

**WEEKLY SERVICES
AT THE SYNAGOGUE**

FRIDAYS:

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SATURDAYS:

9:30 AM Services

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**RABBINIC INTERN
DAVID MAGAZINE
MALAMUD**

Hodesh Tov!

Spring in Boston has officially sprung! During our extended visit to Glens Falls, it seemed to have arrived in Glens Falls as well. My family and I so enjoyed seeing old and new faces at services and our community seder. Thank you all for being so kind and welcoming to us, and to our boys in particular. I'm looking forward to visiting again in mid-May for my penultimate visit with this beautiful community.

There are many holidays, Jewish and secular, in our month of May, but I want to highlight a little, often forgotten holiday. Pesach Sheni is a holiday that appears in Tanakh, in Vayikra 9:10-11.

דָּבָר אֶל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר אִישׁ אִישׁ כִּי-יִהְיֶה-טֹמֵא לְנֶפֶשׁ אוֹ
בְּדָרֶךְ רְחֹקָה לָכֶם אוֹ לְדַרְמִיכֶם וַעֲשֶׂה פֶסַח לַיהוָה:
בַּחֹדֶשׁ הַשֵּׁנִי בְּאַרְבָּעָה עָשָׂר יוֹם בֵּין הָעֶרְבִים:

Speak to the Israelite people, saying: When any party—whether you or your posterity—who is defiled by a corpse or is on a long journey would offer a passover sacrifice to יהוה, they shall offer it in the second month, on the fourteenth day of the month, at twilight.

This is a make-up holiday, a month after Passover, a vestige of Temple Judaism. If you missed Passover, there's another chance to do the rituals. While we don't offer lambs anymore to Hashem, many folks in the more observant world will eat matzah to mark the day as special.

While I have my (many) differences with the Chabad Lubavitch movement, I find their interpretation of this holiday as beautiful. Their rebbes have taught that Pesach Sheni teaches us that it is never too late to make things right. The Rebbe taught that Passover symbolizes the birth of the Jewish nation, as we are liberated as a people from Egypt, so Pesach Sheni presents an opportunity to do teshuva, to repent. This is a time to address our own deficiencies, even fundamental ones.

What do I make of this? I think that too often we limit teshuva to specific seasons, whether it's Yom Kippur or the start of a secular year. We often make resolutions to act better at these moments, but I know I often struggle to maintain them.

I find this redemptive. I personally struggle with counting the Omer, another Temple ritual that we undertake by counting ritually, from the second day of Passover through the forty nine days leading up to Shavuot. Inevitably, even with the Chabad app, or cute reminders, I forget. Once you forget to count a single day in the Omer, you are no longer able to count with a brachah. Personally, I am guilty of saying, oh well, no brachah, no point. But that is exactly the wrong take-away!

Judaism is a religion of second chances, of teshuva, of changing and returning to the best version of ourselves that we can be. Nothing symbolizes this more clearly to me than Pesach Sheni. I challenge you all to embody this holiday of second chances. Maybe, like me, you are struggling to get back to the gym. Now is not the time to give up, give it another go. Perhaps, you are struggling with coming to shul, or counting the omer, or any number of Jewish rituals. Give yourself some grace, some empathy, and give it another go. I know that I feel re-inspired to count the Omer, brachah, or not.

Rabbinic Intern David

**PRESIDENT MARK
HOFFMAN**



Many thanks to all who helped with our Passover seder and weekend services and kiddishes, as well as in getting the kitchen ready for Passover. Thanks to Ellen Katz, Cher Hoffman and Francine Torah for doing lots of cleaning that made koshering the kitchen much easier this year. Thanks to David Malamud and family for bringing kosher foods from Boston. Thanks to David for leading such a fun and meaningful seder. Thanks to all who attended and participated. Thanks to Kosher 518

for sending us delicious food. Thanks to Laura and Elizabeth Fram for bringing kosher foods up from the metro NY area. Thanks to Bonnie for providing appropriate kiddish foods for Passover. Thanks to Joe Hoffman for preparing kiddish and baking delicious chocolate covered macaroons and sinful flourless chocolate cake. Thanks to Jewish Federation of Northeastern NY for partially funding our seder.



It is appropriate now to mention that we are beginning discussions with Temple Beth El about sharing space at Shaaray Tefila. As you are probably aware, TBE has decided to sell its building. At this point, our discussions are very preliminary. TBE is only in the very early stages of putting its building on the market. In my personal opinion, it will be very important for both congregations to strive for maximal cooperation during this process and as we move forward in order to ensure a healthy, vibrant, and secure future for Jewish life in the Greater Glens Falls area. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns at any time regarding this process.

