



The Scroll

Congregation Shaara Tfile

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Calendar of Events

January

- 3-Sisterhood Meeting.....5:30pm
- 6-Friday Family Shabbat Service.....7:00pm
- 10-Board Meeting.....5:30pm
- 15-Museum & Deli Event.....12:00pm

February

- 3-Friday Family Shabbat Service.....7:00pm
- 7-Sisterhood Meeting.....5:30pm
- 12-Valentine Dinner & Movie.....4:00pm
- 14-Board Meeting.....5:30pm

Regular Services

- Mondays & Thursdays.....7:30am
- Saturdays.....9:30am

Office Hours*

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

Hebrew School*

- Mondays & Wednesdays.....5:30pm-7:15pm

Adult Ed

- See Below.....5:30pm-7:15pm

*See calendars for planned cancellations

If you have not yet returned your High Holiday Prayer Books, we ask for their return during office hours between 9:30am and 12:30pm.

Please maintain caution on walkways and the parking lot. All reasonable efforts are made to remove snow and ice, but the weather gets ahead of us at times.

From the Desk of Rabbi Marmor

In recent weeks, we have been witness to a disturbing trend: a rash of public celebrity figures openly engaging in antisemitic acts and statements. The current spate began in early October with the rapper Kanye West (who lately goes by “Ye,” which he pronounces “Yay,” but which I propose we pronounce as “Boo!”) threatening Jews by tweet with what he called “going death con 3.” Before long, businesses such as the shoe company Adidas cut ties, with Adidas expecting to absorb a resulting quarter-billion dollar drop in business over the remainder of the year, but to save an even larger sum in royalties and marketing agreements with the rapper. Unchastened, he has since made the rounds of right-wing conspiracy media announcing, “I like Hitler.”



Next up was basketball player Kyrie Irving in late October supporting a Holocaust-denying antisemitic conspiracy film, also initially over Twitter. Unlike West, who opened with threats and intimations of violence, Irving had an opportunity to back out of his situation, simply by saying that he had misunderstood or been misinformed about the film, and he did not support its antisemitic messages. Instead, Irving told reporters in a news conference, “History is not supposed to be hidden from anybody. I’m not going to stand down on anything I believe in.” Although he did later make some efforts at apology, Irving was ultimately suspended both by his basketball team and by shoe company Nike, which had a brand sponsorship deal with him.

In late November, a former President and current candidate for President of the United States hosted a casual dinner with the aforementioned newly-minted champion of public antisemitism Kanye West, along with a more established practitioner, the Holocaust-denying “Christian Nationalist” Nick Fuentes. As ever, Trump faced criticism but no tangible consequence for his conduct, so he followed up in mid-December on his bespoke Twitter-clone with a post claiming American Jewish leaders “should be ashamed” of their “lack of loyalty” to him, as he was – in his own assessment – “the best, by far, President for Israel.” (Continued on page 8)

From 4:00 to 5:00 pm every Monday, beginning January 9th, we will be studying the biblical historical books which follow the Torah. We will continue as long as there is sufficient interest. First up is the Book of Joshua, very much a sequel to the Torah itself as it tells the tale of the conquest of the Land of Israel, which is the culmination of the Exodus and the Israelites travel through the desert over the last four books of the Torah.

Joshua is followed by Judges, the “Wild West of the Bible” as the individual tribes struggle with foreign domination and domestic strife before the establishment of the Judean monarchy. Outrageous events abound in this period, including the stories of Samson, Gideon, and Deborah among the best-known of the Judges.

After Judges, the books of Samuel describe the appointment of Saul as the first king of Israel, the rise of David and conflict between Saul and David, and eventually the tumultuous events of David’s own reign. The books of Kings begin with David’s death and Solomon’s ascendancy, and continue through the degradation of the monarchy and eventual division of the kingdom into two.

If you like action, intrigue, or adventure, pathos, bathos, and deep layers of subtext – well, whatever you like, there is something for you. See you Mondays in the new year!

The Board of Congregation Shaara Tfillle

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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-1:00pm.

