

**WEEKLY SERVICES  
AT THE SYNAGOGUE**

FRIDAYS:

*See Calendar*

SATURDAYS:

*9:30 AM Services*

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DECEMBER 2023



KISLEV-TEVET

5784



**STUDENT RABBI  
NAFTALI HIRSCH**

In just a week's time, we will enter together into the holiday of Hanukah. In the Talmud (mShabbat 21b), asks "מאי חנוכה?" "What's Hanukah?", it being one of the 'newer' holidays instituted by our sages. In answer, they share the story of finding that single untampered-with vessel of oil – one day's worth. The problem, as we learn in *Chidushei Agadot*, is that it would take another 8 days to bring new pure oil to Jerusalem. Yet a miracle occurred, and it lasted 8 days, and the following year our sages declared that this time would be an ongoing festival for the Jewish people with the singing of Hallel and prayers of gratitude. The Book of Maccabees, meanwhile, tells the history of the war that preceded this moment and allowed for the rededication of the Temple, and so this holiday also marks the end of this violence in the Land. May we too see an end to violence in the Land as we kindle the Hanukah lights this year.

Traditionally one would place the Hanukah menorah in the outer doorway of one's home in order to publicize the light of the miracle, and in Jerusalem today you can see many stone gates or walls with little shelves built into them just for this which remains an ongoing custom amongst Sephardi and Mizrahi Jews. Ashkenazi Jews, since at least R Moshe Isreles' (Re'MA, 16th Cent.) time, have lit their menorot inside. In either case, there is a tradition to light the menorah to the left of the doorway, since the Mezuza is fixed on the right hand side of the doorway. The *geonim* wrote that this is so that anyone who enters one's home on Hanukah will be surrounded by the warm embrace of mitzvot – of these ritual touchpoints for connection to the Divine. Whether you have the tradition to light your menorah near the doorway or by a window, I hope that you will feel invited into deeper relationship with all that is around you. May each candle bring more light into our lives and inspire us to bring of ourselves into this world. *הג אור שמח*



*–Hag Or Sameah – Wishing you a joyful festival of light.*

*Student Rabbi Naftali Hirsch*



**PRESIDENT MARK  
HOFFMAN**

Thanks to our women's and men's chevra kadisha for volunteering to prepare Jewish bodies for burial, often on short notice. At a time of deep emotional trauma for surviving families, it is comforting for them to know that we have members willing and able to perform this mitzvah.

Many of us enjoyed our weekends of prayer and learning with Naftali during November. We look forward to his involvement with services and holiday celebrations during Chanukah. Please plan to join us for a Chanukah celebration with food, music and candle lighting on December 9 at 6 PM. Judy Korot and her fellow musicians will be on hand along with Naftali. Suggested donation to help defray cost of food: \$10 per person. Reservations by Wednesday, Dec 6.

As I write this message, we are hearing of a likely deal that would free at least some of the hostages held by Hamas. We continue to hope and pray that Israel's leaders and defenders make wise decisions upon which so much depends.

*Mark Hoffman*

**SISTERHOOD  
GREETINGS & NEWS**

December Greetings,

What a busy November-now a frigid winter upon us.

Continued healing prayers to many Sisterhood, Synagogue and Temple members and friends. Thank you again for your prayers during my healing.



Thank you to November Oneg & Kiddush sponsors: Laura Fram, Lorraine & Dr. Sydney Hochman, Bonnie & brother Dr. Barney Aaron Yanklowitz and Pat Balasuyria.

Mazel Tov and good wishes to Barbara Vengrove & Gerald Brezner on their special birthdays.

Many thanks to all who shopped, helped prepare and set foods out during November. You each know who you are! Thank you again to Joe Hoffman, Cher Hoffman, Nancy Goldstein, Bill Brender and Laura Fram for their assistance with Kiddushes. Also thank you to ALL who assisted with clean up, washing and drying dishes and more.

Please let Katie, Cher or me know your availability to help prepare in Dec as help will be needed.

