

WEEKLY SERVICES FRIDAY6:30PM SATURDAY ... 9:30AM SUNDAY..... 8:30AM	CONGREGATION SHAARAY TEFILA 68 Bay Street, Glens Falls NY 12801 (518) 792-4945 Fax: (518) 792-5966 E-Mail: cstgfny@gmail.com Website: www.shaaraytefila-gfny.org OFFICE HOURS: Mon– Fri, 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM	NOVEMBER 2017  CHESHVAN- KISLEV 5778
BOARD PRESIDENT: Mark Hoffman	GABBI: Mike Gersten	

RABBI'S MESSAGE

Rabbi's Message on Mourning

Our congregation has experienced 3 funerals in the past 5 weeks. The leaves are turning color and the trees are losing their foliage, and our thoughts are turning toward the winter ahead. I want to take this opportunity to directly address death. In particular what can we learn from it? Reb Nachman of Bratslav teaches that when we attend to the death of a loved one - by making preparations for burial, attending a funeral, making a donation, or telling a story in their honor - it is in an especially auspicious time for spiritual work that draws us closer to God. I have always wondered, "How does that work?" The Torah tells the dramatic story of the naming of Benjamin, Jacob and Rachel's youngest son (Bereishit 35:16-20). Rachel names him Ben Oni meaning "son of my mourning." Ibn Ezra and Ramban point out that she named him so because she died shortly after giving birth to him. However Rashi, stressing that his father renamed him with a homonym, Binyamin meaning "son of my right hand," he has given him a name that maintains the sound structure of his mother's name yet completely reinvents its meaning. Now it emphasizes strength, power, and something that is choice. Though most people see in the renaming a father's natural desire to give his young son a blessing, I see an essential linkage in his transformed name, mourning can be transformed into strength, a peculiar kind of blessing.

How could mourning achieve this? Here are some ways it could do so.

- 1) If the mourning involves crying, we know that the Gates of Heaven are never shut when there are tears. (Berakhot 32b).
- 2) Death is humbling, forcing us to recognize the limitations of being human. And humility is a necessary step for learning, and especially emphasized for Torah learning (Baraita of R Meir, see Pirkei Avot 6:2).
- 3) When we realize how short our days are, we may choose to use them differently.
- 4) It is very difficult to go through mourning alone. If we use this time to invest in relationships it can teach us to be less selfish, and bring us into joyful relationships.
- 5) If we reach out for God during mourning, it can lead us Teshuva, returning to God and God's wisdom for life. In sum, approaching death can refocus us on what truly matters.

Now I want to make a caveat immediately, we must not become death focused, or moribund. We Jews passed through death to life. This is the symbolism of the water of Yam Suf, the Red Sea. The point was not to stay in the Red Sea but to cross through it! The Red Sea, the place where we should have all perished became the place of our Redemption. So too when we shift toward God's purposes in our lives it is also a miracle. It may be one of those "daily miracles" for which we give special

thanks as in the language of the Modim prayer "your kindnesses and miracles which are with us every day."

This month, I want to bless our congregation that as we pass through times of mourning, let us do it with the confidence that there is life on the other side. Just as we have confidence that spring follows winter, there is yet more, and possibly, a transformed life coming.

Stephen Slater

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Congratulations to Malachi LaRock on his Bar-Mitzvah October 15. Malachi did a great job with his blessings, Torah reading and speech. It was great to see so many young people enjoying Shabbat to the fullest at Shaaray Tefila.

Thanks to our dedicated kitchen workers, including but not limited to Nancy Goldstein, Francine Torra, Cher Hoffman, Bonnie Yanklowitz, Dolly Morrissey, George Conable, Angela and Robin Cohen, and Laurie and Syd Hochman for their help preparing food for various recent events. When we have lots going on at the Synagogue, it's a big responsibility to see that we have food prepared so we greatly appreciate all the help.

Thanks to Mike Berkowitz, Mike Gersten, Larry Greenberg and Steve Bush for putting up our Succah. You guys did a great job in record time and I think maybe you actually enjoyed working together! We had a great time with the kids decorating the Succah. Please check out the pictures on the Synagogue Facebook page. You can find it by going to our website – shaaraytefila-gfny.org and clicking the Facebook icon at the bottom of the home page.

Thanks to Judy Korot for creating a joyful Havdalah celebration for us October 21 with her Adirondack Klezmer Band. The best gift you can give to Shaaray Tefila is the gift of your time, talent, and passion for something you love to do.