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. October 10th for the November/December Scroll).

Covid Controls: If you will be attending services in-house, we ask that you bring your own Tallis and Yarmulka. Proof of vaccination are required to enter the building. Masks are optional.

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 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 Tfillle 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, Mazel Tov & Thank You

Memorial Candles

Dede Gamar Hirsch in memory of Landon Steormann
 Rhoda and Avram Freedberg in memory of Sam Freedberg
 Rhoda and Avram Freedberg in memory of Rashe Altman Padell
 Rhoda and Avram Freedberg in memory of George Freedberg
 Patricia Bruder in memory of William Sedutto
 Sharon Dunn and Harvey Zirofsky in memory of Jack Zirofsky
 Roberta and Leonard Mintzer in memory of Hyman Sherman
 Roberta and Leonard Mintzer in memory of Deborah Redfearn
 Marcia Snyder in memory of Sidney Snyder
 Marcia Snyder in memory of Marvin Snyder
 Judith Ehrenshaft in memory of Roman Chudy
 Ruth and Charles Weintraub in memory of Meyer Weintraub
 Carol Moore and Stuart Mintzer in memory of Walter Levy
 Linda Bertrand in memory of Florence Ike
 Linda Bertrand in memory of Irving Laike
 Wilma and David Koss in memory of Louis Weinstein
 Dianna and Gene Nachamkin in memory of Shirley Nachamkin
 Dianna and Gene Nachamkin in memory of Zelick Nachamkin
 Carole and Allan Polacsek in memory of Beatrice Kaspin
 Felice Karlitz and Jerry Grodin in memory of George Grodin
 Terry and Harold Weinstein in memory of Rose Weinstein
 Judy Zassenhaus in memory of Joe Berkowitz

Cemetery Upkeep Fund

Loretta and Arthur Ostrov
 Lindsay MacLeod
 Patricia Bruder
 The Estate of Jack Berkowitz
 Staci Covkin-Jurczynski
 Benjamin Aydlett

General Contributions

Phyllis and David Coburn
 Pamela, Carole and Allan Polacsek in memory of Deborah Sabin's mother-in-law
 Lorraine and Steven Hammer in honor of the birth of their grandson, Auden Pryce Liszewski
 Saratoga Jewish War Veterans Post 36 in memory of all Veterans
 The Estate of Jack Berkowitz

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Susan and Philip Weissman
 Lorraine and Steven Hammer
 Anonymous

In Memory of Marcia Metzger

Burns Management
 Ruth and Charles Weintraub
 Carole and Bill Leakakos
 Ellen and Joel Henkin
 Linda Bertrand
 Helen and Sid Gordon
 Laurie Zeh and Family
 Rita and Michael Fischer
 Wilma and David Koss
 Allerdice Building Supply, Inc.
 Judith and Mark Konikoff
 Dietra Gamar Hirsch
 Rhonda and Elliott Silverberg

Mitzvah Club 2022-2023

Anonymous
 Linda Bertrand and Bert Isen
 Patricia Bruder
 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
 Ronnie and Lester Rosenberg
 Bernard Singer
 Kim and Matt Stein

Congregation Shaara Tfillle says Mazel Tov to Lorraine and Steven Hammer on the birth of their grandson Auden Pryce Liszewski, born on September 24, 2022. Auden is the son of Sharra and Andrew Liszewski

Congregation Shaara Tfillle says Mazel Tov to Susan and Philip Weissman on the birth of their grandson, Joel Henrik Weissman, born November 23, 2022. Joel is the son of Colin and Hanna Weissman

Congregation Shaara Tfillle would like to send a big thank you to William J, Burke & Sons, Bussing & Cunniff Inc. Funeral Homes for underwriting our 2022-2023 Book of Remembrance. We greatly appreciate their continued support

