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NOVEMBER 2018

CHESHVAN-KISLEV
5779

RABBI'S REPORT

The High Holydays and even the festival of Sukkot are behind us. The gentle summer has given way to a cool fall, and we are heading to....

The signs are in the air; in fact they are already here. Our snowbirds are already in Florida, and we wish them a great stay there, but we are counting the days until their return! We do miss you!

We are now in the period stretching from MarCheshvan through the start of Kislev. There are no Jewish Holidays, no special observances until the end of Kislev. We have truly reached the period of the Jewish year when we just set out for regular work and worship. For the next several weeks we continue the readings from Genesis and learn the development of our people from Abraham until we get to Moses.

But there is one observance before then, one most of us might not notice – Rosh Chodesh Kislev (the new month of Kislev) which occurs on the English calendar on November 8 and 9. What is Rosh Chodesh and why is it so special?

Rosh Chodesh, which literally means the Head of the Month, is observed as a small Jewish holiday each and every month. In services on Rosh Chodesh we add the celebratory prayers of most of the Hallel. We also add to the Amidah Ya-Aleh v-y'voh, that our prayers should ascend on high and be heard by God. There is also a special Torah reading on Rosh Chodesh regarding sacrifices made in the days of the Temples.

Some months Rosh Chodesh is observed for one day -- others two days. If the coming month is 30 days long, then the 30th day of the preceding month is treated as part of the Rosh Chodesh for the next month, and the Rosh Chodesh for that next month extends for two days (the 30th of the earlier month and the 1st of the later month). The coming month of Kislev is 30 days long; so two days.

But outside of the prayers offered at the beginning of the new month, there is something very special about each and every Rosh Chodesh (except Tishrei when we all celebrate Rosh HaShannah). The semi-holiday is set aside as a special day for women, for them to gather and discuss Judaism, self-growth and other especially meaningful topics.

Why did this day get to be a women's holiday? It is explained in a midrash (a story based upon the Bible) regarding the Sin of the Golden Calf. To build the statue, gold was needed. One might think that the gold would come from women. But in this case, it wasn't. They refused to give gold to their husbands for the statue, and they had to gather it from other sources. Because women did not participate in the Sin of the Golden Calf, they were rewarded with their own monthly holiday.

Rosh Chodesh comes as the first sliver of a moon is seen. In Jewish tradition women and the moon are frequently compared. For instance, commentators have pointed out that as the moon goes through monthly cycles, as do women. In Jewish mysticism, the Zohar likens the moon to the Shechinah, the Divine Presence, which is considered the feminine aspect of God.

In recent years, in addition to discussion groups, Rosh Chodesh has been a time when the Women of the Wall recite prayers at the Western Wall (Kotel) including a Torah reading. It is a multidenominational feminist organization, based in Israel, whose goal is to secure the rights of women to equally pray at the Kotel.

Rabbi Akiva, one of our greatest sages who lived in the first century, taught that one could not explain creation to a group of people because those people might be tempted to consider the sun and moon as gods, not the One who made them. That was how great early civilizations considered the heavenly spheres.

When Rosh Chodesh comes each month, we all should think about its meaning for us. Especially now, in the late fall and winter when darkness comes earlier and earlier, we need that light from the moon to guide us. How do we each relate to the moon and its cycles? What daily inspiration do we get from the sun and moon, and all of God's creations?

Chodesh tov! (A good month!) Gerry L. Ginsburg



Meet our other student Rabbi Yael Werber:

Yael is in her second year at Hebrew College Rabbinical School. She is currently living in Brighton, MA with her dog,

Ebbie, but considers her primary home the beautiful state of Vermont. Yael is an avid reader and swimmer, and enjoys walking in the woods any season of the year. Yael has also written a children's book, called *Spring For Sophie*, which was published in February 2017. Yael is excited to be a part of Shaaray Tefila, and is really looking forward to getting to know and connect with everyone over the course of the year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank you to all who made Yom Kippur pledges and donations. Your financial support helps us be that lively and vigorous Jewish community that means so much to all of us.

Please join us in celebrating the adult bat mitzvah of Anna Johnson on Saturday morning November 3. Also, save the date for our Chanukah party with food, latkes and candle lighting Saturday evening December 8.

It's not too late for your child to join us for Sunday morning religious school. Our individualized Hebrew instruction method allows us to teach at whatever level he/she is ready for while taking advantage of our Judaic group activities as well. Also, contact myself or Nicole in the office if you are interested in learning Hebrew as an adult.

Let me once again express my condolences to the Kudan family on the loss of their beloved Norm. We will miss him but can honor his memory by being active participants in Jewish life here in Glens Falls and particularly at Shaaray Tefila.