We will be exploring other options for our Sunday morning service beginning in November. Some of our services will begin at 9 am and will be "learning services" devoted to learning the how and why's of Jewish prayer. Check the bulletin calendar for times and dates.

Jewish Journey Shabbat will start up Friday November 3 at 6:30 PM. We will have a short, discussion- oriented service followed by a light meal.

We will resume our Friday evening services at The Glen on the second Friday of each month beginning in November. The service at The Glen has a special ambiance because of cozy setting and lovely distant sounds of piano in the background. I encourage all members to give it a try. We are still looking for someone to volunteer to host a Friday night service at his/her home as well.

We recently purchased an additional 10 Lev Shalom Siddurim for Shabbat services. These are the current siddurim of the Conservative movement and include transliteration of all communal singing and are full of explanatory and inspirational material. Please consider dedicating one or more of these prayer books with a donation of \$40 each.

See you at Shul!
Mark

SYNAGOGUE NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, and IMPORTANT DATES

Beginning and Intermediate Classes are now being offered on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM and 8 PM. Please contact Mark Hoffman with questions: shaarayt@yahoo.com.

Anyone interested in learning how to chant the Torah is invited to contact Syd Hochman at: 518.727.8884.

Congregation Shaaray Tefila and Sisterhood express their deepest condolences to the Aronson Family on the passing of Karen Aronson who passed on October 10, 2017 (Tishrei 20, 5778).



KOSHER DELIVERY

The deadline to place your order for the local Kosher Delivery is on **Monday, November 6th**. The Delivery will be on **Tuesday, November 21st**. Call 1-800-727-5674 to place an order.

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



Arnold & Diane Alkes

November 3
28th anniversary

Jeffrey & Patti Schwartz

November 13
34th anniversary

Michael & Jo-Ann Rapaport

November 15
25th anniversary



Congregation Shaaray Tefila and Sisterhood Send Their Very Best Birthday Wishes to the Following Members and 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**

THANK YOU to Sunny Buchman for sponsoring the Break Fast in memory of her beloved husband Paul Buchman, and also for volunteering to put together the High Holidays readers and assisting with all of the distribution. Your time and help is very much appreciated.



On behalf of Malachi, and the entire Cohen, and LaRock family we would like to thank Dr. Mark Hoffman, Rabbi Stephen Slater, our wonderful Sunday-school staff, Sisterhood, and the Congregation, family, and friends for making Malachi's Bar Mitzvah so special. Much love ♥ to all!! Dr. Mitchell & Robin





Welcome back to Norm Kudan who is finally home now and encourages visitors. Norm requests to please give him a call first before visiting. We are all very thankful for a good recovery and wish you much happiness and continued healing at your home at this time!

WEEKLY TORAH PORTION



GENESIS/B'RESHEET

Vayera **04 November**
TORAH Genesis 18:1-22:24
HAFTARAH 2 Kings 4:1-37

Chayei Sarah **11 November**
TORAH Genesis 23:1-25:18
HAFTARAH 1 Kings 1:1-31

Toldot **18 November**
TORAH Genesis 25:19-28:9
HAFTARAH Malachi 1:1-2:7

Vayetze **25 November**
TORAH Genesis 28:10-32:2
HAFTARAH Hosea 12:12-14:10



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Religious School continues on Sundays at 9:30 AM. Please note there is no school on November 26th. Please contact Mark Hoffman at: shaarayt@yahoo.com for any questions.



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.

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THESE THOUGHTFUL CONTRIBUTIONS

BUILDING /GENERAL FUND

In memory of Elias LaRock to the Cohen's and
In honor of Malachi LaRock.
From: Judy Korcz

Donation from Dolph & Karen Rotfeld

In honor of Malachi LaRock's Bar Mitzvah.
From: Marilyn Bazan

In memory of Mary Cohen.
From: Hugh Straus

In memory of Joseph Cohen.
From: Leone Straus

In honor of Sukkot.
From: Janice Jacobsen

M/M SAMUEL ARONSON EDUCATION FUND

In memory of Karen Aronson to
Ben & Sharon Aronson.
In honor of Malachi LaRock's Bar Mitzvah.
In honor of Elaine Aronson's birthday.
From: Sunny Buchman

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of the High Holiday Services
From: Marc Lustick



PLEDGES 5778

In memory of my
parents, Abraham & Sarah Spar and
In memory of my brother, Martin Spar
From: Lewis Spar

In honor of Steven Meyer and his wife,
Julia Maskivker and in honor of Elena
Rose Meyer.