Yahrtzeit List for January/February

JANUARY 2023 (Tevet 8 – Shevat 9, 5783)						
JAN	DAY	HEB DATE	MEMBER'S NAME	DECEASED (ENGLISH)	DECEASED (HEBREW)	REL
1	Sun	Tevet 8	Marcia Snyder	Rose Snyder	Ruchel	M/L
4	W	11	Norman Mann	Roberta Mann	Rivka bat Gershon Gedalia	W
4	W	11	Norman Mann	Yetta Mann	Yetta bat Yitzhak	Step M
4	W	11	Leonard Mintzer	Abraham Schechter	Avram ben Yaakov	GGF
4	W	11	Roberta Mintzer	Abraham Schechter	Avram ben Yaakov	GF
4	W	11	Ted Orosz	Eugene Orosz		F
5	Th	12	Linda Ike Bertrand	Phyllis Laike		A
6	F	13	Leonard Mintzer	Jennie Sherman	Shandl bat Shmuel	GGM
6	F	13	Roberta Mintzer	Jennie Sherman	Shandl bat Shmuel	GM
7	Sat	14	Felice Karlitz	Nathan Karlitz	Nussan ben Moshe	F
9	M	16	Norman Mann	Harry Mann	Tzvi ben Nachum Shlomo	F
10	T	17	Avram Freedberg	Melvin Freedberg	Moshe ben Shabtai	U
10	T	17	Carole Leakakos	Ernest Shapiro	Avram Yitzhak ben Mordechai Tzvi	F
10	T	17	Marilyn Shapiro	Ernest Shapiro	Avram Yitzhak ben Mordechai Tzvi	F
10	T	17	Harold Weinstein	Isadore Leiberson	Yitzhak ben Avraham	GF
11	W	18	S. Sidney Gordon	Naomi Gordon	Naomi bat Nata	M
11	W	18	David Koss	Max Koss	Mordechai Leib ben Aaron	F
13	F	20	Jay Goldman	Mae Goldman	Mara bat Shlomo	M
13	F	20	Sondra Silverhart	Mae Goldman	Mara bat Shlomo	M
16	M	23	Lary Opitz	Eleanor Opitz		M
18	W	25	Diane White	Alex White		F
19	Th	26	Lorraine Hammer	Shirley Hochberg	Shara Gitl bat Chaim	M
19	Th	26	Dede Hirsch	Lori Burbank	Leah Surah bat Chaim Avrom	S/D
19	Th	26	Allen Kasin	Joseph Kasin	Yosef ben Shlomo	F
22	Sun	29	David Kieserman	Joseph Barry		F/L
25	W	3	David Kieserman	Benjamin Kieserman	Binyomin ben Yaakov	F
25	W	3	Howard Stark	Molly Stark		M
2	Th	4	David Kieserman	Grace Barry		M/L
27	F	5	Seth Rosner	Jonathan Rosner		B
28	Sat	6	Steven Hammer	Claire Hammer	Chana bat Avraham	M
29	Sun	7	Steven Hammer	William Hammer		F
9	Sun	7	Dede Hirsch	Howard Hirsch		H
31	T	9	Allan Polacsek	Otto Silverhart	Asher ben Zalman	U
31	T	9	Marcia Metzger	Otto Silverhart	Asher ben Zalman	U
31	T	9	Sondra Silverhart	Otto Silverhart	Asher ben Zalman	B/L
31	T	9	Rick Singer	Abraham Singer	Avraham ben Itamar	F
FEBRUARY 2023 (Shevat 10 – Adar 7, 5783)						
FEB	DAY	HEB DATE	MEMBER'S NAME	DECEASED (ENGLISH)	DECEASED (HEBREW)	REL
1	W	Shevat 10	Sondra Silverhart	David Silverhart		H
2	Th	11	Dede Hirsch	Phyllis Acerra	Peta Leah bat Idis	S/L
3	F	12	Sondra Silverhart	Peter Silverhart	Nacham ben Dovid	Son
8	W	17	Susan Edwards	Sonia Britt		GM
10	F	19	Leonard Mintzer	Charles Mintzer		F
10	F	19	Leonard Mintzer	Julius Mintzer	Gedalia ben Aria	GF
10	F	19	Roberta Mintzer	Charles Mintzer		H
10	F	19	Roberta Mintzer	Julius Mintzer	Gedalia ben Aria	F/L
10	F	19	Stuart Mintzer	Julius Mintzer	Gedalia ben Aria	GF
10	F	19	Loretta Ostrov	Julius Mintzer	Gedalia ben Aria	GF
10	F	19	Shirley Schultz	Isadore Schultz		F
10	F	19	Eileen Woodcock	Julius Mintzer	Gedalia ben Aria	GF
11	Sat	20	Dede Hirsch	Paul Hirsch	Pesach	F/L
12	Sun	21	Jerry Grodin	Betty Grodin		M
13	M	22	Miriam Messinger	Harold Messinger	Chanan ben Osher Yitzhak ha Levi	H
14	T	23	Mitchell Frost	Murray Frost		F
18	Sat	27	Avram Freedberg	Stanley Freedberg	Shimon Tzvi ben Shabtai	U
18	Sat	27	David Koss	Ruth Koss	Rachel bat Shmuel	M
18	Sat	27	Irving Metzger	Lee Metzger		M
19	Sun	28	Norman Mann	Yetta Mann	Yetta bat Shaya	M
20	M	29	Susan Frost	Annette Reeder		M
22	W	Adar 1	Seth Rosner	Rosalind R. Rosner		Step M
23	Th	2	Shirley Schultz	Ray Schultz		M
25	Sat	4	Louise Goldstein	Barbara Goldstein Proctor		S
26	Sun	5	Marilyn Phillips	Nathan Nonkin	Natan	F
28	T	7	Rhoda Freedberg	Sidney Bernstein	Shaul ben Moshe	F

