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RABBI'S MESSAGE

WEEKLY SERVICES

SATURDAY: 9:30AM

6:30PM

8:30AM

FRIDAY:

SUNDAY:

Living in God's House

At the end of Rav Yosef Soloveithchik's career he complained that while the Americans had learned the dynamics of the dialectical process of Talmud, nevertheless he felt there was something missing. What he sensed was missing was an emotional connection to the theological meaning of Jewish life. He felt that the Americans did not have a sense for the depth of faith, but were busy with the superficialities of Judaism. This sad regret makes me ask, are there things I have failed to convey during our brief years together? I want to share the thing that matters most to me. As I approach the end of my time with you, I increasingly feel the necessity of giving over the central point around which my life turns. My life is a meditation on the meaning of living in relationship to a personal God. Tehillim פה or Psalm 84, helps me find language to convey the nature of my personal connection to God.

Ashrei Yoshvei Veitekha -אשרי יושבי ביתך "Happy are those who dwell in your house O God." I have often asked as we said the אשרי prayer, where this verse now appears in our liturgy, "Are we? Are we happy here today in God's house? If not, how can we make it a happier space for ourselves and others?" I hope this question will stick with you.

מלכי ואלהי – מלכי ואלהי – מלכי

"My King and my God" – Its all about the "my." Its personal. Its relational. It is not abstract.

Libi Uvesari Yeranenu El El Chai - ליבי

ובשרי ירננו אל אל חי

"My body and soul shout out for joy to the living God!" It's even visceral. My body cries out for God. My Soul shouts with joy! There is joy. And there is a living God.

Gam Tzipur Matzah Vayit – גם ציפור מצאה בית

"Even the sparrow has found a home near your altar." The home of God is a space that draws others in. As we draw near to God, let us look at listen. Are there other creatures here as well. Some of God's creatures are even the humans sitting in seats nearby. Other creatures can be seen in the branches outside, or nesting in the trim of our shul. What about the scampering and crying for help of the little ones. Thank God they are coming near too. The small ones are at home with God. I love that drawing near to the God of life, also draws us closer to all creatures. Even the sparrow finds a home close to God.

Ki Tov Yom Bechatzreikha Me'alef – כי טוב יום בחצריך מאלף

"Better is one day in your house than thousands elsewhere." There is a fullness to the days spent with God. Why would I want to spend my days any other way? Hasidic theology calls this Arikhut Yamim, the special promise of quality of "length of days," when we follow God's ways. This is all about the *quality* of time, not the quantity. When we walk through our lives, conscious that God is near, something different is happening for us then when we walk through the days without this awareness. That difference is Arikhut Yamim, or in the language of our Psalm, "a day in your house." It is the special quality of a day spent in the presence of God.

It is so special that we hanker for it when we haven't got it. The Psalmist put it best, "I yearn, I long for the courts of God."

Ivdu Et Hashem Besimkha – עבדו את השם בשמחה

"Serve God with joy!" When we dwell in God's presence, the result is joy. Though this phrase is not in Psalm 84, I share it, since it is thematically connected and it encapsulates my hope for our community. I want people at our shul in Glens Falls, at Shaaray Tefila to remember the joy. I hope that the mornings that we davened and sang together will remind you that joy is possible. And joy is especially found in davening and in song. I want the joyful moments that we spent at Kiddush, eating and drinking, telling stories, sharing our lives, and watching our kids grow up to inspire us. Joy is possible when we are in the presence of God. Let's end the way we began. Let's start each day with joy.

Your Rabbi, Stephen Slater

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy Spring and welcome back to our snowbirds. Congratulations again to Aliya Cohen on her recent Bat Mitzvah here at Shaaray Tefila and to Leonora Kleinmann on her recent Bat Mitzvah in Israel.

Thanks also to everyone who came to our great communal Passover Seder and to all who worked hard to make everything go smoothly.