Mark Hoffman

WEEKLY TORAH PORTION



Chayei Sarah 3 November TORAH Genesis 23:1-25:18 HAFTARAH I Kings 1:1-31

Toldot 10 November TORAH Genesis 25:19-28:9 HAFTARAH Malachi1:1-2:7

..... Vayetze 17 November TORAH Genesis 32:3-36:43 HAFTARAH Hosea 12:12-14:10

...... Vavishlach 24 November TORAH Genesis 32:3-36:43 HAFTARAH Hosea 11:7-12:12, Obadiah 1:1-21

Congregation Shaaray Tefila Sisterhood express their deepest condolences on the passing of Norman Kudan, father of Peter (Nancy) Kudan and of Ronni Shelli., who passed away peacefully on September 29th (Tishrei 20, 5779).

> Congregation Shaaray Tefila and Sisterhood express their deepest condolences on the passing of Temple Beth El member, Jane W. Reisman, wife of Richard and mother of Alyssa and Michael, who passed on

September 30th (Tishrei 21, 5779).

Correction from earlier this year: Congregation Shaaray Tefila and Sisterhood express their deepest condolences on the passing of Mel Falb, spouse of the late Mickey, who passed on May 18th (Sivan 4, 5778). Mel & Micky used to be members who lived out of



state.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: NOVEMBER 2018

Religious School continues Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM starting with a short children's service. Please contact Mark Hoffman at shaarayt@vahoo.com or the office for more info or any questions. The schedule for the remainder of the calendar vear is as follows:

November 4th November 18th December 2nd December 9th December 16th

Tuition is free for members and \$50 per semester for non-members.

> SYNAGOGUE NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & **IMPORTANT DATES**

Welcomel To our newest members: Anna Johnson **Roslyn Winston**

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



November 3 Sarah Bush November 6 Hilda Schwartz

November 12 Barbara Frenyea

November 14 **Claire Kantrowitz** November 18 **Sharon Aronson**

November 19 **Emily Korot**

November 25 Lukhas La Rock Lewis Spar



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

Arnold & Diane Alkes
November 3

Jeffrey & Patti Schwartz November 13

Michael & Jo-Ann Rapaport November 15

We welcome member articles and news to our monthly



our monthly newsletter/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 new due date for submissions is the third Thursday of each month. Please submit your article in an e-mail message or attachment to cstgfny@gmail.com. Thank you!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Women's Philanthropy 6th Annual North Country Community-Wide Event

A True Story of Might, Miracles and Triumph of the Human Spirit

with Roslyn Franken

Thursday, November 8, 2018

6:45 PM

National Museum of Dance,

Saratoga Springs

Wine, Hors d'oeuvres & Dessert

\$25 per person, prepaid

\$18 per child (12-21)

\$30 at the door

www.jewishfedny.org/events/wpnorthcountryevent2018



The Caring Community of Glens Falls

"The Caring Community of Glens Falls," is under the auspices of Congregation Shaaray Tefila and Temple Beth El. If you would like to join the group or if you would welcome a Visit from a volunteer, please call Ellen Katz, Chairperson at 516.220.1924 or the Temple office 518.792.4364.

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SISTERHOOD NEWS NOVEMBER 2018

Our thoughts and prayers in loving memory of Norm Kudan to the Kudan families, the Shelley family and to many other relatives and friends. Norm was very special to Sisterhood through the years. He and Sylvia were strong supporters and volunteers. Norm will be deeply missed.

We wish many congregants and friends continued healing prayers. Best wishes to all for a healthy end-of-fall season.

We thank members and friends for continued donation of time, energy and assistance with Onegs, Kiddushes, Mourner's Meals and programs.

<u>Dues (payment) extension:</u> Sisterhood dues will be due by November 15th. Several members have paid their 2018-19 dues. Thank you.

More snowbirds will be departing soon for warmer climate. Safe travels and have a healthy, pleasant late fall season.

Thank you for sponsoring and supporting your Sisterhood.

Sincerely,

Dolly and Bonnie



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!

NOVEMBER ONEGS & KIDDUSHES SPONSORED BY:

<u>Friday, November 2:</u> Oneg sponsorship available.

Saturday, November 3: Kiddush sponsored by Dr. Mark & Cher Hoffman in honor of Anna Johnson's bat mitzvah.

Friday, November 9: The Glen. Oneg sponsorship available.

Saturday, November 10: Kiddush sponsored by Judy Aronson in memory of Art Aronson.

<u>Friday, November 16:</u> Oneg sponsorship available.

