

WEEKLY SERVICES AT THE SYNAGOGUE - FRIDAY: Suspended 7:00 pm SATURDAY: Suspended 9:30 am <i>Check our online Events.</i>	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: 10am – 1pm, M-F	MAY 2020  IYYAR - SIVAN 5780
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RABBI'S REPORT

Dearest Congregants,

The second night of Passover ushers in an ancient practice - the counting of the omer. The counting of the omer is a reflective tradition that builds a bridge, one day at a time, between the seminal moment of the exodus from Egypt and the celebratory moment when the Israelites received the Torah on Mount Sinai. Year after year, we are called to reenact these pivotal moments and connect to these spiritually significant rites of passage: we were enslaved; we were freed; we were gifted a covenantal relationship with G'd.

What is an omer and why do Jews count it? The omer practice is found in the Torah in the book of Leviticus, chapter 23, verses 15-16. We are commanded to count seven weeks after we bring the first omer (a measurement, a.k.a a bundle) of the barley crop so that the barley could be waved in the Temple as part of a sacrificial custom. Now that the Temple no longer stands in Jerusalem, the once agricultural and sacrificial practice transitioned into a liturgical and spiritual practice. For the forty-nine days between the second night of Passover and Shavout, each day is counted.¹ We count up from Passover to Shavout. We count up from slavery and redemption to receiving the Torah.

What's the difference between counting down to something and counting up to something? We count down on the night of December 31st, waiting for the New Year's Eve ball to drop. We count down the number of days until the end of the school year. We count down the number of seconds in basketball, hockey and football games. We count up the

number of years we've lived in this world. We count up the number of sober days that a person has been in recovery. We count up the number of days in the week on the Jewish calendar until we reach shabbat (the 7th day). What's the difference between counting down to and counting up to something? Counting down denotes wanting, waiting for something to be finished and over. Counting up implies hope, aspiration and growth.

During Chanuka, I wrote about the debate between two famous sages, Shammai and Hillel. Shammai said: eight candles on the first night of Chanuka and decrease one candle on each night that follows. Hillel said: one candle on the first night of Chanuka and increase one candle on each night that follows. The tradition follows Hillel. Jewish tradition follows the practice of counting up. 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 the joy amidst the suffering.

In this challenging time of Coronavirus, as we move from Passover to Shavout, we are given an opportunity to count up. May we all have the strength to hope for better times as we ceremoniously and aspirationally count up to increase the light, the holiness and the joy.



Rachel Tali Kaplan
Student Rabbi

¹ For more resources on counting the omer, I recommend the following blog that is written by friends and colleagues of mine. <https://theomer.org/>

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

When I became President of Shaaray Tefila, I knew that this congregation faced daunting challenges. But I hadn't anticipated the two "curve balls" thrown our way in the last couple of years. The first was a world-wide resurgence of antisemitism, including a threat to us here locally, that forced us to respond in a variety of ways, and eventually to lock our doors during services and enhance our building's security features. The second curve ball was the COVID-19 pandemic, which has essentially shut down our three dimensional interactions as a community.

Both of these developments have struck at the very heart of who we are and what we do, which is to find meaning and purpose together as a Jewish community. Yet I am so proud of how we have striven to overcome this adversity in so many ways. The eternal lights continue to shine in our two sanctuaries, but the real eternal light shines through in the way our congregation comes together in challenging times.

I want to give special thanks and credit to Rachel Tali Kaplan, who has managed to channel her spirituality and talent for fostering human connections into the virtual world. She is planning Zoom events every Tuesday several Friday evenings through May, culminating in a pre-Shavuot eve study session and post-Shavuot memorial service. Those of you who have attended the Zoom sessions that she has led, whether it be Kabbalat Shabbat, Passover learning, or the Yom Hashoa Commemoration, can attest that they are deeply enriching experiences. By participating, you also enrich each other by sharing ideas and creating community.

Rebecca Charhon, Temple-Synagogue religious school director, has done a heroic job keeping school going in recent weeks over Zoom. Yasher Koach to Rebecca and everyone involved in TSRS.

