

**WEEKLY SERVICES
AT THE SYNAGOGUE**

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9:30 AM Services

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STUDENT RABBI MICAH FRIEDMAN



Hodesh Tov! Here's to a good new month to you and yours and all of us!

In January, I had the precious opportunity to make two visits to Glen Falls. We gathered for spirited Shabbat services, delicious kiddush lunches, and sweet schmoozing. In February, I will be returning for another Shabbat in the middle of the month and I look forward to seeing and spending time with all of you at the shul! May this new month provide us all with new opportunities to learn, grow, and deepen in our relationships with each other, our cherished Jewish tradition, and with our Blessed Creator!

As we enter February, we also welcome the Jewish month of Shevat. In Shevat, we celebrate the new year of trees, often called Tu BiShevat, and the story of this celebration is a story of renewal and revival across the many generations of our people. Even though the earliest layer of rabbinic tradition recorded the holiday of Tu BiShevat, this day was largely uncelebrated for many generations. In Ancient Israel this New Year of Trees was used to determine the age of fruits. You might wonder: why does it matter how old a fruit is? There is a *mitzvah* (commandment) in the Torah to allow newly planted trees to grow for three years before harvesting their fruit (Leviticus 19:23). Since it would be burdensome to record and remember when exactly each fruit tree was planted, Tu BiShevat became a standard "date of birth." After a tree had stood for 3 Tu BiShevat's, then we were able to eat freely of its fruits and to share the fruits with our hungry brothers and sisters.

This layer of the holiday's history may seem quite technical. In fact, it is. It was likely for this reason that in the many generations when very few Jews lived in the Land of Israel that this holiday was largely unacknowledged. However, in the century following the expulsion of Jews from Spain, many Jews from Catholic-ruled countries resettled in the land of Israel. In these generations, there was a mystical, spiritual revival often associated with Rabbi Isaac Luria of Safed, may his memory be a

blessing. The Kabballah (a term for mystical elements within Jewish tradition) encouraged Jews to open ourselves up to greater spiritual awareness, to connect with sparks of Divine light within our bodies and within the natural world around us. In this era, Tu BiShevat took on new layers of meaning and significance. This festival of trees began to symbolize the possibilities of deep connection with the plant life which sustains human life.

Again, when the Zionist movement led many Jews to return to the land of Israel, Tu BiShevat grew in prominence. The Jewish National Fund and other organizations seized upon this holiday as an opportunity to promote the planting of trees in Israel. Surely, many of us are familiar with the practice of paying to have a tree planted in the Land of Israel as a way of honoring a loved one, perhaps for a bar mitzvah or a wedding. This era of Jewish history promoted reconnecting with the land of Israel in particular as an ethical responsibility that could offer Jews new possibilities for a prosperous life and a culturally rich community.

In the recent decades, Tu BiShevat has again been reclaimed and renewed. This time, many Jewish environmentalists have attached themselves to Tu BiShevat as a kind of inherently Jewish "arbor day." This day, and in fact the entire month of Shevat, has become a reminder of the importance of taking responsibility for the stewardship of the Earth in all of the many locales and lands in which we find ourselves. In the spirit of the ancient day which reflected the Torah's simultaneous commitment to care for trees and to care for vulnerable people, Tu BiShevat now invites us to recommit ourselves to work for the healing of the planet. In this spirit, I pray that we can all find our own ways during the cold month ahead, to deepen our connection with the plant life that surrounds us and upon which we depend for our sustenance. Let us open our hearts to appreciate our interconnectedness with these other forms of life and find opportunities to act as guardians of G-d's creation.

Sincerely,

Student Rabbi Micah Friedman

SISTERHOOD GREETINGS & NEWS



February Greetings,

Hope January ended well in the North Country. Hope everyone is safe and doing well following the recent storms.

I am in Lake Worth, Florida with Dolly Chary-Morrissey. She and I will see Libby Levine and her daughter Rona soon. Also Dolly and I will ride with Diane (Schwartz) & David Gellman to visit one of Sisterhood's past presidents and our friend, Hilda Schwartz in West Palm Beach. It was wonderful to see my cousin Dr. Sidney Indgin, retired dermatologist near Miami before arriving at Dolly's. I do not look forward to the end of January when I return to the cold weather. I do look forward to seeing everyone again and being at services.

