

**WEEKLY SERVICES
AT THE SYNAGOGUE**

FRIDAYS:

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SATURDAYS:

9:30 AM Services

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NOVEMBER 2023



**CHESHVAN—
KISLEV 5784**



**STUDENT RABBI
NAFTALI HIRSCH**

As we read Parshat Bereishit together a few weeks ago, I shared the teaching of the *Netivot Shalom* (the late S'lomer Rebbe) that the first 14 weeks of our Torah cycle – from Creation through the giving of the Torah in Parshat Yitro – can be understood as the emotional and spiritual preparation for receiving the Torah and all of the opportunities-for-connection (*mitzvot*) that it provides. He divides these into two parts – those before our ancestor Avraham and those after, stating that the first set of Parshiot can offer us examples of how even small instances of rage, striving, and hubris can lead to doing real harm in the world. Within this frame, the stories of Abraham and our other ancestors can offer up examples of how to cultivate more admirable ways of being in the world, with particular ancestors being described as paradigms of one attribute or another. Avraham is the paradigm of *hesed* which contains the attribute of love within it. It bears naming, that our ancestors are not always models of perfect behavior – on the contrary, countless times through these stories they display a great deal of imperfection. And, personally, I'm very grateful for this. While at times it might feel as though we have models or expectations of perfection to live up to, no one is perfect – we wouldn't be human if we were – and that makes our ancestors' stories that much more relatable.

One manifestation of this attribute from Avraham is right at the beginning of Vayera, this month's first parsha. G-d appears to Avraham while he is sitting by Mamre forest healing from his recent surgery. Despite whatever physical pain he feels in recovery and even being in the presence of the Holy Blessed One, Avraham steps away from this Divine connection because he sees three passersby along the path. Avraham insists these travelers stop, welcoming them into his home, instructing Sarah and a household youth to prepare a feast for them. Avraham has every reason not to 'put himself out' like this, yet through his actions, and

while holding his own pain, he insists that serving others doesn't require 'putting aside' one's own needs. Instead, one's own needs can be served through moments of connection. This is what enables the Talmud in Shabbat (127a) to say "welcoming guests is greater than even receiving the Divine Presence."

There is so much pain in the Jewish world right now through this unfolding tragedy, however it may have continued by the time you read these words, with all of its spillover into each of our lives. Even without this happening, each of us has enough reasons not to 'go out of our way' for others, not to 'put aside' our own direction for them. And yet, finding a way to do *hesed*, for others can open up and deepen our own direction. May we each find the ways unique to us to bring truth to Psalm 69 *יְבֹנֶה עוֹלָם חֶסֶד יְבֹנֶה* "May the world be built from *hesed*," truly, it is the only thing that can.

Student Rabbi Naftali Hirsch

1. *Hesed* - grace, kindness, love, charity, piety; often translated as 'loving kindness'



**PRESIDENT MARK
HOFFMAN**

Thanks to Larry Greenburg, Peter Kudan and Mike Berkowitz for putting together and taking down our Sukkah and to Kristi Madigan and children Hollie and Gabe for helping to decorate it.

I would like to express my condolences to the families of Diane Alkes, Stephanie Kaufman, and Amy Jo Liberta who have passed in recent months.

Naftali Hirsch will be with us twice this month, during the weekends of November 3 and November 17. Please remember that when he is here, we will also be having Friday night services in addition to our weekly Saturday morning services. Note also that November 17 is a combined family service and potluck with Beth El to be held at Shaaray Tefila. It is a great opportunity to experience multi-generational

Jewish togetherness (even though children are welcome to **all** our services.)