Thanks also to Lucrecia Kleinmann for hosting social activities for us over Zoom, including upcoming Challah baking and Jewish trivia events in May. Thanks to Betsey Dunkley, who is holding

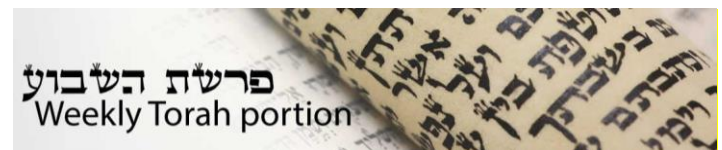
down the fort in her lonely office at CST. Thanks to everyone for respecting the need for social distancing and conducting your synagogue business electronically or by mail. Thanks to our committee chairs, board members and volunteers who continue doing "what needs to be done" to insure that our congregation will continue to thrive.

Next month, I will update you on some exciting plans for the coming year. Meanwhile, stay safe, watch out for each other and stay in touch.



Dr. Mark Hoffman
President

WEEKLY TORAH PORTION



ACHREI MOT May 1, Candlelighting 7:39 pm

TORAH

[Leviticus 16:1 - 18:30](#)

HAFTARAH

[Ezekiel 22:1 - 22:16](#)

EMOR

May 8, Candlelighting 7:47 pm

TORAH

[Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23](#)

HAFTARAH

[Ezekiel 44:15 - 44:31](#)

BEHAR-BECHUKOTAI

May 15, Candlelighting 7:54 pm

TORAH

[Leviticus 25:1 - 27:34](#)

HAFTARAH

[Jeremiah 16:19 - 17:14](#)

BAMIDBAR

May 22, Candlelighting 8:01 pm

TORAH

[Numbers 1:1 - 4:20](#)

HAFTARAH

[Hosea 2:1 - 2:22](#)

SHAVUOT I

May 29, Candlelighting 8:08 pm

TORAH

[Exodus 19:1 - 20:23 &](#)

[Numbers 28:26 - 28:31](#)

HAFTARAH

[Ezekiel 1:1-28; 3:12](#)



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: cstgfny@gmail.com. Thanks!



MAY 2020

Spring Greetings,

First, we hope everyone is healthy and staying safe. We are thinking of each of you during these challenging times. Dolly wants to remind everyone to wear a mask any place outdoors. Dolly is healing more every day and is back to her apartment. She thanks everyone for their well wishes.

I have been reaching out with calls to Sisterhood and Shul members, Temple and Community friends. All who were called thus far are safe and well.

It does not seem that May is upon us and social distancing continues.

Tuesday evening, April 21st, Yom HaShoah's ZOOM program planned by Student Rabbi Rachel Kaplan and others was presented well by Synagogue-Temple and community participants. The program remembered millions who were killed/died in the Holocaust and Survivors.

I was honored to read Clara Rudnick's sad yet amazing story of survival. Thank you for allowing us to share your powerful story, Clara. The Friedman Family lit candles in memory of the family's losses. Rabbi Norman Mendel led the special Kaddish. Josh Gray, Ellen Katz, Lorraine Hochman and Michael Pletman participated also.

Fortunately, Rena Bernstein, a child survivor was able to join us and shared some of her parents' survival story from her mother's memoirs-powerful, sad-BITTER FREEDOM by Jafa Wallach.

Snowbirds, glad to see and hear that you're not rushing back North. Stay well in the warmer climate. Look forward to seeing you this summer.

Happy Mother's Day to Sisterhood Members and Friends.

Again, stay safe and be well.



*Dolly Morrissey &
Bonnie Yanklowitz*
Sisterhood
Co-Presidents □

MAY ONEGS & KIDDUSHES

Until we are able to resume gatherings, onegs and kiddushes are still 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!



Sponsoring an Oneg or Kiddush

When activities resume, 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!

****KOSHER DELIVERY FOR MAY****

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Just a Note from the Office...

On April 15th I celebrated my first year as Office Manager here at Congregation Shaaray Tefila. ☆ It's been a great year! I want to thank everyone I work with closely, and the whole Congregation, for your patience and love as I've been "learning the ropes." I look forward to helping out for many years to come.

Happy Spring everyone!