In mid-March, I might be in Arizona visiting another cousin and in April back to my Miami cousin for his 85th birthday.

Cher has had problems with her hip and fell recently with bruises on her nose and upper cheek areas. Sisterhood hopes you continue good healing, Cher. Healing prayers to many other Sisterhood, synagogue and temple members and friends. With Cher's and others' health challenges and my travel, assistance will be needed if Onegs and Kiddushes are to continue. Please let Katie or Bonnie know your availability to help for February and March.

Thank you to January sponsors: Potluck Dinner Foods Donated, Sisterhood, Donated Fruit and Donated Ice Cream for Oneg, Three Anonymous Donors, Elaine and Salomon Charhon, Anonymous Donor and Cher and Mark Hoffman.

The Combined Temple-Synagogue Family Services on Friday, January 6th at Congregation Shaaray Tefila with vegetarian potluck dinner went very well. All enjoyed the services, foods and ice cream at the end!

Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way with Kiddushes especially prep, setting foods out and clean-up in January including: Bill Brender, Dr. Syd Hochman, Pinchas Shabat, Nancy & Peter Kudan, Herb Levin, Dr. Ephraim Back, Judy Korot, Faye Landsman, Barry Grubbert, Cher, Joe & Dr. Mark Hoffman, Francine Torra, Nancy Goldstein, Susan & David Matzner, Elaine & Salomon Charhon, Student Rabbi Micah, Laurent Amar, Rebecca Charhon and me.

Extra help is always welcomed and appreciated!

Appreciation and thanks to Nancy Goldstein, corresponding secretary for continuing to send wonderful cards and communications to members and friends. Nancy, Happy 75th Birthday on February 4th. In addition, Happy Special Birthdays to Lyn (Kanofsky) Greene (70th), Tamar Wurzberger-Choppa (50th), Saundra Azmitia (85th), Joseph Hoffman (40th), Valerie Hope (75th) and Alan Kaplan (65th).

Thank you to those who have sent Sisterhood dues already and/or any extra donations. Much appreciation. Any questions about the emailed letter or process this year, please contact Katie or me. Dues will be accepted until March this year due to emailed dues' notice with no mailings. In September/October 2023, Sisterhood will return to the mailing process.

Winter greetings to members and friends who live in CT, FL, GA, MA, NJ, RI, SC, TX and more areas of New York State.

Reminder - Please check out the gift shop for Bat & Bar Mitzvah or other gift needs. Call Nancy Goldstein at 518-792-2700 with any questions.

See the bulletin calendar and announcements for upcoming events and service dates/times. Check out the continued Hebrew classes. I heard they are well-attended and great classes.

Good health and safe days to each of you in February. Have a good Tu B'Shevat, the new year of trees.

Bonnie Yanklowitz
Sisterhood President



CONDOLENCES

"Baruch Dayan HaEmet" (Blessed is the Judge of Truth) is traditionally what we say when we learn of someone's death.

Congregation Shaaray Tefila and Sisterhood extend deepest sympathy to Michael Kanofsky on the passing of his dear friend, Shane Lobner. Shane worked bingo many years ago, considered Shirley his Safta (grandmother) and was a family friend for years.

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



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

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Harold & Shirley Luria
Cheryl Luria & Mark Mlynarczyk

In Memory of Rose B. Roth
Lewis Roth

In Memory of Rose Blomberg
Susan & Richard Blomberg

In Honor of Larry Greenberg's 80th Birthday
In Honor of all he does for the Shul
Roslyn Winston

MR & MRS SAMUEL ARONSON FUND

In Memory of Barry Aronson
Barbara & Barry Ziff

In Memory of Elinore Greene
Barbara & Barry Ziff

In Memory of her Aunt Eva Rote Rosen
Roslyn Winston

In Memory of her Grandmother Gusta Aronson
Roslyn Winston

In Memory of her Grandmother Annie Schwartz
Roslyn Winston

In Memory of her Aunt Mary Yunch
Roslyn Winston

ELI RUDNICK FUND

In Memory of Abe Rudnick
Marvin Rudnick

MAZEL TOV!

Nancy Goldstein on her 75th birthday!

MAZEL TOV!

Tamar Choppa on her 50th birthday!

