



# The Scroll

## Congregation Shaara Tfile

84 Weibel Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Phone: 518-584-2370 Fax: 518-584-5226

### Calendar of Events

#### July

- 3-4 Camp Ramah Sleepover
- 7- Family Services.....7:00pm
- 9- JCF Songs.....4:00pm
- 10- JCF Holocaust Survival.....6:30pm
- 16- JCF A Cantor's Tail.....7:00pm
- 23-JCF Play Reading.....3:00pm & 7:00pm
- 24-25- Camp Ramah Sleepover
- 30- JCF Movie Night.....7:00pm

#### August

- 1-Sisterhood Meeting.....5:30pm
- 3-SPAC Concert via Havurah Vatik.....7:30pm
- 3- JCF Film Discussion.....7:00pm
- 6-JCF 'Sassoons Tour' .....11:00am
- 9-JCF Festival.....5:00pm
- 13-JCF Festival.....3:00pm
- 14-JCF Lansky.....7:00pm
- 22-JCF Klezmer.....6:00pm

#### Regular Services

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

#### Office Hours\*

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

#### Adult Ed\*\*

- Mondays.....4:00pm-5:00pm

\*Summer hours begin May 26; office will only be open Tuesday - Thursday.

\*\*Adult Ed- July 10, 17,31; August 28

**Please call the office if you have any questions about any of our programs - 518-584-2370**



**For Monday and Thursday  
7:30am Services**

### *From the Desk of Rabbi Marmon*

On the traditional Jewish calendar, summer is the season of tragedy. To the modern ear, this may sound perverse. Summer is the season of vacation! Summer camp! Swimming pools! But there is a cold historical logic underlying this verity: summer is the high season for war. So it was that our ancient Temple and Jewish sovereignty in our homeland was destroyed twice, centuries apart, by mighty empires in their summer wars of conquest.



Sadly, to this day summer remains the prime season for war, and as I write there is every expectation of a season of bloodshed to come in Ukraine.

Granted, it is the defending and democratic Ukrainians who are expected to be on the offensive this season, and if successful, they will be repelling an autocratic and repressive would-be conquering empire and perhaps deterring the temptation to exploit neighbors by force of arms for another generation or two in Europe. Even so, as anyone acquainted with war can tell you, even the most righteous war is a tragedy. "It is well that war is so terrible, lest we grow too fond of it," in the words of Robert E. Lee.

Speaking of treason, there remains a vocal minority here in this country who express a preference for violence and civil war over democracy as a resolution for political differences, and rule of the mob over rule of law as a resolution to alleged crimes. Shockingly, in response to the indictment of former president Trump, a United States congressman tweeted "We have now reached a war phase. Eye for an eye." A United States congressman! And this is not the only such example.

Let's be clear. That tweet is not a political comment. It is not a legal comment. It is not a moral comment. It is a call for violence – and we all, including the congressman, know from recent history that there are people ready to translate that call to physical violence, even if the writer later claims he meant a metaphorical war.

Interestingly, but not surprisingly, this congressman seeks to bolster his call for civil war with a quote from the Bible. Ironically, Jewish legal tradition (Halacha) has always viewed this law as metaphorically phrased (but actually meaning the *value of an eye* for an eye), while the Christian tradition that the congressman comes from asserts that it is both literal and superseded by Jesus' imperative to "turn the other cheek" (see Matthew 5:9).

It is not my business to judge whether the call for civic violence represents good Christian values. Nor is this the venue to discuss the political or legal questions at issue. None of these are my area of professional expertise. But I can comment on the moral questions at hand, viewed through the lens of Torah. In the following three parts:

1. The Torah tells us repeatedly that the law must apply equally to the powerful and to the poor (eg Ex. 23:2), to the citizen and the stranger (eg Ex. 12:49, Num. 16:15) and even to the king (eg Dt. 17:19). Perhaps most strikingly, the Torah commands: לא תכיר פנים במשפט כקטן כגדול תשמעון לא לא תכיר פנים במשפט לה' תגורו מפני איש כי המשפט לה'. Don't be partial (literally, "don't recognize faces") in judgment; hear the small and the great alike; don't fear any person, for judgment is God's. (Dt. 1:17)

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**The Board of Congregation Shaara Tfillie**