Blessings and Love,
Betsey Dunkley ♥



Mark and Cher Hoffman

May 24

39th anniversary



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

Cheryl Hoffman	May 2
Bonnie Yanklowitz	May 3
Dominick Guglielmo	May 4
Steffi Bobbin	May 5
Jezabella Cohen	May 6
Gladys Wurzberger	May 8
Michael J. Gersten	May 10
Rabbi Elliott Marmon	May 12
David Schwartz	May 12
Marilyn Bazan	May 14
Susan Matzner	May 17
Laura Fram	May 20
Gerald Goldstein	May 20
Rick Every	May 25
Nona Radin-Biddison	May 26
Sunny Buchman	May 27
Samuel (Sam) Gersten	May 27
Robin Lee Cohen	May 28
David Shabat	May 28
Melissa Korot	May 29
Jason Kantrowitz	May 31

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Philip Schwartz

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Nethe Slawsby

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Harvey Segal

From Roz Winston

Get well wishes to Laura Fram
From Mark and Cher Hoffman

SISTERHOOD FUND

Birthday Wishes to Cher Hoffman
and Bonnie Yanklowitz
From Laura Fram

**YAHREZEIT RECORD FOR
MAY 2020**

Lawrence Greenberg
Abraham Kline
Friday, 5/1/2020 Iyar 7, 5780
Larry Chapman
Ralph Shapiro
Samuel Shapiro
Lillian Suckman
Saturday, 5/2/2020 Iyar 8, 5780
Arnold Abrams
Edwin Brown
Mary Swirsky
Hyman Tunick
Monday, 5/4/2020 Iyar 10, 5780
Marriella Marie Cohen
Fannie Mandwelle
Fannie Rosenstein
Tuesday, 5/5/2020 Iyar 11, 5780
Esther Friedman
Arnold Silverberg
Bernadette Suckman
Wednesday, 5/6/2020 Iyar 12, 5780
Eugene Harold Modell
Thursday, 5/7/2020 Iyar 13, 5780
Jacob Seigel
Lillian Snyder
Friday, 5/8/2020 Iyar 14, 5780
David Nonkin
Sarah Spar
Saturday, 5/9/2020 Iyar 15, 5780
Benjamin Aronson
Paul Beck
Leba Grebova
Joseph Krell
Yitzchak Orshansky
Benjamin Swirsky
Estyr Yaffee
Sunday, 5/10/2020 Iyar 16, 5780
Samuel Grode
Maurice Rosenberg
Monday, 5/11/2020 Iyar 17, 5780
Bessie Aronson
Bruce Michael Kantrowitz
Philip Schwartz
Louis Silverman
Tuesday, 5/12/2020 Iyar 18, 5780
Regina Charhon

Selma Hafter
Wednesday, 5/13/2020 Iyar 19, 5780
Hattie Solomon Cohen
Philip Frank
Sophie Novak
Rose Rodman
Thursday, 5/14/2020 Iyar 20, 5780
T. David Chesler
Harry Kaplan
Abraham Koble
Friday, 5/15/2020 Iyar 21, 5780
I. Alfred Alkes
Sol Goldstein
Louise Goodman
Ralph Leinoff
Emma Rosenberg
Sara Tate
Saturday, 5/16/2020 Iyar 22, 5780
Mary V. Aronson
Joan DelSignore
Sunday, 5/17/2020 Iyar 23, 5780
Jean Rosenberg
Sarah L. Suckman
Monday, 5/18/2020 Iyar 24, 5780
Frank Greenberg
Dr. Morris Yaffee
Tuesday, 5/19/2020 Iyar 25, 5780
Bessie Goldberg
Morris Weiner
Wednesday, 5/20/2020 Iyar 26, 5780
Lillian Kopelovitz
Stanley Oppenheim
Mollie Stewart
Friday, 5/22/2020 Iyar 28, 5780
Mordecai Ginsburg
Sunday, 5/24/2020 Sivan 1, 5780
Allen Elliott
Mary Levin
Nathan Slawsby
Mary Snyder
Monday, 5/25/2020 Sivan 2, 5780
Herman Kingon
Tuesday, 5/26/2020 Sivan 3, 5780
Irene Vengrove
Aaron Barney Yanklowitz
Wednesday, 5/27/2020 Sivan 4, 5780
Harvey Segal
Thursday, 5/28/2020 Sivan 5, 5780
Agnes Klingo
Yoseph Pyatygorskyy
Friday, 5/29/2020 Sivan 6, 5780
Janet Berkowitz
Isadore Kaplan
Raymond Suckman
Saturday, 5/30/2020 Sivan 7, 5780
Rose Goldstein
Edward Meyer
Stanley Robinson
Sunday, 5/31/2020 Sivan 8, 5780