MAZEL TOV!

Joe Hoffman on his 40th birthday!

HONORABLE MENTCHEN:

Thank you to all who recently sponsored an Oneg or Kiddush:

- *Anonymous Donors in honor of everyone who helped Sisterhood, Congregation Shaaray Tefila and Temple Beth El with Kiddushes, Onegs and Events in 2022*
- *Elaine & Salomon Charhon in memory of Sal's father, Albert Charhon*
- *Anonymous Donor*
- *Cher & Mark Hoffman in honor of Helen Hoffman's yahrzeit*

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 4:

Kiddush sponsored by
Ronni Shelley, Nancy & Peter Kudan
in memory of Sylvia Kudan

Saturday, February 11:

Kiddush sponsorship available

Friday, February 17:

Oneg sponsorship available

Saturday, February 18:

Kiddush sponsorship available

Saturday, February 25:

Kiddush sponsorship available

MAZEL TOV!

Lyn Greene on her 70th birthday!

MAZEL TOV!

Saundra Azmitia on her 85th birthday!

MAZEL TOV!

Valerie Hope on her 75th birthday!

MAZEL TOV!

Alan Kaplan on his 65th birthday!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Linda & Stephen Bush
February 6 * 51st Anniversary

Lorraine & Dr. Syd Hochman
February 24 * 43rd Anniversary

FREE HEBREW CLASSES

Your passageway into deeper understanding and appreciation of Jewish life through language:
Two Free Hebrew Classes - Attend either one or both at Shaaray Tefila, Glens Falls.

- ⇒ Biblical Hebrew Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM
- ⇒ Beginning Hebrew Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM

Contact Mark Hoffman with any questions:
518-744-1057
markmhoffman1@yahoo.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February 3
Emily Frank
Monica Guglielmo
Jenna Wurzberger

February 4
Nancy Goldstein
Lyn (Kanofsky) Greene
Tamar Wurzberger-Choppa

February 8
Tal Klausner

February 9
Saundra Azmitia
Joseph Hoffman

February 10
Jordan Havens
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 18
Jacob Barr

February 20
Sofia Choppa

February 21
John Guglielmo

February 24
Scott Paltrowitz

February 28
Jay Bobbin
Alan Kaplan
Ori Shaham

פרשת השבוע Weekly Torah portion

Parashat Beshalach
FEBRUARY 3, Candlelighting 4:50 PM
Torah Portion: Exodus 13:17-17:16
Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31

Parashat Yitro
FEBRUARY 10, Candlelighting 5:00 PM
Torah Portion: Exodus 18:1-20:23
Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6, 9:5-6

Parashat Mishpatim
FEBRUARY 17, Candlelighting 5:09 PM
Torah Portion: Exodus 21:1-24:18
Haftarah: Jeremiah 34:8-22, 33:25-26

Parashat Terumah
FEBRUARY 24, Candlelighting 5:18 PM
Torah Portion: Exodus 25:1-27:19
Haftarah: I Kings 5:26-6:13

MEET OUR MEMBER ARTICLES

If anyone is interested in having their story featured in an upcoming issue of our bulletin, please contact Katie in the office.