**Rabbi**.....Rabbi Boaz Marmon

**Board of Directors**

Judith Ehrenshaft.....President  
 Pamela Polacsek.....Vice President  
 Ted Orosz.....Treasurer  
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Eileen Woodcock.....Youth Education  
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 Allen Kasin.....Gabbi Liaison  
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 Larry Paltrowitz.....Board Position  
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Religious.....Allan Polacsek  
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 Budget.....Ted Orosz  
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 Men's Club Liaison.....Allan Polacsek  
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 Scroll.....Michael Fischer  
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 Web Liaison.....Deborah Sabin  
 Office Administrator.....Carole Leakakos

**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. Summer hours began May 26; office will only be open Tuesday - Thursday. Please call 518-584-2370 before coming over.

**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](mailto:saratogajcc@albany.twcbc.com) . The deadline for Scroll submittals of text is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the next Scroll (i.e. June 10<sup>th</sup> for the July/August Scroll).

*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](mailto: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 Tfillie 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.

*Yahrzeit List for July/August***JULY 2023 (Tammuz 12 – Av 13, 5783)**

JUL	DAY	HEB DATE	MEMBER'S NAME	DECEASED (ENGLISH)	DECEASED (HEBREW)	REL
2	Sun	13	Larry Paltrowitz	Louis Paltrowitz	Mordechai Labe	F
3	M	14	Avram Freedberg	Chava Greef Rogovin	Chava bat Ephraim	GGM
8	Sat	19	Judith Ehrenshaft	Charlotta Chudy	Sara bat Isaak Shlomo v'Pesi	M
8	Sat	19	Allan Polacsek	Robert Polacsek	Baruch Layb ben Shlomo	F
17	M	28	Avram Freedberg	Bessie Rogovin Padell	Pesiah bat Avraham Chaim	GM
18	T	29	Dorothy Sanders	Betty Smith	batha bat Yaakov	M
21	F	Av 3	Lorraine Hammer	Robert Hochberg	Moshe Hirsch ben Chaim	F
22	Sat	4	Andy Kahn	Steve Halley		C
23	Sun	5	Iris Friedman	Mort Zelikofsky		B
24	M	6	Harold Weinstein	Sarah Weinstein		M
30	Sun	12	Sondra Silverhart	Samuel Silverhart	Zalman ben Dovid	F/L

**AUGUST 2023 (Av 14 – Elul 14, 5783)**

AUG	DAY	HEB DATE	MEMBER'S NAME	DECEASED (ENGLISH)	DECEASED (HEBREW)	REL
1	T	Av 14	Wilma Koss	Esther Weinstein	Esther bat benyomin & Riffel	M
3	Th	16	Irving Metzger	George Metzger		F
3	Th	16	Deborah Sabin	Lloyd J. Sabin		F
3	Th	16	Shirley Schultz	Joseph Schultz		GF
4	F	17	Rita Fischer	Gladys Abrams Weinberg		M
6	Sun	19	Seth Rosner	Miriam Rosner	Miriam	M
7	M	20	Marcia Snyder	Abe Tabachnick	Avram	F
7	T	21	Leonard Mintzer	Sadie Mintzer	Sarah bat Chaim	GM
7	T	21	Roberta Mintzer	Sadie Mintzer	Sarah bat Chaim	M/L
7	T	21	Stuart Mintzer	Sadie Mintzer	Sarah bat Chaim	GM
7	T	21	Loretta Ostrov	Sadie Mintzer	Sarah bat Chaim	GM
7	T	21	Eileen Woodcock	Sadie Mintzer	Sarah bat Chaim	GM
10	Th	23	Dede Hirsch	Beatrice Hurwood	Basha	M
10	Th	23	Andy Kahn	Eli A Kahn		F
10	Th	23	Harold & Terry Weinstein	Albert Weinstein		Son
11	F	24	Loretta Ostrov	Irma Mintzer		M
14	M	27	Larry Paltrowitz	Irene Paltrowitz	Chia Sarah	M
14	M	27	Deborah Sabin	Mitchell Hallow	Moshe ben Gershom	H
15	T	28	Michael Fischer	Anneliese Buscher Fischer	Channah bat Alexander	M
16	W	29	Richard J. Reisman	Lillian Reisman		M
18	F	Elul 1	David Kieserman	Judith Craven		W
19	Sat	2	Lynn Kalish	Rebecca Davidson Grossman	Rivka bat Shlomo	M
19	Sat	2	Stuart Mintzer	Stella Mintzer		M
19	Sat	2	Marc Robin	Daniel Robin		F
19	Sat	2	Eileen Woodcock	Stella Mintzer		M
20	Sun	3	Marilyn Kasin	Mary Doris Weisman	Devorah bat Avraham	M
21	M	4	Helen Gordon	Paul R. Scheuerman		B
23	W	6	Leonard Mintzer	Debbie Redfeam	Rachel Chana	S
23	W	6	Roberta Mintzer	Debbie Redfeam	Rachel Chana	D
25	F	8	Dorothy Deutsch	Margaret Greene	Malka	M
25	F	8	Loretta Ostrov	Max Roston	Mordechai ben Yitzhak	GF
25	F	8	Allan Polacsek	Sylvia Silverberg	Sussa Etta bat Zalman	A
26	Sat	9	Dorothy Deutsch	Regina Deutsch	Rivka bat Rev Moshe	M/L
26	Sat	9	Arthur Ostrov	Jacob Ostrov	Yitzhak ben Avraham	GF
26	Sat	9	Jerome Ostrov	Jacob Ostrov	Yitzhak ben Avraham	GF
26	Sat	9	Richard Ostrov	Jacob Ostrov	Yitzhak ben Avraham	GF
27	Sun	10	Rhoda Freedberg	Dorothy Bernstein	Muttel D'Vorah bat Avraham	M
28	M	11	Allan Polacsek	Francine Polacsek		S/L
31	Th	14	Norman Mann	Gustav Pincus	Gershon Gedalia ben Yisroel	F/L

