

**WEEKLY SERVICES  
AT THE SYNAGOGUE**

FRIDAYS:

*See Calendar*

SATURDAYS:

*9:30 AM In-Person  
Services*

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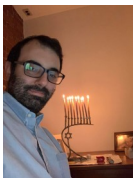
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**FEBRUARY 2022**



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**STUDENT RABBI  
DAVID JOSLIN**



Happy February/Hodesh Tov Adar everyone,

As we reach the peak of the winter season, when the coldest, snowiest, windiest, and darkest time of the year sets in, let us gather to find the warmth of one another in community, albeit from a distance. On Friday, February 11, we will celebrate Shabbat Tetzavah as an entire Glens Falls Jewish community with a shared Temple-Synagogue family service, and on Saturday, February 12, I will lead Shaaray Tefila in prayer.

One of the ongoing themes we encounter this week and throughout the desert is the understanding that clothes make the person. We learn about the various commandments given to the Cohanim surrounding their ceremonial garb, especially the High Priest. G-d instructs Moshe to ordain Aaron and his sons by adorning them in the priestly fashion. Afterwards, the Tabernacle is inaugurated and consecrated during a seven-day festival. In my mind, I picture Moshe and Aaron riding high in the finest open chariot, dressed to the nines. They're waving and smiling to all their supporters, as the crowd of Israelites cheer them on. Needless to say, there was a decent amount of pomp and circumstance, as well as ornamental decadence given to these events.

If these fancy and ostentatious marches strike you as outdated, cumbersome, and difficult to imagine, rest assured, we still find new and creative ways to enhance special moments all the time. Often when we read this parsha, I think about the presidential parade that takes place in D.C. on Inauguration Day or the crowning of a new king or queen. Armies still flaunt their achievements in parade style, and some even consider the modern-day wedding ceremony to be the consequential beautification moment for a young couple. In fact, we fashion the outer decoration of our Torah as well as the Torah service procession around the decorative ceremonies of the Cohanim and the Tabernacle, and every day we don a tallis before morning prayers as a means to

connect to the ancient priests who wore the same colorful garments. Dressing up makes us feel something special. We value ourselves differently in a new dress or suit. We hold our heads up a little higher and pump our chests out a little further as we take pride in the fact that we're wearing something new; all the more so when the outfit commemorates or honors a special occasion. So, dust off the formal attire, gala season is in full force this Shabbat. Remember, snazzy attire makes the person and the occasion!

Chodesh Tov,

*Student Rabbi David*

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**SYNAGOGUE PRESIDENT  
MARK HOFFMAN**



As I write this, less than a week has passed since the most recent attack on a synagogue, this time in Colleyville, Texas. I think we all breathed a sigh of relief when we heard that the hostages had escaped, and perhaps some of us also felt a tinge of pride that they were able to outmaneuver their assailant.

Yet when I think of lessons learned for our own congregation, I realize that, if the assailant's modus operandi had been to inflict immediate death and destruction rather than take hostages, the outcome would likely have been much worse. In the three years since the attack on the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, synagogues in this country have enhanced security to the level that already was in place in other parts of the world. Locked doors, security cameras, and armed guards are the norm now. Indeed the doors to the Colleyville synagogue had been locked but were opened for the perpetrator by the goodhearted rabbi who thought he saw a fellow human being in need.

My niece's son, who will have his Bar Mitzvah this Saturday along with his twin sister, heard the news from Colleyville and asked his mother, "We will have security at the service, won't we?" How sad that our children's children grow up in a world

where they have to worry about security for their B'nai Mitzvah.

There is certainly cause for resentment that we have had to become accustomed to planning our escape route every time we walk into a Jewish community building. Yet we can't let ourselves become bitter and turn inward because of the current state of affairs.

In this regard, I am currently learning a new tune for Psalm 30, which is sometimes said at the end of the morning blessings before the start of the Shacharit service. I was struck by the current relevance of these verses:

*One may lie down crying at night  
but wake in the morning with joyful song...  
You have turned my mourning into a dance for me.,  
You undid my sackcloth and girded me with joy -  
That I might sing of your glory and not be silent.*

As I learned from the composer of the new music for this Psalm, the silence is a reference to Aaron, who became silent when he learned that his sons were killed. Though it is a natural reaction to trauma, we must not be indefinitely silenced, but wake in the morning with joyful song.