Mark Hoffman



SISTERHOOD GREETINGS & NEWS

May 2025 / Iyar - Sivan 5785

Shalom from your friends in the North Country.

I hope everyone had a Zissen Pesach! Many thanks to the Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York who provided Congregation Shaaray Tefila with a grant this year to help us celebrate the second night Seder together. Our Rabbinic Intern David Malamud spent a festive, four day weekend celebrating with us. We had the pleasure of meeting his beautiful family; his wife Rebecca and their adorable twin sons, Ari and Ben, and Rebecca's sister, Sarah. Their enthusiastic energy and youthful spirits enhanced the joy of the holiday. Rabbi David led a Friday night Shabbat service and three Torah services, in addition to our Passover Seder. He encouraged us to reflect upon the deeper meanings of Pesach through insightful, thoughtful discussions. Yasher Koach to Rabbi David and his lovely family and a HUGE Thank You!

The Seder was spiritual and relevant. As we focused on remembering our Biblical freedom from

slavery we all reflected on how to free ourselves from modern day forms of slavery. We discussed how to remove chametz not only from our homes, but from ourselves and our relationships. The festive meal was delicious, with a lot of singing and reading, tons of matzah and most importantly, the joy of our members being together. Thank you to all the hardworking volunteers who coordinated such an enjoyable Seder: Mark & Cher Hoffman, Joe Hoffman, Francine Torra, Bonnie Yanklowitz, Elizabeth and Laura Fram, Ron Schmidt, and to the many people behind the scenes.

May is a month of many holidays, both Jewish and secular. Yom Haatzmaot, Israel Independence Day is on May 1st, Lag B'Omer is on May 16th and Yom Yerushalayim Day is on May 26, 2025. Let's not forget Mother's Day, a day to honor mothers and Memorial Day, a day to honor all military personnel who died in service to our great country.

We welcome both members and non-members to our weekly Saturday morning services to share in beautiful prayers and interesting Torah studies. We also have a delicious Kiddush! Please consider coming at least once a month to help make our minyan. Our Rabbinic Intern David Malamud will be here the weekend of May 16. Please join us for services to show our support for him and our shul!

Sisterhood wants to thank the many generous people who sponsor an Oneg or Kiddush. We thank you for volunteering your time and donating extra food and beverages. We also want to thank the volunteers (you all know who you are) who always provide tremendous assistance to Sisterhood and the Synagogue in helping with Onegs, Kiddushes, Holiday meals and Mourner's Meals. A special thank you to Joe Hoffman, who prepares our delicious Shabbat Kiddushes.

Many thanks to the April sponsors: Ellen & Bruce Katz, an anonymous donor, Patricia Balasuriya and Chevra Kadusha, who made our Shabbat even more special. Thank you again for your Sisterhood donations, which are always appreciated.

Please support our gift shop for your various gift-giving or holiday needs. We have many lovely pieces of jewelry and holiday items for sale. Contact Bonnie Yanklowitz at 518-222-5624 with any questions. Gift certificates for the gift shop or for Sisterhood Membership are available in the office.

Special May birthday and anniversary wishes to our Shul, Temple and Sisterhood members. Mazel

Tov to Cher Hoffman (73), Bonnie Yanklowitz (78), Gerald Goldstein (80), Sunny Buchman (90), and Samuel Gerstein (40).

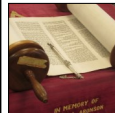
Please keep our members, friends & families in your prayers. We pray for Safety, Peace, Strength and Good Health! Healing thoughts and prayers to synagogue, temple members and friends. Refuah Shelaima, Get Well/Heal Quickly!

We continue to pray for the release of all the hostages and for a permanent peace accord for our beloved State of Israel.

Stay safe and healthy!

Shalom!

