



The Scroll

Congregation Shaara Tfile

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Calendar of Events

January

7-Friday Family Service*.....7:00pm
 16-Men's Club Breakfast.....9:30am
 16-Jewish War Veterans.....11:00am
 18-Havurah Vatik via Zoom.....11:00am
 21-Friday Shabbat Service**.....7:00pm

February

4-Friday Family Service*.....7:00pm
 13-Luncheon & Movie.....1:00pm
 15-Havurah Vatik via Zoom.....11:00am
 18-Friday Shabbat Service**.....7:00pm

Regular Services

Mondays & Thursdays.....9:00am
 Saturdays.....9:30am

Hebrew School

Mondays.....5:30pm
 Wednesdays.....5:30pm

Bingo (Temporarily Cancelled)

Thursday.....5:15pm

Sisterhood

1st Tuesday of Month.....5:30pm

Board Meeting

2nd Tuesday of Month.....5:30pm

Office Hours

Monday-Friday.....9:00am-1:00pm

If you have not yet returned your High Holiday Prayer Books, we ask for their return during office hours.

As we welcome winter, maintain caution on walkways and the parking lot. All reasonable efforts are made to remove snow and ice, but the weather gets ahead.

*Friday Family Services will be held in-house and via Zoom

**Friday Shabbat Services will be held via Zoom only

From the Desk of Rabbi Marmon

Due to a quirk of the Jewish calendar, there are no major holidays in the span of this Scroll. What an opportunity to talk about some quirks of the Jewish calendar! (Warning: math follows.)



The Jewish calendar is a *lunisolar* calendar, meaning primarily lunar, with months based on the recurring phases of the moon, but adjusted to keep in balance with the solar year, so that the holidays remain within their assigned seasons. Briefly, let's make a simplifying assumption that each lunar month is thirty days: in that case, twelve months would make up 360 days (12x30). But, in fact, a lunar month is more like 29 1/2 days, and the calendar generally alternates between months of twenty-nine and thirty days. If we take off a half-day per month, or six days in total, we get 354 days per year, which is in fact the length of the basic Jewish year.

However, our calendar also accommodates the fact that certain occasions don't interact well with Shabbat: specifically, Yom Kippur after Shabbat would interfere with Kol Nidre, Yom Kippur before Shabbat would prevent cooking and preparing for Shabbat, and Hoshana Rabbah on Shabbat would be unworkable. To prevent this, Rosh Hashanah may not fall on Sunday, Wednesday, or Friday, and the rest of the year falls in line accordingly. Technically, it's the year leading up to Rosh Hashanah which lines up ahead of it, as the next two months, Cheshvan and Kislev, are "adjustable" so that both may be thirty days, adding one day to the year, or both twenty-nine, taking a day away, thus pushing or pulling the following year's fall holidays into a permissible alignment. So the Jewish year can actually be from 353-355 days.

Perhaps you already see the problem: the solar year is (roughly) 365 1/4 days. This means every year, the Jewish calendar is ten to twelve days "short," so the new year starts 10-12 days earlier, as do all the following holidays throughout the year. If we let this go on, every new year and all its holidays would come earlier and earlier on the civil calendar until eventually, about thirty-six years later, they would be a full year ahead and falling at about the same time of year as when we started. In fact, this is exactly how the Islamic calendar (a purely lunar calendar) works. This means, for instance, that an event that happened exactly 1000 years ago was about 1028 years ago on the Islamic calendar! This is confusing and inconvenient, but the bigger problem for our calendar is that our holidays are assigned to seasons, most importantly Passover in the spring, and in many cases to particular crop harvests, which in turn are tied to the seasons, which come and go as part of the solar cycle. How do we keep Passover from moving into a new season entirely every nine years or so?