See you at shul.

*Mark Hoffman*

**WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE  
THE FOLLOWING THOUGHTFUL  
CONTRIBUTIONS:**

**MR & MRS SAMUEL ARONSON FUND**

In Memory of Rosemary Germain  
*Roslyn Winston*

In Memory of Rosemary Germain  
*Sunny Buchman*

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In Memory of Rosemary Germain  
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In Memory of Rose Greenberg  
*Larry Greenberg*

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You!*

**SISTERHOOD GREETINGS & NEWS**

February Greetings Everyone,

Hope the month of January is ending well for you. Be safe with our northern winter and recent minus temperatures.

Hope you were able to celebrate Tu B'Shevat with your wine or juice and a variety of the fruit. The ZOOM service with Student Rabbi David Joslin, attended by some Congregants and Friends, went well and was enjoyable.

Thinking of all Sisterhood Members, Congregants, Friends and Snowbirds during these continued COVID times. Stay safe and healthy.

Healing thoughts and prayers to Rose Rothstein, Dolly Chary-Morrissey and other Sisterhood Members and Friends.

Continued prayers to Ruth Goldman's siblings and relatives. Thoughts and prayers to Marianne Germain Aronson and family on the passing of Marianne's mother, Rosemary Germain.

Thanks to all who sponsored in December as listed in last month's Honorable Mentchen. Thank you also to all who sponsored in January. Your sponsorship is appreciated.

There have been continued discussions and concerns with changes in food amounts and the cost for a Saturday Kiddush. Please check the weekly announcements for any updates in February.

Please continue to support the Sisterhood gift shop. Gift certificates are available. Call Nancy Goldstein at 518-792-2700 between 5-8 p.m. with any questions.

Todah Rabah and thank you to each person who helps with Kiddush food preparation, setting foods and other items out, clearing tables, kitchen clean-up and more with our Shabbat luncheon. Each of you know who you are and how much your assistance means to all of us.

Thank you again to many people who have donated in many different ways to Sisterhood and our shul/synagogue presently and through the decades. All donations of time, energy, foods, drinks, funds or various supplies/other items have always been appreciated.

Stay healthy and safe in 2022!

*Bonnie Yanklowitz*  
Sisterhood Co-President



## פרשת השבוע Weekly Torah portion

### **Parashat Terumah**

FEBRUARY 4, Candlelighting 4:52 PM

*Torah Portion:* [Exodus 25:1-27:19](#)

*Haftarah:* [1 Kings 5:26-6:13](#)

### **Parashat Tetzaveh**

FEBRUARY 11, Candlelighting 5:02 PM

*Torah Portion:* [Exodus 27:20-30:10](#)

*Haftarah:* [Ezekiel 43:10-27](#)

### **Parashat Ki Tisa**

FEBRUARY 18, Candlelighting 5:11 PM

*Torah Portion:* [Exodus 30:11-34:35](#)

*Haftarah:* [1 Kings 18:1-39](#)

### **Parashat Vayakhel**

FEBRUARY 25, Candlelighting 5:20 PM

*Torah Portion:* [Exodus 35:1-38:20](#)

*Haftarah:* [1 Kings 7:40-50](#)

## CONGREGATIONAL ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNITY COORDINATOR

Shalom chaverim,

I hope you're all taking the best care of your hearts and neshamot these days.

Things might feel heavy with the icy weather and the latest antisemitic attack in Colleyville. Maybe you've got a case of the pandemic blues. What have you been doing to lift your spirits and to feel safe and comfortable in your bodies?

Have you been engaging with friends, family, and community? I'm excited to announce a collaboration between Congregation Shaaray Tefila and the Rutland Jewish Center on **February 12th at 6:30 pm**. We'll be having a virtual Havdalah service and Activity Night, where we'll joyfully connect with each other and have fun. You can RSVP on our event page: [JewishJoy.splashthat.com](http://JewishJoy.splashthat.com)

I'm also thrilled to announce that the Jewish Federation of North Eastern New York has given Shaaray Tefila a sponsorship for our annual Mishloach Manot fundraiser! **Thirty-six (36) seniors will be granted \$54 towards decorating Mishloach Manot.** If you are interested in participating, please contact me at [lucy.passaro09@gmail.com](mailto:lucy.passaro09@gmail.com).

