

<p>WEEKLY SERVICES AT THE SYNAGOGUE - FRIDAY: Suspended 7:00 pm SATURDAY: Suspended 9:30 am Check our online updates.</p>	<p>CONGREGATION SHAARAY TEFILA 68 Bay Street, Glens Falls NY 12801 518.792.4945 Fax: 518.792.5966 Email: cstgfnny@gmail.com Website: www.shaaraytefila-gfnny.org OFFICE HOURS: limited**</p>	<p>APRIL 2020  NISAN - IYYAR 5780</p>
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**** Office will be Open with limited hours.**

Please do not come to the synagogue building unless absolutely necessary. Virtually all synagogue business can be handled by phone, email, or regular mail. Thank you.

Monday-Friday, 10am - 1pm Reach us at cstgfnny@gmail.com, 518-792-4945 or view our website at www.shaaraytefila-gfnny.org

Normally Scheduled Events Remain Suspended

Due to the COVID-19 Emergency, the Officers and Board of Directors have unanimously suspended all synagogue services, classes and events until further notice. Although we will not be gathering for services and events to preserve the health and well-being of our community, we are a community and none of us are alone. Please remember to take care of yourself and to reach out to others by phone, email or social media.

RABBI'S REPORT

Dearest Congregants,

In thinking about writing this newsletter to you, I struggle to find the Torah, the wisdom of Jewish tradition, for this moment. Everything feels completely upside down.

When Purim began (which as I write this, was just 11 days ago and already feels like it happened in another lifetime), I expected chaos. People dress in costume and engage in merriment of all kinds. This annual embrace of life's physicality is a unique way of exploring spirituality. I've come to enjoy the backwardness of it all.

On Purim we read Megilat Esther, the scroll that tells the story of Esther. Chapter 9 verse 1 opens by describing the situation as "וְהַפְּךָ הָיָה" meaning that the situation is "opposite, reversed, upside down."

Although I never anticipated that when Purim ended the world would continue to feel turned around, the current Coronavirus reality is unlike anything I've ever experienced. So many things are new, different and unknown. Rather than navigating this unfamiliar territory by coming together physically, we are tasked to give and receive support from afar.

I take a deep breath and I am brought back to Esther. When everything was upside down, she risked her life to go before King Ahasuerus. Esther did everything within her power to try to save the Jews of Shushan.

With all that is turned around right now, it is my hope that each of us can and will find the strength to do what we need to do to take care of each other. Sometimes this may mean tapping into our personal reserves, so that we can be strong for others who are struggling. Other times this may mean leaning into our vulnerability and asking for help from those around us.

I hope and pray that soon our reality will mirror what is described in another verse (chapter 9, verse 22) from Megilat Esther (the only other verse in this story that uses the same Hebrew word that I mentioned before): "וְהָיָה לְהֵם מִיָּגוֹן לְשִׁמְחָה וּמֵאֲבֵל לִיּוֹם טוֹב"

May we inhabit the reality "which had been transformed for them from one of grief and mourning to one of festive joy." May all that is upside down become right side up in new and beautiful ways that we cannot yet imagine!



Rachel Tali Kaplan
Student Rabbi

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thanks to all of you who are sending in suggestions for how we can maintain our own sense of Jewish community in the midst of social distancing, as well as how we can maintain our connection to the broader Jewish community.

Please plan to attend our virtual **Kabbalat Shabbat with Rachel Tali Kaplan** on Friday, March 27 at 6PM. While many of you have watched Jewish services on-line before, this is the first time we will be doing this together as a community. Given the trying circumstances that we are all dealing with, I hope that we can all find some "chicken soup for the soul" in this event.

TSRS with Rebecca Charhon will resume online starting Sunday, March 29 at 10AM. See her forthcoming email for instructions and future dates. Also, join us on Zoom for a virtual **Challah Baking Lesson with Lucrecia Kleinmann** on Thursday, April 2 at 7PM. We will highlight all events in our Weekly Announcements.

As we enjoy these events, we will we will also be learning what works best in this format and how we can make the best use of it in the coming weeks, months and years. Please watch for our weekly announcements for additional events as they are planned.

Rabbi Rachel and others will be reaching out to you to see how you are doing and how we can best meet your needs in the near future. Also, if you are having difficulty managing under current circumstances, contact our office by phone or email and we will see what we can do to help.



Dr. Mark Hoffman
President



Congratulations to **Mark and Cher Hoffman** on their selection as 2020 Honorable Mensches by the Jewish Family Services of Northeastern New York!