Yahrzeit Record

FEBRUARY 2023

Wednesday, 2/1/2023 * Shevat 10, 5783
Phyllis Feigenbaum
Abraham Rudnick

Thursday, 2/2/2023 * Shevat 11, 5783
Tillie Singer
Ruth Spaulding

Friday, 2/3/2023 * Shevat 12, 5783
Abraham Green
Lawrence (Bud) Kantrowitz

Saturday, 2/4/2023 * Shevat 13, 5783
Rose Cohen
Sarah Kaplan

Sunday, 2/5/2023 * Shevat 14, 5783

**Anna Cohen
Ida Jacobs
Frederick Lapper**

Monday, 2/6/2023 * Shevat 15, 5783

Abram Brown

Tuesday, 2/7/2023 * Shevat 16, 5783

**Molly Firestein
Rita Housman**

Wednesday, 2/8/2023 * Shevat 17, 5783

**Samuel Halpin
William Kanoff
Louis Kent
Irving Matlow
Edith Novitsky**

Thursday, 2/9/2023 * Shevat 18, 5783

**Daniel Beale
Morris Kantrowitz
Eva Levitan
Benjamin Segel
I. Morton (Mort) Yanklowitz**

Saturday, 2/11/2023 * Shevat 20, 5783

**Cynthia Frost
Joseph Mitchell
Mildred Seaman
Ben Shulman**

Sunday, 2/12/2023 * Shevat 21, 5783

**Joseph Eddleton
Sarah Housman
Annie Schwartz
Arthur Shapera**

Monday, 2/13/2023 * Shevat 22, 5783

**Esther Silverman
Carl Suckman**

Tuesday, 2/14/2023 * Shevat 23, 5783

**Isaac Alkes
Lena Shapiro**

Wednesday, 2/15/2023 * Shevat 24, 5783

**Celia Frost
Maurice Lebowitz
Abraham Levitt
Anne Lucks**

Thursday, 2/16/2023 * Shevat 25, 5783

**Maurice Berman
Henrietta Beshner
Joan Charisse
Gustave Cohen
Henry Cohen
Ida Hoffman
David Levitan
Hinde Marcus
Joan Weill**

Friday, 12/17/2023 * Shevat 26, 5783

**Frances Fleming
Robert Weiner**

Saturday, 2/18/2023 * Shevat 27, 5783

**Edith Kurzweil
Dora Mesnick
Sarah Suckman**

Sunday, 2/19/2023 * Shevat 28, 5783

Edith Block

Monday, 2/20/2023 * Shevat 29, 5783

**Larry Berman
Reva Cohen
Ethel Juris**

Tuesday, 2/21/2023 * Shevat 30, 5783

**Philip Goldstein
Rose Greenberg
Henrietta Lebowitz**

Wednesday, 2/22/2023 * Adar 1, 5783

**William Drazin
Stewart Stern
Samuel Suckman
Mayer Wexler**

Thursday, 2/25/2023 * Adar 2, 5783

Chipe Leha Yanklowitz

Friday, 2/24/2023 * Adar 3, 5783

**Bessie Baker
Michael Forman
Irving Rosenberg
Lena Semelisky**

Saturday, 2/25/2023 * Adar 4, 5783

**Mollie Boorstein
Louis Markoff
Libby Yaffee
Hyman Zimmerman**

Sunday, 2/26/2023 * Adar 5, 5783

**Father Michael Abraham
Charles Baron
Irene Brown
Libbie Levin
Moses Metzner
Miriam Schulman
Louis Solomon
Florence Stillman
Mary Yunich**

Monday, 2/27/2023 * Adar 6, 5783

**Eva Alkes
Mary Kay Wishingrad Clark
Lawrence Levy
Marissa Reed**

Tuesday, 2/28/2023 * Adar 7, 5783

**Bruce Rothstein
Belle Yanklowitz Suckman**

Yahrzeit Record

MARCH 2023

*Wednesday, 3/1/2023 * Adar 8, 5783*

Peter Accardi
Milton Grunberger

*Thursday, 3/2/2023 * Adar 9, 5783*

Vinona Hudson Farnsworth
Abraham Goldman
Nathan Pine
Dorothy Semisky Reinheimer
Perry Seaman
Jennie Solomon

*Friday, 3/3/2023 * Adar 10, 5783*

E. Cohen

*Saturday, 3/4/2023 * Adar 11, 5783*

Seamon Silverman

*Sunday, 3/5/2023 * Adar 12, 5783*

Morris Borlawsky
Joan Cavanaugh
Esther Suckman Connor
Harry Greenberg

*Monday, 3/6/202 * Adar 13, 5783*

Fannie Fiedel
Elizabeth Kraftchick
Bella Rosenberg
Saul Silverstein

*Tuesday, 3/7/2023 * Adar 14, 5783*

Max Gottesman
Morris Kraftchick
David Rosenthal
Leo Samuel
Natalie (Ida) Yanklowitz

*Wednesday, 3/8/2023 * Adar 15, 5783*

Mollie Kornetsky Borlawsky
Albert Kitmacher
Max Landsman
Rosalie (Rose) Goldstein Rothstein
Eva Swirsky
Gladys Wurzberger