By the time you read this, the situation on the ground in Israel may have changed considerably so what I have to say may or may not still be relevant. Although I rarely comment on the specifics of American or Israeli policy, I have seen what a deep impact recent events have had on the hearts and minds of our congregants. Beyond offering prayers and encouraging contributions to organizations that aid those who have suffered as a consequence of recent events, I offer the following observations:

1. Although many American and Israeli Jews have been frustrated by the direction of Israeli politics and society over the last few years, I am heartened that Israelis have put aside divisions to come together to face this external threat.
2. Although the scope of Hamas' recent attack was worse than innumerable prior terrorist attacks, the ruthlessness of the atrocities has many precedents in prior Palestinian terror attacks, such as those involving the murders of school children in Maalot and Kiryat Shmona, the murder of Israeli athletes in Munich, the kidnapping of Israeli civilians to Uganda, and many more attacks on Israeli civilians before and since.
3. There was a terrible intelligence, military and policing failure that led to the success of the Hamas attack. Once the immediate security crisis is over, there will need to be investigations to define the errors of omission or commission so these mistakes are not repeated.
4. I am reluctant to be an armchair quarterback from the safety of my home in Glens Falls, NY. It isn't my home or my family that is under threat. I also have no military expertise whatsoever. However, I do have many years of experience making life and death decisions in my medical career and would observe that sometimes there are no good options but we need to choose the least bad option. The choice should be based on carefully weighing the short-term and long-term risks and benefits and not be based on personal considerations and emotions of the political and military leadership, many of whom have been embarrassed by recent security failures.
5. There may be some lessons to be learned from prior problematic attempts to change

geopolitical realities by purely military means such as the U.S. interventions in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as some prior Israeli military actions that led to unintended consequences. Let's hope the Israeli leadership has carefully thought this through and has a realistic assessment of the pathway to the best possible outcome.

I hope and pray that Israel's leaders are guided by G-d's light and that the hands of those who defend Israel are strengthened and that the land is blessed with peace and its inhabitants with lasting joy.

Mark Hoffman



SISTERHOOD GREETINGS & NEWS

November Greetings,

Continued healing prayers to Pinchas Shabat, Mike Pletman, Cher Hoffman, Claire Kantrowitz, Harrie Bobbin, Dolly Chary-Morrissey, Bill Brender and many other Sisterhood, Synagogue and Temple members and friends. Thank you also for your prayers as I continue to heal.

The Simchat Torah combined service and festivities were enjoyed by all.

Thank you to October Oneg & Kiddush sponsors: Ronni Shelley, Nancy & Peter Kudan, Elaine & Salomon Charhon, JC Patrick, Pat Balasuriya and Mark Chernow.

Mazel Tov and special wishes to Hilda Schwartz and Claire Kantrowitz on their 95th birthdays. Also, Mazel Tov to Lewis Spar on this 90th and Sharon Aronson on her 85th.

Sisterhood welcomes synagogue's new member Mark Chernow.

Many thanks to all who shopped, helped prepare, set foods out and assisted with the cleanup during October. You each know who you are! Thank you again to Joe Hoffman and Bill Brender for additional assistance preparing Kiddushes. Thank you to all who took part with clean up, washing and drying dishes and more.

With more assistance still needed for Kiddushes, please let Katie, Cher or me know your availability to help prepare in November.

Many thanks and appreciation for your continued donations (including kosher foods) to our kitchen.

Deepest sympathy to Ellen Katz (Bruce) and families on the passing of Ellen's sister Amy Jo Liberta.

The Congregation Shaaray Tefila/Temple Beth El combined Community Prayer Service was very well received. It was attended not only by our members yet many non-Jewish members of our community. Some called me and were glad that this wonderful service took place. It was great to see friends from my teaching years and acquaintances from St. Mary's, St. Mary's/St. Paul's, Glens Falls and Hudson Falls Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church and more.

The Community Service at the Glens Falls Christ Church United Methodist with the sign "Imagine Peace" on the front lawn was very well attended on Sunday, 10/22. There were representatives from Christ Church United Methodist, Congregation Shaaray Tefila, Temple Beth El, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Masjid-Al Arqam, Harrisena Community Church, Queensbury United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church of Glens Falls, and the Mayor of Glens Falls. What important messages with this program for all communities at this time!

See you at the combined Family Service on November 17th at the synagogue.

