WEEKLY SERVICES

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

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RABBI'S REPORT

My gift to all of you this Chanuka is eight different things to think about as you light the candles - one question/thought for each night. May these questions/thoughts spark something for you that will brighten your holiday celebration!



1/ Count Up or Down?

There was once a debate between two famous Jewish sages. Shammai said, light 8 candles on the 1st night of Chanuka and decrease 1 candle on each night that follows. Hillel said, light 1 candle on the 1st night of Chanuka and increase 1 candle on each night that follows. Today, most people follow Hillel and increase 1 candle each night. We count up to the 8th day of Chaunka. We count up to incrementally increase the light in the darkness. We count up to incrementally increase the holiness in the world. We count up to incrementally increase increase the joy amidst the suffering. May we all count up to light, holiness and joy!

2/ Celebrating "ba-z'man ha-zeh"
In one of the blessings we recite over the
Chanuka candles we say ba-z'man ha-zeh."
This phrase can be translated as "at this time,"
or "within time." What are you celebrating at
this time, right now? What are you celebrating
within the larger framework of time?

3/ Candle-lighting channels G!d's light
In the first book of the Torah, Bereshit/Genesis,
G!d creates light from darkness. Lighting
Chanuka candles (much like lighting Shabbat
candles) connects us to this act of creation.
Through this simple act we channel holiness
and bring G!d's original light into the world. Let
there be light!

4/ The search for Divine Light is not in vain In sharing a teaching from an early Hasidic master, Rabbi Levi Yitzhak of Berditchev, my teacher, Rabbi Or Rose, reminded me, "despite the darkness [we] may experience, individually or communally, the search for Divine Light is not in vain." May we each have the strength to keep searching for G!d as this is the work of connecting to the Divine.

5/ Bask in the beauty and mystery
There's a tradition to not use the light of the
Chanuka candles for any purpose other than to
bask in the beautiful and mysterious glow. I
invite you to sit (or stand) back, delight in the
flickering flames and appreciate the simple
beauty inherent in this tradition.

6/ What's lighting you up?

As you light the Chanuka candles, I invite you to spend a few moments (or longer!) thinking about what has sparked your interest or captured your heart recently. This can be a small or big thing. Take a few deep breaths and notice the light that is on inside of you!

7/ What part of your path needs more light? Imagine you could store away the light of the Chauka candles to light a part of your path that feels dark, veiled or in need of some extra illumination. May the light of the Chanuka candles remind you of all the possibilities that are in front of you, wherever you are on your path!

8/ What part of the world needs more light?
We live in a broken world. We are here to do our part to make a repair, however small. What part of the world needs more light? How can you bring your own unique light to repair the world?



Rachel Tali Kaplan Student Rabbi

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thanks to Dan Shaham for leading services in early December and to Syd Hochman for reading Torah, Peter Kudan for pointing, Bruce Markowitz for acting as Gabbi, Judy Korot for pointing and helping lead Musaf services, Dave Matzner for helping with the Torah service, Susan Matzner for her expert galila skills, and to Pinchas Shabbat who doesn't let us get away with anything. Thanks to all who are called for aliyot on Saturday morning. Thanks to all who contribute their ideas during Torah discussion. Thanks to Cher Hoffman, Nancy Goldstein, Francine Torah, Bonnie Yanklowitz and others for preparing kiddushes and onegs and to all who help clean up. Thanks to Salomon Charhon, who keeps an eye on the front door for us during services and greets latecomers. Thanks to Lana and Annabelle Studley for lowering the average age of our congregants by about 40 years. Thanks to all who share in this team project of making a Jewish home for all of us at Shaaray Tefila.

Speaking of team projects, please join Rachel Kaplan at Shaaray Tefila for our Chanukah party on Saturday evening December 28, 5:30 PM. We will have food, candle-lighting, songs, games, ping-pong, and pool. Bring a joke to tell and bring children and grandchildren.

