

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	JANUARY 2019  TEVET-SHEVAT 5779
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RABBI'S REPORT

It's strange. We're in the middle of winter, there is snow on the ground and bone-chilling temperatures. We're counting down the days to spring, still some months away.

But lo and behold, here comes this minor Jewish holiday which makes us think to the spring and the warmer temperatures. Yes, Tu B'Shevat is coming, the holiday of the trees! (Tu B'Shevat Higia Chag Hailanot!)

The holiday of the trees in the middle of winter? Yes, but of course the weather reference is to the land of Israel. And in Tel Aviv it will be about 65 degrees, not warm enough for swimming, but warm enough to stroll outside and think of nature.

The holiday's name is quite simple. Tu is Hebrew for 15 and B'Shevat added on means we are talking about the 15th of the Hebrew month of Shevat. So, what is this holiday for the 15th of Shevat? In ancient times, Tu B'Shevat was merely a date on the calendar that helped farmers in the land of Israel establish exactly when they should bring their fourth-year produce of fruit to the Temple in Jerusalem as first-fruit offerings. Fruit can only be harvested from trees older than three years old, so this holiday was a very important marker in aging of the trees.

Just as we celebrate Rosh HaShannah as the beginning of our year, trees "celebrate" birthdays every year on the 15th of Shevat. In fact, Tu B'Shevat is one of four new year's days as specified in the Mishnah (Seder Moed Rosh HaShannah 1:1) —Rosh HaShannah, Tu B'Shevat, Pesach (new year marking our freedom), and Rosh HaShannah l'behemot (tithing of the first-born animals, occurring on Rosh Chodesh Elul).

So, what do we do on Tu B'Shevat? Yes, we plant trees or donate funds to plant trees in Israel. But there is more...

In the Middle Ages, Tu B'Shevat was celebrated with a feast of fruits. In the 16th century, the kabbalist Rabbi Isaac Luria of Safed and his disciples instituted a *Tu B'Shevat seder* in which the fruits and trees of the land of Israel were given symbolic meaning. The main idea was that eating ten specific fruits and drinking four cups of wine in a specific order (while reciting the appropriate blessings) would bring us closer to spiritual perfection.

The tradition of a Tu B'Shevat seder has continued since then. Combining four cups of wine (or grape juice) with as many fresh or dried fruits native to the Land Israel as we can collect, we conduct a service reminiscent of a Passover Seder. One fruit key to the ceremony is the almond, which was thought to be the first fruit to be harvested each year.

Like Pesach, we don't just eat dried fruits and drink wine, but we sing! I referenced one song earlier, but there are several songs written just for the holiday of the trees. *Kach Holchim HaShotlim* (Thus walk the planters) and *Shir Al Etz* (Song of the Tree). But when you think about it, many of our traditional songs fit right in, too. *Etz Chayyim Hi* (It is a tree of life), *Tzaddik Katamar* (the righteous man will flourish as a palm tree), *Zum Gali Gali* (about early settlers planting trees) are but three of them.

We'll talk more about this holiday and its special significance with the congregation and our Sunday school students. This year (2019) the holiday will be celebrated on January 20 and 21 (Sunday night and Monday).

This minor festival is also an opportunity to raise awareness about and to care for the environment through the teaching of Jewish sources celebrating nature.

Happy Tu B'Shevat everyone. And a special happy birthday to all of the fruit trees!!!

Rabbi Gerry L. Ginsburg

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Chanukah party such a great experience. As we head into the heart of winter, we sometimes have a challenge getting people out of their houses and into synagogue activities. However, I would like to suggest that nothing could be a better antidote to the winter doldrums than joining friends and family at shul for some lively prayer and conversation, some kiddish wine and an oneg nash or kiddish luncheon.

Along those lines, join us Saturday evening December 29 for Havdalah and movie night. Thanks to the Kleinmanns for organizing this. Also, we will be starting a class in Torah Wednesday evenings at 7PM beginning with the second Wednesday of January. Our focus will depend on the interests of the participants.

Friday evening services provide us with an opportunity to experiment with different ways of prayer for those who need something a little different than the traditional approach. Watch your calendar for Jewish Journey Shabbat over the next few months.

If there is an activity you would like to pursue with others at the shul, let us know. We encourage those of you with ideas and initiative to create your own Shaaray Tefila experiences.