In memory of Dr. Milton and Rose
Greenberg and Edward and Ann Meyer.
From: Martin & Lynn Meyer

In honor of Sharon's children:
Michelle, Robin and Eric.
From: Ben & Sharon Aronson

In honor of my wife, Marianne Aronson
and mother, Judy Aronson.
In memory of my father Arthur Aronson.
From: Mark & Marianne Aronson

In honor of my grandson Jonah's
upcoming Bar Mitzvah
From: Herb Levin

In memory of our parents:
Morris & Faye Wadler and
Morton & Tillie Singer
From: Allen & Renee Wadler

In memory of Seymour Bobbin, Alyssa
Bobbin, Eva Rote-Rosen, Helen Krell,
Isadore Charney, Etta Rose Charney,
Shirley Kanofsky and Moe Schwartz.
From: The Bobbin Family

In honor of my four grandchildren: Brian
Shelley, Ali Shelley, Jerry Kudan
and Alan Kudan.

In memory of my wife Sylvia Kudan
From: Norm Kudan

In memory of all our combined members
and friends who have passed on.
From: Nancy & Peter Kudan

5778 Yom Kippur Donation
From: Toby Goldstein

5778 Yom Kippur Donation
From: Anonymous

5778 Yom Kippur Donation
From: Anonymous

5778 Yom Kippur Donation
From: Faye Landsman

5778 Yom Kippur Donation
From: Gary Brooks

Congregation Shaaray Tefila
thanks each and every
supporter of the synagogue for
your very kind and generous
donation to this years' Yom Kippur Appeal.
Thank You to all of you who pledged or
made donations we have made and
exceeded our goal again this year!



SISTERHOOD NEWS: NOVEMBER 2017

Sisterhood Dues Extension

As Co-Presidents, we want to thank you for
your membership dues to support your
Sisterhood. Deadline for dues has been
extended to Wednesday, November 15th.

Dolly Morrissey & Bonnie Yanklowitz

Thinking of you to the Raych and Witepsky
families.

And, thinking of you to the Cohen, LaRock
and Diffe families.

Condolences to the Aronson, Goldman,
Neal and Wade families on the recent
passing of Karen Aronson.

Mazel Tov to Malachi LaRock on becoming
a Bar Mitzvah, Saturday, October 14th!

**Good health, safe travels and warm
winter wishes to all of the Snowbirds!**

NOVEMBER ONEGS AND KIDDUSHES SPONSORED BY:

Friday, November 3: Oneg sponsorship available.



Saturday, November 4: Kiddush sponsored by Hilda Schwartz in memory of her beloved husband, Moe Schwartz.

Friday, November 10: Services at The Glen.

Saturday, November 11: Kiddush sponsorship available.

Friday, November 17: Oneg sponsorship available.

Saturday, November 18: Kiddush sponsored by Judy Aronson in memory of Art Aronson.

Friday, November 24: Oneg sponsorship available.

Saturday, November 25: Kiddush sponsored by Judy Aronson in memory of Jerry Brown.

HONORABLE MENTCHEN:

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

J.C. Patrick, Sisterhood & Chevra Kadisha



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 for November or December 792-4945. If you would like Lox, there is an extra charge. Thank you for supporting the Sisterhood, as we support you!



Yahrzeit Record for NOVEMBER 2017



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

Fannie Isaacson
Eva Kaplan
James Klingo

Wednesday, 11/1/2017 Heshvan 12, 5778

Francine Davis
Thursday, 11/2/2017 Heshvan 13, 5778

Jennie Kantrowitz
Shirley Weiner
Friday, 11/3/2017 Heshvan 14, 5778

Ada Abt
Isaac Matzner
Saturday, 11/4/2017 Heshvan 15, 5778

Betty Reaves Beeson
Harold Kaye
Abraham Schwartz
Sunday, 11/5/2017 Heshvan 16, 5778

Ruth Elliott Lisman
Harry Fiedel
Miriam Hirsch
Monday, 11/6/2017 Heshvan 17, 5778

Samuel Kaplan
Tuesday, 11/7/2017 Heshvan 18, 5778

Marion Goldstein
Wednesday, 11/8/2017 Heshvan 19, 5778

Harry Friedman
Jerome Ginsburg
Mary Perlman
Celia Shapiro
Louis Yanklowitz
Thursday, 11/9/2017 Heshvan 20, 5778

Paul Alan Kohn
Margaret Modell
Esther Saidel
Morris (Moe) Schwartz
Friday, 11/10/2017 Heshvan 21, 5778

