WEEKLY SERVICES

FRIDAY: 7:00PM SATURDAY: 9:30AM

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DECEMBER 2019



RABBI'S REPORT

What the Month of Kislev Comes to Teach Us

Thursday November 28th marks Rosh Chodesh Kislev, the start of the month of Kislev. A dear friend of mine, Laura Bellows, who is a creative and thoughtful rabbi and educator, reminded me that there is a beautiful teaching on the month of Kislev when we do a slight word play.

Traditionally, the month of Kislev is spelled כסלו. We will do a letter exchange in this word in service of an innovative interpretation.

We remove the final letter of the word, the vav (1). We replace this letter with the letter vet (2) which has a very similar sound to vav (1).

Now we have the name of the month spelled כסלב.

The name of the month now forms two words kis (כס) and lev (לב).

A kis (כס) is a pocket and lev (לב) is a heart. This word play opens up a way to understand the month of Kislev as a heart pocket.

What is a heart pocket? It is the most special and sacred of all pockets! It's not the place for a half used tissue, spare change or the unintentional collection of lint. It is the place to hold that which is most dear, that which adds to our life force.

As we move further into winter, we enter more deeply into the part of the year where there is less daylight. There can be a tendency to turn inward, to feel darker, to feel less connected to the light. We must remember to look for the light. We must remember that it has only been a month since the end of the holiday season that offered many

opportunities for reflection, renewal, joy and time together as a community.

What nuggets do you want to take from the previous light filled months to add to your heart pocket? What light do you want to reach for and store away for the darker days ahead?

May the month of Kislev inspire us to seek out that which we hold most dear, that which nourishes us and adds to our life force. May each of us be surprised by the light and warmth that emanates from our own לב כס, our own heart pocket!



Rachel Talí Kaplan Student Rabbi

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a pleasure it was for Shaaray Tefila to host a family service and Shabbat dinner for the Temple-Synagogue Religious School and our two congregations November 1. It was great to see young and old praying, singing, playing and socializing together from the two congregations. Thanks to Rebecca Charhon and the teachers from religious school, Rabbi Mendel from Temple-Beth El, and Rachel Kaplan from CST for making this a fun a meaningful event. Thanks to everyone who brought food and helped clean-up and to Bonnie Yanklowitz for organizing the dinner arrangements.

As we endeavor to make Shaaray Tefila more accessible and open to a diverse Jewish community, we will need to think carefully about how to navigate these exciting but sometimes

unsettled waters. I would like to suggest that our guiding principle should be inclusiveness. This may, at times, mean going the extra distance to make sure others can engage in Jewish practices in a manner that they have become accustomed to. At other times, it may mean creating boundaries to insure that our own congregants do not feel excluded by practices that could be perceived as diverging excessively from our Jewish tradition. This may not be a simple or easy project, but it is absolutely essential if there is to be a significant Jewish future in the Greater Glens Falls area.

Please join us on Saturday evening, December 28 for our annual Chanukah communal dinner and candle-lighting led by Rachel Kaplan. We look forward to great food, socializing, singing and other activities. Watch the announcements for details.

Mark



Dr. Mark Hoffman

WEEKLY TORAH PORTION



Vayetzei Candlelighting	December 7 4:02 pm, Dec 6			
TORAH	Genesis 28:10 - 32:3			
HAFTARAH	Hosea 12:13 - 14:10			
Vayishlach Candlelighting	December 14 4:02 pm, Dec 13			
TORAH	Genesis 32:4 - 36:43			
HAFTARAH	Obadiah 1:1 - 1:21			
Vayeshev Candlelighting	December 21 4:04 pm, Dec 20			

TORAH <u>Genesis 37:1 - 40:23</u> HAFTARAH <u>Amos 2:6 - 3:8</u>

 Miketz
 December 28

 Candlelighting
 4:09 pm, Dec 27

 TORAH
 Genesis 41:1 - 44:17

 HAFTARAH
 I Kings 3:15 - 4:1

SYNAGOGUE NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & IMPORTANT DATES



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

Whitney Roe	12/1
Dr. Michelle Antiles	12/3
Sandra Jeane Torra	12/7
Barbara Vengrove	12/7
Saundra Williams	12/7
Jill Rubinstein	12/8
Charlene Lebowitz	12/10
Adam Shaham	12/12
Mason Wurzberger	12/12
Andrew Silver	12/14
Peter Weill	12/18
Leonora Kleinmann	12/19
Barry Goldstein	12/20
Jennifer Nadler	12/20
Anabella Cohen	12/22
Juliella Jolie Cohen	12/22
Vanessa Gabrielle Schwartz	12/24
Maia Van Zandt	12/24
Gerald Brezner	12/25
Diane Beale	12/26
Michael Rogers	12/30

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

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: cstgfny@gmail.com. Thanks!

