



# The Scroll

## Congregation Shaara Tfile

84 Weibel Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

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### Calendar of Events

#### January

6-Sisterhood Meeting.....4:00pm

11-Congregation Breakfast.....9:30am

13-Board Meeting.....5:30pm

#### February

3-Sisterhood Meeting.....4:00pm

3-Tu Bishvat Seder.....5:30pm

10-Board Meeting.....5:30pm

14-Havdalah, Dinner & Movie.....6:00pm

#### March

2-Megilah Reading & More.....5:00pm

#### Regular Services

Mondays & Thursdays.....7:30am

Saturdays.....9:30am

#### Office Hours

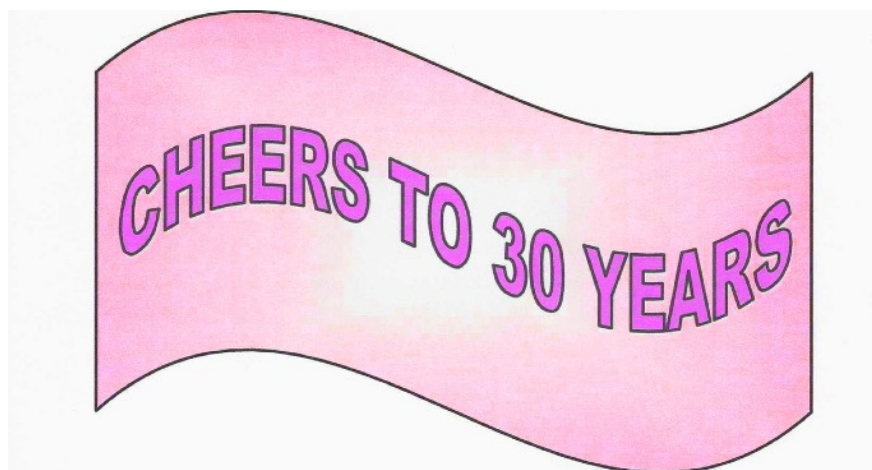
Monday thru Friday.....9:00am-1:00pm

See calendars for temporary office closures, and changes in Hebrew school and adult education.

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

Messages, including rsvp's for weekend events, left on the synagogue answering machine and emails are not checked after 1:00 pm on Friday until the next non-holiday business day. Walk-ins for events will not be accepted to maintain security procedures.

**Save the Date**  
**Sunday, March 8, 2026**  
**2 PM-4 PM**



Please join us on March 8<sup>th</sup> as we come together to honor Carole Leakakos, our beloved and extraordinary office manager, on the occasion of her retirement. After years of dedication, leadership and keeping us organized, it's our turn to celebrate her.

More details to follow, but for now, mark your calendar for this very special day!

**#EndAntisemitism**

On January 27, 2026, we pause to honor International Holocaust Day, reflecting on the lives lost, the resilience of survivors, and the importance of standing against hatred in all its forms



..for 7:30am Monday/  
Thursday minyons 1, 2 or  
more times a month so  
that kaddish can be  
said. Bagels & lox follow  
at about 8:30am.



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*From the Desk of Rabbi Marmon*

**I** was dreaming when I wrote this; forgive me if it goes astray. By the time you read these words, these events may seem distant memories, chased away by once unthinkable circumstances that seem to follow upon one another's heels at breakneck pace lately. Better, I hope it will have been the case that happy occasions have pushed them to far corners of your mind. But as I write, I am still struggling to absorb the cavalcade of calamities compounding upon catastrophes in just the last few days: The murders at Bondi Beach. The murders at Brown University. The murder at MIT. The murders of Rob and Michele Reiner. **ברוך דיין האמת!** Blessed is the True Judge! Can even our Creator comprehend the carnage His creations inflict on themselves?



**O**n the thirtieth of December this year, as our neighbors gear up for a party, we will observe the fast of the Tenth of Tevet. *'Asarah B'Tevet* is one of the four fasts commemorating the *Churban*, the Destruction of the Temple; it marks the date when the Babylonians besieged Jerusalem. Although the *Churban* is still six months away, the encirclement of the city seems to signal that the reckoning proclaimed by the great prophets of The Destruction, chief among them Jeremiah and Ezekiel, has begun. A turning point has been passed. A Rubicon has been crossed. The verdict of true judgment and terrible punishment has been sealed.

**H**as the discourse of discord and division passed a point of no return in our country? Has antisemitism across the world crossed a Rubicon from ugly rhetoric to lethal violence? Can humanity not turn back from the dark path we have set ourselves?