Mary Mark Cohen
Charles Searleman
Monday, 11/13/2017 Heshvan 24, 5778

Shirley Luria
Ruth Motove
Myrna Sproul
Wednesday, 11/15/2017 Heshvan 26, 5778

Peshe Borlawsky
Joan Elsner
Thursday, 11/16/2017 Heshvan 27, 5778

Lillian Leinoff
Friday, 11/17/2017 Heshvan 28, 5778

Charles Shapiro
Rose Trop
Florence Wechsler
Saturday, 11/18/2017 Heshvan 29, 5778

Arthur Aronson
Jack Verdrager
Sunday, 11/19/2017 Kislev 1, 5778

Herman Feigenbaum
David Grossman
Monday, 11/20/2017 Kislev 2, 5778

David Diskin
Benjamin Goldman
Joan Shapiro
Tuesday, 11/21/2017 Kislev 3, 5778

Jacob Bakst
Edward Davis
Rose Goldstein
Judah Jacobs
Simon Semelisky
Wednesday, 11/22/2017 Kislev 4, 5778

Quay Harris Beeson
Melvin Bittman
Gerald Brown
Barton Cohen
Margarethe Neuhaus
Thursday, 11/23/2017 Kislev 5, 5778

Thomas Michael Chary
Barney Snyder
Friday, 11/24/2017 Kislev 6, 5778

Berte Bisher
Louis Bobbin
Thelma Kaplan
Saturday, 11/25/2017 Kislev 7, 5778

Alvin Yanko
Ida Gould
Arthur Tunick
Morris Verdrager
Sunday, 11/26/2017 Kislev 8, 5778

Harry Goldman
Monday, 11/27/2017 Kislev 9, 5778

Dorothy Robitaille
Tuesday, 11/28/2017 Kislev 10, 5778

Joseph Cohen
Wednesday, 11/29/2017 Kislev 11, 5778

Gertrude Abrams Highton
Dr. Leon Levin
Thursday, 11/30/2017 Kislev 12, 5778

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Shirley Segan
Friday, 12/1/2017 Kislev 13, 5778

Lydia Adler
Saturday, 12/2/2017 Kislev 14, 5778

Cheyeh Berkowitz
Samuel Raych
Sam Swirsky
Rae Witepsky
Sunday, 12/3/2017 Kislev 15, 5778

David Ryen
Monday, 12/4/2017 Kislev 16, 5778

Nathan Henry Kudan
Howard Silverman
Tuesday, 12/5/2017 Kislev 17, 5778

**Julia Gersten
Susan Seaman
Thursday, 12/7/2017 Kislev 19, 5778**

**Orel Friedman
Morris Isaacson
Florence Kanter
Arnold Klein
Herman Silverman
Friday, 12/8/2017 Kislev 20, 5778**

**Abram Chernets
Helen Diskin
Lilia Muller
Nancy Polonsky
Chayim Silverman
Saturday, 12/9/2017 Kislev 21, 5778**

**Milton Aronson
Dr. Joel Grossman
Lila Myers
Sunday, 12/10/2017 Kislev 22, 5778**

**Joyce Marie Bennett
Fredrick M. Berg
Betty Goldman
Joan Grossman
Gregory Raynor
Gertrude Swirsky
Monday, 12/11/2017 Kislev 23, 5778**

**Herman Aronson
Ben Berman
Fannie Goldstein
Jacob Goldstein
Sigmund Weiss
Tuesday, 12/12/2017 Kislev 24, 5778**

**Arnold Russ
Wednesday, 12/13/2017 Kislev 25, 5778**

**Ben Aronson
Sidney Rosen
Rebecca Rosenberg
Marlene Tate
Thursday, 12/14/2017 Kislev 26, 5778**

**Betty Drexler
Friday, 12/15/2017 Kislev 27, 5778**

**Marvin Cohen
Florence Kingon
Ethel Goldie Levitt
Louis Myers
Loretta Perrotti
Michelle Seaman
Saturday, 12/16/2017 Kislev 28, 5778**

**Henry Feinberg
Eva Seaman
Harry Weiss
Martha Weiss
Sunday, 12/17/2017 Kislev 29, 5778**

**Danny Fisher
Monday, 12/18/2017 Kislev 30, 5778**

**Mary Klein
Tuesday, 12/19/2017 Tevet 1, 5778**

**Bonnie Chrzanowski
Anna Weiss
Thursday, 12/21/2017 Tevet 3, 5778**

**Mildred Korot
Sandra Suckman
Joseph Yaffee
Friday, 12/22/2017 Tevet 4, 5778**

**Elizabeth Gersten
Robert Morrissey
Rebecca Verdrager
Saturday, 12/23/2017 Tevet 5, 5778**

**Leonard Every
Sunday, 12/24/2017 Tevet 6, 5778**

**Alfred Einstein
Burton Kantrowitz
Judith Smul
Monday, 12/25/2017 Tevet 7, 5778**

**Hyman Gould
Jack Mandwelle
Evelyn Ochsner
Eva Rote-Rosen
Dvorah Silverman
Rabbi Richard Sobel
Anna Zweibelson
Wednesday, 12/27/2017 Tevet 9, 5778**