Ellen Katz, Sisterhood President



WEEKLY TORAH PORTIONS

Parashat Tazria-Metzora 5785

MAY 3, Candle lighting 7:40 PM

Torah Portion: [Leviticus 12:1-15:33](#)

Haftarah: [II Kings 7:3-20](#)

Parashat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim 5785

MAY 10, Candle lighting 7:48 PM

Torah Portion: [Leviticus 16:1-20:27](#)

Haftarah: [Amos 9:7-15](#)

Parashat Emor 5785

MAY 17, Candle lighting 7:55 PM

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

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

Parashat Behar-Bechukotai 5785

MAY 24, Candle lighting 8:02 PM

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

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

Parashat Bamidbar 5785

MAY 31, Candle lighting 8:09 PM

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

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



May 2

Cher Hoffman

May 3

Bonnie Yanklowitz

May 4

Dominick Guglielmo

May 5

Steffi Bobbin

May 6

Jezabella Cohen

May 10

Michael Gersten

May 12

David Schwartz

May 14

Marilyn Bazan



May 17

Susan Matzner

May 20

**Laura Fram
Gerald Goldstein**

May 26

Nona Radin

May 27

**Sunny Buchman
Samuel Gersten**

May 28

**Robin Cohen
J. David Shabat**

May 29

Melissa Korot

May 31

Jason Kantrowitz

CONGREGATION SHAARAY TEFILA FUNDRAISER

Lake George Steamboat Company and an anonymous donor have donated four sets of four tickets to a St. Sacrement Luncheon Cruise. The regular cost of an adult ticket for this cruise is \$60 and senior tickets are \$55. Our tickets are priced at \$50 per person. Purchase is on a first come first serve basis and your purchase will help raise a total of \$800 for Congregation Shaaray Tefila. The tentative date for the cruise is Friday, July 18, 2025 if all 16 tickets are used together.

However, tickets can be purchased for other dates if desired.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Melanie & Vance Cohen

May 12—7th anniversary

Cher & Mark Hoffman

May 24—44th anniversary

Monica & John Guglielmo

May 26—33rd anniversary



MAZEL TOV!

*Mazel Tov to Jerry Goldstein
on his 80th birthday!*

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTIONS

GENERAL FUND



THANK YOU

In Memory of Harold & Anna Novitsky

In Memory of Max & Anna Novitsky

In Memory of Louis Novitsky

In Memory of Edith Novitsky

Herbert & Barbara Novitsky

In Honor of Judy & Allan Korot's Anniversary

Barbara & Myron Rapaport

In Honor of Judy & Allan Korot's Anniversary

In Honor of Sunny Buchman's Birthday

Judy Korcz

In Memory of Sharon Aronson

Evelyn Brown

In Memory of Philip Schwartz

In Memory of Nettie Slawsby

In Memory of Nathan Slawsby

Roslyn Winston

SISTERHOOD FUND

In Honor of Cher Hoffman's Birthday

In Honor of Bonnie Yanklowitz's Birthday

Laura Fram, Elizabeth Fram & Ron Schmidt

Happy Special 90th Birthday, Cousin Sunny!

Bonnie Yanklowitz

MR & MRS SAMUEL ARONSON FUND

In Honor of Barbara Ziff's Birthday

In Memory of Anna Aronson

In Memory of Howard Hirsch

Healing Thoughts to Ruth Haas

In Memory of Sharon Aronson

Sunny Buchman

MAZEL TOV!

*Mazel Tov to Samuel Gersten
on his 40th birthday!*

HIKE & HAVDALLAH!

All are welcome and encouraged to
join Temple Beth El for a Hike &
Havdalah at Crandall Park on:

Saturday, May 24 at 6:30 PM

&

Saturday, June 21 at 7:00 PM



Havdalah



**SPECIAL 90TH BIRTHDAY
WISHES TO SUNNY BUCHMAN
FROM CONGREGATION
SHAARAY TEFILA,
SISTERHOOD, TEMPLE,
FRIENDS & THE GREATER
GLENS FALLS COMMUNITY.**

HONORABLE MENTCHEN:

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

- ◇ Ellen & Bruce Katz in honor of April birthdays
and anniversaries
- ◇ Anonymous donor in honor of Israel
- ◇ Patricia Balasuriya in honor of her daughter
Ester and granddaughter Matilda
- ◇ Chevra Kadisha, an anonymous donor and
Sisterhood in observance of Passover Yizkor
- ◇ Ellen & Bruce Katz in memory of Mark Chanis

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

- ◇ **Saturday, May 3:** Laura Fram in honor of
Bonnie Yanklowitz's birthday and an
anonymous donor in honor of all May birthdays
and anniversaries
- ◇ **Saturday, May 10:** Sisterhood in honor of Cher
Hoffman's birthday
- ◇ **Saturday, May 24:** Judy & Allan Korot in
honor of Sunny Buchman's 90th birthday
- ◇ **Friday, May 16 and Saturdays, May 17 & 31:**
Available