We are planning a Biblical Hebrew course to begin in January, which will be focused around a superb video series from The Teaching Company supplemented by review and discussion. Please contact me if you are interested in participating. No prior Hebrew is required but the speed of progression of the course will depend on the participants.

Happy Chanukah to all and happy secular New Years.



TORAH

HAFTARAH

Dr. Mark Hoffman

WEEKLY TORAH PORTION



Vayigash Candlelighting	JANUARY 3 4:14 pm, Jan 3		
TORAH	Genesis 44:18 - 47:27		
HAFTARAH	Ezekiel 37:15 - 37:28		
Vayechi Candlelighting	JANUARY 10 4:22 pm, Jan 10		
TORAH	Genesis 47:28 - 50:26		
HAFTARAH	<u>I Kings 2:1 - 2:12</u>		
Shemot Candlelighting	JANUARY 17 4:30 pm, Jan 17		

Exodus 1:1 - 6:1

Jeremiah 1:1 - 2:3

 Vaera
 JANUARY 24

 Candlelighting
 4:39 pm, Jan 24

 TORAH
 Exodus 6:2 - 9:35

 HAFTARAH
 Ezekiel 28:25 - 29:21

 Bo
 JANUARY 31

 Candlelighting
 4:48 pm, Jan 31

 TORAH
 Exodus 10:1 - 13:16

 HAFTARAH
 Jeremiah 46:13 - 46:28

SYNAGOGUE NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & IMPORTANT DATES



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

Tommy Pollinger	1/1
Michael Rubinstein	1/2
Troy Goldstein	1/5
Myron Rapaport	1/5
Dr. Larry Greenberg	1/6
Andrew Kaplan	1/8
Stephen Schwartz	1/8
Rebecca Weill	1/10
J. Lawrence Paltrowitz	1/13
Benjamin Cohen	1/14
Elizabeth Fram	1/14
Patrick Isaac Beeson	1/15
John Karhinen	1/17
Shira Carmel Hoffman	1/19
Emily Ruth Samuels (Tisdel)	1/21
Vance Cohen	1/22
Jaslyn Williams	1/22
David Wurzberger	1/23
Loren Michael Bush	1/25
David Torra	1/25
Leah Starbuch Samuels	1/26
Michele Lori Schwartz	1/28
Lawrence Segel	1/28
Herbert Levin	1/29
Audrey K. Vogenberg – 90 th !	1/30

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!



SISTERHOOD NEWS JANUARY 2020

Hope everyone had a festive, fun Hanukkah with family, friends and community.

The Temple's Latke Fest was a fun, special community event again this year.

Both Temple (Service) and Synagogue Hanukkah dinner gatherings will be special, fun and enjoyed by all! Our Student Rabbi Rachel Kaplan will be here for Chanukah celebrations.

Our Snowbirds are missed: Judy Korcz, Judy and Dr. Alan Korot, Rose Rothstein, Libby Levine, and Ernie Robitel. We also miss our Sisterhood members and friends who have moved from the area: Sunny Buchman, Sharon Aronson, Ruth Goldman, Shelle Kelz, Dr. Dolly Morrissey and Anna Wasserman.

Condolences to Rabbi Harold Kudan's family, to Peter (Nancy) and Ronni and families on the passing of Rabbi Harold's son, Jeremy Kudan.

Healing thoughts and prayers to members and friends of Congregation Shaaray Tefila and Temple Beth-El.

Best wishes for a healthy, happy 2020!

Bonnie Yanklowitz ** **
Sisterhood Co-President

JANUARY ONEGS & KIDDUSHES SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Friday, January 3

Oneg sponsorship available.

Saturday, January 4:

Kiddush sponsorship available.

Friday, January 10:

Oneg sponsorship available.

Saturday, January 11:

Kiddush sponsorship available.

Friday, January 17:

Oneg sponsorship available.

Saturday, January 18:

Kiddush sponsorship available.

Friday, January 24:

Oneg sponsored by Francine Torra.

Saturday, January 25

Kiddush sponsorship available.

Friday, January 31:

Oneg sponsorship available.