Many thanks and appreciation for your continued donations to our kitchen.

The Congregation Shaaray Tefila/Temple Beth El combined Family Service with Student Rabbi Naftali Hirsch at the synagogue was very well attended and included children's participation. The potluck dairy meals and oneg were enjoyed by everyone. See you at the Temple December 1st for the next combined Family Service and dairy potluck dinner.

I missed Saturday services and the special learning and Havdalah with Student Rabbi Naftali. I was in FL visiting Dolly Morrissey, Hilda Schwartz, Diane & David Gellman and also Roz Winston with her visit from GA. What a wonderful visit with everyone.

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. Due date for membership has been extended to December 15th.

Happy Hanukkah to all as you celebrate with menorahs, dreidels, latkes, sufganiyot and more. See you at the Hanukkah party on December 9th.

Don't miss Temple Beth El's wonderful Latke Fest on Sunday, December 10th from 2-5 PM.

Safe times to each of us this winter and prayers for peace in the world.

*Bonnie Yanklowitz, Sisterhood President*

## HONORABLE MENTCHEN:

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

- *Laura Fram in honor of Elizabeth Fram's achievements within Civil Air Patrol*
- *Lorraine & Dr. Syd Hochman in honor of the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah*
- *Bonnie Yanklowitz and brother Dr Barney Yanklowitz in memory of their father, Louis and brother, Alvin*
- *Pat Balasuriya in honor of her daughter, Esther and granddaughter, Matilda Rose Jordan*

## UPCOMING KIDDUSH SPONSORS:

### Saturday, December 2:

Kiddush sponsored by Judy Aronson in loving memory of Art Aronson & Jerry Brown and by Bonnie Yanklowitz in loving memory of her sister Ruth (Yanklowitz) Stewart Dominick and cousin Mary Kay (Wishingrad) Clark

### Friday, December 8:

Oneg sponsorship available

### Saturday, December 9:

Kiddush sponsorship available

### Saturday, December 16:

Kiddush sponsorship available

### Saturday, December 23:

Kiddush sponsorship available

### Saturday, December 30:

Kiddush sponsorship available

## MAZEL TOV!

*Mazel Tov to Barbara Vengrove on her special birthday!*

## MAZEL TOV!

*Mazel Tov to Vanessa Schwartz on her 35th birthday!*

## MAZEL TOV!

*Mazel Tov to Gerald Brezner on his 91st birthday!*

**פרשת השבוע**  
Weekly Torah portion

**Parashat Vayishlach**

DECEMBER 1, Candle lighting 4:01 PM

Torah Portion: [Genesis 32:4-36:43](#)

Haftarah: [Obadiah 1:1-21](#)

**Parashat Vayeshev**

DECEMBER 8, Candle lighting 4:00 PM

Torah Portion: [Genesis 37:1-40:23](#);

[Numbers 7:18-23](#)

Haftarah: [Zechariah 2:14-4:7](#)

**Parashat Miketz**

DECEMBER 15, Candle lighting 4:01 PM

Torah Portion: [Genesis 41:1-44:17](#)

Haftarah: [I Kings 3:15-4:1](#)

**Parashat Vayigash**

DECEMBER 22, Candle lighting 4:04 PM

Torah Portion: [Genesis 44:18-47:27](#)

Haftarah: [Ezekiel 37:15-28](#)

**Parashat Vayechi**

DECEMBER 29, Candle lighting 4:08 PM

Torah Portion: [Genesis 47:28-50:26](#)

Haftarah: [I Kings 2:1-12](#)



**December 1**

Whitney Roe

**December 7**

Saundra Williams

Barbara Vengrove

**December 10**

Charlene Lebowitz

**December 12**

Adam Shaham

Mason Wurzberger

**December 14**

Andrew Silver

**December 19**

Leonora Kleinmann

**December 20**

Jennifer Nadler

**December 22**

Anabella Cohen

Juliella Cohen

**December 24**

Vanessa Schwartz

**December 25**

Gerald Brezner

**December 26**

Diane Beale

**December 27**

Noa Amar

**December 30**

Michael Rogers



**HANUKKAH CELEBRATION!**

Food, music and candle lighting

December 9th at 6 PM

Suggested donation: \$10 per person

RSVP by Wednesday, December 6

**WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE  
FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTIONS**