See the bulletin calendar and announcements for upcoming events and holiday service dates/times.

Please check out the gift shop for Shabbat, Birthday/Anniversary and Bat/Bar Mitzvah or other gift needs. Call Nancy Goldstein at 518-792-2700 or Katie 518-792-4945 with any questions.

Some dues have been received already ... thank you for your membership and support. Please return the form and membership by November 15th.

Healthy, happy Thanksgiving to all. Safe times to each of us this autumn and prayers for peace in the world.

Bonnie Yanklowitz, Sisterhood President

WELCOME!



Shaaray Tefila welcomes our newest member:

MARK CHERNOW

MEANING MAKING IN TEFILA: FINDING CONNECTION IN PRAYER

Saturdays, November 4 and November 18
at 5:00 PM

Come join us for a two-part series on discovering meaning within the tefila (prayer) service. Bring your questions, frustrations, and curiosities as we dive in together, followed by Havdalah.

MAZEL TOV!

*Mazel Tov to Hilda Schwartz
on her 95th birthday!*

MAZEL TOV!

*Mazel Tov to Claire Kantrowitz
on her 95th birthday!*

MAZEL TOV!

*Mazel Tov to Lewis Spar
on his 90th birthday!*

MAZEL TOV!

*Mazel Tov Sharon Aronson
on her 85th birthday!*

CONDOLENCES

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



Amy Jo Liberta, sister of Ellen Katz (Bruce), passed away on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at the age of 67.

Congregation Shaaray Tefila and Sisterhood extend deepest sympathy on the passing of Amy to the Liberta, Katz and Chanis Families.

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTIONS

GENERAL FUND

In honor of the 50th anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah
Debra Ware

In honor of her parents, Judith & Allan Korot
Debra Ware

In memory of Diane Alkes
Larry Greenberg

In honor of Dolly Chary's 88th birthday
Bunny Hall

In memory of her beloved father Moe Schwartz
Roslyn Winston

In memory of her uncle Abe Schwartz
Roslyn Winston

MR & MRS SAMUEL ARONSON FUND

In memory of her grandfather Barney Aronson
Roslyn Winston

In memory of her uncle Albert Yunich
Roslyn Winston

In honor of her mother
Hilda Schwartz's 95th Birthday
Roslyn Winston

SISTERHOOD FUND

Our deepest sympathy on Rosalyn (Roz) Kolodny
Jacobs' passing to her husband, Earl and
daughter, Seela

Dolly Morrissey & Bonnie Yanklowitz

YOM KIPPUR APPEAL

In honor of their children
Rebecca Yael & Joshua David
and in honor of their grandchildren
Ezekiel Nathan & Naomi Aria
Ephraim Back & Tara Blau

To better days ahead!
Ellen & Bruce Katz

In memory of all the loved ones who passed away
Lewis Spar



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



November 2

Rhona Levine
Barry Grubert

November 3

Sarah Bush
Mary Kuntz

November 5

Amy Gottesman

November 6

Hilda Schwartz

November 7

Tara Blau
Andrew Frenyea

November 11

Aaron Bush

November 12

Barbara Frenyea

November 14

Claire Kantrowitz

November 17

Avvi Shabat
Robert Tompkins

November 18

Sharon Aronson

November 19

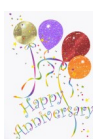
Emily Korot

November 25

Lewis Spar



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Susan & Stephen Goldstein

November 7 * 31st anniversary

Jeffrey & Patti Schwartz

November 13 * 40th anniversary

Jo-Ann & Michael Rapaport

November 15 * 31st anniversary



MAZEL TOV!

*Mazel Tov to Robert Tompkins
on his 55th birthday!*

MAZEL TOV!

*Mazel Tov Aaron Bush
on his 45th birthday!*

MAZEL TOV!

*Mazel Tov to Avvi Shabat
on his 50th birthday!*

MAZEL TOV!

