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PRESIDENT MARK HOFFMAN

I would like to express my condolences to the Hyman and Lankford families on the passing of our dear congregant, Gerry Hyman. Gerry joined us for services and events for several years after moving to our area from out west to be with her family. I had the pleasure of visiting her at her daughter Susan's home over the past year. Although she was less mentally sharp than in the past, her sweet personality and love of Judaism was clearly evident. And she had no trouble remembering how to sing some of our standard Shabbat prayers.

As I write this message ahead of Katie's newsletter deadline, I look forward to Rabbi Ellie Shemtov's Shabbat with us at Shaaray Tefila October 24, with special discussion session after kiddish on the theme of addiction. As most of you know, Shaaray Tefila has become largely a lay lead congregation in recent years. We are experimenting with new approaches to integrating a rabbinic presence into our congregation and have been receiving positive feedback. I am excited to be sharing this experience with our synagogue family.

We also look forward to our special Kabbalat Shabbat services and potluck dinner at congregants' homes, with recent focus on the Washington County/Southwestern Vermont area. This is a great opportunity to experience Shabbat with both old and new friends in an informal setting. Please check announcements for an update on our next time and date, which is anticipated to be in early to mid-November.

Our Yom Kippur Appeal has been progressing toward our goal of $32,500. However, we are still about $8,000 short. Please make your commitment or add to your commitment now as our budget depends on reaching this figure in order for us to remain solvent. As I have stressed previously, Shaaray Tefila does not sell Judaism like a commodity. In order for our community to keep Jewish life vibrant in our region, we depend on your donations.

Cher and I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving.

Mark

SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT ELLEN KATZ

Shalom from your friends in the North Country.

Fall in the Adirondacks is so incredibly beautiful. The vibrant colors, the cooler weather and the festive feeling in the air all add to the gift of living in upstate New York. It's like living in an autumnal painting! We appreciate the relaxing month of Cheshvan and look forward to the joy of Chanukah, which arrives every year on the 25th of Kislev. People often remark that Chanukah is so early this year or so late this year, but it always falls right on time, on the same date on our Jewish calendar, the 25th of Kislev. A favorite fall holiday of mine is Thanksgiving, an American holiday that has its roots in Judaism. One year in 2013, Chanukah actually fell on Thanksgiving! It will happen again in November 2070.

Thanksgiving shares deep biblical and cultural ties with Jewish traditions, going back to the early Pilgrims and Puritans. Early Puritans fleeing England viewed their

journey through the lens of the biblical Exodus. They likened England to Egypt, the King to Pharaoh, the Atlantic Ocean to the Red Sea and themselves to the Israelites entering a new Promised Land. Many Puritans adopted Hebrew names and there were even historical proposals to make Hebrew the official language of the colonies. Before sailing to North America, the Puritans spent about a decade living in Holland, where they encountered and lived next to Sephardic Jewish communities who had fled the Spanish Inquisition. Many historians note that the Pilgrims modeled their fall harvest celebration after the Jewish festival of Sukkot (the Feast of Tabernacles), which also celebrates agricultural bounty and dwelling in temporary shelters after wandering in the wilderness. Governor William Bradford is noted for drawing heavily on biblical texts like Psalm 107 during early thanksgiving observances. Later advocates like Sarah Josepha Hale, who campaigned to make Thanksgiving a national holiday, compared the American feast to Shavuot (Pentecost or the Festival of First-Fruits), when ancient Israelites brought *Bikkurim* (first fruits) to the Temple in gratitude. American Jews have celebrated Thanksgiving since George Washington's first national proclamation in 1789, with Manhattan's historic Congregation Shearith Israel holding special services blending secular civic gratitude with *tzedakah* (charity) and family blessings. We are indeed very thankful for all our many blessings, especially the blessing of our health, safety and our Jewish community.

We welcome both members and non-members to join us in our weekly Shabbat services to study Torah, sing our prayers and enjoy the company of the people in our Congregation. In addition to studying the chapter of the week, we have lively discussions about how the lessons of the Torah are relevant to our lives today. Please consider coming at least once a month to help make the minyan. In addition to the spiritual benefits, you can enjoy a delicious lunch (Kiddush), meet new friends, reconnect with old ones and share stories (shmooze). We celebrate birthdays and anniversaries each month with a special cake baked by our own Master Baker, Joe Hoffman. Please share your simcha with us during your special month and consider sponsoring a Kiddush for the occasion. If you would like to sponsor a Kiddush, there are different selections of meals of affordable cost and size. Many thanks to the October sponsors who helped to make our Shabbat services even more special: Nancy & Peter Kudan, Ronni Shelley, JC Patrick, Sisterhood, Sunny Buchman, Barbara & Barry Ziff and an anonymous donor.

