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#### RABBI'S REPORT

## Celebrating Israel

There are two days that fall next to each other on the calendar and are linked in the hearts and souls of all Israelis and Jews living in the diaspora. Why they are placed next to each other tells volumes about the history of our people, and how events are linked in perpetuity.

On May 8th and 9th this year (or the 4th and 5th of Iyar) we celebrate Yom Ha Zicharon (the Day of Remembrance for fallen soldiers) and Yom Ha Atzma'ut (Independence Day), two of the most important days on the modern Israeli calendar.

On May 14, 1948, David Ben Gurion declared independence and hours later US President Harry Truman recognized the tiny state. But the joy and exhilaration of Independence Day is immediately preceded by the Day of Remembrance. For the nation could never have existed without the bravery of its soldiers, many who died in the fight to establish the state.

One has to remember how many battles there were before that day and immediately after. For even while people were celebrating independence in the streets, many new battles challenged Israel's very existence.

While many around the world do not agree with all of the actions of the current State of Israel, how many agree with all of the actions of the US government? One has to remember the basic, core values of the state, the only democratic nation in the Middle East, and the only homeland for the Jewish people.

Memorial Day is a very somber day in Israel. All public entertainment venues (theaters, cinemas, nightclubs, pubs, etc.) are closed. The sound of a siren is heard throughout the country twice, during which the entire nation observes a two-minutes "standstill" of all traffic and daily

activities. Everything stops at that time. Everything. Anyone who has been in Israel on this day attests to its uniqueness. The haunting sounds of the sirens are remembered as the country turns its thoughts to its fallen soldiers.

The first siren marks the beginning of Memorial Day at 8 p.m., and the second is at 11 a.m., before the public recitation of prayers in the military cemeteries. Radio and television stations broadcast programs portraying the lives and heroic deeds of fallen soldiers. Most of the broadcasting time is devoted to Israeli songs that convey the mood of the day.

But then, at sundown, the mood of the country turns from somber to joyous, with the celebration of Independence Day. There is singing and dancing in the streets. The following day many families go for picnics and hikes celebrating the day, many public celebrations occur as Israel celebrates its modern beginnings.

Due to the significance of the two days, many congregations include special prayers and Torah readings. On Yom HaZikaron some add readings about Israel, light a yahrtzeit candle, add a special El Maleh Rachamim (God Full of Compassion) for all the fallen soldiers, and recite a communal Kaddish Yatom (Mourner's Kaddish).

For Independence Day, some people eat a festive meal which includes Israeli food as well as sing Israeli songs. All mourning practices associated with the Omer period are suspended, as weddings and other public celebrations are permitted.

In synagogues specials Psalms are recited, in addition to Al HaNisim, on the miracles. Many use a special Torah reading, Deuteronomy 7:12-8:18, which includes:

You shall faithfully observe all the Instruction that I enjoin upon you today, that you may thrive and increase and be able to possess the land that the LORD promised on oath to your fathers. (8:1)

The service can also include a special Haftarah from Isaiah (10:32-12:6) in addition to the Prayer for the State of Israel.

These two days, Yom HaZikaron and Yom Ha Atzma'ut, show the State of Israel at its lowest and highest points. There is real mourning and commemoration of all of the fallen soldiers, for the Israelis to remember those who fought so hard for the independence. But then as a new day starts, the people celebrate that hard-fought independence.

The spirit and hope for Israel is embodied in the national anthem, HaTikvah. One translation of its lyrics follows:

As long as the Jewish spirit is yearning deep in the heart,
With eyes turned toward the East,
looking toward Zion,
Then our hope - the two-thousand-year-old hope - will not be lost:
To be a free people in our land,
The land of Zion and Jerusalem.

Rabbi Gerry L. Ginsburg

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"Creating connections" was one of the four guiding principles I set out several years ago in guiding the development of Shaaray Tefila's strategic plan. Reflecting on our just completed community Passover Seder, I am struck by what a great sense of community we have at Shaaray Tefila and how events like the seder strengthen and build on that feeling. While much is made of the preeminence of social media these days, there is really nothing like sitting down with old and new friends and breaking matzo together.

Many thanks to Yael Werber for leading a great seder and to Nancy, Jerry and Isaac Goldstein, Francine Torra and Cher Hoffman, for taking care of all the innumerable preparations required for creating the seder and dinner. Thanks to Bea and her crew from Samantha's for cooking a sumptuous dinner for us.