Congregation Shaaray Tefila celebrates Mark and Cher Hoffman and appreciates their selfless, hard work for our congregation. Please note that Mark and Cher will not be attending this event.



JOIN Jewish Family Services for our community-wide celebration of *menschies*—men and women who our partner institutions nominated for their selflessness, passion, and hard work in the community.



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WEEKLY TORAH PORTION


פרשת השבוע
Weekly Torah portion

TZAV **APRIL 3**
Candlelighting 7:06 pm
TORAH [Leviticus 6:1 - 8:36](#)
HAFTARAH [Malachi 3:4 - 3:24](#)

PESACH **APRIL 10**
Candlelighting 7:14 pm
TORAH [Exodus 33:12 - 34:26 & Numbers 28:19 - 28:25](#)
HAFTARAH [Ezekiel 37:1 - 37:14](#)

SHMINI **APRIL 17**
Candlelighting 6:50 pm
TORAH [Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47](#)
HAFTARAH [II Samuel 6:1 - 6:19](#)

TAZRIA-METZORA **APRIL 24**
Candlelighting 7:31 pm
TORAH [Leviticus 12:1 - 15:33](#)
HAFTARAH [II Kings 7:3 - 7:20](#)

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

SYNAGOGUE NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

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: cstgfn@gmail.com. Thanks!

TSRS - TEMPLE-SYNAGOGUE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORT

Shalom all,

In these challenging times of COVID-19, I want to wish you all the best of health, peace of mind and an open invitation to call me any time you need someone to talk to.

Albert and I are hunkered down in our house, both working from home and taking advantage of livestreaming, Facetime and the wonder of "Zoom" to stay in touch with family, friends and all of you!

I am happy to say that TSRS will continue into the Spring albeit via Zoom. We will explore the wonders of Passover and the Spring holidays and will continue our other Judaic studies and Hebrew lessons as well. Most importantly we will come together as a school community and see each other's faces and connect.

We will have our April 3rd family service via Zoom at 6:15 p.m. I encourage everyone to attend. We will make it a truly beautiful service. All students will have roles as always and we look forward to bringing the community together like we always do.

I looked for a poem or prayer that I could share with all of you. I found three from the *Mishkan T'Filah for Youth* that I feel are especially meaningful at this time

O God,
as we remember all You do,
we make this promise:
To try to be like You.
We will work to raise up those who fall,
heal those who are sick,
free those who are in need.
As Your partners,
we will support the poor,
feed the hungry,
house the homeless,
befriend the lonely,
and give hope to all people.
We will be caring Jews.

As You have helped us live
better lives, we shall help others.
We praise You, O God,
who gives meaning to our lives.

Though we call our God One,
each of us has a different way
of relating to this God.
Some of us pray during services,
in our own temples or another place of worship.
Some of us pray to ourselves,
under the shade of a tree,
or on the bank of a stream,
or sitting on our front porch.
Or we communicate through
the works of our hands:
paintings and sculptures, poems and songs.
Each of us has our own way
to express our souls, to talk to God,
to let that spiritual part of us free
for just a second or minute.
These are the ways we rejoice in the works of God,
and, if only for a moment,
join with God in becoming
partners in the re-creation of our world.

Dear God,
Save us from thinking that we have all the answers.
Save us from talking when we should be listening.
Save us from clenched fists and closed minds.
Open our hearts to the way of peace.
Amen.

As always, please reach out at any time for support,
a caring ear or just to chat. I look forward to
speaking, laughing, sharing, laughing and praying
with you all in the near future!

All the best,



Rebecca Charhon
Director, TSRS

Sisterhood **APRIL 2020**

Spring greetings everyone!

Purim whizzed by with some attending in costume and a wonderful Megillah Reading was led by Pinchas. Some hamentashen and fruit were served with care thanks to Cher.

There was one last service on Saturday, March 14th, then all changed. With these challenging times, stay safe and healthy. Please watch for emails and we will extend phone updates also to stay in touch.

(Dolly wants to thank everyone for your healing prayers and well wishes. She will return to her apartment complex Wednesday, March 25th.)

Please plan to sponsor an Oneg and/or Kiddush to help Sisterhood when services resume at our shul (synagogue). Thank you!

Again, be safe and healthy with these different times, Sisterhood Members, Snowbirds, Synagogue and Temple Beth-El Members and Friends and ALL beyond our Glens Falls Community.

Well wishes to Student Rabbi Rachel Kaplan who will be reaching out also.

Happy Passover to all!