Special November birthday and anniversary wishes to all celebrating.

Thank you again for your donations to Sisterhood, which are always appreciated. Thank you for volunteering your time and donating extra food and beverages. We also want to thank the volunteers (you all know who you are) who always provide tremendous assistance to Sisterhood and the Synagogue by helping with all the Onegs, Kiddushim, Holiday Meals and Mourner's Meals. A special thank you to Joe Hoffman, who prepares our delicious Shabbat Kiddushim and fabulous baked goods.

Please shop at our gift shop for your various gift-giving or holiday needs. We have many lovely pieces of Judaica jewelry and holiday items for sale. We also sell special holiday greeting cards, created by our Resident Artist Bill Brender. Contact Bonnie Yanklowitz at 518-222-5624 with any questions. Gift certificates for the gift shop or for Sisterhood Membership are available in the office.

Please keep our members, friends & families in your prayers. We pray for Safety, Peace, Strength and Good Health! We send healing thoughts and prayers to synagogue and temple members and friends. Refuah Shelaima, Get Well/Heal Quickly! We pray for the safety and

security of our Israeli brothers and sisters. We pray for permanent peace for our beloved State of Israel.

Stay safe and healthy!

Shalom!

Ellen Katz, Sisterhood President

WEEKLY TORAH PORTIONS

Torah Reading: Chayei Sara
November 6: Light Candles at 4:22 PM
November 7: Shabbat Ends at 5:23 PM
Torah Portion: Genesis 23:1-25:18
Haftarah: I Kings 1:1-31

Torah Reading: Toldot
November 13: Light Candles at 4:14 PM
November 14: Shabbat Ends at 5:16 PM
Torah Portion: Genesis 25:19-28:9
Haftarah: Malachi 1:1-2:7

Torah Reading: Vayetzei
November 20: Light Candles at 4:08 PM
November 21: Shabbat Ends at 5:11 PM
Torah Portion: Genesis 28:10-32:3
Haftarah: Hosea 12:13-14:10

Torah Reading: Vayishlach
November 27: Light Candles at 4:04 PM
November 28: Shabbat Ends at 5:08 PM
Torah Portion: Genesis 32:4-36:43
Haftarah: Obadiah 1:1-21

HONORABLE MENTCHEN

Thank you to all who recently sponsored an Oneg or Kiddush or holiday in October.

Nancy & Peter Kudan and Ronni Shelley in memory of Norman Kudan

JC Patrick in memory of Bea Berkowitz

Sisterhood in honor of October birthdays and anniversaries

Sunny Buchman and Barbara & Barry Ziff in memory of their mother Clara Aronson and sister Miriam Hirsch

Sponsored anonymously in memory of survivors and victims of the Holocaust

If you would like to sponsor an Oneg or Kiddush, please contact Katie in the office.

UPCOMING NOVEMBER KIDDUSHES:

November 7:
Sponsored by Roslyn Winston
In memory of Moe Schwartz & Abe Schwartz

November 14:
Sponsored by Laura & Elizabeth Fram
In memory of Aaron Feuerstein

November 21:
Sponsored by Sisterhood
In honor of November birthdays and anniversaries

November 28:
Sponsorship available

CONDOLENCES:

"Baruch Dayan HaEmet" (Blessed is the Judge of Truth) is traditionally what we say when we learn of someone's death.

Congregation Shaaray Tefila and Sisterhood extend deepest sympathy on the passing of Gerry Hyman to all her family and friends.

May the Source of Healing comfort the bereaved, together with the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem, and all who mourn.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Susan & Stephen Goldstein
November 7 * 34th anniversary

Jeffrey & Patti Schwartz
November 13 * 43rd anniversary

Jo-Ann & Michael Rapaport
November 15 * 34th anniversary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 2
Rhona Levine
Barry Grubert

November 3
Sarah Bush
Mary Kuntz

November 5
Amy Gottesman

November 7
Tara Blau
Andrew Frenyea

November 11
Aaron Bush

November 12
Barbara Frenyea

November 17
Avvi Shabat
Robert Tompkins

November 19
Emily Korot
Bruce Katz

November 25
Lewis Spar

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

General Fund:

In memory of Moe Schwartz
Roslyn Winston

Sisterhood Fund:

In memory of Doris Burgoyne
Laura & Elizabeth Fram

In appreciation of Netzach Schuman
Laura & Elizabeth Fram

In memory of Dakota Dow
Laura & Elizabeth Fram

Yom Kippur Appeal:

General Donations
Linda & Steve Bush

In Memory of the Aronson (Abraham, Selina, Milton, Rose, Benjamin, Edward and Karen) & Goldman (Jennie, Samuel, Betty, Estelle, Harry and Ruth) Families
Gloria Pickett Aronson Pratt

MAZEL TOV TO . . .