Please join us for Friday night services April 26 with an Oneg honoring Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg who recently obtained his ordination from the Academy

for Jewish Religion and a Shabbat Kiddush in his honor April 27<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Fran Ginsburg.

Our joint annual Holocaust Memorial observance will be May 2, at the Temple this year. Please also join us for a Shabbat Kiddush honoring Mike Gersten for his many years of service and devotion to Shaaray Tefila on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Mike will be moving to South Carolina shortly thereafter.

A fascinating presentation on the history of Jews in the Adirondacks presented by Diane O'Connor and the Warren County Historical Society will take place at Shaaray Tefila on Wednesday evening, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

We will be scheduling our annual Congregational meeting in the near future, at which time we will vote on board members, clergy, and update you on security measures and synagogue finances.

Please welcome our new office manager, Betsey Dunkley. Betsey brings many years of office experience to Shaaray Tefila, most recently in legal and political organizations. She has taken our position to be closer to her home in Lake George. We look forward to a long and mutually rewarding relationship.

Mark Hoffman

### **HOUSE MANAGER'S NOTE**



We are pleased to announce the hiring of our new Office Manager. Her name is Betsey Dunkley and she started last week. I am pleased she accepted the position because she brings a strong presence to the office and is very organized. Please introduce yourself to Betsey when you call or come in.

> Larry Greenberg House Manager



# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Religious school continues on *Sundays at* 9:30 AM. Please contact Mark Hoffman at: <a href="mailto:shaarayt@yahoo.com">shaarayt@yahoo.com</a> for information. May dates are: 5th, 12th, and 19th and each start with a weekly-themed short children's service.

### WEEKLY TORAH PORTION



Acharei Mot 4 May

TORAH Leviticus 16:1-18:30 HAFTARAH Ezekiel 22:1-19

Kedoshim 11 May

TORAH Leviticus 19:1-20:27

HAFTARAH Amos 9:7-15

Emor 18 May

TORAH Leviticus 21:-24:23 HAFTARAH Ezekiel 44:15-31

Behar 25 May

TORAH Leviticus 25:1-26:2 HAFTARAH Jeremiah 32:6-27

## SYNAGOGUE NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

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



Cheryl Hoffman Bonnie Yanklowitz

May 2 May 3

Steffi Bobbin Gladys Wurzberger

May 5 May 8

Michael Gersten David Schwartz

May 10 May 12

Marilyn Bazan Susan Matzner

May 14 May 17

Gerald Goldstein Rick Every Laura Fram May 23

May 20

Sunny Buchman Robin Cohen

May 27 May 28

Melissa Korot Jason Kantrowitz

May 29 May 31

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



### Dr. Mark & Cheryl Hoffman

May 24th 38th anniversary

Congregation Shaaray Tefila & Sisterhood express their deepest condolences to the Kravitz & Ashendorff families on the passing of Pearl Kravitz, mother of a Ashendorff who passed away at

Ava Ashendorff, who passed away at the age of 93 years old on April 2, 2019 (Adar-II 26, 5779).

Welcome!
To our newest members:
The Nadler Family

If you have an upcoming yahrzeit and need a minyan, please let us know.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

## \*\*\*FREE SMOKE ALARMS, MAY 4TH\*\*

Sign up to Volunteer or request Free Smoke Alarms at: Redcross.org/STAGlensFalls or call 518-694-5121

# PRESENTATION ON JEWISH PEOPLE IN THE ADIRONDACKS

### Sponsored by Warren County Historical Society with Congregation Shaaray Tefila and Temple Beth-El

Topic: "Adirondack Jews - Community and

Contribution"

When: Wednesday, May 15 at 7pm

Where: Congregation Shaaray Tefila, 68 Bay Street,

Glens Falls

\*\*\* Free and open to the public \*\*\*
Light refreshments following the presentation

Diane O'Connor, Managing Director of the Ticonderoga Historical Society will discuss the accomplishments and contributions by individuals of Jewish heritage in the Adirondack region.

For more information: call 518-743-0734 or email: mail@wcnyhs.org.

## BOOKCASE DEDICATION IN MEMORY OF ELIJAH COHEN

3-4pm, Monday, May 13th
Cornell Cooperative Extension,
377 Schroon River Road
Warrensburg, NY 12886
(518) 668-4881
Books or funds accepted for this
literacy project.

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 is usually the third Thursday of each month. Please submit items to: <a href="mailto:cstgfny@gmail.com">cstgfny@gmail.com</a>. Thanks!



## SISTERHOOD NEWS May 2019

Hope everyone had a healthy, good Passover whether at home, at family or friend's or at the first Seder with our Student Rabbi, Yael Werber.

Thank you to ALL who helped clear and ready the kitchen, shopped for foods, set tables, cooked and prepared the foods for a wonderful Seder and assisted with serving and clean-up in any way.

On behalf of Sisterhood, Dolly and I wish Nicole the best with her future endeavors and thank her for all she did for Sisterhood. We warmly welcome the new secretary, Betsy and wish her well in her new position.

Welcome back to more snowbirds. Happy, healthy spring to everyone. Welcome to our new members, the Nadler Family!

Please check bulletin information or flyers for important upcoming events:

- Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7 pm Temple/CST Holocaust Memorial Program at Temple Beth-El
- Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 7pm Don't miss the Warren County Historical Program here in our synagogue, -"Jews of the Adirondacks-Community and Contributions." See our "Community Events" section in this bulletin.

Sisterhood will deeply miss our Gabbi, Mike Gersten. We wish him and his family best wishes with retirement and their move to South Carolina. We thank Mike for his years of dedication to our shul as a Gabbi, for taking great care with our building and grounds and for all his contributions to CST and Sisterhood. We thank Amy and Mike for cooking and all their work at Passover several years ago and Mike's help for several years preparing the kitchen for Passover. Safe travel and best wishes!

Best wishes to all, Dolly and Bonnie Sisterhood Co-Presidents

## MAY ONEGS & KIDDUSHES SPONSORED BY:

### Friday, May 3:

Oneg sponsorship available.

**Saturday, May 4:** Kiddush sponsored by Roz Winston in memory of her husband Michael Winston.

<u>Friday, May 10:</u> Oneg sponsored by Bonnie Yanklowitz in honor of all May birthdays and anniversaries AND to welcome more Snowbirds home.

**Saturday, May 11**: Kiddush sponsored by CST & Sisterhood in honor of Mike Gersten.

### Saturday, May 18:

Kiddush sponsorship available.

**Friday, May 24:** Oneg sponsored by Alex Frank & Stacey Mandelbaum in memory of Alex's father, Philip Frank.

**Saturday, May 25:** Kiddush sponsored by Roz Winston in honor of the memory of Philip & Annie Schwartz.

## HONORABLE MENTCHEN:

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

Bonnie Yanklowitz, Dr. Mark & Cher Hoffman, Fran Ginsburg,

Congregation Shaaray Tefila & Sisterhood.

#### KOSHER DELIVERY

KOSHER ORDERS FOR MAY ARE DUE BY MAY 6<sup>th</sup> WITH A DELIVERY OF MAY 21<sup>st</sup>. 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'd like to sponsor one. Thanks for supporting Sisterhood, as we support you!

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE
THE FOLLOWING THOUGHTFUL
CONTRIBUTIONS

### **BUILDING / GENERAL FUND**

General donation to synagogue From: Dr. Mark & Cher Hoffman

In memory of Pearl Kravitz From: Barbara & Myron Rapaport

In memory of Mark Lipshutz From: Michael Kanofsky

In honor of the birth of Dolly Morrissey's Great-grandchild From: Laura Fram

In honor of Sunny Buchman's birthday From: Leone Straus

In honor of Judy & Al Korot's Anniversary From: Barbara & Myron Rapaport

Anonymous donation for Passover Seder

#### SISTERHOOD FUND

Continued healing prayers for Ruth Goldman, Dr. Syd Hochman, David Matzner, Dr. Mitchell Cohen, and Gladys Wurzberger

### **TZEDUKAH FUND**

General donation
From Bruce & Jennifer Markowitz

#### **TORAH FUND**

Healing Prayers for Dr. Syd Hochman From Bonnie Yanklowitz



## YAHRZEIT RECORD FOR MAY 2019



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

Isadore Ackerman
Charles Friedman
Michael Winston
Wednesday, 5/1/2019 Nissan 26, 5779
Bella Diskin
Pat Perrotti
William Shapiro
Thursday, 5/2/2019 Nissan 27, 5779
Christine Kaufler
Henry Rapaport
Jerome Tucker
Betty Yaspan
Friday, 5/3/2019 Nissan 28, 5779