*Shula (Lucy) Passaro*



## HONORABLE MENTCHEN:

Thank you to all who sponsored an Oneg or Kiddush in January:

- *Bonnie Yanklowitz in honor of her brother and sister-in-law's 10th anniversary; all 2021 volunteers at the synagogue including the Board Officers and Board Members; and in honor of Congregation Shaaraty Tefila and Temple Beth El Members and Friends for a healthy and safe 2022*
- *Cher & Mark Hoffman in memory of Helen Hoffman*
- *Ronni Shelley, Peter & Nancy Kudan in memory of Sylvia Kudan*
- *Sisterhood*



## UPCOMING KIDDUSH SPONSORS:

Onegs and Kiddushes following in-person services will be decided weekly. If you would like to sponsor an Oneg or Kiddush, please contact Katie in the office.

### **Saturday, February 5:**

Kiddush sponsorship available

### **Saturday, February 12:**

Kiddush sponsorship available

### **Saturday, February 19:**

Kiddush sponsorship available

### **Saturday, February 26:**

Kiddush sponsorship available

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



*Linda & Stephen Bush*

February 6

50th anniversary

*Dr. Syd & Lorri Hochman*

February 24

42nd anniversary





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Tuesday of each month. Please submit items to Katie at [cstgfny@gmail.com](mailto:cstgfny@gmail.com). Thanks!



*February 3*

Emily Frank  
Monica Guglielmo  
Jenna Wurzberger

*February 4*

Nancy Goldstein  
Lyn Greene  
Tamar Wurzberger-  
Choppa

*February 8*

Tal Klausner

*February 9*

Sandra Azmitia  
Joseph Hoffman

*February 10*

Jordan Havens  
Dr. Mark Hoffman  
Daniel Robitel

*February 13*

Valerie Hope  
Francine Torra



*February 14*

Roni Shaham

*February 15*

Sarah Antiles  
Jerrilyn Benson

*February 17*

Arielle Silver  
Samuel Silver

*February 20*

Sofia Choppa  
Dr. Michael Lebowitz

*February 21*

John Guglielmo

*February 24*

Scott Paltrowitz

*February 28*

Jay Bobbin  
Alan Kaplan  
Ori Shaham



## NEW BULLETIN ARTICLES

As many of our Shaaray Tefila members and friends hopefully know, my name is Katie Weaver and I am the office manager here at the Synagogue. I started in March of 2021. I am also the office manager at Temple Beth El, a Reform Jewish congregation in Glens Falls. In August of 2022, I will be celebrating my 15 year anniversary with Temple Beth El. Due to my position at Temple, I have already had the pleasure of meeting and knowing many members at the Synagogue. However, thanks to Covid, I have not yet had a chance to meet many new faces.

As a new addition to our Bulletin, I am going to attempt to get one article per edition about one of our members. If you (and your family) would like to be featured in an upcoming month, please let me know. Or if I contact you, please say yes!

Stacey Mandelbaum, who I've known for years, was the first to emphatically say yes to me, and at her request, I am also providing a little blurb about myself and my family.

I was born in Staten Island, NY and have three siblings. We moved to Vermont when I was in 4th grade. I attended college in Vermont and have a degree in Business Management. My husband, Chris and I were married in June of 2002. We moved to New York in 2006 after our youngest was born. My parents live in Queensbury and the free babysitting service they provided was very appealing.

We have two children and a rescue dog, Tinker Bell. Tyler is 18 years old and is a sophomore at SUNY Adirondack studying Engineering. Jonathan is 15 and is a sophomore at Hudson Falls High School. We are members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Fort Edward where our children frequently volunteer their time.

In addition to working for Temple Beth El and Congregation Shaaray Tefila, I also work as a property manager for a condominium association in Glens Falls and as a bookkeeper for a homeowners' association in Queensbury.



The above is a picture of me with my family in 2019 when I was honored at Temple with my name being added to their Mitzvah Plaque.

## STACEY MANDELBAUM

Hi! My name is Stacey Mandelbaum, and Katie asked me to write something about myself for the bulletin as part of a series to help us get to know one another better, especially during this pandemic. She even gave me some helpful prompts to follow. I usually try to avoid doing things like this—writing about myself—out of a natural reticence, but it's hard to say no to Katie.