Yahrzeit Record

MAY 2025

Thursday, 05/01/2025 * Iyar 3, 5785

Hyman Berkowitz

Jennie Elkes

Harry Podolsky

Friday, 05/02/2025 * Iyar 4, 5785
Sarah Aronson

Saturday, 05/03/2025 * Iyar 5, 5785
Bondy Almosnino
Isadore Smul
Morris Weiner

Sunday, 05/04/2025 * Iyar 6, 5785
Rita Spar
Louis Weiner

Monday, 05/05/2025 * Iyar 7, 5785
Lawrence Greenberg
Abraham Kline

Tuesday, 05/06/2025 * Iyar 8, 5785
Larry Chapman
Ralph Rueben Shapiro
Samuel Shapiro
Lillian Suckmon

Thursday, 05/08/2025 * Iyar 10, 5785
Arnold Abrams
Edwin Brown
Mary Swirsky
Hyman Tunick

Friday, 05/09/2025 * Iyar 11, 5785
Marriella Cohen
Fannie Mandwelle
Fannie Rosenstein

Saturday, 05/10/2025 * Iyar 12, 5785
Esther Friedman
Arnold Silverberg

Sunday, 05/11/2025 * Iyar 13, 5785
Eugene Modell

Monday, 05/12/2025 * Iyar 14, 5785
Jacob Seigel
Lillian Snyder
Bernadette Suckman

Tuesday, 05/13/2025 * Iyar 15, 5785
Betty Foster
David Nonkin
Frances Pletman
Sarah Spar

Wednesday, 05/14/2025 * Iyar 16, 5785
Benjamin Aronson
Mary Aronson
Paul Beck
Leba Grebova
Joseph Krell
Yitzchak Orshansky
Benjamin Swirsky
Estyr Yaffee

Thursday, 05/15/2025 * Iyar 17, 5785
Isaac Gordon
Samuel Grode
Maurice Rosenberg

Friday, 05/16/2025 * Iyar 18, 5785
Bessie Aronson
Bruce Kantrowitz
Leon Rogell
Philip Schwartz
Louis Silverman

Saturday, 05/17/2025 * Iyar 19, 5785
Dora Cantor
Regina Charhon
Selma Hafter

Sunday, 05/18/2025 * Iyar 20, 5785
Hattie Solomon Cohen
Philip Frank
Sophie Novak
Rose Rodman

Monday, 05/19/2025 * Iyar 21, 5785
David Chesler
Harry Kaplan
Abraham Koble

Tuesday, 05/20/2025 * Iyar 22, 5785
Isaac Alfred Alkes
Sol Goldstein
Louise Goodman
Ralph Leinoff
Emma Rosenberg
Sara Tate

Wednesday, 05/21/2025 * Iyar 23, 5785
Jacob Kantrowitz

Thursday, 05/22/2025 * Iyar 24, 5785
Jean Rosenberg
Sarah Suckman

Friday, 05/23/2025 * Iyar 25, 5785
Frank Greenberg
Morris Yaffee

Saturday, 05/24/2025 * Iyar 26, 5785
Bessie Goldberg
Stanley Robinson
Morris Weiner

Monday, 05/26/2025 * Iyar 28, 5785
Lillian Klein Kopelovitz
Stanley Oppenheim
Mollie Stewart