The answer is that since the lunar calendar is ahead of the solar by about ten days every year, or about thirty days over three years, we can get it back in balance by adding an extra month of thirty days about every third year. In fact, since ten days is the minimal difference but the average is slightly higher, we add an extra month in seven years of every nineteen, so slightly more than one in three, following a particular pattern known as the Metonic cycle. Leap years, then, are 383-385 days. On those seven leap years in the cycle, such as this year, instead of making up an extra name for the additional month, we have two months of Adar. In such years, Purim is celebrated in the second Adar, hinting that it is the "real" Adar, as does the fact that First Adar is thirty days, while Second Adar, like "just" Adar in a regular year, is twenty-nine. Just to keep you on your toes though, *yahrzeiten* from "just" Adar are marked in First Adar on a leap year, so as not to appear to be postponing a mitzvah. In fact, leap years cause more complications in calculating mourning and *yahrzeit* than I have time and space for here; consult me directly for questions about *yahrzeiten* in Adar or counting mourning through a leap year. —Continued on Page 8—

The Board of Congregation Shaara Tfill

Rabbi.....Rabbi Boaz Marmon

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Rabbi Marmon’s office hours:

To reach the Rabbi, you may either call the office or call the Rabbi directly at his number listed in the synagogue directory.

Office Hours: Office hours are 9:00am-12:00pm.

Carole’s Request: Email communications to the office and for Scroll submittals are requested to be sent to the synagogue email address at saratogajcc@albany.twcbc.com . The deadline for Scroll submittals of text is the 10th of the month prior to the next Scroll (i.e. February 10th for the March/April Scroll). Submittal of graphics or graphic requests are requested by the 7th of the month prior to the next Scroll.

Covid Controls: If you will be attending services in-house, we ask that you bring your own Tallis and Yarmulka. Masks are to worn at all times when you are in the building and proof of vaccination will be required.

Communications

- We are trying to communicate more with our members and friends by email. We have been sending out weekly if not more often, email messages. If we do not have your email address, or if you are not sure if we do, please send it to: saratogajcc@albany.twcbc.com so we can add it to our contacts.
- We have a phone tree that sends out messages from the synagogue. If you are not receiving the messages, please call the office and provide Carole with your phone number.

When You Need Something

- If you know of a congregant who would like a home or hospital visit, call Carole in the office. Cynthia Flax and Roberta Gottesman have generously started a sunshine outreach to our friends in the synagogue.
- Call the office at 518-584-2370 if you have any questions about any of our programs.

Memorial Candles & Birthday Greetings

- The Congregation sends out a reminder letter with a memorial candle when you have a yahrzeit for a loved one. We also send annual birthday greetings. Let the office know if you would prefer to not receive candles, or are not receiving reminder letters/ birthday greetings.

Remembrance/Dedications

- If you would like to honor your loved ones who have departed, we offer Memorial Plaques in the Sanctuary. They are a permanent remembrance for those who are no longer with us. The cost is \$500 per plaque. In addition, one can dedicate a Prayer book to honor a special occasion (\$36) or a gold leaf in the vestibule’s Tree of Life (\$200). For more information, please call Carole in the office.
- As our Mi Sheberach list grows, we are not sure if some of our congregants and friends still need to be on the list. Please call Carole so that we can update our list and keep it current.

Cemetery

- The Cemetery Rules and Fees document of Congregation Shaara Tfill spells out eligibility, rights, and fees. It also sets guidelines for use of the building and sanctuary during funerals. Call the office at 518-584-2370 if you wish to receive an electronic copy of the document.
- Our Cemetery is open year round. We ask that you be careful when visiting. The walkway can be slippery.

Contributions and Thank You

Memorial Candles

Judith Ehrenshaft in memory of Roman Chudy
 Anonymous
 Judith Zassenhaus in memory of Jack Berkowitz
 Judith Zassenhaus in memory of Selma Berkowitz
 Wilma and David Koss in memory of Louis Weinstein
 Carole and Allan Polacsek in memory of Beatrice Kaspin
 Eileen and Skip Woodcock in memory of Milton Mintzer
 Eileen and Skip Woodcock in memory of Walter Levy
 Paula and Jonathan Fishbein in memory of Pearl Goldsmith
 Judith Zassenhaus in memory of Joseph Berkowitz
 Dede Hirsch in memory of Lori Burbank
 Dede Hirsch in memory of Landon Michael Steormann
 Rhoda and Avram Freedberg in memory of Melvin Freedberg
 Ruth and Charles Weintraub in memory of Meyer Weintraub
 Patricia Bruder in memory of Herbert Rothman
 Wilma and David Koss in memory of Max Koss
 Norman Mann in memory of Harry Mann
 Ellen and Robert Messing in memory of Lillian Rosenblatt
 Ellen and Robert Messing in memory of Eli Rosenblatt
 Ellen and Robert Messing in memory of Abe Messing
 Richard Reisman in memory of Kenneth Reisman
 Deborah Sabin in memory of Gregory Hallow
 Deborah Sabin in memory of Margaret O. Sabin
 Marcia Snyder in memory of Rose Snyder
 Fran and Howard Zuckerman in memory of Mary Zuckerman
 Fran and Howard Zuckerman in memory of Abraham Schapiro
 Dianna and Eugene Nachamkin in memory of Shirley Nachamkin
 Felice Karlitz and Jerold Grodin in memory of Nathan Karlitz
 Felice Karlitz and Jerold Grodin in memory of George Grodin