## *Contributions*

### **General Contributions**

Dorothy Deutsch with thanks for the Purim goodies  
Lawrence Golub  
Judith Thomas in memory of Mimi Samuelson  
Pamela, Carole and Allan Polacsek wishing Debbi Sabin good health  
Edward Greenberg a Yiskor contribution  
Rita and Michael Fischer in memory of Rabbi Bert and Mrs. Baily Bloom  
Jay Portnoy a Passover contribution  
Mel Ikler  
Patricia Bruder in memory of Freyda Goldfarb  
Patricia Bruder thank you to Allen Kasin for the prayer book  
Patricia Bruder wishing Carole Leakakos continued good health  
Carol Anne and Richard Chait in honor of Helen and Sid Gordon  
Norman Mann  
Ronni and Lester Rosenberg a Passover contribution

### **Memorial Candles**

Sharon Liese and Barry Potoker in memory of David Blatt  
Dorothy Deutsch in memory of Ernest Deutsch  
Wilma and David Koss in memory of Ruth Koss  
Dianna and Eugene Nachamkin in memory of Rose Rosenblum  
Ruth and Charles Weintraub in memory of Dora Weintraub  
Judith Ehrenshaft in memory of Joseph Ehrenshaft  
Francine and Marc Robin in memory of Ann Robin

Felice Karlitz and Jerold Grodin in memory of Freida Karlitz  
Felice Karlitz and Jerold Grodin in memory of Betty Grodin  
David Kieserman in memory of Esther Kieserman  
Roberta and Leonard Mintzer in memory of Ida Schecter  
Dianna and Eugene Nachamkin in memory of Irving Rosenblum  
Martin Sherman in memory of Anna Sherman  
Marcia Snyder in memory of Mary Tabachnick  
Terry and Harold Weinstein in memory of Martin Weinstein  
Fran and Howard Zuckerman in memory of Eugene Zuckerman  
Sondra Silverhart in memory of Sol Goldman  
Fran and Howard Zuckerman in memory of Dorothy Schapiro  
Susan and Joseph Greenbaum in memory of Doris Greenbaum  
Dorothy Deutsch in memory of Richard Deutsch  
Sharon Liese and Barry Potoker in memory of Herbert Potoker  
Patricia Bruder in memory of Irene Sedutto  
Dianna and Eugene Nachamkin in memory of Rebecca Leah Nachamkin  
Patricia Carson and Brian Lee in memory of Michael Carson  
Dorothy Deutsch in memory of Herbert Greene  
Dianna and Eugene Nachamkin in memory of Robert Merrill Schwartz