Congregation Shaara Tfillle sends its deepest sympathy to Deborah Sabin on the recent passing of her mother-in-law

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Congregation Shaara Tfillle sends its deepest sympathy to Allan Polacsek on the recent passing of his sister Marcia Polacsek Metzger

On behalf of the Cemetery Committee, Sid and Helen Gordon express fond memories on the passing of Mae Tanenbaum Feluren, sister of Jay Tanenbaum

Congregation Shaara Tfillle sends its deepest sympathy to Irving Metzger on the recent passing of his wife Marcia Polacsek Metzger

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

The Metzger and Polacsek families want to extend our utmost gratitude to our Congregation Shaara Tfillle friends. Your support and kindness during the difficult time of Marcia's passing was comforting and a blessing to her memory.

High Holiday Appeal

We would like to thank and acknowledge all of our Members and Friends who have supported Congregation Shaara Tfillle 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 2022 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 \$26,000.00

Anonymous
Edward Balaban
 Rachel Baum
 Linda Bertrand
The Boehler Family
 Steven and Carol Chudy
 Mark and Ali Doyle
 Sharon Dunn and Harvey Zirofsky
 Adam Feldman
 Michael and Rita Fischer
Harold and Cynthia Flax
 Jeff and Sharon Freedman
Mitchell and Susan Frost
 Stuart Ginsburg
Lawrence Golub
Stephen and Louise Golub
 Sid and Helen Gordon
Joseph and Susan Greenbaum
 Edward Greenberg
Jerry Grodin and Felice Karlitz
 Steven and Lorraine Hammer
 Dede Hirsch
 Melvin Ikler
 Bert Isen
 Martin and Judith Kaplan

Allen and Bunny Kasin
 Robert and Marsha Katzman
David Kieserman
Chris Knight and Marilyn Phillips
David and Wilma Koss
Ira and Doris Lazar
 William and Carole Leakakos
Allan and Sue Littell
 Piper Lutbak
 Milli Macy
 Nathan and Jessica McCullen
 Tera Nadi
 Lary and Barbara Opitz
Martin Oppenheim
 Ted Orosz and Diane White
Arthur and Loretta Ostrov
 J. Lawrence Paltrowitz/PAL's Alliance, LTD
John and Linda Parker
 Allan and Carole Polacsek
 Pamela Polacsek
 Richard Reisman
 Ruth Robeson in memory of Elain Ikler
Marc and Francine Robin
 Lester and Ronnie Rosenberg
Seth Rosner and Judith Ehrenshaft