*Mazel Tov to Sarah Bush
on her 40th birthday!*

HONORABLE MENTCHEN:

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

- *Ronni Shelley, Nancy & Peter Kudan in memory of Norman Kudan*
- *Elaine & Salomon Charhon in memory of Becky Israel*
- *Bonnie Yanklowitz in honor of Dolly's 88th birthday, cousins Lois & Sherrie's birthdays, all October birthdays and anniversaries and in support of Israel*
- *JC Patrick in memory of Bea Berkowitz*
- *Pat Balasuriya in honor of her daughter, Esther and granddaughter, Matilda Rose Jordan*
- *Mark Chernow in memory of his wife, mother and grandparents*

UPCOMING KIDDUSH SPONSORS:

Friday, November 3:

Oneg sponsored by Laura Fram in honor of Elizabeth's achievements within Civil Air Patrol

Saturday, November 4:

Kiddush sponsored Laura Fram in honor of Elizabeth's achievements within Civil Air Patrol

Saturdays, November 11:

Kiddush sponsorship available

Friday, November 17:

Kiddush sponsorship available

Saturday, November 18:

Kiddush sponsorship available

Saturday, November 25:

Kiddush sponsorship available

If you would like to sponsor an Oneg or Kiddush, please contact Katie in the office.



MAZEL TOV!

Mazel Tov to Patti & Jeffrey Schwartz on their 40th anniversary!

פרשת השבוע Weekly Torah portion

Parashat Vayera

NOVEMBER 3, Candle lighting 5:25 PM

Torah Portion: [Genesis 18:1-22:24](#)

Haftarah: [II Kings 4:1-37](#)

Parashat Chayei Sara

NOVEMBER 10, Candle lighting 4:17 PM

Torah Portion: [Genesis 23:1-25:18](#)

Haftarah: [I Kings 1:1-31](#)

Parashat Toldot

NOVEMBER 17, Candle lighting 4:10 PM

Torah Portion: [Genesis 25:19-28:9](#)

Haftarah: [Malachi 1:1-2:7](#)

Parashat Vayetzai

NOVEMBER 24, Candle lighting 4:05 PM

Torah Portion: [Genesis 28:10-32:3](#)

Haftarah: [Hosea 12:13-14:10](#)