### **Mitzvah Club 2023-2024**

Anonymous  
Patricia Bruder  
Rita and Michael Fischer  
Judith and Martin Kaplan

## *Mazel Tov*

### *July Birthdays & Anniversaries*

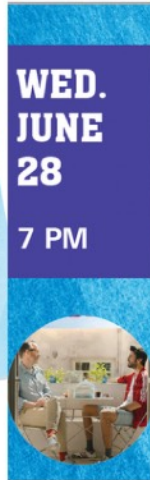
01 Judy Singer  
02 Dorothy Sanders  
04 Marc & Francine Robin  
06 Edward Greenberg  
06 William Leakakos  
08 John & Jocelyn Keene  
09 Dorothy Deutsch  
10 Jerry Grodin  
11 Harrell Doyle  
13 Lester Rosenberg  
16 Lorraine Hammer  
24 Roberta Gottesman  
25 Ali Doyle  
26 Francine Robin  
27 Philip & Susan Weissman  
29 Susan Frost

### *August Birthdays & Anniversaries*

02 Lary & Barbara Opitz  
05 Ronni Rosenberg  
08 Judith Ehrenshaft  
14 Sid Gordon  
19 Mort Greenberg  
20 Miriam Messinger  
26 Steven & Lorraine Hammer  
27 Marc & Renee Barr  
27 Michael Fischer  
27 Jessica McCullen  
29 Gene Salerni  
31 Mitchell Frost

Congregation Shaara Tfilla would like to announce the births of Rebecca Goldie Sanders of Denver, Colorado and Eva Jean Sanders of Baltimore, Maryland. Both are great-grandchildren of Dorothy and the late Gordon Sanders. Grandparents are Jane and Garry Sanders. Rebecca's parents are Dr. Jessica and Michael Sanders. Eva's parents are Jessica and Jeremy Sanders. Mazel Tov to the entire Sanders family.





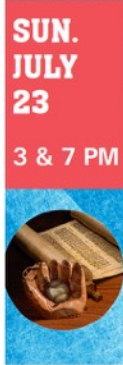
**FILM: SUBLET**

**Congregation Shaara Tfille**  
84 Weibel Avenue, Saratoga Springs

RSVP: likebertrand518@gmail.com

\$5 per person, includes refreshments

A moving film on missed opportunities and the need to go forward, *Sublet* is the story of Michael, a New York Times travel writer, who comes to Tel Aviv after suffering a tragedy. He finds that the energy of the city and his relationship with Tomer, a younger man facing a generational gap that puts their personal and clashing life philosophies into perspective. Director Eytan Fox will live stream after the film followed by Libby Post, a long-time LGBTQ activist and devoted member of Congregation Ohav Shalom.



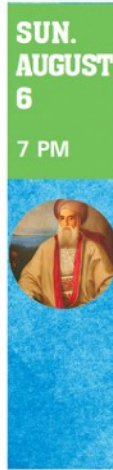
**THE CHOSEN: STAGED READING**

**Congregation Shaara Tfille**  
84 Weibel Avenue, Saratoga Springs

RSVP: likebertrand518@gmail.com

\$5 per person, includes refreshments

A coming-of-age classic about two Jewish boys growing up in Brooklyn. This profound and universal story of faith, family, tradition and assimilation by Chaim Potok, remains deeply pertinent today. Set against the backdrop of World War II and the creation of the state of Israel, *The Chosen* is about growing up and growing wise, and finding yourself—even if it might mean disappointing those you love.



**THE SASSOONS: A DOCENT-LED VIRTUAL TOUR FROM THE JEWISH MUSEUM OF NY**

**Congregation Shaara Tfille**  
84 Weibel Avenue, Saratoga Springs

RSVP: likebertrand518@gmail.com

\$5 per person, includes refreshments

The exhibit showcases the fascinating four generations of the remarkable Sassoon family who moved from Iraq to India, China and England amassing a rich selection of more than 120 works—paintings, decorative arts, illuminated manuscripts and Judaica. It highlights the family's pioneering role in trade, art collection, architectural patronage and civic engagement from the early 1800's through the 1940's as well as their distinguished British properties.