**GENERAL FUND**

In Memory of her Aunt Eva Rote-Rosen

***Roslyn Winston***

In Honor of Hilda Schwartz's 95th Birthday

***Joan & David Sidel***

In Memory of Amy Jo Liberta

***Ellen & Bruce Katz***

In Memory of Mary Mark Cohen

***Leone Straus***

In Memory of Joseph Cohen

***Leone Straus***

In Honor of Elizabeth Fram

***Dolly Morrissey & Bunny Hall***

In Memory of Greta Burg

***Judy & Allan Korot***

**SISTERHOOD FUND**

In Memory of Benjamin Fram

***Laura Fram***

In Honor of Elizabeth Fram's Hebrew Birthday

***Laura Fram***

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Sisterhood extends congratulations to Elizabeth Fram on her Civil Air Patrol achievements.

**CONDOLENCES**

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

**Lewis Stone** passed away on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at the age of 91.

Congregation Shaaray Tefila and Sisterhood extend deepest sympathy on the passing of Lewis to the Stone Family.

## Yahrzeit 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 (Butcher) 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

## YÄHRZEIT RECORD

### JANUARY 2024

*Monday, 01/01/2024 \* Tevet 20, 5784*

Morris Alkes  
Alfred Aronson  
Henry Elkes  
Louis Novitsky  
Evelyn Ochsner

*Tuesday, 01/02/2024 \* Tevet 21, 5784*

Albert Charhon  
A. Henry Elkes  
Jules Perlman  
Barnet Shapiro  
Moses Silverman

*Wednesday, 01/03/2024 \* Tevet 22, 5784*

Chayim Seaman  
Penny Grossman  
Boruch Silverman  
Louis Walerstein

*Thursday, 01/04/2024 \* Tevet 23, 5784*

Bessie Cohen

*Friday, 01/05/2024 \* Tevet 24, 5784*

Robert (Bob) Aronson  
Cindy Brandon  
Hyman Reed

*Saturday, 01/06/2024 \* Tevet 25, 5784*

Gusta Aronson  
Morris Aronson  
Walter Cohen  
Joseph Saidel  
Bessie Zimmerman

*Sunday, 01/07/2024 \* Tevet 26, 5784*

Mosha Aronson  
Max Novitsky  
Samuel Rosenburg  
Sally Rote-Rosen

*Monday, 01/08/2024 \* Tevet 27, 5784*

Samuel Aronson  
Katherine Day  
Rose Roth  
Dorothy Segel  
Issac Schwartz  
Rose Winer  
Max Yunich