*Thursday, 3/9/2023 * Adar 16, 5783*

Gloria Cohen Bittman
Nathan Suckman
Sarah Cohen Suckman

*Friday, 3/10/2023 * Adar 17, 5783*

Morris Goldstein Bak
Lydia DelSignore Cifone
Jacob Goldman
Bessie Gould

*Saturday, 3/11/2023 * Adar 18, 5783*

Jeanne Crandall Mandwelle
Millie Braverman

*Sunday, 3/12/2023 * Adar 19, 5783*

Ann Ferber

*Monday, 3/13/2023 * Adar 20, 5783*

Isaac Swyer
Lila Weinstein

*Tuesday, 3/14/2023 * Adar 21, 5783*

Charles Furman
Lena Gould
Harry Kopelovitz
Ida Freedman Pearlberg
Frances Schwartz
Philip Weinstein

*Wednesday, 3/15/2023 * Adar 22, 5783*

Isadore I. Cohen
Samuel Luria
Percy Weinstein

*Thursday, 3/16/2023 * Adar 23, 5783*

Estelle Goldman
A. Charles Hoffman
Ella Pletman
Walter Stern

*Friday, 3/17/2023 * Adar 24, 5783*

Joseph Gerstein
Gertrude Juris
Joseph Klinetsky
Philip Levitt
Harry Rote-Rosen

*Saturday, 3/18/2023 * Adar 25, 5783*

Anna Chary
Michael Connor

*Sunday, 3/19/2023 * Adar 26, 5783*

Regina Elliott
Pearl Kravitz
Ida Shapiro
Max Stichman
Anna Snyder Aronson

*Monday, 3/20/2023 * Adar 27, 5783*

Sidney Benson
Morris Frost
Matthew Green
Beatrice (Bea) Kantrowitz
Gerald Miller
Stanley Seaman

*Tuesday, 3/21/2023 * Adar 28, 5783*

Morris Goldstein
Howard Hirsch
Edward Lippman-Podolnick
Benjamin Rosenstein
Stephen Mayer Stillman
Boris Benjamin (Ben) Yanklowitz

Thursday, 3/23/2023 * Nissan 1, 5783

**Ida Bronne
Esther Cohen
Mary Friedman
Arnold Kent**

Friday, 3/24/2023 * Nisan 2, 5783

**Raymond Kantrowitz
Irving Rapaport
Joseph (Joe) Yanklowitz**

Saturday, 3/25/2023 * Nisan 3, 5783

Murry Silverman

Monday, 3/27/2023 * Nisan 5, 5783

**Rose Goldman Aronson
Hyman Berkowitz
Goldie Brown
Ethel Garlen
Herbert Silverman**

Tuesday, 3/28/2023 * Nisan 6, 5783

**David Podell
Dora Goldstein Sheerer
Abraham Joseph Zweibelson**

Wednesday, 3/29/2023 * Nisan 7, 5783

**Ruth Boorstein
Harold Green
Louis Housman
Lillian Yuridin**

Thursday, 3/30/2023 * Nisan 8, 5783

Leah Weisman Kroch

Friday, 3/31/2023 * Nisan 9, 5783

Harry Kramer



THANK YOU!!

Shaaray Tefila of Glens Falls wishes to express our appreciation to Jewish Federation of NENY for their continued support of our congregation!



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

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FEBRUARY 2023

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:30 PM Biblical Hebrew	2 10:00 AM Beginning Hebrew	3 6:15 PM Combined Synagogue-Temple Family Service and Potluck Dinner at Temple Beth El	4 9:30 AM Shabbat Service
5 9:15 AM Religious School 6:00 PM Zoom Tu BiShevat Seder with Micah Friedman	6 <i>Tu BiShevat</i>	7	8 6:30 PM Biblical Hebrew	9 10:00 AM Beginning Hebrew	10	11 9:30 AM Shabbat Service
12 9:15 AM Religious School	13	14	15 6:30 PM Biblical Hebrew	16 10:00 AM Beginning Hebrew	17 7:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Micah Friedman	18 9:30 AM Shabbat Service with Micah Friedman
19	20 <i>Presidents' Day</i>	21 <i>Deadline to Submit Articles for the March Bulletin</i>	22 6:30 PM Biblical Hebrew	23 10:00 AM Beginning Hebrew	24	25 9:30 AM Shabbat Service 6:30 PM Zoom Havdalah & Learning Session with Micah Friedman
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