Please like our Shaaray Tefila Facebook page and join our "Shaaray Tefila Group" on Facebook. This is a handy way to find out what's happening day to day and to exchange ideas and news with the Shaaray Tefila community.

I would like to express my condolences to Fran and Gerry Ginsburg on the death of Fran's father, Walter Wertheim. Please welcome them back to Shaaray Tefila on their return in late January.

Mark Hoffman

WEEKLY TORAH PORTION



Va'era	5 January
TORAH	Exodus 6:2-9:35
HAFTARAH	Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

Bo	12 January
TORAH	Exodus 10:1-13:16
HAFTARAH	Jeremiah 46:13-28

Beshalach	19 January
TORAH	Exodus 13:17-17:16
HAFTARAH	Judges 4:4-5:31

Yitro	26 January
TORAH	Exodus 18:1-20:23
HAFTARAH	Isaiah 6:1-7:6, 9:5-6



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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

January dates are as follows: *January 6, 13 and 27th* and all 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:



Myron Rapaport
January 5

Dr. Larry Greenberg
January 6

J. Lawrence Paltrowitz
January 13

Benjamin Cohen
January 14

Patrick Beeson
January 15

Vance Cohen
January 22

David Wurzberger
January 23

Herb Levin
January 29

Audrey Vogenberg
January 30

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



Dr. Steven & Jerrilyn Benson
January 29
52nd anniversary



Congregation Shaaray Tefila & Sisterhood express their deepest condolences to the Ginsburg and Wertheim families on the passing of Frances Ginsburg's father, Walter R. Wertheim, who passed away on December 12th, 2018 (Tevet 4, 5779) in Cleveland at the age of 93 years old.



Congregation Shaaray Tefila & Sisterhood express their deepest condolences to the Hellman family on the passing of previous member, Dr. Lance Hellman, who passed away on December 17th, 2018 (Tevet 9, 5779) at the age of 55 years old.

JEWISH CALENDARS

Regan & Denny Funeral Home has again provided wonderful calendars for the Jewish year 5779.

There are still copies on the foyer table.

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 Thursday. Please submit your article in an e-mail message or as an attachment to cstgfnny@gmail.com. Thanks!

New Class!



Starting Wednesday, January 9th at 7PM we will offer an Adult Education class with changing weekly topics of Torah discussion.



Save
the
Date

BLOOD DRIVE
Wednesday, February 6,
2019

Noon – 5PM
WALK INS WELCOME

Congregation Shaaray Tefila, at 68 Bay Street, Glens Falls, will be hosting a blood drive on **Wednesday, February 6, 2019, from 12-5PM**, for the American Red Cross. Let's garner good will from inside and outside of our synagogue and help save lives. All blood types are needed.

To schedule appointment please call:
1-800-RED-CROSS or visit
Redcrossblood.org and enter
sponsor code:
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FUND DRIVE



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

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Invitation to women of all faiths

to participate in a short-term interfaith peace dialogue project in the Glens Falls area. Meetings to be held monthly beginning in January for a six-month period. We will explore how our respective faiths inform our personal and public lives. If we know one another, we can respect and value our differences, find common ground, and love one another. Join us as we share our lives through the lens of our different faith communities. For more info, please contact Kate Roos at: kateroos@gmail.com.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

What a wonderful Chanukah dinner and celebration for the synagogue. Many Sisterhood members and their spouses prepared food, celebrated with many others, and took part with clean-up. The children and everyone enjoyed the evening! Many thanks.

Deepest Sympathy to Fran and Rabbi Ginsburg and Family on the passing of Fran's father, Retired Judge Walter R. Wertheim.

Stay healthy, safe and warm, Snowbirds.

Happy, healthy, safe 2019 to everyone!!

Dolly and Bonnie
Sisterhood Co-presidents



JANUARY ONEGS & KIDDUSHES SPONSORED BY:

Friday, January 4: Oneg sponsorship available.

Saturday, January 5: Kiddush sponsored by Laura Fram in memory of her sons.

Friday, January 11: The Glen. Oneg sponsored by Francine Torra in memory of the Rosenstein family.

Saturday, January 12: Kiddush sponsored by Laura Fram in honor of Elizabeth's birthday.

Friday, January 18: Oneg sponsorship available.

Saturday, January 19: Kiddush sponsored by Ronni Shelley and Peter & Nancy Kudan in memory of their mother, Sylvia Kudan.

Friday, January 25: Oneg sponsorship available.