Dorothy Sanders and Family/Assist Leadership, LLC
Jeff Sherrin
Sondra Silverhart
 Bernard Singer
Marcia Snyder
Rabbi Josef and Judith Thomas Solomon
 Matt and Kim Stein
 Abraham and Angie Sultan
 Marc and Randy Treiber
David and Patricia van Leeuwen
Warren and MaryLou Weil
Harold and Terry Weinstein
 Skip and Eileen Woodcock
Judy Zassenhaus
Howard and Fran Zuckerman

***New Names are in Bold Print**

January 15th at Noon

Museum Tour via Zoom Followed by a NYC Deli Lunch

Final plans are in progress (as of mid-December) for a NYC museum tour followed by an authentic NYC deli lunch.

Reservations and pre-payment will be required because of the anticipated cost. Details will be provided in a forthcoming communication, with a request for interest and commitment. For more information call the office at 518-584-2370.



Looking Ahead

March 6- Please join us on Monday, March 6, 2023 as we read the Megillah for Purim at 6:00 pm.

April 5- Congregation Seder

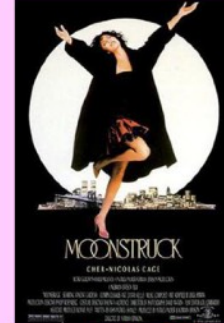


Join Congregation Shaara Tfillie/The Jewish Community Center of Saratoga Springs

for our Annual Valentine's Day Party

Dinner & Movie

Sunday, February 12 at 4:00pm



Please join us on Sunday, February 12 for vegetarian chili dinner and a movie. The cost is \$10 for everyone over 13 years of age. Please rsvp to the office at 518-584-2370, by February 7, so that we can prepare accordingly. The dinner will begin at 4:00 pm and the movie at 5:00 pm.



**Erev Pesach
April 5th**



PASSOVER



A Congregation Seder is being considered on Thursday, April 6th, pending Congregation interest and availability of a caterer.

Please

contact the office (518-584-2370) by the beginning of February if your family would attend the event.

The Mechanicville Area Community Services Center (MACSC), Food Pantry needs keep increasing and our shelves are empty.

Help us restock our Food Pantry!

PLEASE DONATE:
NON-PERISHABLE AND/OR UNEXPIRED GOODS ONLY

ITEMS WE NEED :
PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, RICE, PASTA, CANNED TOMATOES, CANNED SAUCE, CANNED PROTEIN, HOT/COLD CEREAL, WATER BOTTLES, JUICE, JUICE BOTTLES, COFFEE, SAUCED SNACKS (on the go) * SPINACH, PERSONAL CARE ITEMS, BABY FOOD, DIAPERS * WIPES, PET FOOD (dry) * AND, PET TREATS



FOOD PANTRY
A GIFT OF GIVING

CALL: 518.682.2372 ADDRESS: 60 WEST HANCOCK ST., SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY 12158

The Sisterhood of Congregation Shaara Tfillie, in its ongoing projects of Tikkun Olam, partnered with the Mechanicville Area Community Services Center to once again collect and donate much needed items. This winter, in addition to unexpired food products, we will also collect personal care items, first aid products, paper goods, pet food, diapers, gift cards, etc.

Your support and generosity helps families and seniors in need of assistance during difficult times. Please bring your donations to the office during business hours 9AM to 1PM or call 518.584.2370, if you have any questions.

2023 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, February 22nd

Drivers Needed

Beginning Thursday, February 23rd

Please call the office at 518-584-2370 to arrange a time



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 **February 17th**, to:
Congregation Shaara Tfilla, 84 Weibel Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

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

Even before asking whether moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem was actually more helpful to Israel than endorsing establishment of the state (Truman) or, say, resupplying the Israeli military in the midst of the Yom Kippur War (Nixon), one should note that this entire discussion assumes the antisemitic premise known as “dual loyalty,” the harmful, false proposition that Jews are never fully loyal Americans – and thus, never fully American – because our real loyalties are to the State of Israel.