**SUN. JULY 16 7 PM**  
**A CANTOR'S TALE VIRTUAL FILM DISCUSSION**  
Temple Sinai  
509 Broadway, Saratoga Springs  
Registration required: sjca.sjcf@gmail.com  
A Zoom discussion of a film made as a loving tribute to a Golden Age in American Jewish life when illustrious—the celebrated cantorial art—reached its zenith, when renowned cantors made their singing recordings and attracted followers who would travel miles to hear their stirring contributions spilling from the windows of crowded synagogues.

**SUN. JULY 23 3 & 7 PM**  
**THE CHOSEN: STAGED READING**  
Congregation Shaara Tfille  
84 Weibel Avenue, Saratoga Springs  
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**SUN. JULY 30 7 PM**  
**MOVIE NIGHT: AN ARTICLE OF HOPE**  
Saratoga Chabad  
100 Circular Street, Saratoga Springs  
(518) 526-0773 or saratohav@gmail.com  
Admission \$10; Sponsor \$180  
An engaging documentary film that details the life mission of Col. Ben-Haim, the first and only lieutenant from Israel, who landed at San Francisco, the first and only lieutenant from Israel, who landed at San Francisco. He carries with him a cherished artifact, a miniature Torah scroll, that had survived the Holocaust. Few survive movies, books & drinks.

**THURS. AUGUST 3 7 PM**  
**MARSHALL VIRTUAL FILM DISCUSSION**  
Temple Sinai  
509 Broadway, Saratoga Springs  
Registration required: sjca.sjcf@gmail.com  
\$5 donation requested  
As part of a social justice series, SJCF presents a Zoom discussion of an American biographical legal drama starring Chiwetel Ejiofor as an American lawyer, the first African American Supreme Court justice. Marshall, the first African American Supreme Court justice, was born in 1914, traveling the country, defending people of color who were wrongly accused of crimes because of racial prejudice. It is set in Bridgeport, CT, to defend a black chauffeur accused of rape by his white employer.

**SUN. AUGUST 6 7 PM**  
**THE SASSOONS: A DOCENT-LED VIRTUAL TOUR FROM THE JEWISH MUSEUM OF NY**  
Congregation Shaara Tfille  
84 Weibel Avenue, Saratoga Springs  
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**WED. AUGUST 9 5 PM**  
**10TH ANNUAL KLEZMER & KOSHER FESTIVAL**  
Clifton Park Chabad  
495 Moo Rd, Clifton Park  
RSVP (518) 495-0772 or cliftonparkchabad.com  
\$10 per person; all-inclusive fee  
This year's theme *Melodical Jewish Unity!* will feature kosher deli, crafts, games, and a live Klezmer concert.  
Sponsorships available

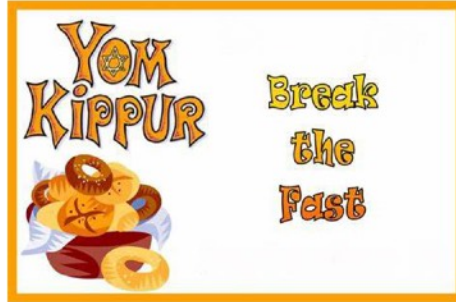
**SUN. AUGUST 13 3-7 PM**  
**SHALOM FESTIVAL**  
Congress Park  
100 Circular Street, Saratoga Springs  
(518) 526-0773 or saratohav@gmail.com  
\$5 donation requested  
Join us for our annual Shalom Festival featuring crafts for kids, music, games, delicious BBQ, and fun for all ages!

**MON. AUGUST 14 7 PM**  
**LANSKY**  
Temple Sinai  
509 Broadway, Saratoga Springs  
Registration required: sjca.sjcf@gmail.com  
\$5 donation requested  
A Zoom discussion of the film, directed by Eytan Rockaway and starring Harvey Keitel, portraying Meyer Lansky. Known as the "Midwest Accountant," notorious for operating criminal rackets from Miami to Las Vegas to Cuba and playing a role in the establishment of the "National Crime Syndicate." The story focuses on Lansky in the latter part of his life, telling his story to a book author. The film is up front about the importance of Jewishness to Lansky's story.