MEMBER ARTICLE



Bequest to our Shul from Norman Kudan



1921-2018

Dear Congregation Shaaray Tefila,

It is no secret as to how much Dad was committed to the Jewish community and more so to Congregation Shaaray Tefila

that he loved so dearly. It is a place where he communicated with his G-d in the tradition of his forefathers and it is also the place where he made enduring friendships. It was through this connection with his G-d and community that instilled in him the values that guided him and gave direction and meaning to everything he did in his lifetime.

It is, therefore, no surprise that he wanted to leave this bequest as some form of lasting memory to the Congregation that meant so very much to him. I know, however, that by more than this tangible and fleeting gift, Dad's greater legacy and that by which he will truly

be remembered, are his qualities that are far more enduring than money – his big heart, his infectious smile, his generosity, his humor and his overwhelming love of family that spread over to everyone in his Shaaray Tefila family as well.

From the Family of Norman Kudan



Hope all is well with the Synagogue and its members. I enjoyed my time there.

Love to All! > Ruthie Goldman



SISTERHOOD NEWS DECEMBER 2019

Kudos to the synagogue and temple for a special combined family service and dinner held at the synagogue on Friday, November 1st. We had our wonderful Jewish community joined together with children and adults enjoying the service with Student Rabbi Rachel Kaplan and Rabbi Norm Mendel which followed a wonderful variety of potluck foods and fellowship.

Hope everyone will have a bountiful, healthy Happy Thanksgiving!

We send healing prayers and warm thoughts to members, their families and to friends of Sisterhood.

Thank you to so many for your Sisterhood dues and additional donations. There were some later mailings this year, therefore the date for Sisterhood dues has been extended to December 15th. Again, thank you for your support with dues, donations and volunteering your time and efforts in several ways!

We miss our Snowbirds and past and present members who have moved from the area.

Mazel Tov to Dr. Syd Hochman who celebrated his 50th Bar Mitzvah on November 23rd.

Have a healthy winter and a safe December. Don't miss the Latke Fest at Temple Beth-El on Sunday, December 8th, or our Chanakah Party on December 28th. Remember the Sisterhood Gift Shop for your Chanukah shopping! Celebrate and enjoy a fun, festive Hanukkah!

Holiday greetings!
Dolly and Bonnie ♥♥
Sisterhood Co-presidents

DECEMBER ONEGS & KIDDUSHES SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Saturday, December 7:

Kiddush sponsored by Sue and David Matzner in honor of Dan Shaham.

Friday, December 13:

Oneg sponsorship available.

Saturday, December 14:

Kiddush sponsorship available.

Friday, December 20:

Oneg sponsorship available.

Saturday, December 21:

Kiddush sponsorship available.

Friday, December 27:

Oneg sponsorship available.

Saturday, December 28:

Kiddush sponsorship available.

HONORABLE MENTCHEN:

an Oneg or Kiddush during
November, including: Judy Korot (Yom
Kippur Kiddush), Laura Fram, Mark and
Cher Hoffman, Veronica Kleinmann,
Audrey Vogenberg, Mary Kuntz, Larry
Greenberg, Hilda Schwartz, Judy Aronson,
Congregation Shaaray Tefila and
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 at 518-792-4945 if you'd like to sponsor. Thanks for supporting Sisterhood, as we support you!