Yahrzeit Record for June 2020



Dorothy Buchman
Hans Cherney
Esther Cohen
Jennie Goldman
Anna Pine
Monday, 6/1/2020 Sivan 9, 5780
Sarah Swirsky
Trixie Wachtel
Tuesday, 6/2/2020 Sivan 10, 5780
Yvette Benson
Wednesday, 6/3/2020 Sivan 11, 5780
Harry Cohen
Shirley Kanofsky
Abraham Lucks
Martin Spar
Thursday, 6/4/2020 Sivan 12, 5780
Ethel Gould
Friday, 6/5/2020 Sivan 13, 5780
Margaret Aronson
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Saturday, 6/6/2020 Sivan 14, 5780
Jay Rutstein
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Sunday, 6/7/2020 Sivan 15, 5780
Harry Brezner
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Monday, 6/8/2020 Sivan 16, 5780
Elvira Rita Capone
Joseph Levy
Tuesday, 6/9/2020 Sivan 17, 5780
Steven Cohen
Judah Kaplan
Wednesday, 6/10/2020 Sivan 18, 5780
Charles Kasper
Dorothy Kopelovitz
Isadore Levine
Thursday, 6/11/2020 Sivan 19, 5780
Irving Abels
Friday, 6/12/2020 Sivan 20, 5780
Harry Berkowitz
Louis Berkowitz
George Day
Bernard Diskin
Marjorie Robinson
Anna Shubert
Saturday, 6/13/2020 Sivan 21, 5780
Gerald Rothstein
Irving Vengrove
Sunday, 6/14/2020 Sivan 22, 5780
Mildred Berg
Monday, 6/15/2020 Sivan 23, 5780
Jennie Dorfman
Celia Dube
Albert Shubert

Tuesday, 6/16/2020 Sivan 24, 5780
Frances Sagan
Helen Silverstein
Wednesday, 6/17/2020 Sivan 25, 5780
Ruth Etta Brender
Lena Every
Thursday, 6/18/2020 Sivan 26, 5780
Theresa Greenberg
Friday, 6/19/2020 Sivan 27, 5780
Abram Corton
Ruth Dominick
Joseph Spiegel
Saturday, 6/20/2020 Sivan 28, 5780
Martha Friedman Schiffman
Sunday, 6/21/2020 Sivan 29, 5780
Alfred Frost
Sender Goldstein
Pearl Kitmacher
Charles Tate
Monday, 6/22/2020 Sivan 30, 5780
Jill (Yanklowitz) Shannon
Ruth Gendon
Wednesday, 6/24/2020 Tammuz 2, 5780
Rose Kaplan
Irving Levin
Fannie Poretz
Barbara Slater
Thursday, 6/25/2020 Tammuz 3, 5780
Isidore Ashendorff
Mary Ryen
Friday, 6/26/2020 Tammuz 4, 5780
Robert Cahn
Judy Drazin
Saturday, 6/27/2020 Tammuz 5, 5780
Albert Berkowitz
Roehe Ginsburg
Anne Brandon
Jack Friedman
Morris Mandwelle
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Monday, 6/29/2020 Tammuz 7, 5780
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Tuesday, 6/30/2020 Tammuz 8, 5780

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:15 pm Zoom- CST-TBE Family Combined Service	2
3 10 am Zoom- TSRS – Religious School	4	5 7-8 pm Zoom- Connecting & Learning	6	7 	8 6:30-7:30 pm Zoom- Kabbalat Shabbat	9
10 Mother's Day  7pm Zoom- Trivia w Lucrecia	11	12 Lag B'Omer 7-8 pm Zoom- Connecting & Learning	13	14 7pm Zoom Challah Baking Class w Lucrecia	15 6:30-7:30 pm Zoom- Kabbalat Shabbat	16
17 10 am Zoom- TSRS – Religious School	18	19 7-8 pm Zoom- Connecting & Learning	20	21	22 Yom Yerushalayim 6:30-7:30 pm Zoom- Kabbalat Shabbat	23
24 SIVAN Rosh Chodesh	25 Office Closed  Memorial Day	26 7-8 pm Zoom- Connecting & Learning	27	28 6:30-8pm Zoom- Erev Shavout Learning Erev Shavuot	29  Shavuot 1	30  Shavuot 2
31 7-9pm Zoom- Yizkor / Memorial Service						God Bless Our Beautiful Adirondacks!