This month we will be celebrating Shavuot with a dessert and study session with Rabbi Slater on Saturday evening, May 19th. Please also come to a special a special oneg and kiddish on Rabbi Slater's last Shabbat here, May 25th and 26th.

There will also be a tree dedication in honor of Matt Rozell in Hudson Falls on May 27th.

We are working hard on engaging clergy for this coming year. More on that soon. Mark Hoffman

WEEKLY TORAH PORTION



LEVITICUS/VAYIKRA

Emor	5 May
TORAH	Leviticus 21:1-24:23
HAFTARAH	Ezekiel 44: 15-31
Behar/Bechukotai	12 May
TORAH	Leviticus 25:1-27:34
HAFTARAH	Jeremiah 16:19-17:14
Bamidbar	19 May
TORAH	Numbers 1:1-4:20
HAFTARAH	Hosea 2:1-22
Nasso	26 May
TORAH	Numbers 1:1-4:20
HAFTARAH	Judges 13:2-5

Congregation Shaaray Tefila and Sisterhood express their deepest condolences on the passing of Charles Kudan, brother of Norman Kudan and uncle of Peter & Nancy Kudan, who passed on April 8, 2018

(Nissan 23, 5778).

SYNAGOGUE NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & IMPORTANT DATES



Mark your Calendar!

The next congregational meeting will be held on: Monday, June 4th at 7PM.



Mazel Tov to Aliya Cohen and to Leonora Kleinmann who both recently became Bat Mitzvahs in April!

A note from the Kleinmann's:

So Leonora did bat mitzvah at the wall the 16th of April. Was a life changing trip for her. She also did a special Bat mitzvah tour at the Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem where you sponsor the memory of a girl the same age as Leonora who was deported from Belgium to Auschwitz and never had a chance to do bat mitzvah. Leonora loved climbing Masada at 5am to see the sunrise. She had a great time in Tel Aviv swimming in the ocean and enjoyed watching the celebrations for the 70th year of Israel existence.

The Kleinmann's



Thank you to the Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York for helping us fund another wonderful Passover Seder this year! Your support is appreciated!



ART & BOOK FAIR AT CONGREGATION SHAARAY TEFILA!

On Sunday, June 10th from 9AM-4PM during LARAC, Sisterhood is holding an art and book show and sale with a felafel booth on our front patio and a bake sale at one of the tables inside. We will also have a huge poster (sandwich sign) on the front patio listing all the artists, artisans and booksellers inside. Do you know any artists or booksellers who might be interested in taking a table at our show? Please contact Dolly Morrissey at (518) 793-1662.



A Friendly Reminder:

Please make sure if you're here for an event and are the last ones to leave the building, please check that all of the lights are turned off. Thank you.

Student Rabbi Stephen Slater's Ordination is: Sunday, June 3rd



Please join Congregation Shaaray Tefila for a special Oneg & Kiddush honoring Rabbi Stephen's time with us & all his future endeavors on: May 25th & 26th

Please contact the office or Steffi Bobbin at: Sbobbin@hebrewcollege.edu for more info if interested in attending his ordination in June.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Hadassah & Jewish Community Dairy Potluck Luncheon

Join us for a special Shavuot Potluck Luncheon being planned by the Glens Falls Chapter of Hadassah.

When: Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 12 Noon, with Speaker at 12:30 Where: Temple Beth El

Cost: Free

A special Guest Speaker from Hadassah Northern New England will speak on the Hadassah Celebration 2018: From Passion to Action – Israel @ 70 and Hadassah Medical Organization @ 100. Please bring a dairy dish and join us in celebrating Shavuot! Hadassah Members, Life Members, Hadassah Associates, Members of Temple Beth El, Congregation Shaaray Tefila, religious school children and friends of the Jewish community are invited to share in the celebration!

For additional information, contact: Ellen Katz at 518-793-3216.

Please contact Scott Schwartz at 518.792.3408 and let him know how many will attend and what food item you will bring to share (or ask what is needed).

