

WEEKLY SERVICES FRIDAY: 7:00PM SATURDAY: 9:30AM SUNDAY: 9:30AM	CONGREGATION SHAARAY TEFILA 68 Bay Street, Glens Falls NY 12801 518.792.4945 Fax: 518.792.5966 Email: cstgfny@gmail.com Website: www.shaaraytefila-gfny.org OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Fri: 9AM-2PM	MARCH 2019  ADAR I-ADAR II 5779
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RABBI'S REPORT

Purim—A Time for Our Joy!

If you thought that our joy was increased when Adar I started, just think about what happens when Adar II comes in! In leap years the Jewish calendar adds a full month, and that month happens to be Adar! So there is a Adar I and II this year. Twice the time to be happy!

Purim always occurs in Adar II. So, this year we will be celebrating the holiday on the evening of March 20 with the Megillah reading and on the 21st during the day.

In Israel, Purim is a time to let loose. There are parades, concerts, parties for children and costumes. Lots of costumes! It combines the theatrics of Mardi Gras, Halloween and Carnival, all wrapped into one. Did I mention costumes? Not only for children but for all the adults, too. It really is a fun time.

There will be professional floats, puppets and giant exhibits featured in the city of Holon's (near Tel Aviv) 26th annual Adloyada Purim parade on March 1. Adloyada (Hebrew: until you do not know) is a reference to the party atmosphere in Israel on the holiday. Many other cities throughout the country also have parades, concerts, contests, games and parties throughout the month.

So what's the big deal? Why is everyone celebrating in Adar?

Purim.

This is our happiest time. We celebrate defeating Haman (booh!) and living. Its story is told in the Book of Esther (the Megillah), where the cursed

Haman plots to kill all the Jews in ancient Persia. But the good queen Esther goes to the king and tells him about Haman's plans. The result is that Haman (and his sons) die, while Queen Esther and her uncle Mordecai get paraded around the city like heroes. Which, of course, they are.

It is a mitzvah to hear a reading of the Megillah. One very interesting point about the Megillah (which is included in the Tanach) is that God's name is not mentioned.

But it is a religious holiday, one in which we:

- Exchange reciprocal gifts of food and drink known as *mishloach manot*, small gift baskets to friends and neighbors;
- Donate to charity, known as *mattanot la-eyyonim*;
- Eat a celebratory meal known as *Seudat Purim*;
- Public recitation ("reading of the megillah") of the Scroll of Esther, known as *kriat ha-megillah*, usually in the synagogue; and
- In our daily prayers, we recite the special *Al HaNissim*, (On the Miracles) to the daily prayers and also include it in *Birkat HaMazon*, grace after meals.

Purim is *not* celebrated by all Jews on the same day. Purim is generally celebrated annually on the 14th day of Adar, the day following the victory of the Jews over their enemies. But, In cities that were protected by a wall at the time of the writing of the Book of Joshua, Purim is celebrated on the 15th of the month of Adar on a day known as *Shushan Purim*, since fighting in the walled city of Shushan (where the story takes place) continued through the 14th day of Adar. Today, the walled city of Jerusalem is the largest of the cities celebrating *Shushan Purim*.

There are many songs celebrating Purim, but the favorite of many, going back to their early years, has to be Oh, Once There was A Wicked, Wicked Man (referring to Haman). In addition to songs, eating, dressing in costumes and listening to the Megillah, there is one thing many communities do: perform a Purim Spiel. This is a talk or a play parodying current events, local communities, or everyday life. It is always designed to be very funny and usually contains many original songs.

So, this Purim, have fun! Party! Listen to the Megillah! Give gifts!!! It's the special time of year when Jews let loose and celebrate. Chag Purim Sameach!!! A very happy Purim to you!

Rabbi Gerry L. Ginsburg

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

From a relatively quiet, if cold and snowy January and February, we will be headed into some busy but fun time over the next couple of months. We will start with Shabbat Across America Friday night service and dinner March 1. It's a great chance to do something fun and Jewish together as a community. Rabbi Gerry and Fran Ginsburg will be joining us.

Then, Wednesday evening March 20 at 6PM we will celebrate Purim with Pizza, Hamantaschen, and an abbreviated participatory Megillah reading. Costumes encouraged. We will finish early so kids can get to bed on time. The previous Sunday morning, March 17th at 9:30AM, all are invited to help make Hamantaschen together.

Put our communal first night Passover seder on your calendars for Friday, April 19th. Once again, we will have a delicious kosher for Passover meal and an engaging, family-friendly seder. Student Rabbi Yael Werber will be with us.

Based on input from students, our Wednesday evening Torah class is encompassing reading, Torah chanting, some Biblical Hebrew and discussion of important ideas in the weekly parsha. The nature of the class is such that you can join it at any time so please join us at 7PM Wednesdays.

Thanks again to our safety committee, which continues to work methodically to design and implement a security strategy for Shaaray Tefila. Our goal will be to enhance safety for all who use our building while making modifications as unobtrusive as possible.