Yahrzeit Record NOVEMBER 2023

*Wednesday, 11/01/2023 * Heshvan 17, 5784*

Harry Fiedel

Miriam (Aronson) Hirsch

Morris Kugel

Ruth (Elliott) Lisman

Herman Metzner

*Thursday, 11/02/2023 * Heshvan 18, 5784*

Samuel Kaplan

*Friday, 11/03/2023 * Heshvan 19, 5784*

Marion Goldstein

Charles Kugel

*Saturday, 11/04/2023 * Heshvan 20, 5784*

Harry Friedman

Jerome Ginsburg

Mary Perlman

Celia Shapiro

Louis Yanklowitz

*Sunday, 11/05/2023 * Heshvan 21, 5784*

Paul (PK) Kohn

Margaret Modell

Esther Saidel

Morris Schwartz

Monday, 11/06/2023 * Heshvan 22, 5784

**Ada Abt
Sylvia Grubert
Lester Sagan
Anna Swirsky**

Wednesday, 11/08/2023 * Heshvan 24, 5784

**Mary Cohen
Anna Lavine
Felice Levine
Harry Levine
Charles Searleman
Rose Stichman**

Friday, 11/10/2023 * Heshvan 26, 5784

**Bessie Borlawsky
Shirley Luria
Ruth Motove
Myrna Sproul**

Saturday, 11/11/2023 * Heshvan 27, 5784

**Peshe Borlawsky
Joan Elsner
Jacob Mintzer
Newman Spector**

Sunday, 11/12/2023 * Heshvan 28, 5784

Lillian Leinoff

Monday, 11/13/2023 * Heshvan 29, 5784

**Charles Shapiro
Rose Trop
Florence Wechsler**

Tuesday, 11/14/2023 * Kislev 1, 5784

**Arthur Aronson
Jack Verdrager**

Wednesday, 11/15/2023 * Kislev 2, 5784

**Betty Beeson
Herman Feigenbaum
David Grossman
Charles Swyer**

Thursday, 11/16/2023 * Kislev 3, 5784

**Nathan Braverman
David Diskin
Benjamin Goldman
Joan (Shapiro) Pearlman**

Friday, 11/17/2023 * Kislev 4, 5784

**Jacob Bakst
Edward Davis
Rose Goldstein
Judah Jacobs
Simon Semelisky**



Saturday, 11/18/2023 * Kislev 5, 5784

**Melvin (Mel) Bittman
Gerald (Jerry) Brown
Barton Cohen
Margarethe Neuhaus**

Sunday, 11/19/2023 * Kislev 6, 5784

**Quay Beeson
Thomas Chary
Barney Snyder
Jack Weinstein**

Monday, 11/20/2023 * Kislev 7, 5784

**Berte (Yunich) Bisher
Louis Bobbin
Thelma Kaplan
Leonore Lebowitz
Harry Svedgal**

Tuesday, 11/21/2023 * Kislev 8, 5784

**Ida Gould
Marie Schwartz
Arthur Tunick
Morris Verdrager
Alvin (Yanklowitz) Yanko**

Wednesday, 11/22/2023 * Kislev 9, 5784

**Harry Goldman
Louis Jacobs**

Thursday, 11/23/2023 * Kislev 10, 5784

Dorothy Robitaille

Friday, 11/24/2023 * Kislev 11, 5784

**Joseph Cohen
Eva Shapera**

Saturday, 11/25/2023 * Kislev 12, 5784

**Gertrude (Abrams) Highton
Leon Levin**

Sunday, 11/26/2023 * Kislev 13, 5784

Shirley Segan

Monday, 11/27/2023 * Kislev 14, 5784

Lydia Adler

Tuesday, 11/28/2023 * Kislev 15, 5784

**Cheyeh Berkowitz
Ida Berkowitz
Samuel Raych
Hilda Sidur
Samuel Swirsky
Rae Witepsky**

Wednesday, 11/29/2023 * Kislev 16, 5784

David Ryen

Thursday, 11/30/2023 * Kislev 17, 5784

**Nathan Kudan
Howard Silverman**

YAHREZEIT RECORD

DECEMBER 2023

*Friday, 12/01/2023 * Kislev 18, 5784*

Oscar Horowich
Meryl Kline

*Saturday, 12/02/2023 * Kislev 19, 5784*

Sadye Brown
Julia Gersten
Susan Seaman

*Sunday, 12/03/2023 * Kislev 20, 5784*

Samuel Breslaw
Dr. Orel Friedman
Morris Isaacson
Florence Kanter
Arnold Klein
Herman Silverman

*Monday, 12/04/2023 * Kislev 21, 5784*

Abram Chernets
Helen Diskin
Lilia (Lily) Muller
Nancy Polonsky
Chayim Silverman

*Tuesday, 12/05/2023 * Kislev 22, 5784*

Milton Aronson
Joel Grossman
Lila Myers

*Wednesday, 12/06/2023 * Kislev 23, 5784*

Joyce Bennett
Fredrick Berg
Joseph Berkowitz
Betty Goldman
Joan Grossman
Gregory Raynor
Gertrude Swirsky