Let us know if you need a ride or are willing to drive others.

Bring a friend and celebrate the giving of the Torah.



Tree Dedication & Marker Ceremony in honor of Matthew Rozell Sunday, May 27th at 1:00PM

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the special dedication ceremony in honor of Matthew Rozell on Sunday, May 27 at 1:00 p.m., at Juckett Park in downtown Hudson Falls. At this ceremony, the tree that our Greater Glens Falls Jewish Community purchased and the Village of Hudson Falls planted in November will be dedicated. A special marker will be installed by Loiselle Memorials prior to the dedication. A reception in Matt's honor will be held following the ceremony at Congregation Shaaray Tefila.

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

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

Cheryl Hoffman

Bonnie Yanklowitz May 3

May 2

Gladys Wurzberger

Steffi Bobbin May 5

May 8

Michael Gersten

David Schwartz

May 10

May 12

Marilyn Bazan

Susan Matzner May 17

May 14

Rick Every May 23

Gerald Goldstein Laura Fram May 20

Robin Cohen

Sunny Buchman May 27

May 28

Jason Kantrowitz May 31

Melissa Korot May 29

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

Dr. Mark & Cheryl Hoffman May 24th 37th anniversary



SISTERHOOD NEWS May 2018

Welcome back more Snowbirds! Happy, healthy spring to ALL!

Mazel Tov to Aliya Cohen on becoming a Bat Mitzvah recently. And Mazel Tov to Leonora Kleinmann on becoming a Bat Mitzvah in Israel in April. We are proud of both of you!

Our thoughts and prayers to Norman Kudan and his family on the passing of his brother, Charles (Chuck) Kudan.

The next Sisterhood meeting is rescheduled to May when Dolly returns from FL. Stay tuned for more info.

Save the Date: Saturday, May 26th for a special CST Kiddush to honor Rabbi Stephen Slater, Bethany & Anav!

Thank you to Oneg & Kiddush sponsors, all who help with set-up, clean-up, and those who volunteer in many capacities for Sisterhood.

Dolly and Bonnie. Sisterhood Co-Presidents

HONORABLE MENTCHEN:

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

Sunny Buchman, Bonnie Yanklowitz & family, Laura Fram, Roz Winston, Judy Aronson and Sisterhood.

KOSHER DELIVERY

The next order due date is May 7th for a delivery of **Tuesday**, **May 22nd**. **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!

May ONEGS & KIDDUSHES SPONSORED BY:

Friday, May 4: Oneg sponsored by Alex Frank & Stacey Mandelbaum in memory of Philp Frank.

Saturday, May 5: Kiddush sponsored by Salomon & Elaine Charhon in memory of Salomon's mother, Regina, and his sister, Sol.

Friday, May 11: The Glen. Oneg sponsorship available.

Saturday, May 12: Kiddush sponsored by Sidney Kanofsky in memory of his sister, Louise Goodman.

Friday, May 18: Oneg sponsorship available.

Saturday, May 19: Kiddush sponsored by Sid Kanofsky in memory of his wife, Shirley.

Friday, May 25: Special Oneg honoring Stephen's ordination & last Shabbat with us. Saturday, May 26: Special Kiddush honoring Rabbi Stephen's last Shabbat. Also, sponsored by the Kleinmann's in honor of Leonora's recent Bat Mitzvah in Israel.