You may have noticed that Twitter (or imitation Twitter) figures in all of these recent celebrity antisemitism stories. Sure enough, the ADL has documented significant increases in antisemitic tweets since Elon Musk’s acquisition of Twitter and “amnesty” for accounts previously banned for hate speech. At minimum, purveyors of online hate are testing the waters to see what Musk will let them get away with. In the notable case of – wouldn’t you know it? – Kanye West, his reinstated account has already been re-suspended for posting antisemitic imagery. It remains to be seen whether Musk will reassert some control over the environment on Twitter, or generally let the inmates run the online asylum.

While the connection from an individual hateful statement to a specific hateful act or hate crime is often difficult to establish, there is certainly a relationship between an environment in which hate is freely and frequently expressed, and various individuals acting on hateful impulses. Notably, in the period of the hateful public speech described above, two armed men were arrested at Penn Station in New York City in the active stages of a plot to attack a synagogue. Without entering into specifics, I will say that Jewish organizations are on the watch over a specific threat of organized harassment activities as I write.

Ironically, the heroes of the stories above are the shoe companies Nike and Adidas. I say this is ironic because Adidas was founded by an actual Nazi. Whatever his personal views or activities were, Adolf Dassler was a Nazi Party member from 1933 to 1945. Moreover, how did shoe companies become the arbiters of morality in our society? The truth is, they aren’t. They are just big, multinational businesses that don’t want to be embarrassed by their business associates, and calculate that the reputational damage these men have done themselves could be contagious. Therein lies at least one lesson for us to take from these events: we must do all we can to make sure those who spout antisemitic nonsense, or similar hate rhetoric directed at other groups, do not escape with their reputations intact. We must call out and shame them as hateful, delusional, and contagious, so that respectable sources of finance will steer clear of them. At least when it comes to wealthy celebrities, this should be a deterrent. When it comes to millions of amateur antisemites with no reputations to be lost, or those willing and able to find less respectable sources of finance, we’ll have to keep working to find ways to deter hate speech and hate crimes within the limits of the First Amendment specifically, and the principles of a free, democratic society generally.

From the Desk of our Treasurer

- * Dues and contributions can be paid on-line through the website portal (note that about about 2% is charged by PayPal).
- * Purchases on Amazon listing the Synagogue as your Amazon Smile account, results in the Synagogue being the beneficiary of Amazon’s charity. 1/2 of 1% of your Amazon purchase price, when you list Congregation Shaara Tfilla as your Amazon Smile choice, is contributed to us by Amazon. There is no increase in your purchase price when you choose an Amazon Smile choice.
- * The Congregation can accept contributions of stock, to accommodate those for whom this is an attractive option. Please call the office to get details.

From the Desk of Sid

There is something about our cemetery that makes one think of family and friends that are at rest. Our cemetery is coming along very nicely and continues to get better as time goes on. Thank you all for your help to have it look as nice as it does now. We will finish most of the big projects soon and continue to keep our cemetery looking good on an ongoing work effort.

May the Rabbi, the Congregation Shaara Tfilla staff, and all congregation members have a healthy and peaceful New Year.

Shalom to all- Sid Gordon

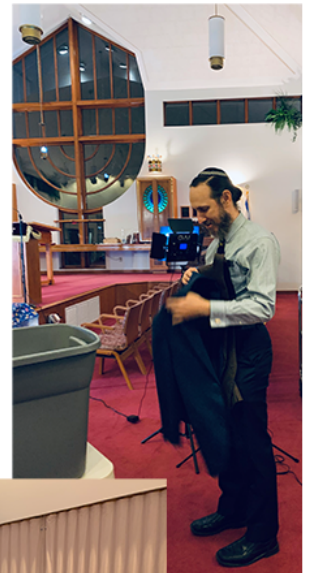
Post 36 JWV of Saratoga Springs, NY honoring Veterans Day





- Placed American flags at the gravesites of our fallen veterans
- Participated in the Albany Veterans Day parade
- Honored our present and fallen JWV members during a November 22, 2022 Shabbat service