My roots are in the New York metropolitan area. I grew up on the north shore of Long Island, and even today most of my family (mother, mother-in-law, all of our siblings, our four children) lives in NYC or the NYC suburbs. My husband, Alex Frank, grew up in Queens, about 20 minutes from where I grew up. We met in New Haven, Connecticut, when I was a medical student and he was a medical resident. We were married in 1986, when I was an OB-GYN resident and he was an internist, and we had our first two children, Emily (1989) and Ariel (1990), in Connecticut. We moved to Queensbury in 1991, when Alex started work as a radiation oncologist at the Glens Falls Hospital Cancer Center. Our son, Ben (1992), and daughter Miriam (1994) were born in Glens Falls.

We joined Congregation Shaaray Tefila soon after we arrived in Glens Falls, because we felt most comfortable in a Conservative congregation. The congregation was very welcoming to us, and we made many wonderful friends at Shaaray Tefila, as well as at Temple Beth El.

When our children were in the joint religious school, Alex and I were involved in the school and youth programs in a variety of capacities, including teaching, founding and growing the school library, creating special programs, running a pluralistic Young Judaea youth group for all Jewish children in the region, and serving on the religious school board, with several terms as president and treasurer. During those years, the school was fairly large, and the parents at the temple and synagogue worked closely together to provide rich Jewish experiences for the children in our community. In those years, I got to know Katie, office manager extraordinaire at the temple. We are very lucky to have her on our team now too!

All four of our children became Bar/Bat Mitzvah at Shaaray Tefila. More recently, Ariel and her husband, Anil Nathan, were married in NYC in both Jewish and Hindu ceremonies in October 2017, and they had a son (our grandson), Dev Philip Nathan (named for Alex's father, Philip Frank), in August

2020. Our adult children now all live in NYC (Emily, Ben, Miriam) and Westchester (Ariel, Anil, and Dev).

I have many wonderful memories at the synagogue. The community has included, and does include, so many kind and generous individuals. One of my favorite memories is of how our very young children found so many surrogate grandparents at the synagogue. At Shabbat services, each of our four children would find their way onto one of the many welcoming laps in the congregation. Those kind, playful laps helped contain their wiggles through the services.

I also have fond memories of the youth group meetings we used to have in the synagogue social hall, where we played games like Jewish trivial pursuit, baked treats like hamantaschen, latkes and challah, planned for Purim carnivals, created talent shows to perform at local nursing homes, volunteered at a local soup kitchen, and had joint Young Judaea outings and Shabbatons with the Schenectady Young Judaea group.

Alex was on the synagogue board for many years when our children were younger. I joined the board in 2016, when Sunny Buchman asked me to "join for just one year," and most of you know that Sunny never takes no for an answer! Since then, I feel fortunate to work with the committed group of people on the synagogue board. I won't name them all here, but I am grateful to them all. In particular, Larry Greenberg has been a pillar of service at the synagogue with unwavering devotion in many critical roles for as long as I can remember. Mark Hoffman's work as president, religious chair and so much more has sustained our congregation through many years.

I wish everyone a very healthy and joyful 2022!

*Stacey Mandelbaum*



## CONDOLENCES

Congregation Shaaray Tefila and Sisterhood extend condolences to the Germain and Aronson families on the passing of Marianne Aronson's mother, Rosemary Germain, who passed away on January 12, 2022.

May the Source of Healing comfort the bereaved, together with the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem, and all who mourn.



## Yahrzeit Record February 2022

*Tuesday, 2/1/2022 \* Shevat 30, 5782*

**Rose Greenberg**  
**Henrietta Lebowitz**

*Wednesday, 2/2/2022 \* Adar-I 1, 5782*

**William Drazin**  
**Stewart Stern**

*Friday, 2/4/2022 \* Adar-I 3, 5782*

**Irving Rosenberg**  
**Lena Semelisky**

*Sunday, 2/6/2022 \* Adar-I 5, 5782*

**Daniel Beale**  
**Irene Brown**  
**Libbie Levin**  
**Miriam Schulman**  
**Louis Solomon**  
**Florence Stillman**  
**Mary Yunich**