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THESE THOUGHTFUL CONTRIBUTIONS

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In memory of Samuel Shapiro From: Ruth, Karen & Gail Shapiro

SISTERHOOD FUND

General Donations from: Laura Fram



YAHRZEIT RECORD FOR MAY 2018



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

Paul Beck
Leba Grebova
Joseph Krell
Yitzchak Orshansky
Benjamin Swirsky
Estyr Yaffee

Tuesday, 5/1/2018 Iyar 16, 5778

Samuel Grode Maurice Rosenberg

Wednesday, 5/2/2018 Iyar 17, 5778

Bessie Aronson Bruce Michael Kantrowitz Philip Schwartz Louis Silverman

Thursday, 5/3/2018 Iyar 18, 5778

Regina Charhon Selma Hafter

Friday, 5/4/2018 Iyar 19, 5778

Hattie Solomon Cohen

Philip Frank

Sophie Novak

Rose Rodman

Saturday, 5/5/2018 Iyar 20, 5778

T. David Chesler

Harry Kaplan

Abraham Koble

Bernadette Suckman

Sunday, 5/6/2018 Iyar 21, 5778

I. Alfred Alkes

Sol Goldstein

Louise Goodman

Ralph Leinoff

Emma Rosenberg

Sara Tate

Monday, 5/7/2018 Iyar 22, 5778

Jean Rosenberg

Sarah L. Suckman

Wednesday, 5/9/2018 Iyar 24, 5778

Frank Greenberg

Dr. Morris Yaffee

Morris Yaffee

Thursday, 5/10/2018 Iyar 25, 5778

Arlene Cohen

Bessie Goldberg

Morris Weiner

Friday, 5/11/2018 Iyar 26, 5778

Lillian Kopelovitz

Stanley Oppenheim

Mollie Stewart

Sunday, 5/13/2018 Iyar 28, 5778

Mordecai Ginsburg

Tuesday, 5/15/2018 Sivan 1, 5778

Allen Elliott

Mary Levin

Nathan Slawsby

Mary Snyder

Wednesday, 5/16/2018 Sivan 2, 5778

Mary V. Aronson

Joan DelSignore

Herman Kingon

Thursday, 5/17/2018 Sivan 3, 5778

Irene Vengrove

Aaron Barney Yanklowitz

Friday, 5/18/2018 Sivan 4, 5778

Harvey Segal

Saturday, 5/19/2018 Sivan 5, 5778

Agnes Klingo

Sunday, 5/20/2018 Sivan 6, 5778

Janet Berkowitz

Isadore Kaplan

Raymond Suckman

Monday, 5/21/2018 Sivan 7, 5778

Rose Goldstein

Edward Meyer

Tuesday, 5/22/2018 Sivan 8, 5778

Dorothy Buchman

Hans Cherney

Esther Cohen

Jennie Goldman

Anna Pine

Wednesday, 5/23/2018 Sivan 9, 5778

Sarah Swirsky

Trixie Wachtel

Thursday, 5/24/2018 Sivan 10, 5778

Yvette Benson

Friday, 5/25/2018 Sivan 11, 5778

Harry Cohen

Shirley Kanofsky

Abraham Lucks

Martin Spar

Saturday, 5/26/2018 Sivan 12, 5778

Ethel Gould

Sunday, 5/27/2018 Sivan 13, 5778

Margaret Aronson

Leonard Handen

Monday, 5/28/2018 Sivan 14, 5778

Jav Rutstein

Rose Zweibelson

Tuesday, 5/29/2018 Sivan 15, 5778

Harry Brezner

Arline Hochman

Hyman Yanklowitz

Wednesday, 5/30/2018 Sivan 16, 5778

Joseph Levy

Stanley Robinson

Thursday, 5/31/2018 Sivan 17, 5778



YAHRZEIT RECORD FOR JUNE 2018



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

Friday, 6/1/2018 Sivan 18, 5778

Charles Kasper

Dorothy Kopelovitz

Isadore Levine

Saturday, 6/2/2018 Sivan 19, 5778

Irving Abels

Sunday, 6/3/2018 Sivan 20, 5778

Harry Berkowitz

Louis Berkowitz

Bernard Diskin

Anna Shubert

Monday, 6/4/2018 Sivan 21, 5778

Gerald Rothstein

Irving Vengrove

Tuesday, 6/5/2018 Sivan 22, 5778

Mildred Berg

Wednesday, 6/6/2018 Sivan 23, 5778

Jennie Dorfman

Celia Dube

Albert Shubert

Thursday, 6/7/2018 Sivan 24, 5778

Frances Sagan

Helen Silverstein

Friday, 6/8/2018 Sivan 25, 5778

Ruth Etta Brender

Elvira Rita Capone

Lena Every

Saturday, 6/9/2018 Sivan 26, 5778

Theresa Greenberg

Sunday, 6/10/2018 Sivan 27, 5778

Abram Corton

Ruth Dominick

Joseph Spiegel

Monday, 6/11/2018 Sivan 28, 5778

Martha Friedman Schiffman

Tuesday, 6/12/2018 Sivan 29, 5778

George Day

Alfred Frost

Sender Goldstein

Marjorie Robinson

Charles Tate

Wednesday, 6/13/2018 Sivan 30, 5778

Jill Shannon

Ruth Gendon

Friday, 6/15/2018 Tammuz 2, 5778

Rose Kaplan

Irving Levin

Fannie Poretz

Saturday, 6/16/2018 Tammuz 3, 5778

Isidore Ashendorff

Mary Ryen

Sunday, 6/17/2018 Tammuz 4, 5778

Robert Cahn

Judy Drazin

Monday, 6/18/2018 Tammuz 5, 5778

Albert Berkowitz

Roehe Ginsburg

Tuesday, 6/19/2018 Tammuz 6, 5778

Jack Friedman

Morris Mandwelle

Bernard Radin

Wednesday, 6/20/2018 Tammuz 7, 5778

Nathanial Isaacman

Thursday, 6/21/2018 Tammuz 8, 5778

Murry Dubner

Pearl Kitmacher

Berta Rotfeld

Friday, 6/22/2018 Tammuz 9, 5778

Lisa DeLong

Milton Rosenberg

Saturday, 6/23/2018 Tammuz 10, 5778

Rose Grossman

Arnold Mandwelle

Henrietta Oppenheim

Joseph Rosenthal

Sunday, 6/24/2018 Tammuz 11, 5778

Barbara Slater

Monday, 6/25/2018 Tammuz 12, 5778

M. Louis Paltrowitz

Myer Snyder

Tuesday, 6/26/2018 Tammuz 13, 5778

Paul Buchman

Zelda Kanoff

Wednesday, 6/27/2018 Tammuz 14, 5778

Max Hoffman

Goldye Beck

Anne Brandon

Celia Goldstein

Lena Luria

Friday, 6/29/2018 Tammuz 16, 5778

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MAY 2018

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6 9AM Learning & Discussion Service 9:30AM Religious School	7 Kosher Order Due	8	9 Beginning & Intermediate Hebrew Class 7 & 8 PM	10	11 6:30 PM Service at The Glen	9:30 AM Service
Mother's Day 9AM Learning & Discussion Service Religious School 9:30AM Yom Yerushalayim	14	15 SIVAN Rosh Chodesh Bulletin Due Date	16 Beginning & Intermediate Hebrew Class 7 & 8 PM	17	18 STUDENT RABBI STEPHEN 6:30 PM Service	19 STUDENT RABBI STEPHEN 9:30 AM Service Erev Shavuot 7PM Dessert, Study Session & Havdallah
20 STUDENT RABBI STEPHEN 9:30AM Service Shavuot 1	21 Office Closed 9:30AM Service 10:30AM Yizkor Shavuot 2	22 Kosher Delivery	23 Beginning & Intermediate Hebrew Class 7 & 8 PM	24	25 STUDENT RABBI STEPHEN 6:30PM Service Oneg~ Celebration for the Slaters	26 STUDENT RABBI STEPHEN 9:30AM Service Special Kiddush Celebration
27 8:30AM Service Dedication Ceremony for Matt Rozell at Village Park, Hudson Falls 1PM	28 Office Closed Memorial Day	29	30	31		