**B**ut as I write, it is Chanukah. On Chanukah, we remember the legend that after their darkest hours, our ancestors lit the Temple menorah when there did not seem to be enough oil to finish the job. And so, we too light a candle. And then two. And then three. Each night, a little more light – until a great miracle happens. We add a tiny, insignificant, insufficient bit of light to the world; a tiny light, but growing a little each day. And soon, slowly, the daylight begins to grow again as well. Every year – so far, at least – the light beats back the darkness, beginning with the tiny lights of our chanukiyot.

**Y**ou see, friends, the message of our prophets was never that we were doomed to destruction. The opposite! The message of our prophets was and is that the time for constructive change is now. As much as our history forewarns us to be aware of and responsive to the dark currents that swirl around us, our tradition entreats us to remain hopeful, to share our light even when it seems clearly insufficient, to stimulate the miracle that brings a new spring every year – so far.

**P.S.** The Mishnah teaches that proper attribution brings redemption; that first line above is a Prince lyric.

**The Board of Congregation Shaara Tfilla****Rabbi**.....Rabbi Boaz Marmon**Board of Directors**

Judith Ehrenshaft.....President

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Religious.....Allan Polacsek

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Cemetery Co-Chair.....Phil Weissman

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Membership Co-Chair.....Linda Bertrand

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IT/Security Liaison.....Bill Leakakos

Sisterhood Liaison.....Judith Ehrenshaft

Men's Club Liaison.....Allan Polacsek

House and Grounds.....Skip Woodcock

Endowment Fund.....Robert Katzman

Scroll.....Michael Fischer

Facebook Liaison.....Deborah Sabin

*Communications*

- E-mail- 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 you have not been receiving weekly messages, please send your email address to the office ([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*

- The Congregation sends out a reminder letter with a memorial candle when you have a yahrzeit for a loved one. Let the office know if you would prefer to not receive candles and/or letters..

*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 for 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 Tfilla 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.

*Services*

- We need you for attendance at one, two or more 7:30am Minyan services on Monday and Thursday.

*Office Hours*

Office hours are 9:00am-1:00pm Monday thru Friday. Please call 518-584-2370 before coming over. The office will be closed on January 1, 2, and 19.

**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.

**Carole's Request:** Email communications to the office and for Scroll submissions are requested to be sent to the synagogue email address at [saratogajcc@albany.twcbc.com](mailto:saratogajcc@albany.twcbc.com). The deadline for Scroll submissions of text is on or before the 10th of the month prior to the next Scroll (i.e. February 10th for the March/April Scroll).

**JANUARY 2026 (Tevet 12 – Shevat 13, 5786)**

JAN	DAY	HEB DATE	MEMBER'S NAME	DECEASED	DECEASED (HEBREW)	REL
1	Th	Tevet 12	Linda Ike Bertrand	Phyllis Laike		A
2	F	13	Leonard Mintzer	Jennie Sherman	Shandl bat Shmuel	GGM
2	F	13	Roberta Mintzer	Jennie Sherman	Shandl bat Shmuel	GM
2	F	13	Judiann Stem	Lorraine Corson		M
3	Sat	14	Felice Karlitz	Nathan Karlitz	Nussan ben Moshe	F
6	T	17	Avram Freedberg	Melvin Freedberg	Moshe ben Shabbtai	U
6	T	17	Carole Leakakos	Ernest Shapiro	Avram Yitzhak ben Mordechai Tzvi	F
6	T	17	Marilyn Shapiro	Ernest Shapiro	Avram Yitzhak ben Mordechai Tzvi	F
7	W	18	David Koss	Max Koss	Mordechai Leib ben Aaron	F
9	F	20	Jay Goldman	Mae Goldman	Mara bat Shlomo	M
9	F	20	Sondra Silverhart	Mae Goldman	Mara bat Shlomo	M
12	M	23	Lary Opitz	Eleanor Opitz		M
14	W	25	Diane White	Alex White		F
15	Th	26	Lorraine Hammer	Shirley Hochberg	Shara Gitt bat Chaim	M
15	Th	26	Dede Hirsch	Lori Burbank	Leah Surah bat Chaim Avrom	S/D
15	Th	26	Allen Kasin	Joseph Kasin	Yosef ben Shlomo	F
21	W	3	Howard Stark	Molly Stark		M
23	F	5	Seth Rosner	Jonathan Rosner		B
24	Sat	6	Steven Hammer	Claire Hammer	Chana bat Avraham	M
25	Sun	7	Steven Hammer	William Hammer		F
25	Sun	7	Dede Hirsch	Howard Hirsch		H
27	T	9	Allan Polacsek	Otto Silverhart	Asher ben Zalman	U
27	T	9	Sondra Silverhart	Otto Silverhart	Asher ben Zalman	B/L
27	T	9	Judy Singer	Abraham Singer	Avraham ben Itamar	F/L
28	W	10	Sondra Silverhart	David Silverhart		H
29	Th	11	Dede Hirsch	Phyllis Acerra	Peta Leah bat Idis	S/L
30	F	12	Sondra Silverhart	Peter Silverhart	Nacham ben Dovid	Son