**TUES. AUGUST 22 8 PM**  
**KLEZMER & FOODS WITH A K**  
Saratoga Chabad  
100 Circular Street, Saratoga Springs  
(518) 526-0773 or saratohav@gmail.com  
\$5 donation requested  
Enjoy Klezmer music and all the foods that start with K—kasha, kugel, krapfen, knishes, kasha, etc.

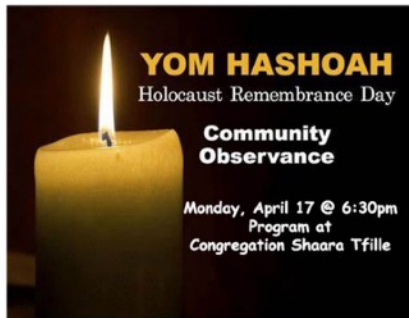
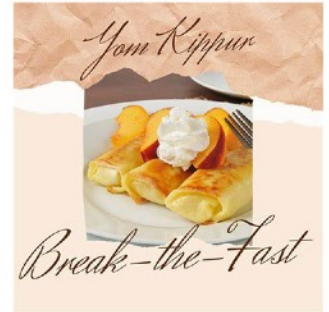


PLAN AHEAD  
FOR THE  
HIGH HOLIDAYS!



September 25th  
@ 7:30  
Join us as we  
break the fast!

A catered light meal is being planned. Details will be provided during the summer. There is no cost, but reservations are requested. Please RSVP to the office at 518-584-2370 by September 12th, so that we can prepare accordingly.



Placing Flags on Veteran Graves on Veterans' Day

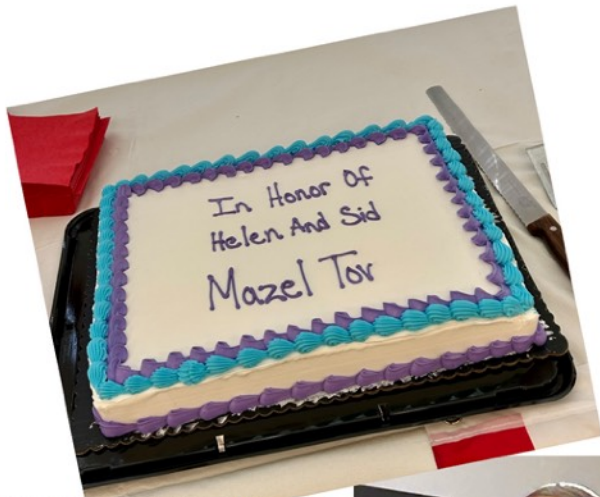


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### *Special Celebration in Honor of Sid and Helen Gordon*

**On Sunday, May 7, 2023, 2 PM - 4 PM,** Congregation Shaara Tfilla/The Jewish Community Center of Saratoga Springs honored Sid and Helen Gordon with a festive appetizer and dessert reception. This celebration had two equally important purposes: to honor Sid and Helen for their dedication and contributions to our Congregation and to raise funds for the synagogue.



**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

We are pleased to inform you that our Synagogue will again be publishing a book of remembrance, which will be used for the Memorial Services on Yom Kippur, Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot. This special opportunity will afford you an opportunity to memorialize your loved ones with an inscription in this book of blessed memories.

There are several options:

**1. Memorial Block:** This choice allows you to include up to four (4) names. The donation for a memorial block is \$18 for the first name plus \$6 for each additional name (the maximum of four names in a box would be \$36).

**Note:** Mr. and Mrs. Morris Schwartz are considered two names.

Name	Relationship

**2. Memorial Page:** Donation for a memorial page is \$100


**3. Gold Sponsor Page:** Donation for a sponsor page is a minimum of \$200


Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**All Forms Must Be Returned by Monday, August 21**

Your check, payable to "Congregation Shaara Tfilla", must accompany this form when it is submitted.

Mail to: Congregation Shaara Tfilla, 84 Weibel Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866





A very special 'Thank You' to our past president, Linda Bertrand, for her outstanding tenure as President during the past four years during which were tumultuous years of Covid and the search for a new Rabbi.

*From the desk of our new President*

**"WE MUST NOT APPOINT A LEADER OVER THE COMMUNITY WITHOUT FIRST CONSULTING THE PEOPLE"= TALMUD [BERAKHOT 55A]**

It is DÉJÀ VU all over again. I am touched and honored that you have once more shown me your confidence and support.