*Dolly Morrissey &
Bonnie Yanklowitz*
Sisterhood
Co-Presidents

APRIL ONEGS & KIDDUSHES

Until we are able to resume gatherings, onegs and kiddushes are also suspended. We look forward to resuming our fellowship – how much more meaningful our meetings and refreshments together will be having been apart for so long!



HONORABLE MENTCHEN:

Thank you to

Congregation Shaaray Tefila and Sisterhood who sponsored our Onegs and Kiddushes during March.

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!*

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April 22

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April 24

37th anniversary



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

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Lana Studley	April 1
Aleta Fisher	April 4
Rena Bernstein	April 7
Gavin Cohen	April 7
Andrew Cohen	April 8
Jeffrey Schwartz	April 8
Charles Vengrove	April 8
Michelle Silver	April 13
Peter L. Kudan	April 16
Adam Paltrowitz	April 16
Barbara Ziff	April 19
Judy Aronson	April 20
Michael Rapaport	April 20
Terry Gottesman	April 25
Scott Schwartz	April 25
William Robitel	April 27
Barbara Rapaport	April 28
Bruce Hafter	April 29

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING THOUGHTFUL CONTRIBUTIONS – *Thank You!*

YOM KIPPUR

(Belated Acknowledgment)

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 Saturday, 4/4/2020 Nissan 10, 5780
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 Monday, 4/6/2020 Nissan 12, 5780
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 Tuesday, 4/7/2020 Nissan 13, 5780
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 Wednesday, 4/8/2020 Nissan 14, 5780
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 Thursday, 4/23/2020 Nissan 29, 5780
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 Friday, 4/24/2020 Nissan 30, 5780
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 Saturday, 4/25/2020 Iyar 1, 5780
 Celia Cohen
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 Elliot Hirsch
 Sunday, 4/26/2020 Iyar 2, 5780
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YAHREIT RECORD FOR MAY 2020

Lawrence Greenberg
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 Larry Chapman
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 Lillian Suckmon
 Saturday, 5/2/2020 Iyar 8, 5780

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Tuesday, 5/5/2020 Iyar 11, 5780
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Wednesday, 5/6/2020 Iyar 12, 5780
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Thursday, 5/7/2020 Iyar 13, 5780
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Tuesday, 5/19/2020 Iyar 25, 5780
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 Morris Weiner
Wednesday, 5/20/2020 Iyar 26, 5780
 Lillian Kopelovitz
 Stanley Oppenheim
 Mollie Stewart
Friday, 5/22/2020 Iyar 28, 5780
 Mordecai Ginsburg
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 Nathan Slawsby
 Mary Snyder
Monday, 5/25/2020 Sivan 2, 5780
 Herman Kingon
Tuesday, 5/26/2020 Sivan 3, 5780
 Irene Vengrove
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Wednesday, 5/27/2020 Sivan 4, 5780
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Thursday, 5/28/2020 Sivan 5, 5780
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 7:00PM "ZOOM" Virtual Challah Baking Lesson with Lucrecia Kleinmann	3 6:15PM "ZOOM" Virtual Joint Shaaray Tefila and Temple Beth-El Family Shabbat Service	4 9:30AM Suspended Service
5 9:00AM "ZOOM" Virtual Religious School 	6	7	8 <u>PASSOVER</u> <u>EREV PESAH</u>	9 <u>PASSOVER</u> <u>Day 1</u> OFFICE CLOSED PASSOVER DAY 1	10 <u>PASSOVER</u> <u>Day 2</u> 6:30PM Suspended Service at The Glen	11 <u>PASSOVER</u> <u>Day 3</u> 9:30AM Suspended Service
12 <u>PASSOVER</u> <u>Day 4</u>	13 <u>PASSOVER</u> <u>Day 5</u>	14 <u>PASSOVER</u> <u>Day 6</u>	15 <u>PASSOVER</u> <u>Day 7</u> 7PM Suspended Biblical Hebrew Class  OFFICE CLOSED PASSOVER DAY 7	16 <u>PASSOVER</u> <u>Day 8</u>	17 7:00PM Suspended Service	18 9:30AM Suspended Service
19	20 	21	22 7PM Suspended Biblical Hebrew Class 	23	24 7:00PM Suspended Service with Student Rabbi Rachel Kaplan	25 9:30AM Suspended Service with Student Rabbi Rachel Kaplan
26 9:00AM "ZOOM" Virtual Religious School 	27	28	29 7PM Suspended Biblical Hebrew Class 	30 