In December, several congregants and Rabbi Marmon, gathered in the Sanctuary to light Hanukkah candles and read Hanukkah stories for inclusion on Congregation Shaara Tfillle's website. Rabbi Marmon said the blessings and lit the candles for each night then read a story about ten rabbis and the menorahs they were making for Hanukkah. Our volunteers read stories about a dog named Latke, a parakeet named Dreidel and big bad wolves, as well as some historical stories and a lovely tale about Hanukkah by Isaac Bashevis Singer. The entire event was filmed and recorded by Website Development Shop, Inc., our website creator and administrator. You can find our eight nights of Hanukkah on the website's Education and Library page. Enjoy!



SUN Jan 1	MON 2	TUE 3	WED 4	THU 5	FRI 6	SAT 7
8th of Tevet New Year's Day 	9th of Tevet New Year's Day (substitute) ● 7:30am Services ● 5:30pm Hebrew School	10th of Tevet Asara B Tevet ● 5:30pm Sisterhood	11th of Tevet ● 5:30pm Hebrew School	12th of Tevet ● 7:30am Services	13th of Tevet ● 7pm Family Service	14th of Tevet ● 9:30am Shabbat Services
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15th of Tevet	OFFICE CLOSED 16th of Tevet ● 7:30am Services ● 4pm Adult Ed ● 5:30pm Hebrew School	17th of Tevet ● 5:30pm Board Meeting	18th of Tevet ● 5:30pm Hebrew School	19th of Tevet ● 7:30am Services	20th of Tevet	21st of Tevet ● 9:30am Shabbat Services
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22nd of Tevet ● 12pm Museum Tour & Deli 	OFFICE CLOSED 23rd of Tevet Martin Luther King Jr. Day ● 7:30am Services ● 4pm Adult Ed	24th of Tevet	25th of Tevet ● 5:30pm Hebrew School	26th of Tevet ● 7:30am Services	27th of Tevet	28th of Tevet Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh S ● 9:30am Shabbat Services
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29th of Tevet	1st of Shvat, 5783 Rosh Chodesh Shvat ● 7:30am Services ● 4pm Adult Ed ● 5:30pm Hebrew School	2nd of Shvat	3rd of Shvat ● 5:30pm Hebrew School	4th of Shvat ● 7:30am Services	5th of Shvat	6th of Shvat ● 9:30am Shabbat Services
29	30	31				
7th of Shvat	8th of Shvat ● 7:30am Services ● 4pm Adult Ed ● 5:30pm Hebrew School	9th of Shvat				



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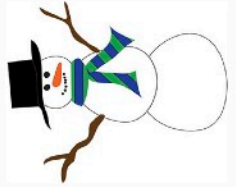




February 2023



WED Feb 1	THU 2	FRI 3	SAT 4
10th of Sh'vat First Day of Black History Month! ● 5:30pm Hebrew School	11th of Sh'vat ● 7:30am Services	12th of Sh'vat ● 7pm Family Service	13th of Sh'vat ● Shabbat Shirah ● 9:30am Shabbat Services
17th of Sh'vat ● 5:30pm Hebrew School	18th of Sh'vat ● 7:30am Services	19th of Sh'vat	20th of Sh'vat ● 9:30am Shabbat Services
24th of Sh'vat ● 5:30pm Hebrew School	25th of Sh'vat ● 7:30am Services	26th of Sh'vat	27th of Sh'vat ● Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh A ● Shabbat Shekalim ● 9:30am Shabbat Services
1st of Adar, 5783 ● Rosh Chodesh Adar	2nd of Adar ● 7:30am Services	3rd of Adar	4th of Adar ● 9:30am Shabbat Services
30th of Sh'vat ● Rosh Chodesh Adar	29th of Sh'vat Presidents' Day ● 7:30am Services ● 4pm Adult Ed ● 5:30pm Hebrew School	28th of Sh'vat	
7th of Adar	6th of Adar ● 7:30am Services ● 4pm Adult Ed ● 5:30pm Hebrew School	5th of Adar	



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