

Belle Suckman

Tuesday, 2/12/2019 Adar-I 7, 5779

Milton Grunberger

Wednesday, 2/13/2019 Adar-I 8, 5779

Vinona Hudson Farnsworth

Abraham Goldman

Nathan Pine

Perry Seaman

Jennie Solomon

Thursday, 2/14/2019 Adar-I 9, 5779

Frances Fleming

Friday, 2/15/2019

Harry Greenberg

Sunday, 2/17/2019 Adar-I 12, 5779

Fannie Fiedel

Elizabeth Kraftchick

Bella Rosenberg

Saul Silverstein

Monday, 2/18/2019 Adar-I 13, 5779

Max Gottesman

Morris Kraftchick

David Rosenthal

Leo Samuel

Tuesday, 2/19/2019 Adar-I 14, 5779

Mollie Borlawsky

Albert Kitmacher

Max Landsman

Eva Swirsky

Wednesday, 2/20/2019 Adar-I 15, 5779

Gloria Bittman

Nathan Suckman

Sarah I. Suckman

Saran I. Suckinan

Thursday, 2/21/2019 Adar-I 16, 5779

Morris Bak

Jacob Goldman

Bessie Gould

Friday, 2/22/2019 Adar-I 17, 5779

Father Michael Abraham

Saturday, 2/23/2019 Adar-I 18, 5779

Ann Ferber

Sunday, 2/24/2019 Adar-I 19, 5779

Lila Weinstein

Monday, 2/25/2019 Adar-I 20, 5779

Peter Accardi

Charles Furman

Lena Gould

Harry Kopelovitz

Philip Weinstein

Tuesday, 2/26/2019 Adar-I 21, 5779

Isadore I. Cohen

Samuel Luria

Percy Weinstein

Wednesday, 2/27/2019 Adar-I 22, 5779

Estelle Goldman

A. Charles Hoffman

Jeanne Mandwelle

Walter Stern

Thursday, 2/28/2019 Adar-I 23, 5779



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Joseph Gerstein

Gertrude Juris

Joseph Klinetsky

Friday, 3/1/2019 Adar-I 24, 5779

Anna Chary

Saturday, 3/2/2019 Adar-I 25, 5779

Joan Cavanaugh

Regina Elliott

Sunday, 3/3/2019 Adar-I 26, 5779

Morris Frost

Matthew Green

Beatrice Kantrowitz

Gerald Miller

Stanley Seaman

Monday, 3/4/2019 Adar-I 27, 5779

Morris Goldstein

Howard Hirsch

Edward Lippman-Podolnick

Benjamin Rosenstein

Stephen Stillman

Tuesday, 3/5/2019 Adar-I 28, 5779

Lvdia Cifone

Samuel Suckman

Mayer Wexler

Friday, 3/8/2019 Adar-II 1, 5779

Michael Jack Forman

Sunday, 3/10/2019 Adar-II 3, 5779

Bruce Rothstein

Thursday, 3/14/2019 Adar-II 7, 5779

Dorothy Semelisky Reinheimer

Saturday, 3/16/2019 Adar-II 9, 5779

Esther Connor

Tuesday, 3/19/2019 Adar-II 12, 5779

Natalie Ida Yanklowitz

Thursday, 3/21/2019 Adar-II 14, 5779

Frances Schwartz

Thursday, 3/28/2019 Adar-II 21, 5779

Harry Rote-Rosen

Sunday, 3/31/2019 Adar-II 24, 5779

HAPPY WINTER!



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JEFF SCHWARTZ President





FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7PM Service	9:30 AM Service
Religious School 9:30AM	Kosher Order Due	5 ADAR I	6 BLOOD DRIVE 12-5PM ADULT ED: TORAH DISCUSSION 7PM	7	7PM Service with student Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg	9:30AM Service with student Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg
Religious School 9:30AM	11	12	ADULT ED: TORAH DISCUSSION 7PM	14	15 7PM Service	16 9:30AM Service
17	18 PRESIDENTS DAY OFFICE CLOSED	19 Kosher Delivery	20 ADULT ED: TORAH DISCUSSION 7PM	21 BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE	7PM Service	9:30AM Service
24	25	26	27 ADULT ED: TORAH DISCUSSION 7PM	28	1 SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA Dinner & Service with student Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg	9:30AM Service with student Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg