

**WEEKLY SERVICES
AT THE SYNAGOGUE**

FRIDAYS:
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SATURDAYS:
9:30 AM Services

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FEBRUARY 2026



SHEVAT-ADAR

5786



PRESIDENT MARK HOFFMAN

I would like to express my condolences to Ed Greenberg, his family and friends on the passing of Ed's father Morton. May his memory be for a blessing.

A number of you have expressed an interest in leading shabbat services. Some of you have already volunteered to lead Musaf, either individually or with others. For those of you who think you could benefit from some coaching, I am happy to hold some educational sessions about the Shabbat service, both regarding the mechanics and the underlying themes. I have not set a schedule for these classes yet, as I am not sure when people will be available. Please contact me.

Our shabbat experience could also benefit from the perspectives of additional congregants who would be willing to lead our shabbat Torah discussion. You do not have to be a Torah scholar nor fluent in Hebrew to lead such discussions. All it takes is a willingness to follow your curiosity regarding the weekly reading. I can provide some tips about this too. Please contact me.

Mark Hoffman



In Judaism, the age of a tree is important in determining whether you can eat the fruit from it. The fruit from a tree cannot be eaten for the first three years and the fourth year's fruit is sacrificed to G-d. After the fourth year, you can eat the fruit from a tree. Tu BiShvat is the day that each tree ages a year for the purposes of determining if one can eat from it, a Birthday for the Trees!

In Israel, the almond trees are beginning to bloom with fragrant, white blossoms. We celebrate all our trees, with their many gifts to us. We thank them for the oxygen we breathe, their fruits, flowers, shade, lumber and especially their beauty. We celebrate with a special Tu B'Shevat seder, sampling different species of fruit and grains. A Tu B'Shevat seder is a festive, Kabbalistic-inspired ritual meal celebrating the "New Year of the Trees," similar to a Passover seder. We focus on fruits, nature and spiritual connection, involving four cups of wine or grape juice (white to red) and specific fruit categories (hard shell/soft inside, edible outside/inedible pit, fully edible) to symbolize spiritual growth and tikkun olam (repairing the world). It's a time for reflection on our relationship with the environment and Israel, with readings, blessings, and symbolic foods. Please plan to join members of Temple Beth El at the temple to share a Tu B'Shevat Seder on Sunday, February 1st at 6pm, to celebrate the New Year of the Trees.

We celebrate Shabbat every week with Saturday morning services, sharing beautiful prayers and interesting Torah study. We welcome both members and non-members to our weekly services. Please consider coming at least once a month to help make

SISTERHOOD GREETINGS & NEWS

February 2026 / Shevat-Adar 5786

Shalom from your friends in the North Country.

The months of Shevat and Adar are joyful reminders that Spring is on the way! We celebrate the New Year of the Trees on the 15th day of the month of Shevat, Tu B'Shevat.

the minyan? You will also enjoy a delicious Kiddush! We celebrate birthdays and anniversaries each month with a special cake baked by our own Master Baker Joe Hoffman. Please come on down to share your simcha during your special month and consider sponsoring a kiddush for the occasion?

Sisterhood wants to thank the many generous people who sponsor an Oneg or Kiddush for the Congregation. We offer different selections of meals of varying affordable cost. 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 by helping with all the Onegs, Kiddushim, Holiday Meals and Mourner's Meals. A special thank you to Joe Hoffman, who prepares our delicious Shabbat Kiddushim, along with Cher Hoffman, Francine Torra, Lorrie Seabury and Bonnie Yanklowitz.

Many thanks to the January sponsors who made our Shabbats even more special: Sisterhood, Pat Balasuriya, Ron Schmidt, Vivian Greenberg, Sarah Fiedler, Ed Greenberg & Cynthia Cutler, Nancy & Peter Kudan, and Ronni Shelley. Thank you again for your Sisterhood donations, which are always appreciated.

Our next Sisterhood meeting will be on Sunday, February 8th at 3pm. We will be discussing plans for Purim next month and for an Arts & Craft Fair this year. We also would like to start a group to learn how to lead different parts of the Shabbat service. Please join us to help with the planning and the implementation of our plans?

Special February birthday wishes to Nancy Goldstein, Joe Hoffman, Mark Hoffman, and Francine Torra! Mazel Tov to Lorraine & Syd Hochman on their 46th wedding anniversary!

Please support our gift shop for your various gift-giving or holiday needs. We have many lovely pieces of Judaica 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.

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 pray for the physical and spiritual recovery of all the hostages and for the safety and security of our Israeli brothers and sisters. We continue to pray for a permanent peace accord for our beloved State of Israel.

Stay safe and healthy!

Shalom!

Ellen Katz

Sisterhood President

WEEKLY TORAH PORTIONS

Torah Reading: Yitro

February 6: Light Candles at 4:55 PM

February 7: Shabbat Ends at 5:59 PM

Torah Portion: Exodus 18:1 - 20:23

Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-13

Torah Reading: Mishpatim

February 13: Light Candles at 5:05 PM

February 14: Shabbat Ends at 6:08 PM

Torah Portion: Exodus 21:1 - 24:18

Haftarah: Kings II 11:17 - 12:17

Torah Reading: Terumah

February 20: Light Candles at 5:14 PM

February 21: Shabbat Ends at 6:16 PM

Torah Portion: Exodus 25:1 - 27:19

Haftarah: Kings I 5:26 - 6:13

Torah Reading: Tetzaveh

February 27: Light Candles at 5:23 PM

February 28: Shabbat Ends at 6:25 PM

Torah Portion: Exodus 27:20 - 30:10

Haftarah: Samuel I 15:1-34

MAZEL TOV!

*Mazel Tov to Mark Hoffman
on his 70th birthday!*

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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 family and friends of **Morton Greenberg** who passed away on December 20.

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

February 3
Jenna Wurzberger
Emily Frank
Monica Guglielmo

February 4
Tamar Choppa
Lyn Greene
Nancy Goldstein

February 8
Tal Klausner

February 9
Joseph Hoffman
February 10

Jordan Havens
Daniel Robitel
Mark Hoffman

February 13
Francine Torra
Valerie Hope



February 14
Roni Shaham

February 15
Sarah Antiles
Jerrilyn Benson

February 17
Andrew Silver
Samuel Silver

February 18
Jacob Barr

February 20
Sofia Choppa

February 21
John Guglielmo

February 24
Scott Paltrowitz

February 28
Ori Shaham
Alan Kaplan
Jay Bobbin

THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS: SYMBOL OF RESISTANCE TO TYRANNY

As published in the January 2026 issue of *The Lake George Mirror* by Susan Harris

"Who Can Retell" is a Hanukkah ballad of Jewish resilience. It begins: *"Who can retell the things that befell us / Who can count them? / In every age a hero or sage / Came to our aid."* The unnamed hero: Judah Maccabee.

In Glens Falls, at Congregation Shaaray Tefila's December 20th Hanukkah bash, a 6-piece Adirondack Klezmer Band played the ballad. Partygoers sang along. Hanukkah commemorates the triumph of the Maccabees, a small band of religious zealots who refused to assimilate, and asserted, once again in history, the right of the Jewish people to follow their faith.

The Maccabees' victory of great odds is symbolized by Menorah (candelabra) lighting in homes, synagogues, and public places all over the world. "The Festival of Lights," as Hanukkah is known, celebrates the victory of light over darkness.

But more than two millennia after the Maccabean victory, the struggle for tolerance and acceptance is still aspirational. A few weeks ago, at an outdoor celebration on Bondi Beach in Australia, a community Hannukah party was brought to a deadly end by antisemitic fanatics.



Lorraine Hochman of Congregation Shaaray Tefila says, "Terrible things like Bondi Beach bring people out. We're Jews. We rise to the occasion—we don't

cower." Still, they are frustrated at having to provide security guards for the safety of congregation and guests. Precautions are observed by synagogues around the world, even as they proclaim openness and accessibility to all.

Says Mark Hoffman, President of Congregation Shaaray Tefila, "We're an open and participatory congregation. Pluralistic. We welcome you, in whatever ways you're

interested—Hanukkah party, discussions, Saturday morning services, Sisterhood. We try to be as musical as we can, because music uplifts people's spirits." Shaaray Tefila offers the opportunity of extended family, a sense of community. Mark continues, "After every Saturday service, we have lunch—hummus, herring, salad, fruits. My son bakes delicious cookies."



Hanukkah combines history with fun. Shaaray Tefila's extensive buffet featured latkes (potato pancakes) with applesauce or sour cream, and jelly donuts. And what's a holiday party without kosher pizza?

Hanukkah "gelt" (chocolate coins wrapped in gold foil) and "dreidels" (plastic tops that you spin to win) were everywhere. The night felt rich in camaraderie.

The dreidel game which was played, has a sneaky, if somewhat humorous backstory. In Maccabean times, since Jews were prohibited from studying Torah, they did it on the sly. If the enemy became suspicious, the scholars quickly plunked down a bunch of dreidels and began gambling. They were left to their own devices.

It's special that Glens Falls is home to the only two synagogues in Warren County. A few blocks from each other, the Conservative Congregation Shaaray Tefila is on Bay Street; the Reform Temple Beth El is on Marion Avenue. Why Glens Falls? The city was easily accessible by river, rail, and road in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, when Eastern European Jews, who came here to escape religious persecution, made their way from Ellis Island. They formed a critical mass who found work, and helped build the arts, culture, and religious community. At its height, Shaaray Tefila had 150 families, with over 100 children and young adults in their schools and youth programs.

Today both Shaaray Tefila and Beth El invite those who are curious about Judaism to visit

them: “Traditional Jews, interfaith and non-traditional Jewish families, college students from SUNY Adirondack, and singles in Glens Falls and neighboring communities.” Says Kim Butler, 6-year-old twins in tow, “There are some unaffiliated Jews in Lake George and Bolton Landing. Please come join us.” Ellen Katz, current Sisterhood President, has an inviting initiative: a fall arts and crafts fair. “We have an artistic congregation. We’ll ask the greater Glens Falls community to join in.” Also in the spirit of outreach, Bonnie Yankowitz, past President of Sisterhood says, “During my tenure, Shaaray Tefila delivered Purim baskets filled with goodies, from Saratoga to Warrensburg.” It’s always an unexpected surprise to receive one.

Purim arrives March 2nd this year, with carnival, costumes, hamentashen, and noisemakers. Passover is April 1st, the highlight of which is the Passover Seder—a meal accompanied by the Exodus story, from slavery in Egypt, to freedom in the Promised Land. The 40-year trek through the desert featured 10 plaques, visited upon the enemy, parting of the Red Sea as a Hebrew escape route, and other awesome miracles.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Ed Greenberg



**MAZEL TOV TO MRS. & MR.
CHARLIE RUDNICK
JANUARY 24, 2026**

HONORABLE MENTCHEN:

Thank you to January Kiddush Sponsors:

- ◇ Sisterhood in honor of January birthdays and anniversaries, and to good health in the New Year
- ◇ Patricia Balasuriya in honor of her daughter, Esther and granddaughter, Matilda Rose Jordan
- ◇ Ron Schmidt in memory of Dolly Morrissey on her yahrzeit
- ◇ Vivian Greenberg, Sarah Fiedler, Ed Greenberg and Cynthia Cutler in memory of Morton Greenberg
- ◇ Nancy & Peter Kudan and Ronni Shelley in memory of Sylvia S. Kudan

Upcoming February Kiddushes:

- ◇ February 7: Sponsored by Sisterhood in honor of February birthdays and anniversaries
- ◇ February 14: Sponsored by Ron Schmidt in memory of his mother, Edith Kurzweil
- ◇ February 21: Available
- ◇ February 28: Available

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



Yahrzeit Record FEBRUARY 2026

*Sunday, 02/01/2026 * Shevat 14, 5786*

**Anna Cohen
Ida Jacobs
Frederick Lapper**

*Monday, 02/02/2026 * Shevat 15, 5786*

Abram Brown

*Tuesday, 02/03/2026 * Shevat 16, 5786*

**Molly Firestein
Rita Housman**

*Wednesday, 02/04/2026 * Shevat 17, 5786*

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

Thursday, 02/05/2026 * Shevat 18, 5786

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

Saturday, 02/07/2026 * Shevat 20, 5786

**Cynthia Frost
Joseph Mitchell
Richard J. Reisman
Mildred Seaman
Ben Shulman**

Sunday, 02/08/2026 * Shevat 21, 5786

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

Monday, 02/09/2026 * Shevat 22, 5786

**Esther Silverman
Carl Suckman**

Tuesday, 02/10/2026 * Shevat 23, 5786

**Isaac Alkes
Lena Shapiro**

Wednesday, 02/11/2026 * Shevat 24, 5786

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

Thursday, 02/12/2026 * Shevat 25, 5786

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

Friday, 02/13/2026 * Shevat 26, 5786

**Frances Fleming
Robert Weiner**

Saturday, 02/14/2026 * Shevat 27, 5786

**Edith Kurzweil
Dora Mesnick
Sarah Suckman**

Sunday, 02/15/2026 * Shevat 28, 5786

Edith Block

Monday, 02/16/2026 * Shevat 29, 5786

**Larry Berman
Reva Cohen
Ethel Juris**

Tuesday, 02/17/2026 * Shevat 30, 5786

**Philip Goldstein
Rose Greenberg
Henrietta Lebowitz**

Wednesday, 02/18/2026 * Adar 1, 5786

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

Friday, 02/20/2026 * Adar 3, 5786

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

Saturday, 02/21/2026 * Adar 4, 5786

**Mollie Boorstein
Byron Yanks Janis
Louis Markoff
Libby Yaffee
Hyman Zimmerman**

Sunday, 02/22/2026 * Adar 5, 5786

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

Monday, 02/23/2026 * Adar 6, 5786

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

Tuesday, 02/24/2026 * Adar 7, 5786

**Bruce Rothstein
Belle Yanklowitz Suckman**

Wednesday, 02/25/2026 * Adar 8, 5786

**Peter Accardi
Milton Grunberger**

Thursday, 02/26/2026 * Adar 9, 5786

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

Friday, 02/27/2026 * Adar 10, 5786

E. Cohen

Saturday, 02/28/2026 * Adar 11, 5786

Seamon Silverman



YAHREZEIT RECORD

MARCH 2026

Sunday, 03/01/2026 * Adar 12, 5786

Morris Borlawsky

Joan Cavanaugh

Esther Suckman Connor

Harry Greenberg

Monday, 03/02/2026 * Adar 13, 5786

Fannie Fiedel

Elizabeth Kraftchick

Bella Rosenberg

Saul Silverstein

Tuesday, 03/03/2026 * Adar 14, 5786

Max Gottesman

Morris Kraftchick

David Rosenthal

Leo Samuel

Natalie (Ida) Indgin Yanklowitz

Wednesday, 03/04/2026 * Adar 15, 5786

Sharon Aronson

Mollie Kornetsky Borlawsky

Albert Kitmacher

Max Landsman

Rosalie (Rose) Goldstein Rothstein

Eva Swirsky

Gladys Wurzberger

Thursday, 03/05/2026 * Adar 16, 5786

Gloria Cohen Bittman

Dr. Ernest (Ernie) Horowitz

Nathan Suckman

Sarah Cohen Suckman

Friday, 03/06/2026 * Adar 17, 5786

Morris Goldstein Bak

Lydia DelSignore Cifone

Jacob Goldman

Bessie Gould

Pamela Weaver

Saturday, 03/07/2026 * Adar 18, 5786

Jeanne Crandall Mandwelle

Millie Braverman

Sunday, 03/08/2026 * Adar 19, 5786

Ann Ferber

Monday, 03/09/2026 * Adar 20, 5786

Peggy Chanis

Isaac Swyer

Lila Weinstein

Tuesday, 03/10/2026 * Adar 21, 5786

Charles Furman

Lena Gould

Harry Kopelovitz

Ida Freedman Pearlberg

Frances Schwartz

Philip Weinstein

Wednesday, 03/11/2026 * Adar 22, 5786

Isadore I Cohen

Samuel Luria

Percy Weinstein

Thursday, 03/12/2026 * Adar 23, 5786

Dr. Patricia Alice Foster Passaro

Estelle Goldman

A Charles Hoffman

Ella Pletman

Walter Stern

Friday, 03/13/2026 * Adar 24, 5786

Joseph Gerstein

Gertrude Juris

Joseph Klinetsky

Phillip Levitt

Harry Rote-Rosen

Saturday, 03/14/2026 * Adar 25, 5786

Anna Chary

Michael Connor

Sunday, 03/15/2026 * Adar 26, 5786

Regina Elliott

Pearl Kravitz

Eda Shapiro

Max Stichman

Monday, 03/16/2026 * Adar 27, 5786

Anna Snyder Aronson

Sidney Benson

Morris Frost

Matthew Green

Beatrice (Bea) Kantrowitz

Gerald Miller

Stanley Seaman

Tuesday, 03/17/2026 * Adar 28, 5786

Morris Goldstein

Howard Hirsch

Edward Lippman-Podolnick

Benjamin Rosenstein

Stephen Mayer Stillman

Boris Benjamin (Ben) Yanklowitz

Thursday, 03/19/2026 * Nissan 1, 5786

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

Friday, 03/20/2026 * Nisan 2, 5786

**Raymond Kantrowitz
Irving Rapaport
Hilda Aronson Schwartz
Joseph (Joe) Yanklowitz**

Saturday, 03/21/2026 * Nisan 3, 5786

Murry Silverman

Monday, 03/23/2026 * Nisan 5, 5786

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

Tuesday, 03/24/2026 * Nisan 6, 5786

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

Wednesday, 03/25/2026 * Nisan 7, 5786

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

Thursday, 03/26/2026 * Nisan 8, 5786

Leah Weisman Kroch

Friday, 03/27/2026 * Nisan 9, 5786

Harry Kramer

Saturday, 03/28/2026 * Nisan 10, 5786

**Yetta Cohen
Meyer Dubner
Leonard Gould
Gary Manier
Rose Radin**

Sunday, 03/29/2026 * Nisan 11, 5786

Samuel Rodman

Monday, 03/30/2026 * Nisan 12, 5786

**Charles Housman
Terrance Sproul**

Tuesday, 03/31/2026 * Nisan 13, 5786

**Ruth Alkes
Darlene Berkowitz
Dr. Milton Greenberg
Abraham Suckmon
Charles Weill**



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

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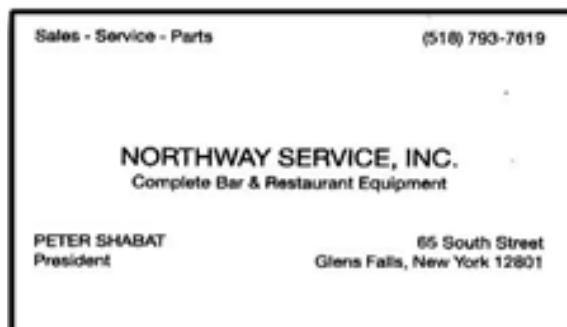


ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 due date for the **March** issue is **Tuesday, February 17**. Please submit items to Katie at cstgfny@gmail.com.

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FEBRUARY 2026.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 6:00 PM <i>Tu B'Shevat</i> <i>Seder at Temple</i> <i>Beth El</i>	2 <i>Tu B'Shevat</i>	3	4	5	6 6:15 PM Combined Family Shabbat Service at Temple Beth El / Dairy Potluck Dinner	7 9:30 AM Shabbat Service * Kiddush <i>sponsored by</i> <i>Sisterhood</i> <i>IHO February</i> <i>birthdays and</i> <i>anniversaries</i>
8 3:00 PM Sisterhood Meeting	9	10	11	12	13	14 9:30 AM Shabbat Service * Kiddush <i>sponsored by</i> <i>Ron Schmidt</i> <i>IMO his</i> <i>mother Edith</i> <i>Kurzweil</i>
15	16	17 <i>Deadline to</i> <i>Submit Articles</i> <i>for the March</i> <i>Bulletin</i>	18	19	20	21 9:30 AM Shabbat Service * Kiddush <i>available</i>
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