Sunday, 5/19/2019 Iyar 14, 5779 Joseph Goldberg **Tillie Lazarus David Nonkin Carrie Wachtel** Sarah Spar Monday, 5/20/2019 Ivar 15, 5779 Saturday, 5/4/2019 Nissan 29, 5779 Clara Suckman **Paul Beck** Sunday, 5/5/2019 Nissan 30, 5779 Leba Grebova **Chayim Gersten** Joseph Krell Max Gersten Yitzchak Orshansky **Isabelle Levy Benjamin Swirsky** Estyr Yaffee Bernadette Suckman Tuesday, 5/21/2019 Iyar 16, 5779 Rueben Swirsky Monday, 5/6/2019 Iyar 1, 5779 **Samuel Grode** Celia Cohen **Maurice Rosenberg** Wednesday, 5/22/2019 Ivar 17, 5779 Samuel Grauman **Elliot Hirsch Bessie Aronson** Tuesday, 5/7/2019 Iyar 2, 5779 **Bruce Michael Kantrowitz Hyman Berkowitz Philip Schwartz** Jennie Elkes Louis Silverman Harry Podolsky Thursday, 5/23/2019 Iyar 18, 5779 Wednesday, 5/8/2019 Iyar 3, 5779 **Regina Charhon Sarah Aronson** Selma Hafter Thursday, 5/9/2019 Iyar 4, 5779 Friday, 5/24/2019 Iyar 19, 5779 **Isadore Smul Hattie Solomon Cohen Morris Weiner Philip Frank** Friday, 5/10/2019 Iyar 5, 5779 Sophie Novak Rita Spar Rose Rodman Saturday, 5/25/2019 Iyar 20, 5779 **Louis Weiner** Saturday, 5/11/2019 Iyar 6, 5779 T. David Chesler **Lawrence Greenberg** Harry Kaplan **Abraham Kline** Abraham Koble Sunday, 5/12/2019 Iyar 7, 5779 Sunday, 5/26/2019 Iyar 21, 5779 **Larry Chapman** I. Alfred Alkes Ralph Shapiro Sol Goldstein Samuel Shapiro **Louise Goodman** Lillian Suckmon Ralph Leinoff Monday, 5/13/2019 Iyar 8, 5779 **Emma Rosenberg Arnold Abrams** Sara Tate **Edwin Brown** Monday, 5/27/2019 Iyar 22, 5779 Jean Rosenberg **Mary Swirsky Hyman Tunick** Sarah L. Suckman Wednesday, 5/15/2019 Iyar 10, 5779 Wednesday, 5/29/2019 Iyar 24, 5779 Marriella Marie Cohen Frank Greenberg **Fannie Mandwelle** Dr. Morris Yaffee Morris Yaffee **Fannie Rosenstein** Thursday, 5/30/2019 Iyar 25, 5779 Thursday, 5/16/2019 Iyar 11, 5779 Mary V. Aronson **Bessie Goldberg** Joan DelSignore **Stanley Robinson Esther Friedman Morris Weiner Arnold Silverberg** Friday, 5/31/2019 Iyar 26, 5779 Friday, 5/17/2019 Iyar 12, 5779 **Eugene Harold Modell** Saturday, 5/18/2019 Iyar 13, 5779 Jacob Seigel

Lillian Snyder



## YAHRZEIT RECORD FOR JUNE 2019



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

Lillian Kopelovitz Stanley Oppenheim Mollie Stewart Sunday, 6/2/2019 Iyar 28, 5779

Mordecai Ginsburg
Tuesday, 6/4/2019 Sivan 1, 5779
Allen Elliott
Mary Levin
Nathan Slawsby
Mary Snyder
Wednesday, 6/5/2019 Sivan 2, 5779
Herman Kingon

Thursday, 6/6/2019 Sivan 3, 5779 Irene Vengrove

Aaron Barney Yanklowitz Friday, 6/7/2019 Sivan 4, 5779 Harvey Segal

Saturday, 6/8/2019 Sivan 5, 5779 Elvira Rita Capone

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Sunday, 6/9/2019 Sivan 6, 5779