19-20 Oneg, Kiddush & Mourners' Meal Pricing

Oneg:	\$ 25
Basic Kiddush:	\$ 90
Kiddush with Lox:	\$110
Kiddush with Lox & Whitefish:	\$125
Mourners' Meal (up to 20 people):	\$100
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In memory of her husband Harry Goldman and her nephew Ben Aronson **From Ruthie Goldman**

YAHRZEIT RECORD FOR

DECEMBER 2019



David Diskin Benjamin Goldman Joan Shapiro

Sunday, 12/1/2019 Kislev 3, 5780

Jacob Bakst

Edward Davis

Rose (Berkowitz) Goldstein

Judah Jacobs

Simon Semelisky

Monday, 12/2/2019 Kislev 4, 5780

Melvin Bittman

Gerald (Jerry) Brown

Barton Cohen

Margarethe Neuhaus

Tuesday, 12/3/2019 Kislev 5, 5780

Thomas Michael Chary

Barney Snyder

Wednesday, 12/4/2019 Kislev 6, 5780

Berte Bisher

Louis Bobbin

Thelma Kaplan

Leonore Lebowitz

Thursday, 12/5/2019 Kislev 7, 5780

Alvin (Yanklowitz) Yanko

Ida Gould

Arthur Tunick

Morris Verdrager

Friday, 12/6/2019 Kislev 8, 5780

Harry Goldman

Saturday, 12/7/2019 Kislev 9, 5780

Dorothy Robitaille

Sunday, 12/8/2019 Kislev 10, 5780

Joseph Cohen

Monday, 12/9/2019 Kislev 11, 5780

Gertrude Abrams Highton

Dr. Leon Levin

Tuesday, 12/10/2019 Kislev 12, 5780

Shirley Segan

Wednesday, 12/11/2019 Kislev 13, 5780

Lydia Adler

Thursday, 12/12/2019 Kislev 14, 5780

Cheyeh Berkowitz

Samuel Raych

Sam Swirsky

Rae Witepsky

Friday, 12/13/2019 Kislev 15, 5780

David Ryen

Saturday, 12/14/2019 Kislev 16, 5780

Nathan Henry Kudan

Howard Silverman

Sunday, 12/15/2019 Kislev 17, 5780

Julia Gersten

Susan Seaman

Tuesday, 12/17/2019 Kislev 19, 5780

Orel Friedman

Morris Isaacson

Florence Kanter

Arnold Klein

Herman Silverman

Wednesday, 12/18/2019 Kislev 20, 5780

Abram Chernets

Helen Diskin

Lilia (Lily) Muller

Nancy Polonsky

Chayim Silverman

Thursday, 12/19/2019 Kislev 21, 5780

Milton Aronson

Dr. Joel Grossman

Lila Myers

Friday, 12/20/2019 Kislev 22, 5780

Joyce Marie Bennett

Fredrick M. Berg

Betty Goldman

Joan Grossman

Gregory Raynor

Gertrude Swirsky

Saturday, 12/21/2019 Kislev 23, 5780

Herman Aronson

Ben Berman

Fannie Goldstein

Jacob Goldstein

Sigmund Weiss

Sunday, 12/22/2019 Kislev 24, 5780

Robert Morrissey

Arnold Russ

Monday, 12/23/2019 Kislev 25, 5780

Ben Aronson

Sidney Rosen

Rebecca Rosenberg

Marlene Tate

Tuesday, 12/24/2019 Kislev 26, 5780

Betty Drexler

Wednesday, 12/25/2019 Kislev 27, 5780

Marvin Cohen

Florence Kingon

Ethel Goldie Levitt

Louis Myers

Loretta Perrotti

Michelle Seaman

Thursday, 12/26/2019 Kislev 28, 5780

Henry Feinberg

Evelyn Ochsner

Eva Seaman

Harry Weiss

Martha Weiss

Friday, 12/27/2019 Kislev 29, 5780

Danny Fisher

Saturday, 12/28/2019 Kislev 30, 5780

Mary Klein

Sunday, 12/29/2019 Tevet 1, 5780

YAHRZEIT RECORD FOR

JANUARY 2020



Mildred Korot Sandra Suckman Joseph Yaffee

Wednesday, 1/1/2020 Tevet 4, 5780

Elizabeth Gersten Rebecca Verdrager

Thursday, 1/2/2020 Tevet 5, 5780

Leonard Every

Friday, 1/3/2020 Tevet 6, 5780

Alfred Einstein

Burton (Burt) Kantrowitz

Judith Smul

Saturday, 1/4/2020 Tevet 7, 5780

Hyman Gould Jack Mandwelle

Eva Rote-Rosen (Rifke Bas Dovid)