Yetta Bakst
Bert Ferber
Gertrude Gersten
Ben Goldberg
Thursday, 12/28/2017 Tevet 10, 5778

Louis Lazarus
Elayne Suckman
Friday, 12/29/2017 Tevet 11, 5778
Marion Gellman
Saturday, 12/30/2017 Tevet 12, 5778

Seymour Bobbin
Irene Daley Einstein
Elinore Greene
Mary Mandel
Morris Solomon
Sunday, 12/31/2017 Tevet 13, 5778

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Havurah Vatik November Event
Tuesday, November 21st
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM



Rabbi Kenneth Blatt, spiritual leader of Congregation Shaara Tfilie in Saratoga Springs, will present a program on "Roosevelt and the Jews." Rabbi Blatt has long had an interest in history, especially in the relationships between U.S. presidents and American Jews. In this presentation he draws on a wealth of research to explore President Roosevelt's close working relationship with Jewish advisors, contrasted with ambivalent policies regarding Jewish immigration and the effects of Nazi policies. All area Jewish seniors 55 plus are welcome! Please RSVP by Nov 15th if interested to Congregation Shaara Tfilie in Saratoga.



LET'S KEEP HAVURAH VATIK GROWING...BRING A FRIEND!



Please join Congregation Shaaray Tefila on Saturday, December 2nd for a workshop and presentation from Cate LaBarre:
Trust and Connection

Trust is a vital component of our human experience. Without it, there can be no real connection or love, no willingness to be vulnerable and no sense of belonging. In this interactive discussion, we'll explore how we build trust, why we lose it and how to get it back. In addition, we'll address how self-trust is often a casualty of failure. By assessing our level of self-trust and getting curious about our stories, we'll have the foundation needed to understand that trust and mistakes can co-exist. Based on the research of Dr. Brené Brown and her books *Daring Greatly* and *Rising Strong*.

Cate LaBarre is a Certified Daring Way™ Facilitator (licensed to offer curriculum based on the research of Dr. Brené Brown) and a Master Integrative (Life) Coach Professional (certified by The Ford Institute of Integrative Coaching at JFK University). A "veteran" NY State Licensed Massage Therapist (1985) and Certified Reiki Master, Cate offers an integrative approach (addressing body, mind and spirit) to her workshop participants and individual coaching clients. She co-authored of *The Energy of Healing*, published May 2015.

The event is from 1:00-2:00PM and follows the 9:30 AM service & Kiddush Lunch at noon. It is being presented free of charge by our speaker in association with Congregation Shaaray Tefila. She has requested participants show their appreciation by donation to disaster relief

for Hurricane Harvey and Irma. Checks can be made out to Jewish Federation of North America with a designation for Hurricane Relief and sent to Shaaray Tefila or donated directly to the website: <https://secure3.convio.net/jfna/site/Donation2>



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Beginning & Intermediate Hebrew Class 7PM & 8PM	2	3 Jewish Journey Shabbat 6:30 PM Service	4 9:30 AM Service
5 9:00 AM Learning & Discussion Service Religious School 9:30 AM Day Light Savings Ends 	6 Kosher Order Due Date	7	8 Beginning & Intermediate Hebrew Class 7PM & 8PM	9	10 6:30 PM Service At The Glen	11 9:30 AM Service VETERAN'S DAY 
12 9:00 AM Learning & Discussion Service Religious School 9:30 AM	13	14	15 Beginning & Intermediate Hebrew Class 7PM & 8PM Sisterhood Dues extension deadline	16	17 6:30 PM Service Student Rabbi Stephen Slater	18 9:30 AM Service Student Rabbi Stephen Slater
19 KISLEV 8:30 AM Service Student Rabbi Stephen Slater Religious School 9:30 AM	20	21 KOSHER DELIVERY BULLETIN DUE DATE	22 Beginning & Intermediate Hebrew Class 7PM & 8PM	23  Office closed	24 6:30 PM Service Office closed	25 9:30 AM Service
26 No Service No Religious School	27	28	29 Beginning and Intermediate Hebrew 7PM & 8PM	30		