Linda succeeded me four years ago following my first term. I know the Congregation joins me in thanking her for her leadership during the challenging times caused by the Covid pandemic.

I do not take this responsibility lightly. Assuring that our Congregation serves well the needs of its members and of the community is a team effort. It requires not only the efforts of the leadership but all of us.

I know that with your assistance, together we'll continue to make our spiritual home, Congregation Shaara Tfilla, the best that it can be.

Judith Ehrenshaft, President

*From the desk of Sid Gordon*

It is said cemeteries are an important part of the Jewish people. We have certain laws that pertain to how a cemetery should be. To know more, ask our Rabbi. Our cemetery at Congregation Shaara Tfilla is looking very good these days; a painted front fence and lots of other work that is done. We still have more work. Thanks to Al Kasin and the cemetery committee, the work continues. With lots of us, our loved ones and friends are at rest in our cemetery. They can't do the work to make it look nice so we do it for them and ourselves. It is a mitzvah to help when you can. Come and see the cemetery for yourself. You will like what you see.

Shalom- Sid Gordon

*From the Desk of Rabbi Marmon*

Trump's lawyers will argue his innocence (or choose some other strategy) in court, and a jury will decide the case, just as for any other defendant. If the evidence at trial supports his guilt beyond reasonable doubt, he should be convicted; if not, not. But those, from the political echelon down to the trash in neo-Nazi chat rooms, whose argument is simply "how dare anyone indict *this man*" are making an immoral and lawless argument.

2. The Talmud teaches that the First Temple was destroyed because of idolatry, sexual immorality, and bloodshed (not coincidentally, the three sins forbidden to a Jew even at the cost of one's life); but the Second Temple was destroyed because of שנאת חנם, baseless intramural hatred, and from this we should learn that the gravity of baseless hatred is as bad as the three "cardinal sins" combined. (Yoma 9b). Political disputes cannot destroy this country, but political violence can. The attitude that treats other Americans as enemies who must be destroyed, as a greater threat than terrorists or foreign enemies, as having less human value based simply on who they are or what they believe – this is the attitude that can destroy the United States, and that has in fact split the United States into warring factions once before.

3. Apropos of treating fellow citizens as the enemy in a war, I note the recent passing of Pat Robertson. While America has a long, healthy tradition of politics informed by religious values, Robertson was among the leaders of a late 20th Century movement to replace this with a politics subservient to religious dicta (but only of their own religious group, of course). In the process, they imported a certain religious tone to American politics. Specifically, they imported the idea and language that their political opponents were not simply fellow patriots with a different view on certain issues, but were literally in league with the devil. When your opponents are demonic, you can assume they are responsible for murders. When your opponents are demonic, you may assume they are all pedophiles. When your opponents are demonic, every conspiracy theory is believable. And when your opponents are demonic, you don't negotiate compromises with them, you destroy them – even if it takes breaking a few rules, or a few bones, to do it; it's spiritual warfare. So when a sitting congressman tweets about a "war phase" using biblical language, Robertson smiles from his grave.

I pray that over this summer, cooler heads will remember politics informed by religious values, not ruled by religious dicta. I hope the American People will remember to listen to and learn from the values and experiences of religious minorities like the Jewish People, who long ago saw our Temple destroyed and our nation exiled through rabid infighting and baseless hatred. At the conclusion of the Torah Service, the last words we say before the open ark are חד שימינו כקדם, "renew our days as of old." May we choose to live again as one people who resolve our political differences democratically and peacefully. Let us not choose a summer of war and destruction at home. After all, in the words of another man who fully understood what civil war means in this country, "War is Hell."



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SAT  
Jul 1  
12th of Tamuz  
● 9:30am Shabbat Services

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23 5th of Av ● 3pm JCF at Cong Shaara Tfillie ● 7pm JCF at Cong Shaara Tfillie	24 Camp Ramah Sleepover Office Closed 6th of Av ● 7:30am Services	25 7th of Av	26 8th of Av ✳️ Erev Tish'a B'Av ● 7:30pm Services	27 9th of Av ✳️ Tish'a B'Av ● 7:30am Services-No Breakfast	28 Office Closed 10th of Av	29 11th of Av Shabbat Nachamu ● 9:30am Shabbat Services

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