**Janet Berkowitz** 

Isadore Kaplan

**Raymond Suckman** 

Monday, 6/10/2019 Sivan 7, 5779

Rose Goldstein Edward Meyer

Tuesday, 6/11/2019 Sivan 8, 5779

**Dorothy Buchman** 

**Hans Cherney** 

**Esther Cohen** 

Jennie Goldman

**Anna Pine** 

Wednesday, 6/12/2019 Sivan 9, 5779

**George Day** 

**Marjorie Robinson** 

Sarah Swirsky

**Trixie Wachtel** 

Thursday, 6/13/2019 Sivan 10, 5779

**Yvette Benson** 

Friday, 6/14/2019 Sivan 11, 5779

**Harry Cohen** 

**Shirley Kanofsky** 

**Abraham Lucks** 

**Martin Spar** 

Saturday, 6/15/2019 Sivan 12, 5779

Ethel Gould Sunday, 6/16/2019 Sivan 13, 5779 Margaret Aronson

**Leonard Handen** 

Monday, 6/17/2019 Sivan 14, 5779

Jay Rutstein

Rose Zweibelson

Tuesday, 6/18/2019 Sivan 15, 5779

**Harry Brezner** 

**Arline Hochman** 

Wednesday, 6/19/2019 Sivan 16, 5779

Hyman Yanklowitz

Wednesday, 6/19/2019 Sivan 16, 5779

Joseph Levy

Thursday, 6/20/2019 Sivan 17, 5779

**Steven Cohen** 

Judah Kaplan

Friday, 6/21/2019 Sivan 18, 5779

**Charles Kasper** 

**Pearl Kitmacher** 

**Dorothy Kopelovitz** 

**Isadore Levine** 

Saturday, 6/22/2019 Sivan 19, 5779

**Irving Abels** 

Sunday, 6/23/2019 Sivan 20, 5779

Harry Berkowitz

**Louis Berkowitz** 

**Bernard Diskin** 

**Anna Shubert** 

Monday, 6/24/2019 Sivan 21, 5779

**Gerald Rothstein** 

**Barbara Slater** 

**Irving Vengrove** 

Tuesday, 6/25/2019 Sivan 22, 5779

Mildred Berg

Wednesday, 6/26/2019 Sivan 23, 5779

Jennie Dorfman

Celia Dube

**Albert Shubert** 

Thursday, 6/27/2019 Sivan 24, 5779

Frances Sagan

Helen Silverstein

Friday, 6/28/2019 Sivan 25, 5779

**Anne Brandon** 

**Ruth Etta Brender** 

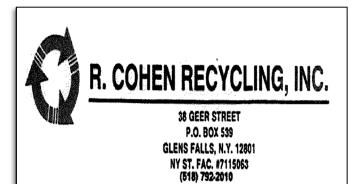
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Saturday, 6/29/2019 Sivan 26, 5779

Theresa Greenberg

Sunday, 6/30/2019 Sivan 27, 5779

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## **MAY 2019**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 YOM HASHOAH 7pm ADULT ED: TORAH CLASS	7pm YOM HASHOAH Combined Service at Temple Beth-El	7pm Service	9:30am Service
9:30 am Religious School	6 IYYAR Kosher Order Due Office Closed	7 Office Closed	8 YOM HAZKARON 7pm ADULT ED: TORAH CLASS	9 YOM HA'ATZMAUT 6:30pm Sisterhood Meeting	10 6:30PM Service at THE GLEN	9:30am Service with Rabbi Gerry Ginsburg
MOTHER"S DAY 9:30am Religious School	13	14	15 7pm -"JEWISH HISTORY IN THE ADIRONDACKS" PRESENTATION at CST	16 BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE	17 7PM Service	ARMED FORCES DAY  9:30am Service  THANK YOU TO ALL WITH AVESUE DAY
19 PESACH SHENI 9:30am Religious School 7pm JEWISH FEDERATION NORTH COUNTRY EVENT	20	21 Kosher Delivery	ADULT ED: TORAH CLASS 7PM	23 LAG B'OMER	7pm Service with student Rabbi Yael Werber	9:30am Service with student Rabbi Yael Werber
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED Office Closed THANK YOU!	28	29	30	31	