*Thursday, 12/07/2023 * Kislev 24, 5784*

Herman Aronson
Ben Berman
Fannie Goldstein
Jacob Goldstein
Sigmund Weiss

*Friday, 12/08/2023 * Kislev 25, 5784*

Arnold Russ
Katie Yanks

*Saturday, 12/09/2023 * Kislev 26, 5784*

Ben Aronson
Sidney Rosen
Rebecca Rosenberg
Marlene Tate

*Sunday, 12/10/2023 * Kislev 27, 5784*

Betty Drexler
Ruth (Beeman) Goldman

*Monday, 12/11/2023 * Kislev 28, 5784*

Marvin Cohen
Florence Kingon
Ethel Levitt
Louis Myers
Loretta Perrotti

*Tuesday, 12/12/2023 * Kislev 29, 5784*

Henry Feinberg
Eva Kantrowitz Seaman
Harry Weiss
Martha Weiss

*Wednesday, 12/13/2023 * Tevet 1, 5784*

Danny Fisher
Mary Klein
Robert (Bob) Morrissey

*Thursday, 12/14/2023 * Tevet 2, 5784*

Alex Silverman
Louis Snyder

*Friday, 12/15/2023 * Tevet 3, 5784*

Bonnie Chrzanowski
Sophie Svedgal
Anna Weiss
Alice Yaffee

*Saturday, 12/16/2023 * Tevet 4, 5784*

Mildred Korot
Sandra Suckman
Joseph Yaffee

*Sunday, 12/17/2023 * Tevet 5, 5784*

Elizabeth Gersten
Rebecca Verdrager

*Monday, 12/18/2023 * Tevet 6, 5784*

Leonard Every

*Tuesday, 12/19/2023 * Tevet 7, 5784*

Alfred Einstein
Burton Kantrowitz
Max Kopelovitz
Judith Smul

*Thursday, 12/21/2023 * Tevet 9, 5784*

Hyman Gould
Jack Mandwelle
Anna Novitsky
Eva Rote-Rosen
Dvorah Silverman
Rabbi Richard Sobel
Anna Zweibelson

Friday, 12/22/2023 * Tevet 10, 5784

**Yetta Bakst
Bert Ferber
Ben Ginsburg
Gertrude Gersten**

Saturday, 12/23/2023 * Tevet 11, 5784

**Louis Lazarus
Elayne Suckman**

Sunday, 12/24/2023 * Tevet 12, 5784

**Marion Gellman
Sarah Ginsburg**

Monday, 12/25/2023 * Tevet 13, 5784

**Seymour Bobbin
Irene Einstein
Elinore Greene
Mary Mandel
Herbert Shapiro
Morris Solomon**

Tuesday, 12/26/2023 * Tevet 14, 5784

**Samuel Braverman
Chana Landsman**

Wednesday, 12/27/2023 * Tevet 15, 5784

**Samuel Jacobs
Emanuel Juris
William Magram
Victor Silverman**

Thursday, 12/28/23 * Tevet 16, 5784

Marion Ullman

Friday, 12/29/2023 * Tevet 17, 5784

**Rachel Cohen
Samuel Kanter**

Saturday, 12/30/2023 * Tevet 18, 5784

**Benjamin Fram
Harry Green**

Sunday, 12/31/2023 * Tevet 19, 5784

**Isidor Oppenheim
Robert Pletman
Regina Weill**



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yahrzeit and need a minyan,
please let us know.**

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NOVEMBER 2023.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Naftali Hirsch * Oneg sponsored by Laura Fram in honor of Elizabeth's achievements within Civil Air Patrol	4 9:30 AM Shabbat Service with Naftali Hirsch * Kiddush sponsored by Laura Fram in honor of Elizabeth's achievements within Civil Air Patrol 5:00 PM Learning & Havdalah with Naftali Hirsch
5 9:15 AM Greater Glens Falls Hebrew School at Temple Beth El <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	6	7 <i>Election Day</i>	8	9	10 <i>Veterans Day (observed)</i>	11 9:30 AM Shabbat Service * Kiddush
12	13	14	15	16	17 6:15 PM Family Service with Naftali Hirsch * Dairy Potluck Dinner * Oneg	18 9:30 AM Shabbat Service with Naftali Hirsch * Kiddush 5:00 PM Learning & Havdalah with Naftali Hirsch
19 9:15 AM Greater Glens Falls Hebrew School at Temple Beth El	20	21 <i>Deadline to Submit Articles for the December Bulletin</i>	22	23 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	24	25 9:30 AM Shabbat Service * Kiddush
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