Saturday, January 26: Kiddush sponsorship available.

HONORABLE MENTCHEN:

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

Rose Rothstein, Bonnie Yanklowitz, Pat Balasuriya, Faye Landsman, Elaine & Salomon Charhon, Dolly Morrissey, Congregation Shaaray Tefila & 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 January 7th for delivery of **Tuesday, January 22nd.**
Call 1-800-727-5674 to place an order.

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In memory of Leonore Lebowitz.
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Dolly Morrissey

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From: Susan & David Matzner
Cheryl Luria
Marion DeMarco
Judith & Al Korot

Condolences to Fran & Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg & family on the passing of Fran's father, Judge Walter Wertheim.
From: Bonnie Yanklowitz

In memory of Judge Walter Wertheim.
From: Judith & Al Korot
Stacey Mandelbaum & Alex Frank

In loving memory of Norm Kudan.
From: Bonnie Yanklowitz

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

In memory of Ethel Levitt.
From: Judy Korcz

In honor of Mary Torica's birthday.
From: Elaine & Salomon Charhon



YAHREZIT RECORD FOR JANUARY 2019



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

Robert Aronson
Cindy Brandon
Hyman Reed

Tuesday, 1/1/2019 Tevet 24, 5779

Gusta Aronson
Morris Aronson
Walter Cohen
Joseph Saidel

Wednesday, 1/2/2019 Tevet 25, 5779

Mosha Aronson
Samuel Rosenberg
Sally Rote-Rosen
 Thursday, 1/3/2019 Tevet 26, 5779
Samuel Aronson
Rose Roth
Dorothy Segel
Rose Winer
Max Yunich
 Friday, 1/4/2019 Tevet 27, 5779
Sam Borlawsky
Ephram Fram
Stefan Janis
Eva Leah Silverman
 Saturday, 1/5/2019 Tevet 28, 5779
Gussie Berman
George Kudon
Robert Rapaport
 Sunday, 1/6/2019 Tevet 29, 5779
Samuel Beck
Helen Hoffman
Bertha Kasper
Adrian Seligman
Harry Silverman
 Monday, 1/7/2019 Shevat 1, 5779
George Cohen
Max Oppenheim
Jeanne Silverman
 Tuesday, 1/8/2019 Shevat 2, 5779
Jacob Hafter
George Koble
 Thursday, 1/10/2019 Shevat 4, 5779
Samuel Saidel
 Friday, 1/11/2019 Shevat 5, 5779
Jack Smith
 Saturday, 1/12/2019 Shevat 6, 5779
Frieda Koslow
Elaine Levy
Samuel Weiss
Berdie Yafa
 Sunday, 1/13/2019 Shevat 7, 5779
Chayeh Kobel
Sylvia Kudan
Sabina Landau
 Monday, 1/14/2019 Shevat 8, 5779
Isidore Alkes
Charles Ginsburg
Carol Mauro
Molly Rodman
Louis Rosenblum
 Tuesday, 1/15/2019 Shevat 9, 5779

Kevin Berkowitz
Phyllis Feigenbaum
Abraham Rudnick
 Wednesday, 1/16/2019 Shevat 10, 5779
Katherine Day
Tillie Singer
Ruth Ann Spaulding
 Thursday, 1/17/2019 Shevat 11, 5779
Abraham Green
Lawrence Jerome Kantrowitz
 Friday, 1/18/2019 Shevat 12, 5779
Rose Cohen
 Saturday, 1/19/2019 Shevat 13, 5779
Anna Cohen
Ida Jacobs
 Sunday, 1/20/2019 Shevat 14, 5779
William Kanoff
Louis Kent
Irving Matlow
 Wednesday, 1/23/2019 Shevat 17, 5779
Morris Kantrowitz
Eva Levitan
Benjamin Segel
I. Morton Yanklowitz
 Thursday, 1/24/2019 Shevat 18, 5779
Cynthia Frost
Mildred Seaman
 Saturday, 1/26/2019 Shevat 20, 5779
Joseph Eddleton
Annie Schwartz
Arthur Lewis Shapera
 Sunday, 1/27/2019 Shevat 21, 5779
Esther Silverman
Carl Suckman
 Monday, 1/28/2019 Shevat 22, 5779
Isaac Alkes
Lena Shapiro
 Tuesday, 1/29/2019 Shevat 23, 5779
Celia Frost
Maurice Lebowitz
Abraham Levitt
Anne Lucks
 Wednesday, 1/30/2019 Shevat 24, 5779
Maurice Berman
Henrietta Beshner
Joan Charisse
Gustave Cohen
Henry Cohen
Ida Hoffman
David Levitan
Joan Weill
 Thursday, 1/31/2019 Shevat 25, 5779