*Monday, 2/7/2022 \* Adar-I 6, 5782*

**Eva Alkes**  
**Mary Kay Wishingrad Clark**

*Wednesday, 2/9/2022 \* Adar-I 8, 5782*

**Milton Grunberger**

*Thursday, 2/10/2022 \* Adar-I 9, 5782*

**Vinona Farnsworth**  
**Nathan Pine**  
**Jennie Solomon**

*Sunday, 2/13/2022 \* Adar-I 12, 5782*

**Harry Greenberg**

*Monday, 2/14/2022 \* Adar-I 13, 5782*

**Elizabeth Kraftchick**  
**Bella Rosenberg**

*Tuesday, 2/15/2022 \* Adar-I 14, 5782*

**Frances Fleming**  
**Max Gottesman**  
**Morris Kraftchick**  
**David Rosenthal**

*Wednesday, 2/16/2022 \* Adar-I 15, 5782*

**Mollie Borlawsky**  
**Albert Kitmacher**  
**Max Landsman**

*Thursday, 2/17/2022 \* Adar-I 16, 5782*

**Gloria Bittman**  
**Nathan Suckman**

*Sunday, 2/20/2022 \* Adar-I 19, 5782*

**Ann Ferber**

*Monday, 2/21/2022 \* Adar-I 20, 5782*

**Lila Weinstein**

*Tuesday, 2/22/2022 \* Adar-I 21, 5782*

**Charles Furman**

*Wednesday, 2/23/2022 \* Adar-I 22, 5782*

**Father Michael Abraham**

*Thursday, 2/24/2022 \* Adar-I 23, 5782*

**A. Charles Hoffman**  
**Walter Stern**

*Friday, 2/25/2022 \* Adar-I 24, 5782*

**Gertrude Juris**  
**Joseph Klinetsky**

*Saturday, 2/26/2022 \* Adar-I 25, 5782*

**Anna Chary**

*Monday, 2/28/2022 \* Adar-I 27, 5782*

**Beatrice Kantrowitz**  
**Matthew Green**  
**Gerald Miller**  
**Jeanne Mandwelle**

## Yahrzeit Record March 2022

*Tuesday, 3/1/2022 \* Adar-I 28, 5782*

**Morris Goldstein**  
**Howard Hirsch**  
**Stephen Stillman**

*Thursday, 3/3/2022 \* Adar-I 30, 5782*

**Joan Cavanaugh**

*Sunday, 3/6/2022 \* Adar-II 3, 5782*

**Michael Forman**

*Tuesday, 3/8/2022 \* Adar-II 5, 5782*

**Lydia Cifone**

*Thursday, 3/10/2022 \* Adar-II 7, 5782*

**Bruce Rothstein**



**Saturday, 3/12/2022 \* Adar-II 9, 5782**

**Dorothy Reinheimer**

**Tuesday, 3/15/2022 \* Adar-II 12, 5782**

**Esther Connor**

**Thursday, 3/17/2022 \* Adar-II 14, 5782**

**Natalie Yanklowitz**

**Frances Schwartz**

**Sunday, 3/27/2022 \* Adar-II 24, 5782**

**Harry Rote-Rosen**

**Monday, 3/28/2022 \* Adar-II 25, 5782**

**Michael Connor**

**Tuesday, 3/29/2022 \* Adar-II 26, 5782**

**Pearl Kravitz**

**Wednesday, 3/30/2022 \* Adar-II 27, 5782**

**Anna Aronson**

**Sidney Benson**

**Thursday, 3/31/2022 \* Adar-II 28, 5782**

**Ben Yanklowitz**



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

**CLICK BELOW FOR YEAR 5782  
HOLIDAYS AND YAHRZEIT  
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# FEBRUARY 2022

Check our weekly announcements and website for online Zoom event links.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Groundhog Day	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:30 AM In-Person Shabbat Service
<b>6</b> 10:00 AM Religious School	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:15 PM Combined Shaaray Tefila and Beth El Family Service	<b>12</b> 9:30 AM In-Person Shabbat Service with David Joslin  6:30 PM Virtual Havdalah and Activity Night
<b>13</b> 10:00 AM Religious School	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:30 AM In-Person Shabbat Service
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Presidents' Day	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9:30 AM In-Person Shabbat Service  6:30 PM Virtual Havdalah Service with David Joslin
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>					