<u>Saturday, November 17</u>: Kiddush sponsored by Judy Aronson in memory of Jerry Brown. <u>Friday, November 23:</u> Oneg sponsorship

Saturday, November 24: Kiddush sponsorship available.

available.

Friday, November 30: Oneg sponsorship available.

HONORABLE MENTCHEN:

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

Hilda Schwartz, Roslyn Winston, Bonnie Yanklowitz, Dr. Barney Aaron Yanklowitz, Dolly Morrissey, Barbara Levenson-Weiskopf, Sunny Buchman, Francine Torra and Sisterhood.

KOSHER DELIVERY

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In loving memory of Joan Shapiro. From: Ruth, Karen & Gail Shapiro

Donation to the Congregation for all the honors given at Shabbos visits:
From: Dolph Rotfeld

General Donation From: Judith Fisher

In memory of Mary Cohen. From: Hugh Straus

In memory of Joseph Cohen. From: Leone Straus

SISTERHOOD FUND

In honor of Sisterhood for all the good they do for the congregation.

From: Ben & Sharon Aronson

Barbara Rapaport

In honor of Hilda Schwartz's 90th birthday.
From: Claire Kantrowitz
Meryl Bernstein
Marsha Robinson
Barbara Ziff
Phyllis Keller

TORAH REPAIR FUND

In memory of Norman Kudan. From: Charna & Joel Yellen

MR/MRS SAMUEL ARONSON EDUCATION FUND

In memory of Norman Kudan. From: Sunny Buchman



YAHRZEIT RECORD FOR NOVEMBER 2018



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

Mary Mark Cohen Charles Searleman

Friday, 11/2/2018 Heshvan 24, 5779

Ada Abt Shirley Luria Ruth Motove

Myrna Sproul Sunday, 11/4/2018 Heshvan 26, 5779

> Betty Reaves Beeson Peshe Borlawsky

Joan Elsner

Monday, 11/5/2018 Heshvan 27, 5779

Lillian Leinoff

Tuesday, 11/6/2018 Heshvan 28, 5779

Charles Shapiro
Rose Trop

Florence Wechsler

Wednesday, 11/7/2018 Heshvan 29, 5779

Jack Verdrager

Thursday, 11/8/2018 Heshvan 30, 5779

Arthur Aronson

Friday, 11/9/2018 Kislev 1, 5779

Herman Feigenbaum

David Grossman

Saturday, 11/10/2018 Kislev 2, 5779

David Diskin

Benjamin Goldman

Joan Shapiro

Sunday, 11/11/2018 Kisley 3, 5779

Jacob Bakst

Edward Davis

Rose Goldstein

Judah Jacobs

Simon Semelisky

Monday, 11/12/2018 Kisley 4, 5779

Melvin Bittman

Gerald (Jerry) Brown

Barton Cohen

Margarethe Neuhaus

Tuesday, 11/13/2018 Kisley 5, 5779

Thomas Michael Chary

Barney Snyder

Wednesday, 11/14/2018 Kislev 6, 5779

Berte Bisher

Louis Bobbin

Thelma Kaplan

Thursday, 11/15/2018 Kisley 7, 5779

Alvin Yanko

Ida Gould

Arthur Tunick

Morris Verdrager

Friday, 11/16/2018 Kisley 8, 5779

Harry Goldman

Saturday, 11/17/2018 Kisley 9, 5779

Dorothy Robitaille

Sunday, 11/18/2018 Kislev 10, 5779

Joseph Cohen

Monday, 11/19/2018 Kislev 11, 5779

Gertrude Abrams Highton

Dr. Leon Levin

Tuesday, 11/20/2018 Kislev 12, 5779

Shirley Segan

Wednesday, 11/21/2018 Kisley 13, 5779

Lvdia Adler

Thursday, 11/22/2018 Kisley 14, 5779

Quay Harris Beeson

Cheyeh Berkowitz

Samuel Raych

Sam Swirsky

Rae Witepsky

Friday, 11/23/2018 Kislev 15, 5779

David Ryen

Saturday, 11/24/2018 Kislev 16, 5779

Nathan Henry Kudan

Howard Silverman

Sunday, 11/25/2018 Kisley 17, 5779

Julia Gersten

Susan Seaman

Tuesday, 11/27/2018 Kislev 19, 5779

Orel Friedman

Morris Isaacson

Florence Kanter

Arnold Klein

Herman Silverman

Wednesday, 11/28/2018 Kislev 20, 5779

Abram Chernets

Helen Diskin

Lilia Muller

Nancy Polonsky

Chayim Silverman

Thursday, 11/29/2018 Kisley 21, 5779

Milton Aronson

Dr. Joel Grossman

Lila Myers

Friday, 11/30/2018 Kisley 22, 5779

YAHRZEIT RECORD FOR DECEMBER 2018



"The Memory of the Righteous is for a Blessing"

Please note: Yahrzeit date is listed after the name(s) of the deceased.