Tuesday, 05/27/2025 * Iyar 29, 5785

Rosa Joseph Mintzer

Wednesday, 05/28/2025 * Sivan 1, 5785

Sol Charhon

Mordecai Ginsburg

Max Halperin

Thursday, 05/29/2025 * Sivan 2, 5785

Allen Elliott

Mary Levin

Nathan Slawsby

Nettie Slawsby

Mary Fannie Snyder

Friday, 5/30/2025 * Sivan 3, 5785

Herman Kingon

Saturday, 05/31/2025 * Sivan 4, 5785

Joan DelSignore

William Cohen

Irene Vengrove

Aaron Barney Yanklowitz

YÄHRZEIT RECORD

JUNE 2025

Sunday, 6/01/2025 * Sivan 5, 5785

Harvey Segal

Harry Van Winkle

Monday, 6/02/2025 * Sivan 6, 5785

Sondra Crane

Agnes Klingo

Yoseph Pyatygorskyy

Tuesday, 6/03/2025 * Sivan 7, 5785

Janet Berkowitz

Isadore Kaplan

Raymond Suckman

Wednesday, 6/04/2025 * Sivan 8, 5785

Rose Goldstein

Samuel Housman

Edward Meyer

Thursday, 6/05/2025 * Sivan 9, 5785

Dorothy Buchman

Hans Cherney

Esther Cohen

Jennie Roseman Goldman

Anna Pine

Sarah Swyer

Friday, 6/06/2025 * Sivan 10, 5785

George Day

Rosemary Germain

Sarah Esther Swirsky

Trixie Wachtel

Saturday, 6/07/2025 * Sivan 11, 5785

Yvette Benson

Aaron Whitton

Sunday, 6/08/2025 * Sivan 12, 5785

Shirley Aronson Kanofsky

Abraham Lucks

Martin Spar

Monday, 6/09/2025 * Sivan 13, 5785

Ethel Gould

Tuesday, 6/10/2025 * Sivan 14, 5785

Margaret (Marge) Aronson

Leonard Handen

Wednesday, 6/11/2025 * Sivan 15, 5785

Jay Rutstein

Rose Silverman Zweibelson

Thursday, 6/12/2025 * Sivan 16, 5785

Harry Brezner

Arline Hochman

Pearl Kitmacher

Hyman Yanklowitz

Friday, 6/13/2025 * Sivan 17, 5785

Joseph Levy

Saturday, 6/14/2025 * Sivan 18, 5785

Steven Cohen

Judah Kaplan

Sunday, 6/15/2025 * Sivan 19, 5785

Isadore Levine

Charles Kasper

Dorothy Kopelovitz

Monday, 6/16/2025 * Sivan 20, 5785

Irving Abels

Abraham Markoff

Ida Novark

Tuesday, 6/17/2025 * Sivan 21, 5785

Harry Berkowitz

Louis Berkowitz

Bernard Diskin

Anna Mann

Anna Shubert

Wednesday, 6/18/2025 * Sivan 22, 5785

Gerald (Jerry) Rothstein

Irving Vengrove

Thursday, 6/19/2025 * Sivan 23, 5785

Mildred Berg

Rose Chernow

Friday, 6/20/2025 * Sivan 24, 5785

Jennie Dorfman

Celia Dube

Albert Shubert

Saturday, 6/21/2025 * Sivan 25, 5785

**Jacob Diskin
Dora Metzner
Frances Sagan
Scott Sheerer
Helen Silverstein**

Sunday, 6/22/2025 * Sivan 26, 5785

**Ruth Brender
Lena Silverman Every
Betty Adair Roberts**

Monday, 6/23/2025 * Sivan 27, 5785

Theresa Greenberg

Tuesday, 6/24/2025 * Sivan 28, 5785

**Abram Corton
Ruth Yanklowitz Stewart Dominick
Joseph Spiegel**

Wednesday, 6/25/2025 * Sivan 29, 5785

**Rabbi Elliott Marmon
Martha Schiffman**

Thursday, 6/26/2025 * Sivan 30, 5785

**Alfred Frost
Sender Goldstein
Charles Tate**

Friday, 6/27/2025 * Tammuz 1, 5785

**Anna Berkowitz
Elvira Capone
Doris Pletman
Marjorie Robinson
Lena Silverman
Barbara Slater**

Saturday, 6/28/2025 * Tammuz 2, 5785

**Ruth Gendon
Abraham Pletman
Jill Yanklowitz Shannon**

Sunday, 6/29/2025 * Tammuz 3, 5785

**Rose Kaplan
Irving Levin
Anthony Passaro
Fannie Poretz**

Monday, 6/30/2025 * Tammuz 4, 5785

**Isidore Ashendorff
Mary Berkowitz Ryen**

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and need a minyan,
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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 due date for the May issue is **Tuesday, May 20th**. Please submit items to Katie at cstgfn@gmail.com.

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MAY 2025.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 9:30 AM Shabbat Service / Kiddush in honor of Bonnie's birthday and in honor of all May birthdays and anniversaries
4 9:15 AM Greater Glens Falls Hebrew School at Temple Beth El	5	6	7	8	9	10 9:30 AM Shabbat Service / Kiddush in honor of Cher Hoffman's birthday
11 <i>Mother's Day</i>	12	13	14	15	16 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Rabbinic Intern David / Oneg	17 9:30 AM Shabbat Service with Rabbinic Intern David / Kiddush
18 9:15 AM Greater Glens Falls Hebrew School at Temple Beth El	19	20 <i>Deadline to Submit Articles for the June Bulletin</i>	21	22	23	24 9:30 AM Shabbat Service / Kiddush in honor of Sunny Buchman's 90th birthday 6:30 PM Hike & Havdalah with Temple Beth El at Crandal Park
25	26 <i>Memorial Day</i>	27	28	29	30	31 9:30 AM Shabbat Service / Kiddush