HONORABLE MENTCHEN:

an Oneg or Kiddush during
November, including: Susan and David
Matzner, Stacey Mandelbaum and Alex
Frank (Chanukah Party), 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!

2020 Oneg, Kiddush & Mourners' Meal Donations

Oneg:	\$ 25
Basic Kiddush:	\$ 90
Kiddush with Lox:	\$110
Kiddush with Lox & Whitefish:	\$125
Mourners' Meal (up to 20 people):	\$100
\$5 extra per person over 20	



PRICE CHOPPER KOSHER DELIVERY

KOSHER ORDERS FOR DECEMBER ARE DUE BY JAN 6th WITH A DELIVERY OF JAN 14th. Call 1-800-727-5674 to place an order.

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING THOUGHTFUL CONTRIBUTIONS – Thank You!

TORAH FUND

Mazel Tov to Dr. Syd Hochman! From Bonnie Yanklowitz

Deepest sympathy to Rabbi Harold Kudan, Peter, Ronni and families on the passing of Rabbi's son, and their cousin, Jeremy. **From Bonnie Yanklowitz**

SISTERHOOD FUND

From Nancy Kudan, Lorraine Hochman, Susan Matzner, Lynn Meyer, Barbara Rapaport, Rosalie Rothstein, Libby Levine, Gladys Wurzberger



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

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



YAHRZEIT RECORD FOR

FEBRUARY 2020

Jack Smith

Saturday, 2/1/2020 Shevat 6, 5780

Frieda Koslow Elaine Levy Samuel Weiss Berdie Yafa

Sunday, 2/2/2020 Shevat 7, 5780

Chayeh Kobel Sylvia Kudan (Tzivia) Sabina Landau

Monday, 2/3/2020 Shevat 8, 5780

Isidore Alkes
Charles Ginsburg
Carol Mauro
Molly Rodman
Louis Rosenblum

Tuesday, 2/4/2020 Shevat 9, 5780

Phyllis Feigenbaum Abraham Rudnick

Wednesday, 2/5/2020 Shevat 10, 5780

Daniel Beale Tillie Singer

Ruth Ann Spaulding

Thursday, 2/6/2020 Shevat 11, 5780

Abraham Green

Lawrence Jerome Kantrowitz

Friday, 2/7/2020 Shevat 12, 5780

Rose Cohen

Saturday, 2/8/2020 Shevat 13, 5780

Anna Cohen Ida Jacobs

Sunday, 2/9/2020 Shevat 14, 5780

William Kanoff Louis Kent Irving Matlow

Wednesday, 2/12/2020 Shevat 17, 5780

Morris Kantrowitz Eva Levitan Benjamin Segel

I. Morton (Mort) Yanklowitz

Thursday, 2/13/2020 Shevat 18, 5780

Frances Fleming Cynthia Frost Mildred Seaman

Saturday, 2/15/2020 Shevat 20, 5780

Joseph Eddleton Annie Schwartz Arthur Lewis Shapera

Sunday, 2/16/2020 Shevat 21, 5780

Esther Silverman Carl Suckman

Monday, 2/17/2020 Shevat 22, 5780

Isaac Alkes Lena Shapiro

Tuesday, 2/18/2020 Shevat 23, 5780

Celia Frost Maurice Lebowitz Abraham Levitt Anne Lucks

Wednesday, 2/19/2020 Shevat 24, 5780

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JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	7PM Service	9:30AM Service
5	6 Kosher Order Due Date	7 Fast Day - 10 th of Tevet	8	9	6:30PM Service at The Glen	9:30AM Service
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00AM Religious School		Kosher Delivery	7PM Biblical Hebrew Class		6:15PM Family Shabbat Service & Potluck at Temple Beth-El	9:30AM Service
19	Martin Luther King Day Office Closed	21	7PM Biblical Hebrew Class	23	7PM Service with student Rabbi Rachel Kaplan	9:30AM Service with student Rabbi Rachel Kaplan
9:00AM Religious School	Rosh Chodesh	28	7PM Biblical Hebrew Class	30	31 7PM Service	