Kiddish Fund

Sharon Dunn and Harvey Zirofsky
 J. Lawrence Paltrowitz

In Memory of Iris Jourdan

Pamela, Carole and Allan Polacsek
 Judith Thomas and Rabbi Josef Solomon
 Doree Smassanow
 Ellen and Robert Messing

Cemetery Upkeep Fund

Lisa and William Zeh
 Laura and Dale Zeh
 Maureen Erickson

General Contributions

Barbara Dublin
 Judith Thomas and Rabbi Josef Solomon
 Ronni and Lester Rosenberg, a Simchat Torah contribution
 Candidly Beth Photography
 Judith Thomas and Rabbi Josef Solomon with thanks for the Chanukah lunch and goodies

Mitzvah Club 2021-2022

Anonymous
 Linda Bertrand
 Carol and Steven Chudy
 Sharon Dunn and Harvey Zirofsky
 Judith Ehrenshaft and Seth Rosner
 Rita and Michael Fischer
 Lorraine and Steven Hammer
 Judith and Martin Kaplan
 Bunny and Allen Kasin
 Marsha and Robert Katzman
 Diane White and Ted Orosz
 Loretta and Arthur Ostrov
 J. Lawrence Paltrowitz/PAL's ALLIANCE, LTD.
 Richard Reisman
 Ronni and Lester Rosenberg
 Bernard Singer

At this time, if you will be attending services in-house, we ask that you bring your own Tallis and Yarmulka. Masks are to be worn at all times when you are in the building and proof of vaccination will be required.

As we begin to open the building up, we would like to know what kind of classes you would like to see for adult education, and whether you like mornings, afternoons or evenings. Please contact Rabbi Marmon or the office with your suggestions.

Congregation Shaara Tfilla sends its deepest sympathy to the family of long-time congregant Iris Jourdan

Yahrzeit List for January/February

JANUARY 2022 (Tevet 28 – Shevat 29, 5782)