*Tuesday, 01/09/2024 \* Tevet 28, 5784*

Sam Borlawsky  
Ephram Fram  
Carol Meyers  
Stefan Janis  
Eva Silverman

*Wednesday, 01/10/2024 \* Tevet 29, 5784*

Gussie Berman  
Karl Katzman  
George Kudan  
Robert Rapaport

*Thursday, 01/11/2024 \* Shevat 1, 5784*

Samuel Beck  
Helen Hoffman  
Bertha Kasper  
Adrian Seligman  
Harry Silverman

*Friday, 01/12/2024 \* Shevat 2, 5784*

George Cohen  
Harry Cohen  
Sarah Cohen  
Max Oppenheim  
Jeanne Silverman

*Saturday, 01/13/2024 \* Shevat 4, 5784*

Jacob Hafter  
George Koble

*Sunday, 01/14/2024 \* Shevat 5, 5784*

Rachel Kugel  
Samuel Saidel

*Monday, 01/15/2024 \* Shevat 6, 5784*

Kevin Berkowitz  
Jack Smith

*Tuesday, 01/16/2024 \* Shevat 7, 5784*

Joel (Yacheil Mendel) Grubert  
Elaine Levy  
Samuel Weiss  
Berdie Yafa

**Wednesday, 01/17/2024 \* Shevat 8, 5784**

**Edward Gaffin  
Chayeh Kobel  
Sylvia Kudan  
Sabina Landau**

**Thursday, 01/18/2024 \* Shevat 9, 5784**

**Isidore Alkes  
Charles Ginsburg  
Carol Mauro  
Molly Rodman  
Louis Rosenblum**

**Friday, 01/19/2024 \* Shevat 10, 5784**

**Phylliss Feigenbaum  
Abraham Rudnick**

**Saturday, 01/20/2024 \* Shevat 11, 5784**

**Tillie Singer  
Ruth Spaulding**

**Sunday, 01/21/2024 \* Shevat 12, 5784**

**Abraham Green  
Lawrence (Bud) Kantrowitz**

**Monday, 01/22/2024 \* Shevat 13, 5784**

**Rose Cohen  
Sarah Kaplan**

**Tuesday, 01/23/2024 \* Shevat 14, 5784**

**Anna Cohen  
Ida Jacobs  
Frederick Lapper**

**Wednesday, 01/24/2024 \* Shevat 15, 5784**

**Abram Brown**

**Thursday, 01/25/2024 \* Shevat 16, 5784**

**Molly Firestein  
Rita Housman**

**Friday, 01/26/2024 \* Shevat 17, 5784**

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

**Saturday, 01/27/2024 \* Shevat 18, 5784**

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

**Tuesday, 01/30/2024 \* Shevat 20, 5784**

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

**Wednesday, 01/31/2024 \* Shevat 21, 5784**

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



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

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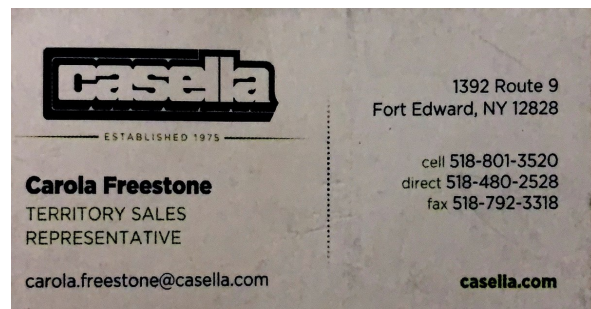
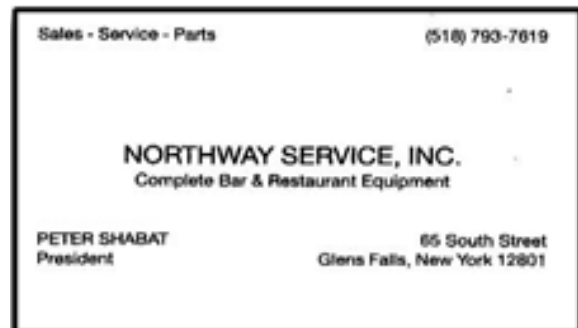
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# DECEMBER 2023.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> <b>6:15 PM</b> Family Service at Temple Beth El * Dairy Potluck Dinner * Oneg	<b>2</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Shabbat Service * Kiddush
<b>3</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Greater Glens Falls Hebrew School at Temple Beth El	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <i><b>RSVP: Hanukkah Celebration</b></i>	<b>7</b> <i><b>Light 1st Hanukkah Candle</b></i>	<b>8</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Naftali Hirsch * Oneg	<b>9</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Shabbat Service with Naftali Hirsch * Kiddush  <b>6:00 PM</b> Hannukah Celebration
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Shabbat Service * Kiddush
<b>17</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Greater Glens Falls Hebrew School at Temple Beth El	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <i><b>Deadline to Submit Articles for the January Bulletin</b></i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <i><b>December Solstice</b></i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Shabbat Service * Kiddush
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Shabbat Service * Kiddush
<b>31</b> <i><b>New Year's Eve</b></i>						