Amy Gottesman on her 55th birthday!
Tara Blau on her 75th birthday!
Barbara Frenyea on her 75th birthday!
Lewis Spar on his 93rd birthday!

YAHRZEITS – NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday, 11/01/2026 * Heshvan 21, 5787
Paul (PK) Kohn
Margaret Modell
Esther Saidel
Morris Schwartz

Monday, 11/02/2026 * Heshvan 22, 5787
Ada Abt
Sylvia Grubert
Lester Sagan
Anna Swirsky

Wednesday, 11/04/2026 * Heshvan 24, 5787
Mary Cohen
Anna Lavine
Felice Levine
Harry Levine
Charles Searleman
Rose Stichman

Thursday, 11/05/2026 * Heshvan 25, 5787
Clara Rudnick

Friday, 11/06/2026 * Heshvan 26, 5787
Bessie Borlawsky
Shirley Luria
Ruth Motove
Myrna Sproul

Saturday, 11/07/2026 * Heshvan 27, 5787
Peshe Borlawsky
Joan Elsner
Jacob Mintzer
Newman Spector
Lewis Stone

Monday, 11/09/2026 * Heshvan 28, 5787
Lillian Leinoff

Tuesday, 11/10/2026 * Heshvan 29, 5787
Charles Shapiro
Rose Trop
Florence Wechsler

Wednesday, 11/11/2026 * Kislev 1, 5787
Arthur Aronson
Jack Verdrager

Thursday, 11/12/2026 * Kislev 2, 5787
Betty Beeson
Herman Feigenbaum
David Grossman
Charles Swyer

Friday, 11/13/2026 * Kislev 3, 5787
Nathan Braverman
David Diskin
Benjamin Goldman
Joan (Shapiro) Pearlman

Saturday, 11/14/2026 * Kislev 4, 5787
Jacob Bakst
Edward Davis
Rose Goldstein
Judah Jacobs
Simon Semelisky

Sunday, 11/15/2026 * Kislev 5, 5787
Melvin (Mel) Bittman
Gerald (Jerry) Brown
Barton Cohen
Margarethe Neuhaus

Monday, 11/16/2026 * Kislev 6, 5787
Quay Beeson
Thomas Chary
Barney Snyder
Jack Weinstein

Tuesday, 11/17/2026 * Kislev 7, 5787
Berte (Yunich) Bisher
Louis Bobbin
Thelma Kaplan
Leonore Lebowitz
Harry Svedgal

Wednesday, 11/18/2026 * Kislev 8, 5787
Ida Gould
Marie Schwartz
Arthur Tunick
Morris Verdrager
Alvin (Al Yanklowitz) Yanko

Thursday, 11/19/2026 * Kislev 9, 5787
Barry Aronson
Harry Goldman
Louis Jacobs

Friday, 11/20/2026 * Kislev 10, 5787
Dorothy Robitaille

Saturday, 11/21/2026 * Kislev 11, 5787
Joseph Cohen
Eva Shapera
Diana Sandra Sussman Yanklowitz

Sunday, 11/22/2026 * Kislev 12, 5787
Gertrude (Abrams) Highton
Leon Levin

Monday, 11/23/2026 * Kislev 13, 5787
Shirley Segan

Tuesday, 11/24/2026 * Kislev 14, 5787
Lydia Adler
Edith Katz

Wednesday, 11/25/2026 * Kislev 15, 5787
Cheyeh Berkowitz
Ida Berkowitz
Samuel Raych
Hilda Sidur
Samuel Swirsky
Rae Witepsky

Thursday, 11/26/2026 * Kislev 16, 5787
David Ryen

Friday, 11/27/2026 * Kislev 17, 5787
Nathan Kudan
Howard Silverman

Saturday, 11/28/2026 * Kislev 18, 5787
Oscar Horowich
Meryl Kline

Sunday, 11/29/2026 * Kislev 19, 5787
Sadye Brown
Julia Gersten
Susan Seaman

Monday, 11/30/2026 * Kislev 20, 5787
Samuel Breslaw
Dr. Orel Friedman
Morris Isaacson
Florence Kanter
Arnold Klein
Herman Silverman

If you have an upcoming Yahrzeit and need a minyan, please let us know!