JAN	DAY	HEB DATE	MEMBER'S NAME	DECEASED (ENGLISH)	DECEASED (HEBREW)	REL
2	Sun	Tevet 29	David Kieserman	Joseph Barry		F/L
5	W	3	David Kieserman	Benjamin Kieserman	Binyomin ben Yaakov	F
5	W	3	Howard Stark	Molly Stark		M
6	Th	4	David Kieserman	Grace Barry		M/L
7	F	5	Seth Rosner	Jonathan Rosner		B
8	Sat	6	Steven Hammer	Claire Hammer	Chana bat Avraham	M
9	Sun	7	Steven Hammer	William Hammer		F
9	Sun	7	Dede Hirsch	Howard Hirsch		H
11	T	9	Allan Polacsek	Otto Silverhart	Asher ben Zalman	U
11	T	9	Marcia Metzger	Otto Silverhart	Asher ben Zalman	U
11	T	9	Sondra Silverhart	Otto Silverhart	Asher ben Zalman	B/L
11	T	9	Rick Singer	Abraham Singer	Avraham ben Itamar	F
12	W	10	Sondra Silverhart	David Silverhart		H
13	Th	11	Dede Hirsch	Phyllis Acerra	Peta Leah bat Idis	S/L
14	F	12	Sondra Silverhart	Peter Silverhart	Nacham ben Dovid	Son
19	W	17	Susan Edwards	Sonia Britt		GM
21	F	19	Leonard Mintzer	Charles Mintzer		F
21	F	19	Leonard Mintzer	Julius Mintzer	Gedalia ben Aria	GF
21	F	19	Jack Mintzer	Julius Mintzer	Gedalia ben Aria	GF
21	F	19	Roberta Mintzer	Charles Mintzer		H
21	F	19	Roberta Mintzer	Julius Mintzer	Gedalia ben Aria	F/L
21	F	19	Stuart Mintzer	Julius Mintzer	Gedalia ben Aria	GF
21	F	19	Loretta Ostrov	Julius Mintzer	Gedalia ben Aria	GF
21	F	19	Shirley Schultz	Isadore Schultz		F
21	F	19	Eileen Woodcock	Julius Mintzer	Gedalia ben Aria	GF
22	Sat	20	Dede Hirsch	Paul Hirsch	Pesach	F/L
23	Sun	21	Jerry Grodin	Betty Grodin		M
24	M	22	Miriam Messinger	Harold Messinger	Chanan ben Osher Yitzhak ha Levi	H
25	T	23	Mitchell Frost	Murray Frost		F
29	Sat	27	Avram Freedberg	Stanley Freedberg	Shimon Tzvi ben Shabbtai	U
29	Sat	27	David Koss	Ruth Koss	Rachel bat Shmuel	M
29	Sat	27	Irving Metzger	Lee Metzger		M
30	Sun	28	Norman Mann	Yetta Mann	Yetta bat Shaya	M
31	M	29	Susan Frost	Annette Reeder		M

FEBRUARY 2022 (Shevat 30 – Adar-I 27, 5782)

FEB	DAY	HEB DATE	MEMBER'S NAME	DECEASED (ENGLISH)	DECEASED (HEBREW)	REL
3	Th	Adar-I 2	Shirley Schultz	Ray Schultz		M
6	Sun	5	Marilyn Phillips	Nathan Nonkin	Natan	F
7	M	6	Nancy Goldberg	Lewis John Goldberg		H
8	T	7	Rhoda Freedberg	Sidney Bernstein	Shaul ben Moshe	F
9	W	8	Dorothy Deutsch	Ernest Deutsch	Nussan	F/L
9	W	8	Sharon Dunn	Irving Dunn		F
11	F	10	Felice Karlitz	Freida Karlitz		M
16	W	15	Carole Leakakos	Asher Hurwitz		U
16	W	15	Marilyn Shapiro	Asher Hurwitz		U
19	Sat	18	Arthur Ostrov	Etta Ostrov	Yente vat Menachem Mendel	M
19	Sat	18	Jerome Ostrov	Etta Ostrov	Yente vat Menachem Mendel	M
19	Sat	18	Richard Ostrov	Etta Ostrov	Yente vat Menachem Mendel	M
20	Sun	19	Carol Anne Chait	Louis Pies		F
20	Sun	19	Jill Rubinstein	Noel Gruben		F
20	Sun	19	Susan Weissman	Ruth Butler		M
24	Th	23	Allen Kasin	Syde Kasin	Sarah bat Khat	M
25	F	24	S. Sidney Gordon	David Gordon	Dovid ben Moshe	B
26	Sat	25	Judith Ehrenshaft	Murray Linden		U/L
26	Sat	25	S. Sidney Gordon	Morris Gordon	Moshe ben Dovid	F
28	M	27	Rabbi Josef Solomon	Judith Solomon Kravetz		S

Mazel Tov and Special Wishes

<i>January Birthdays & Anniversaries</i>	22 Harold & Cynthia Flax
01 Skip & Eileen Woodcock	28 Gabe Stein
04 David Kieserman	<i>February Birthdays & Anniversaries</i>
05 Harold Flax	14 Faith McCullen
06 Seth Rosner	15 Ali & Mark Doyle
13 J. Lawrence Paltrowitz	18 Jacob Barr
14 Josef Solomon	20 Robert Messing
15 Rita Fischer	22 H & B G
17 Carol Anne Chait	24 Irving Metzger
21 Richard Reisman	26 Kim Stein

Yom Kippur Appeal

We would like to thank and acknowledge all of our Members and Friends who have supported Congregation Shaara Tfille by their generous contributions. This helps us keep a strong Conservative Jewish presence in the Saratoga Springs area.

May you be blessed with a healthy and happy New Year.

The following Families have made a generous contribution to our 2021 Yom Kippur Appeal. Please add your name to our list by calling the office. We will be updating and printing additional names in our next Scroll. With your help, our Yom Kippur Appeal has raised over \$24,000.

Anonymous	Iris Jourdan	Ronald Poppel
Edward Balaban	Staci Covkin Jurczynski	Dr. Richard Reisman
Linda Bertrand	Andy and Barbie Kahn	Renaissance Charitable Foundation
Steven and Carol Chudy	Martin and Judith Kaplan	Kenneth and Susi Ritzenberg
Sharon Dunn and Harvey Zirowsky	Allen and Bunny Kasin	Marc and Francine Robin
Judith Ehrenshaft	Robert and Marsha Katzman	Lester and Ronnie Rosenberg
Dr. Allan Eisemann and Family	David Kieserman	Seth Rosner
Adam Feldman	Daisy Kosack	Shoshana Ruiz
Michael and Rita Fischer	David and Wilma Koss	Dorothy Sanders
Harold and Cynthia Flax	William and Carole Leakakos	Sondra Silverhart
Irwin and Iris Friedman	Allan and Sue Littell	Bernard Singer
Mitchell and Susan Frost	Piper Lutbak	Marcia Snyder
Stuart Ginsburg	Milli Macy	Rabbi Josef and Judith Thomas Solomon
Jay Goldman	Norman Mann	Howard Stark and Marilyn Shapiro
Sid and Helen Gordon	Nathan and Jessica McCullen	Warren and MaryLou Weil
Samuel and Roberta Gottesman	Robert and Ellen Messing	Harold and Terry Weinstein
Joseph and Susan Greenbaum	Stuart Mintzer and Carol Moore	Philip and Susan Weissman
Edward Greenberg	Sharon Mudge	Skip and Eileen Woodcock
Jerry Grodin and Felice Karlitz	Lary and Barbara Opitz	Howard and Fran Zuckerman
Steven and Lorraine Hammer	Ted Orosz and Diane White	
Jonathan and Debbie Haroon	Arthur and Loretta Ostrov	
Dede Hirsch	J. Lawrence Paltrowitz/PAL's Alliance, LTD	
Melvin and Elain Ikler	Allan and Carole Polacsek	*New Names in Bold Print
Scott Johnson	Pamela Polacsek	

From the Desk of Sid

A Thank You to our readers-

When you visit our cemetery you say what you have to say and that is it. When you see how well maintained the cemetery is you feel good. You thank all those who have helped with donations. We continue to upgrade our cemetery and hope fully we will have it to where it's the way we want it to be. The upkeep is ongoing and it will be done. Those that are at rest in our cemetery can't do this so we do it for them and ourselves. You will feel good when you see how we are coming along, thanks to our cemetery committee and thanks to you. It is a big mitzvah to help.

A healthy, good and peaceful 2022 New Year to your family. - *Shalom - Sid*

Our new Website continues to attract visitors from near and far. November-December 2021 showed a significant increase in traffic to the Website, largely inspired by the eight wonderful Hanukkah videos that we recorded and posted on November 28. They are still available to watch on the Education and Library page. Many thanks to Mike Fischer who recorded the videos, to Nick our Website administrator for posting and to Rabbi Marmon for leading the prayers, lighting the candles, and reading the Eight Knights of Hanukkah and, Linda Bertrand, Judith Ehrenshaft, Sharon Dunn, Sue and Phil Weissman and Deborah Sabin for reading stories for the children. We'll be back next year. As winter has arrived and there will be many days when we will be staying inside, don't forget to log onto the website for books and activities for your children/grandchildren. Just For Kids can be found on the Education and Library page and is updated monthly by Felice Karlitz-Grodin. Also, monthly updates to the Library lists are on that page to help you find something great to read on these cold days! Check out the Culture Connection for free tours of Jewish Museums around the world.

Now is also a good time to mark a simcha or special event, or promote your business, by purchasing a banner to scroll on the bottom of the Website pages. With the increase in the numbers of visitors to our website, you can reach hundreds of people. Reduced pricing is still in effect: one month for \$100, three months for \$250, six months for \$500, nine months for \$750 and a full year for \$1000. Contact Deborah Sabin, the website liaison, at dsabinauthor@gmail.com, for more information.

Please consider a donation to the Website Fund to help support our *monthly* maintenance costs and some expensive add-ons we would like to include. You can make a donation online at www.saratogasyagogue.org or by contacting the Office.

Deborah Sabin

Website Committee Chair

Mazel Tov to Marsha and Robert Katzman on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Maddie Margolis

Congregation Shaara Tfille would like to welcome new member Carol Meisel

Congregation Shaara Tfille thanks Terry and Harold Weinstein for sending the congregation Florida oranges

Congregation Shaara Tfille would like to thank William J. Burke and Sons Funeral Home for sponsoring our Book of Remembrance. We appreciate their support so very much.

Need for Volunteers – Bingo and Pull-Tabs

Bingo and Pull-Tabs have not been held since March 2020 due to the pandemic. In the past, these fund raisers have provided about 15% of the Congregation's yearly expenses. Because of continued health concerns, Bingo and Pull-Tabs are not planned to begin any earlier than April 2022.

Two uncertainties remain-continued building restrictions due to the pandemic and availability of volunteers. Even before the pandemic, it was difficult to staff these two venues. Since the pandemic the list of past volunteers has decreased due to deaths, and individuals moving from Saratoga. In addition, there is hesitancy of some to continue to help because of the continued existence of the virus and evolution of new virus strains. These factors together with the fact that the age of the majority of volunteers is in the 70's and 80's, make it difficult to get volunteers.

We need more help for the long-term continuance of Bingo and Pull-Tabs. We offer free training during the next few months. Please contact either Bunny Kasin, Carole Polacsek, or Mike Fischer if you are interested in getting involved with this fund raiser.

Synagogue Breakfast – Please join us on Sunday, January 16th, at 9:30am as we resume our monthly breakfast prepared by our men’s club. The cost is \$10.00 per person. We ask that you rsvp to the office by January 12th, so that we can prepare accordingly.



The **Jewish War Veterans** meeting will be held following the breakfast on Sunday, January 16th, at 11:00am.

Havurah Vatik



Tuesday, January 18 @ 11:00am via Zoom
and
Tuesday, February 15 @ 11:00am via Zoom

Program details and the Zoom address will be included in the official flyer arriving by email. Contact Caroline Seligman (at jollysel0@gmail.com) or Rita Fischer (at rita0115@nycap.rr.com) if you are not on the mailing list.

2022 Shalach Manot

In celebration of the Purim miracle, Mordachi declared that each family should send gifts to their neighbors. This custom has continued for generations. This year, as in years past, we invite you to participate in the Shaara Tfilla Shalach Manot project. Each member family of our Synagogue will receive a Shalach Manot bag delivered to their home. A card enclosed with each bag will list those families who have sent their holiday blessings through the Synagogue. If you wish to send holiday greetings to the entire Congregation, the cost is \$36. We will be sending about 100 bags, so don't miss this great opportunity!





Packers Needed
Wednesday, March 9th
Drivers Needed
Starting Thursday, March 10th
Please call the office at 518-584-2370 to arrange a time




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Yes, I would like to send holiday greetings to the entire Congregation!
Enclosed please find my check for \$36.

Name _____
(Please fill in as you would like it to appear on the greeting card enclosed with each bag)

Yes, I can help with:
Packing _____ Delivery _____

Please return this form with payment before **March 2nd** to:
Congregation Shaara Tfilla, 84 Weibel Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866





Join Congregation Shaara Tfilla/The Jewish Community Center of Saratoga Springs

for our Annual Valentine's Day Party

Lunch & Movie

Sunday, February 13 at 1:00pm



There is No Charge.

Please RSVP by Monday, February 7 to 518-584-2370.

We are cautiously optimistic but will evaluate the COVID infection numbers on the 7th.



From the Desk of Rabbi Marmon (Continued from page 1)

Now, coming back to our starting point, I can explain that the period of this scroll covers almost exactly the months of Shvat and First Adar (aka Adar I) on the Jewish calendar. Shvat contains the minor holiday of Tu B'Shvat, often called the New Year (or the Birthday) of the Trees. While it has taken on a new significance in modern times as we more fully appreciate the role trees and plants play in our ecosystem, it's still not a heavyweight among the holidays. Adar I doesn't get Purim, but has to settle for Purim Katan, literally "Little Purim," a kind of shadow Purim that acknowledges the calendrical ambiguity but has no real observances except for skipping tachanun, basically. Additionally, though not a holiday as such, we should acknowledge that this period on our calendar also includes the special Shabbat known as Shabbat Shirah (Shabbat of Song), the week when we read in the Torah of our biblical ancestors crossing the miraculously parted sea to escape the armies of Pharaoh, and of course singing the Song of the Sea on the other side.

Though quiet on the holiday front, this is an exciting stretch in our Torah reading schedule, as we'll be reading all but the first and last parashot of Sh'mot (Exodus) over these couple of months. This means both great stories like the burning bush, the ten plagues, the Exodus itself, crossing the sea, revelation at Sinai, and the golden calf; and key theological pronouncements headlined by the Ten Commandments, to name just a few of many highlights. If you're stir crazy at home, come join us in shul – if you're snowed in at home, join us on Zoom. Stay warm, stay healthy, and see you soon!

Memories of the 2021 Chanukah Drive-Thru Preparations





January 2022



SAT
Jan 1

Parashat Vaera

- 28th of Tevet
- New Year's Day
- 9:30am Shabbat Services
- 5:21pm Havdalah (50 min)

29th of Tevet

Resh Chodesh Shvat

- 1st of Shvat, 5782
- 9am Services
- 5:30pm Hebrew School

2nd of Shvat

- 5:30pm Sisterhood

3rd of Shvat

- 5:30pm Hebrew School

4th of Shvat

- 9am Services

5th of Shvat

- 4:19pm Candle lighting
- 7pm Family Service

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Parashat Bo

- 6th of Shvat
- 9:30am Shabbat Services
- 5:28pm Havdalah (50 min)

7th of Shvat

8th of Shvat

- 9am Services
- 5:30pm Hebrew Schoc

9th of Shvat

- 5:30pm Board Meeting

10th of Shvat

- 5:30pm Hebrew School

11th of Shvat

- 9am Services

12th of Shvat

- 4:27pm Candle lighting

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Parashat Beshalach

- 13th of Shvat
- 9:30am Shabbat Services
- 5:36pm Havdalah (50 min)

14th of Shvat

Tu B'Shvat

- 15th of Shvat
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 9am Services

16th of Shvat

- 11am Havurah Vatik via Zoom

17th of Shvat

- 5:30pm Hebrew School

18th of Shvat

- 9am Services

19th of Shvat

- 4:35pm Candle lighting
- 7pm Shabbat Service

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Parashat Yitro

- 20th of Shvat
- 9:30am Shabbat Services
- 5:45pm Havdalah (50 min)

21st of Shvat

22nd of Shvat

- 9am Services
- 5:30pm Hebrew School

23rd of Shvat

- 9am Services

24th of Shvat

- 5:30pm Hebrew School

25th of Shvat

- 9am Services

26th of Shvat

- 4:45pm Candle lighting

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Parashat Mispatim

- 27th of Shvat
- 9:30am Shabbat Services
- 5:54pm Havdalah (50 min)

28th of Shvat

29th of Shvat

- 9am Services
- 5:30pm Hebrew School

30th of Shvat

- 9am Services

31st of Shvat

- 9am Services

4th of Shvat

- 9am Services

5th of Shvat

- 4:19pm Candle lighting
- 7pm Family Service

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Parashat Vaera

- 28th of Tevet
- New Year's Day
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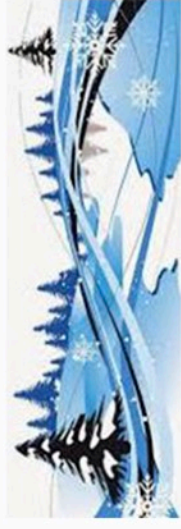
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	12th of Adar I ● 1:00pm Valentines' Day Venue  	13th of Adar I Valentine's Day ● 9am Services ● 5:30pm Hebrew School 			
	19th of Adar I	20th of Adar I			
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