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RABBI'S MESSAGE

WEEKLY SERVICES

SATURDAY: 9:30AM

6:30PM

8:30AM

FRIDAY:

SUNDAY:

The Meaning of Hanukkah

I was asked this year what I am teaching my daughter, Anav, about the meaning of Hanukkah. I replied that we're mostly lighting candles with her. After all she turned 2 ½ years old just today. However, it prompted me to think, what is the meaning of Hanukkah? And I realized that I have not taught much about this holiday in this congregation. In this bulletin, I want to share what Hanukkah means to me.

Hanukkah is about the rededication of the Temple. The Temple had been desecrated during the persecutions of Antiochus IV Epiphanes. But the Maccabees retook the Temple in a shocking victory against the superior forces of an overwhelming worldpower. To their surprise, they were in control of the Temple, and they made it their first priority to cleanse the Temple, and to re-institute the daily prayers and sacrifices there. The priority they placed upon this holy place, was echoed by the Rabbis who also saw their action in restoring the Avodah or worship in the Temple as the key meaning of their entire struggle. The rabbis who framed the practices of the holiday for us had already witnessed the corruption, decadence and violence to which the Hasmoneans, the descendants of the Maccabees, would succumb. So Hanukkah became the holiday of the re-establishment of the Temple. It is not the holiday of the renewal of political sovereignty, as some teachers

claim today. If that had been its meaning, it would have rung hollow throughout centuries of Jewish history before the reestablishment of sovereignty again just 70 years ago. No, the meaning of Hanukkah is essentially intertwined with the Temple.

The Temple was where we fulfilled the commandments that were to be done inside of the *Mishkan*, the travelling tent at the middle of the encampment, where God's glory was manifest.

The Sefat Emet, a Hasidic master, teaches that the inner reality of the Temple, in Hebrew the *Mikdash*, and the sanctuary, or the Mishkan, are inside of each Jewish person. He writes, "Sanctuary and Temple can be found in every one of Israel, as Scripture says, "I will dwell within them" (Exodus 25:6) (Language of Truth, 377) There is an internal, spiritual reality to the Mikdash and the Mishkan based on the function of these two physical places. The Mishkan/Mikdash was the place that God could live among us. That vision of God living in the middle of a sacred community drives the entire middle section of the Torah, from the second half of Exodus, the entirety of Leviticus, and much of the book of Numbers. In other words, the idea of God living among us is the central idea of the Torah. And it is still the central idea of Judaism.

As I looked at the candles this year, I saw the flames as a visualization of that aspect of each of us that connects with God. The *Sefat Emet* calls this part of us the *nekudah penimit*, the internal point of connection.

So, if the candles represent the connection with God that is inside of us. It seems that Hanukkah is a good time to do some thinking about our inner lives. What is going on inside of us? What is the state of our spiritual life these days? A question that Bethany and I asked each other on night seven this year, was "What have you added to your spiritual life this year? Or what would you like to add this year to your devotion to God?" As we sat watching the candles, this question stirred our souls. We were able to find aspects of our lives that needed to be cleansed, or rededicated. I would recommend this powerful question for you too. It can allow us to do a kind of internal Hanukkah, a rededication of our inner lives. This year, I want to bless you with the meaning of Hanukkah. In years to come, as you arrive at Hanukkah, may you take the time to sit quietly with the candles and ask yourself what has been added to my spiritual life this year? What needs to be added?

May you be blessed with the clarity to see the point of connection to God that animates your life.

May you be blessed with the warmth and joy that flows from tending this internal fire, the sacred point of God in us.

May we all be blessed to live our lives in the midst of a sacred community that connects itself to God and routinely purifies itself through contemplation and rededication.

Stephen Slater

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Over the past month we had some fun events, including Havdalah and a Movie, Trust and Connection, Chanukah Celebration with dinner and music and our ongoing activities. Thanks again to all of you who have made these events a success, including but not limited to the Kleinmann family, Lorraine Hochman, Judy Korot, and our dedicated kitchen volunteers and helpers, including Nancy Goldstein, Francine Torra, Cher Hoffman, Syd Hochman, George Conable, Marilyn Bazan, Pinchas Shabat and Bonnie Yanklowitz. Please consider donating some time to help them out.

Please join me in welcoming Logan Curtis as our newest member of Shaaray Tefila. Logan has been using her artistic skills to help engage our students in Jewish education in religious school for the past few years. Now she has taken the plunge to become a member.

Also, welcome Anna Johnson, who has been helping with music programming and Hebrew tutoring at our religious school. Anna has also joined Judy Korot's band as a vocalist and has decided to start preparing for her second Bat Mitzvah at Shaaray Tefila next fall!

January will be a bit quieter without big holidays but please make a special point to come to our regular Shabbat services. Our services are fun, friendly, musical and participatory and we especially need you during the winter months when our population declines a bit. And I think most would agree that we have the best kiddishes in the Northeastern United States. This month we will also be having Meditation Shabbat on Friday evening January 19. We will also be looking at another Havdalah and movie night soon. See you at Shul!