Mark Hoffman

WEEKLY TORAH PORTION



Vayak'hel TORAH HAFTARAH	2 March Exodus 35:1-38:20 2 Kings 11:17-12:17
Pekudei TORAH HAFTARAH	9 March Exodus 38:21-40:38 1 Kings 7:51-8:21
Vayikra TORAH HAFTARAH	16 March Leviticus 1:1-5:26 1 Samuel 15:1-34
Tzav TORAH HAFTARAH	23 March Leviticus 6:1-8:36 Jeremiah 7:21-8:3, 9:22-23
Sh'mini TORAH HAFTARAH	30 March Leviticus 9:1-11:47 Ezekiel 36:16-38



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Religious school continues on *Sundays at 9:30 AM*. Please contact Mark Hoffman at: shaarayt@yahoo.com for information.

March dates are: 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31st and each start with a weekly-themed short children's service.

SYNAGOGUE NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

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



Erin Boland
March 1

Harry Goldstein
March 8

Jo-Ann Rapaport
Ezra Goldstein
March 14th

Lilyan Silverman
Erica Weill
March 15

Martin Meyer
Jacob Meredith Bush
March 17

Dolph Rotfeld
March 18

Trina Cohen
March 20

Roz Winston
March 21

Linda D. Bush
March 24

Kaye Grossman
March 29

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



Benjamin & Angela Cohen
March 2nd
16th anniversary

Dr. Allan & Judith Korot
March 21st
60th anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Naum Matzner
March 28th
47th anniversary



PURIM begins on
Wednesday evening March
20^h and we will be having a
fun party celebration
starting at 6PM!

FUND DRIVE



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



Congregation Shaaray Tefila and
Sisterhood express their deepest
condolences to the Kaplan and
Aronson families on the passing
of Irving Kaplan, husband of Rita
Aronson Kaplan, who passed away on
February 16, 2019 (Adar-I 11, 5779).

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: cstgfny@gmail.com. Thanks!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA

Shaaray Tefila will be one of hundreds of congregations across North America that will be hosting a Jewish Shabbat experience Friday evening, March 1st at 6 PM. A brief Shabbat service will be followed by Kiddush, blessings, dinner and socializing. We will prepare a choice of main course consisting of an Italian entree or fish and potato leek soup. Guests are asked to bring a meatless cold salad, beverage, or dessert. Please invite friends and family as well.

Please call Cher at 518.793.6274 for reservations and to let us know what you are bringing- or email: shaarayt@yahoo.com.

We look forward to seeing you then!

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 deposited directly into your bank account. To schedule a tax appointment for Warren & Washington County call 1-800-211-5128.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Happy, healthy March to ALL!

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



MARCH ONEGS & KIDDUSHES SPONSORED BY:

Friday, March 1: SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA.

Saturday, March 2: Kiddush sponsorship available.

Friday, March 8: The Glen. Oneg sponsorship available.

Saturday, March 9: Kiddush sponsorship available.

Friday, March 15: Oneg sponsorship available.

Saturday, March 16: Kiddush sponsorship available.

Friday, March 22: Oneg sponsorship available.


Saturday, March 23: Kiddush sponsorship available.

Friday, March 29: Oneg sponsorship available.

Saturday, March 30: Kiddush sponsored by Rosalie Rothstein in memory of her husband, Gerald Rothstein and of her son, Bruce Rothstein.

HONORABLE MENTCHEN:

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

 Dr. David Musher, Bonnie Yanklowitz, Sunny Buchman, Faye Landsman & 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 **March 4th** for delivery of **Tuesday, March 19th.**

Call 1-800-727-5674 to place an order.

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In memory of Samuel Aronson.

In memory of Mary Yunich.

From: Roz Winston



Yahrzeit Record for MARCH 2019



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

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

Lydia 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



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
Meyer Dubner
Leonard Gould
Rose Radin
Harriet Varnadore
Monday, 4/15/2019
Samuel Rodman
Clayton Wood
Tuesday, 4/16/2019
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
Cheyah Kaplan
Jacob M. Kirschner
Leonard Schwartz
Ida Seaman
Friday, 4/19/2019 Nissan 14, 5779
Samuel Goldman
Ann Meyer
Anna Weintraub
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 Friedrichs
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


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MARCH 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA With student Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg 6PM Service & Potluck Dinner	2 9:30AM Service With student Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg
3 Religious School 9:30AM	4 Kosher Order Due	5	6 ADULT ED: TORAH CLASS 7PM	7	8 ADAR II 6:30PM Service at THE GLEN	9 9:30AM Service
10  SPRING AHEAD Religious School 9:30AM	11	12	13 ADULT ED: TORAH CLASS 7PM	14	15 7PM Service with student Rabbi Yael Werber	16 9:30AM Service with student Rabbi Yael Werber
17 Religious School 9:30AM 	18	19 Kosher Delivery	20.  FAST OF ESTHER PURIM PARTY 6PM	21  BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE	22 7PM Service	23 9:30AM Service
24 Religious School 9:30AM	25	26	27 ADULT ED: TORAH CLASS 7PM	28	29 7PM Service with student Rabbi Yael Werber	30 9:30AM Service with student Rabbi Yael Werber
31 Religious School 9:30AM						