YAHREIT RECORD FOR FEBRUARY 2019



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

Robert Weiner
Friday, 2/1/2019 Shevat 26, 5779
Edith Kurzweil
Saturday, 2/2/2019 Shevat 27, 5779
Edith Block
Sunday, 2/3/2019 Shevat 28, 5779
Larry Berman
Reva Cohen
Ethel Juris
Monday, 2/4/2019 Shevat 29, 5779
Philip Goldstein
Rose Greenberg
Henrietta Lebowitz
Tuesday, 2/5/2019 Shevat 30, 5779
Daniel Beale
William Drazin
Stewart Stern
Wednesday, 2/6/2019 Adar-I 1, 5779
Irving Rosenberg
Lena Semelisky
Friday, 2/8/2019 Adar-I 3, 5779
Mollie Boorstein
Saturday, 2/9/2019 Adar-I 4, 5779
Charles Baron
Irene Brown
Libbie Levin
Miriam Schulman
Louis Solomon
Florence Stillman
Mary Yunch
Sunday, 2/10/2019 Adar-I 5, 5779
Eva Alkes
Lawrence Levy
Mariasa Reed
Monday, 2/11/2019 Adar-I 6, 5779
Belle Suckman
Tuesday, 2/12/2019 Adar-I 7, 5779
Milton Grunberger
Wednesday, 2/13/2019 Adar-I 8, 5779
Vinona Hudson Farnsworth
Abraham Goldman
Nathan Pine
Perry Seaman
Jennie Solomon
Thursday, 2/14/2019 Adar-I 9, 5779

Frances Fleming
Friday, 2/15/2019
Harry Greenberg
Sunday, 2/17/2019 Adar-I 12, 5779
Fannie Fiedel
Elizabeth Kraftchick
Bella Rosenberg
Saul Silverstein
Monday, 2/18/2019 Adar-I 13, 5779
Max Gottesman
Morris Kraftchick
David Rosenthal
Leo Samuel
Tuesday, 2/19/2019 Adar-I 14, 5779
Mollie Borlowsky
Albert Kitmacher
Max Landsman
Eva Swirsky
Wednesday, 2/20/2019 Adar-I 15, 5779
Gloria Bittman
Nathan Suckman
Sarah I. Suckman
Thursday, 2/21/2019 Adar-I 16, 5779
Morris Bak
Jacob Goldman
Bessie Gould
Friday, 2/22/2019 Adar-I 17, 5779
Father Michael Abraham
Saturday, 2/23/2019 Adar-I 18, 5779
Ann Ferber
Sunday, 2/24/2019 Adar-I 19, 5779
Lila Weinstein
Monday, 2/25/2019 Adar-I 20, 5779
Peter Accardi
Charles Furman
Lena Gould
Harry Kopelovitz
Philip Weinstein
Tuesday, 2/26/2019 Adar-I 21, 5779
Isadore I. Cohen
Samuel Luria
Percy Weinstein
Wednesday, 2/27/2019 Adar-I 22, 5779
Estelle Goldman
A. Charles Hoffman
Jeanne Mandwelle
Walter Stern
Thursday, 2/28/2019 Adar-I 23, 5779

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JANUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	31 	1 New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED	2	3	4 7PM Service	5 9:30 AM Service
6 Religious School 9:30AM	7 SHEVAT Kosher Order Due	8	9 ADULT ED CLASS: TORAH DISCUSSION 7PM	10	11 6:30 PM Service at The Glen 	12 9:30AM Service
13 Religious School 9:30AM	14	15	16 ADULT ED CLASS: TORAH DISCUSSION 7PM	17 BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE	18 7PM Service	19 9:30AM Service
20	21 Martin Luther King Day Tu Bi Shevat	22 Kosher Delivery	23 ADULT ED CLASS: TORAH DISCUSSION 7PM	24	25 7PM Service with student Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg	26 9:30AM Service with student Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg
27 Religious School 9:30AM	28	29	30 ADULT ED CLASS: TORAH DISCUSSION 7PM	31	