Mark Hoffman

Welcome!
To our newest member:
Logan Curtis



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Religious School continues on Sundays at 9:30 AM. Please contact Mark Hoffman at: shaarayt@yahoo.com 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

Shemot06 JanuaryTORAHExodus 1:1-6:1

HAFTARAH Isaiah 27:6-28:13, 29:22-23

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Va'era 13 January
TORAH Exodus 6:2-9:35
HAFTARAH Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

Bo 20 January

TORAH Exodus 10:1-13:16 HAFTARAH Jeremiah 46:13-28

Beshalach 27 January

TORAH Exodus 13:17-17:16 HAFTARAH Judges 4:4-5:31

Congregation Shaaray Tefila and Sisterhood express their deepest condolences on a few recent passings. Jack Weinstein passed on November 24, 2017 (Kislev 6, 78) Dr. Dwight Madison Slater the

5778). Dr. Dwight Madison Slater, the grandfather of Student Rabbi Stephen Slater, who passed on December 23, 2017 (Tevet 5, 5778). And Estebelle Witepsky, sister of the late Annette Raych, who passed on December 25, 2017 (Tevet 7, 5778).

SYNAGOGUE NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & IMPORTANT DATES



Our Student Rabbi Stephen Slater will be ordained this spring on **Sunday, June 3rd**. Some congregants would like to attend the ordination in Boston. Stephen says that would be most welcome! If you want to be a part of this special day, please be in touch with Dolly Morrissey at adkbob2@gmail.com.





BLOOD DRIVE Thursday, January 11, 2018 Noon – 5PM WALK INS WELCOME

Congregation Shaaray Tefila, at 68 Bay Street, Glens Falls, will be hosting a blood drive on Thursday, January 11, 2018, from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., 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 an appointment please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit Redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code:

CONGREGATIONSHAARAYTEFILANY

Dear Friends & Congregants, Jewish Federation of NENY will hold their annual Telethon on January 28th, 2018. Your participation will be appreciated.



JEWISH CALENDARS

Regan & Denny Funeral Home has again provided wonderful calendars for the Jewish year 5778.

There are always copies on the foyer table.



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 for Bulletin submissions is the third Tuesday. Please submit your article in an e-mail message or as an attachment to cstgfny@gmail.com. Thank you.

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

Dr. Steven & Jerrilyn BensonJanuary 29
51st anniversary



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

Myron Rapaport January 5

Dr. Larry Greenberg
January 6

J. Lawrence Paltrowitz

Benjamin Cohen

January 13

January 14

Patrick Beeson January 15 Vance Cohen January 22

David Wurzberger

Herb Levin

January 23

January 29

Audrey Vogenberg January 30

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Sisterhood is planning an <u>Arts and Book Fair</u> on Sunday June 10th. There are already 8 or 9 artisans and are still seeking Jewish booksellers, and *tallis* and



kipah makers. Please contact Bonnie or Dolly for more info.

Sisterhood would like to thank everyone who sent in their Dues payments and a healthy prosperous year ahead.
Stay warm!

KOSHER DELIVERY

The due date to place your local Kosher Delivery is **Monday**, **January 8**th. The Delivery will be **Tuesday**, **January 23rd**. **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!

January ONEGS & KIDDUSHES SPONSORED BY:

Friday, January 5: Oneg sponsorship available.

Saturday, January 6: Kiddush sponsorship available.

Friday, January 12: Service at The Glen.

Saturday, January 13: Kiddush sponsorship available.

Friday, January 19: Oneg sponsorship available.

Saturday, January 20: Kiddush sponsored by Norm Kudan in memory of Walter Cohen and in memory of his Uncle George.

Friday, January 26: Oneg sponsorship available.

Saturday, January 27: Kiddush sponsored by Norm Kudan in memory of his wife Sylvia.

HONORABLE MENTCHEN:

Thank you to all who sponsored, helped, and contributed to an Oneg or Kiddush during December:

Bonnie Yanklowitz, Norman Kudan, Nancy & Jerry Goldstein, Rose Rothstein, Marilyn Bazan, Roz Winston, Allan & Judy Korot, and Sisterhood.

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THESE THOUGHTFUL CONTRIBUTIONS

BUILDING / GENERAL FUND

Donation to cover cost of new prayer books From: Stacey Mandelbaum & Alex Frank.

In memory of Steven Schwartz From: Marilyn Bazan & George Constable

In loving memory of Leonard Every & of Devorah Silverman. From The Every Family

In memory of her mother, Ethel Levitt. From: Judy Korcz.

In memory of Jack Weinstein. From Sunny Buchman, and from: Norman Kudan

In memory of Reva Swinger, Barbara Rapaport's great aunt. From: Sunny Buchman

Donation for Hanukkah party. From: Pat Balasuriya.

Several donations received for Hanukkah party from attendees.

Donations received from Laura Fram to cover various food costs.

Donation from Logan Curtis.