Dvorah Silverman Rabbi Richard Sobel

Anna Zweibelson

Monday, 1/6/2020 Tevet 9, 5780

Yetta Bakst Bert Ferber Gertrude Gersten Ben Goldberg

Tuesday, 1/7/2020 Tevet 10, 5780

Louis Lazarus

Elayne Suckman

Wednesday, 1/8/2020 Tevet 11, 5780

Marion Gellman

Thursday, 1/9/2020 Tevet 12, 5780

Seymour Bobbin Irene Daley Einstein Elinore Greene Mary Mandel Morris Solomon

Friday, 1/10/2020 Tevet 13, 5780

Chana Landsman

Saturday, 1/11/2020 Tevet 14, 5780

Samuel Jacobs Emanuel Juris Victor Silverman

Sunday, 1/12/2020 Tevet 15, 5780 Marion Ullman

Monday, 1/13/2020 Tevet 16, 5780

Rachel Cohen

Dr. Samuel Kanter

Tuesday, 1/14/2020 Tevet 17, 5780

Benjamin Fram Harry Green

Wednesday, 1/15/2020 Tevet 18, 5780

y, 1/15/2020 Teve Kevin Berkowitz

Isidor Oppenheim Regina Strobel Weill

Thursday, 1/16/2020 Tevet 19, 5780

Morris Alkes
A. Morris Aronson

Katherine (Kay) Day Henry Elkis

Friday, 1/17/2020 Tevet 20, 5780

Albert Charhon
A. Henry Elkes
Jules Perlman
Barnet Shapiro
Moses Silverman

Saturday, 1/18/2020 Tevet 21, 5780

Penny A. Grossman Chayim Seaman Boruch Silverman

Sunday, 1/19/2020 Tevet 22, 5780

Bessie Cohen

Monday, 1/20/2020 Tevet 23, 5780

Robert Aronson Cindy Brandon Hyman Reed

Tuesday, 1/21/2020 Tevet 24, 5780

Gusta Aronson Morris Aronson Walter Cohen Joseph Saidel

Wednesday, 1/22/2020 Tevet 25, 5780

Mosha Aronson Samuel Rosenburg Sally Rote-Rosen

Thursday, 1/23/2020 Tevet 26, 5780

Samuel Aronson Rose Roth Dorothy Segel Rose Winer Max Yunich

Friday, 1/24/2020 Tevet 27, 5780

Sam Borlawsky
Ephram Fram
Stefan Janis
Eva Leah Silverman

Saturday, 1/25/2020 Tevet 28, 5780

Gussie Berman George Kudon Robert Rapaport

Sunday, 1/26/2020 Tevet 29, 5780

Samuel Beck Helen Hoffman Bertha Kasper Adrian Seligman Harry Silverman

Monday, 1/27/2020 Shevat 1, 5780

George Cohen Max Oppenheim Jeanne Silverman

Tuesday, 1/28/2020 Shevat 2, 5780 Jacob Hafter

George Koble

Thursday, 1/30/2020 Shevat 4, 5780

Samuel Saidel

Friday, 1/31/2020 Shevat 5, 5780

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DECEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Kosher Order Due Date	3	4	5	**NO SERVICE**	9:30AM Service led by Dan Shaham & Congregants
9:00AM Religious School	9	10 Kosher Delivery	11	12	6:30PM Service at THE GLEN	9:30AM Service
9:00AM Religious School	16	17 11AM-1PM Havurah Vatik at Shaara Tfille in Saratoga with the Adk Klezmer Band Light Klezmer	18	19	7PM Service	9:30AM Service
WINTER BEGINS	CHANUKAH DAY 1	CHANUKAH DAY 2	CHANUKAH DAY 3 CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSED	CHANUKAH DAY 4	CHANUKAH DAY 5 6:15PM Family Shabbat Service at Temple Beth-El with student Rabbi	CHANUKAH DAY 6 9:30AM Service with student Rabbi Rachel Kaplan PARTY! Chanukah Candle Lighting, Dinner & Celebration with
29 CHANUKAH DAY 7	30 CHANUKAH DAY 8	NEW YEAR'S EVE!		20	Rachel Kaplan	student Rabbi Rachel at CST