Jovce Marie Bennett

Fredrick M. Berg

Betty Goldman

Joan Grossman

Juan Grossman

Gregory Raynor

Gertrude Swirsky

Saturday, 12/1/2018 Kisley 23, 5779

Herman Aronson

Ben Berman

Fannie Goldstein

Jacob Goldstein

Sigmund Weiss

Sunday, 12/2/2018 Kislev 24, 5779

Arnold Russ

Monday, 12/3/2018 Kislev 25, 5779

Sidney Rosen Rebecca Rosenberg Marlene Tate Tuesday, 12/4/2018 Kisley 26, 5779 **Betty Drexler** Wednesday, 12/5/2018 Kisley 27, 5779 **Marvin Cohen** Florence Kingon **Ethel Goldie Levitt Louis Myers** Loretta Perrotti Michelle Seaman Thursday, 12/6/2018 Kisley 28, 5779 **Henry Feinberg Eva Seaman Harry Weiss Martha Weiss** Friday, 12/7/2018 Kisley 29, 5779 **Danny Fisher** Saturday, 12/8/2018 Kisley 30, 5779 Mary Klein Sunday, 12/9/2018 Tevet 1, 5779 **Bonnie Chrzanowski Anna Weiss** Tuesday, 12/11/2018 Tevet 3, 5779 **Mildred Korot** Sandra Suckman Joseph Yaffee Wednesday, 12/12/2018 Tevet 4, 5779 **Elizabeth Gersten** Rebecca Verdrager Thursday, 12/13/2018 Tevet 5, 5779 **Leonard Every** Friday, 12/14/2018 Tevet 6, 5779 **Alfred Einstein Burton Kantrowitz Judith Smul** Saturday, 12/15/2018 Tevet 7, 5779 **Hyman Gould Jack Mandwelle Eva Rote-Rosen Dvorah Silverman** Rabbi Richard Sobel Anna Zweibelson Monday, 12/17/2018 Tevet 9, 5779 Yetta Bakst **Bert Ferber Gertrude Gersten**

Ben Aronson

Ben Goldberg Tuesday, 12/18/2018 Tevet 10, 5779 **Louis Lazarus Elayne Suckman** Wednesday, 12/19/2018 Tevet 11, 5779 **Marion Gellman** Thursday, 12/20/2018 Tevet 12, 5779 **Seymour Bobbin Irene Daley Einstein Elinore Greene Mary Mandel Morris Solomon** Friday, 12/21/2018 Tevet 13, 5779 **Chana Landsman** Saturday, 12/22/2018 Tevet 14, 5779 **Samuel Jacobs Emanuel Juris Robert Morrissey Victor Silverman** Sunday, 12/23/2018 Tevet 15, 5779 **Marion Ullman** Monday, 12/24/2018 Tevet 16, 5779 **Rachel Cohen Dr. Samuel Kanter** Tuesday, 12/25/2018 Tevet 17, 5779 **Benjamin Fram** Harry Green Wednesday, 12/26/2018 Tevet 18, 5779 **Evelyn Ochsner Isidor Oppenheim** Regina Strobel Weill Thursday, 12/27/2018 Tevet 19, 5779 **Morris Alkes** A. Morris Aronson **Henry Elkis** Friday, 12/28/2018 Tevet 20, 5779 **Albert Charhon** A. Henry Elkes **Jules Perlman Barnet Shapiro Moses Silverman** Saturday, 12/29/2018 Tevet 21, 5779 Penny A. Grossman **Chavim Seaman Boruch Silverman** Sunday, 12/30/2018 Tevet 22, 5779 **Bessie Cohen** Monday, 12/31/2018 Tevet 23, 5779



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NOVEMBER 2018

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Odriday	Worlday	rucsuay	Wednesday	1	7PM Service with Student Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg	9:30 AM Service with Student Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg Anna Johnson Bat Mitzvah.
4 Daylight Savings Fall back 9:30AM Religious School	5 Kosher order Due	6	7	8	9 KISLEV 6:30 PM Service at The Glen	9:30 AM Service
11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14	15 BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS DUE	7PM Service with Student Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg	17 9:30 AM Service with Student Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg
18 9:30AM Religious School	19	20 Kosher Delivery	21	OFFICE CLOSED	7PM Service	9:30AM Service
25	26	27	28	29	7PM Service with Student Rabbi Yael Werber	