M/M SAMUEL ARONSON EDUCATION FUND

In honor of Norman Kudan's birthday. From: Judy Korcz.

YOM KIPPUR APPEAL

Pledge received by Susan & David Matzner





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

Chana Landsman

Monday, 1/1/2018 Tevet 14, 5778

Samuel Jacobs Emanuel Juris Victor Silverman

Tuesday, 1/2/2018 Tevet 15, 5778

Marion Ullman Eva Leah Silverman Wednesday, 1/3/2018 Tevet 16, 5778 Monday, 1/15/2018 Tevet 28, 5778 **Rachel Cohen Kevin Berkowitz Dr. Samuel Kanter Gussie Berman** George Kudon Thursday, 1/4/2018 Tevet 17, 5778 **Benjamin Fram Robert Rapaport** Harry Green Tuesday, 1/16/2018 Tevet 29, 5778 Friday, 1/5/2018 Tevet 18, 5778 **Samuel Beck Isidor Oppenheim** Katherine (Kay) Day Regina Strobel Weill **Helen Hoffman** Saturday, 1/6/2018 Tevet 19, 5778 Bertha Kasper **Morris Alkes** Adrian Seligman **Harry Silverman** A. Morris Aronson Wednesday, 1/17/2018 Shevat 1, 5778 **Henry Elkis George Cohen** Sunday, 1/7/2018 Tevet 20, 5778 **Albert Charhon Max Oppenheim** A. Henry Elkes Jeanne Silverman **Jules Perlman** Thursday, 1/18/2018 Shevat 2, 5778 **Jacob Hafter Barnet Shapiro Moses Silverman** George Koble Saturday, 1/20/2018 Shevat 4, 5778 Monday, 1/8/2018 Tevet 21, 5778 Penny A. Grossman **Samuel Saidel Chavim Seaman** Sunday, 1/21/2018 Shevat 5, 5778 **Boruch Silverman Jack Smith** Tuesday, 1/9/2018 Tevet 22, 5778 Monday, 1/22/2018 Shevat 6, 5778 **Bessie Cohen** Frieda Koslow Wednesday, 1/10/2018 Tevet 23, 5778 **Elaine Levv Robert Aronson Samuel Weiss Cindy Brandon** Berdie Yafa **Hyman Reed** Tuesday, 1/23/2018 Shevat 7, 5778 Thursday, 1/11/2018 Tevet 24, 5778 **Chayeh Kobel** Svlvia Kudan **Gusta Aronson** Sabina Landau Morris Aronson Wednesday, 1/24/2018 Shevat 8, 5778 **Walter Cohen Isidore Alkes** Joseph Saidel Friday, 1/12/2018 Tevet 25, 5778 **Charles Ginsburg Carol Mauro Mosha Aronson Molly Rodman Samuel Rosenburg** Sally Rote-Rosen Louis Rosenblum Saturday, 1/13/2018 Tevet 26, 5778 Thursday, 1/25/2018 Shevat 9, 5778 Phyllis Feigenbaum **Samuel Aronson Rose Roth Abraham Rudnick Dorothy Segel** Friday, 1/26/2018 Shevat 10, 5778 **Rose Winer Tillie Singer** Max Yunich **Ruth Ann Spaulding** Saturday, 1/27/2018 Shevat 11, 5778 Sunday, 1/14/2018 Tevet 27, 5778 Sam Borlawsky **Abraham Green Ephram Fram** Sunday, 1/28/2018 Shevat 12, 5778

Stefan Janis

Rose Cohen

Monday, 1/29/2018 Shevat 13, 5778

Anna Cohen

Ida Jacobs

Tuesday, 1/30/2018 Shevat 14, 5778



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

Cvnthia 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 Levy

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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JANUARY 2018

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED	2	Beginning & Intermediate Hebrew Class 7 & 8 PM	4	5 6:30 PM Service	9:30 AM Service
9:00 AM Learning & Discussion Service Religious School 9:30 AM	8 Kosher order Due Date	9	10 Beginning & Intermediate Hebrew Class 7 & 8 PM	American Red Cross Blood Drive 12-5 PM	6:30 PM Service at The Glen The Glen at Hiland Meadows	13 9:30 AM Service
9:00 AM Learning & Discussion Service Religious School 9:30 AM	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 BULLETIN SUBMISSION DUE DATE	17 SHEVAT Beginning & Intermediate Hebrew Class 7 & 8 PM	18	19 6:30 PM Service Meditation Shabbat	20 9:30 AM Service
9:00 AM Learning & Discussion Service Religious School 9:30 AM	22	Kosher Delivery	24 Beginning & Intermediate Hebrew Class 7 & 8 PM	25	26 Student Rabbi Stephen Slater 6:30 PM Service	27 Student Rabbi Stephen Slater 9:30 AM Service
28 Student Rabbi Stephen Slater 8:30 AM Service Religious School 9:30 AM	29	30	31 Tu- Be- Sh'vat Beginning & Intermediate Hebrew Class 7 & 8 PM			