Yahrzeits – December 2026

Tuesday, 12/01/2026 * Kislev 21, 5786
Abram Chernets
Helen Diskin
Lilia (Lily) Muller
Nancy Polonsky
Chayim Silverman

Wednesday, 12/02/2026 * Kislev 22, 5786
Milton Aronson
Joel Grossman
Lila Myers

Thursday, 12/03/2026 * Kislev 23, 5786
Joyce Bennett
Fredrick Berg
Joseph Berkowitz
Betty Goldman

Joan Grossman
Michael (Mike) Klein
Gregory Raynor
Gertrude Swirsky

Friday, 12/04/2026 * Kislev 24, 5786
Herman Aronson
Benjamin Berman
Fannie Goldstein
Jacob Goldstein
Sigmund Weiss

Saturday, 12/05/2026 * Kislev 25, 5786
Arnold Russ
Katie Yanks

Sunday, 12/06/2024 * Kislev 26, 5786
Ben Aronson
Mark Hafter
Sidney Rosen
Rebecca Rosenberg
Marlene Tate

Monday, 12/07/2026 * Kislev 27, 5786
Betty Drexler
Ruth Goldman

Tuesday, 12/08/2026 * Kislev 28, 5786
Marvin Cohen
Florence Kingon
Ethel Levitt
Louis Myers
Loretta Perrotti

Wednesday, 12/09/2026 * Kislev 29, 5786
Henry Feinberg
Eva Kantrowitz Seaman
Harry Weiss
Martha Weiss

Thursday, 12/10/2026 * Kislev 30, 5786
Danny Fisher
Morton Greenberg

Friday, 12/11/2026 * Tevet 1, 5786
Mary Klein
Robert (Bob) Morrissey

Saturday, 12/12/2026 * Tevet 2, 5786
Alex Silverman
Louis Snyder

Sunday, 12/13/2026 * Tevet 3, 5786
Bonnie Chrzanowski
Sophie Svedgal
Anna Weiss
Alice Yaffee

Monday, 12/14/2026 * Tevet 4, 5786
Mildred Korot
Sandra Suckman
Joseph Yaffee

Tuesday, 12/15/2026 * Tevet 5, 5786
Elizabeth Gersten
Rebecca Verdrager

Wednesday, 12/16/2026 * Tevet 6, 5786
Leonard Every

Thursday, 12/17/2026 * Tevet 7, 5786
Alfred Einstein
Burton (Burt) Kantrowitz
Max Kopelovitz
Judith Smul

Saturday, 12/19/2026 * Tevet 9, 5786
Hyman Gould
Jack Mandwelle
Anna Novitsky
Eva Rote-Rosen
Dvorah Silverman
Rabbi Richard Sobel
Anna Zweibelson

Sunday, 12/20/2026 * Tevet 10, 5786
Yetta Bakst
Bert Ferber
Ben Ginsburg
Gertrude Gersten

Monday, 12/21/2026 * Tevet 11, 5786
Louis Lazarus
Elayne Suckman

Tuesday, 12/22/2026 * Tevet 12, 5786
Marion Gellman
Sarah Ginsburg

Wednesday, 12/23/2026 * Tevet 13, 5786
Seymour (Cy) Bobbin
Irene Einstein
Elinore Greene
Mary Mandel
Herbert Shapiro
Morris Solomon

Thursday, 12/24/2026 * Tevet 14, 5786
Samuel Braverman
Chana Landsman

Friday, 12/25/2026 * Tevet 15, 5786
Samuel Jacobs
Emanuel Juris
William Magram

Lisa Suckman DeMarco Marcantonio
Victor Silverman

Saturday, 12/26/2026 * Tevet 16, 5786
Marion Ullman

Sunday, 12/27/2026 * Tevet 17, 5786
Rachel Cohen
Samuel Kanter

Monday, 12/28/2026 * Tevet 18, 5786
Benjamin Fram
Harry Green

Tuesday, 12/29/2026 * Tevet 19, 5786
Isidor Oppenheim
Robert Pletman
Regina Weill

Wednesday, 12/30/2026 * Tevet 20, 5786
Morris Alkes
Alfred Aronson
Henry Elkis
Louis Novitsky
Evelyn Ochsner
Helene Brown Rudnick

Thursday, 12/31/2026 * Tevet 21, 5786
Albert Charhon
A. Henry Elkes
Jules Perlman
Barnet Shapiro
Moses Silverman

CARING COMMUNITY

"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 one of our volunteers, please call Ellen Katz (516-220-1924) or Katie in the shul office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 due date for the December issue is Tuesday, November 17. Please submit items to Katie at cstgfny@gmail.com.

CLICK BELOW FOR HOLIDAYS & YAHRZEIT REFERENCES FOR THE YEAR 5787:

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29	30					