**FEBRUARY 2026 (Shevat 14 – Adar 11, 5786)**

FEB	DAY	HEB DATE	MEMBER'S NAME	DECEASED	DECEASED (HEBREW)	REL
4	W	Shevat 17	Susan Edwards	Sonia Britt		GM
6	F	19	Leonard Mintzer	Charles Mintzer		F
6	F	19	Leonard Mintzer	Julius Mintzer	Gedalia ben Aria	GF
6	F	19	Roberta Mintzer	Charles Mintzer		H
6	F	19	Roberta Mintzer	Julius Mintzer	Gedalia ben Aria	F/L
6	F	19	Jack Mintzer	Julius Mintzer	Gedalia ben Aria	GF
6	F	19	Stuart Mintzer	Julius Mintzer	Gedalia ben Aria	GF
6	F	19	Loretta Ostrov	Julius Mintzer	Gedalia ben Aria	GF
6	F	19	Shirley Schultz	Isadore Schultz		F
6	F	19	Eileen Woodcock	Julius Mintzer	Gedalia ben Aria	GF
7	Sat	20	Dede Hirsch	Paul Hirsch	Pesach	F/L
8	Sun	21	Jerry Grodin	Betty Grodin		M
9	M	22	Michael Messinger	Harold Messinger	Chanan ben Osher Yitzhak ha Levi	F
10	T	23	Mitchell Frost	Murray Frost		F
14	Sat	27	Avram Freedberg	Stanley Freedberg	Shimon Tzvi ben Shabbtai	U
14	Sat	27	David Koss	Ruth Koss	Rachel bat Shmuel	M
14	Sat	27	Irving Metzger	Lee Metzger		M
16	M	29	Susan Frost	Annette Reeder		M
17	T	30	Allan and Carole Polacsek	Pamela Polacsek		D
18	W	Adar 1	Seth Rosner	Rosalind R. Rosner		Step M
19	Th	2	Shirley Schultz	Ray Schultz		M
22	Sun	5	Marilyn Phillips	Nathan Nonkin	Natan	F
23	M	6	Joyce Sherster	Nathaniel Sherster		F
24	T	7	Rhoda Freedberg	Sidney Bernstein	Shaul ben Moshe	F
25	W	8	Richard Chait	Samuel Chait		F
25	W	8	Dorothy Deutsch	Ernest Deutsch	Nussan	F/L
25	W	8	Sharon Dunn	Irving Dunn		F
27	F	10	Felice Karlitz	Freida Karlitz		M
27	F	10	Piper Lutbak	Ray Perlman		M

Congregation Shaara Tfilie would like to send its deepest sympathy to Susan Greenbaum on the recent passing of her husband, long-time congregant, dear friend and board member Joseph Greenbaum. He will be missed by many.

Congregation Shaara Tfilie would like to send its deepest condolences to Cynthia Flax on the recent passing of her beloved mother, Maria Rueda.

Congregation Shaara Tfilie extends its heartfelt condolences to Vivian Greenberg and Edward Greenberg on the passing of their beloved husband and father, long time congregant, Mort Greenberg.



## *Contributions*

### **Memorial Candles**

- Rhoda and Avram Freedberg in memory of Rashe Altman Padell
- Rhoda and Avram Freedberg in memory of Sam Freedberg
- Rhoda and Avram Freedberg in memory of George Freedberg
- Loretta and Arthur Ostrov in memory of their loved ones
- Terry Weinstein in memory of Sarah Weinstein
- Judy Zassenhaus in memory of Charles Zelikofsky
- Judy Zassenhaus in memory of Selma Berkowitz
- Judy Zassenhaus in memory of Jack Berkowitz
- Marcia Snyder in memory of Marvin Snyder
- Jack Mintzer and Adena Wirkerman in memory of Milton Mintzer
- Sharon Dunn and Harvey Zirofsky in memory of Jack Zirofsky
- Linda Bertrand in memory of Murray Ike
- Linda Bertrand in memory of Florence Ike
- Patricia Bruder in memory of William Sedutto
- Dianna and Eugene Nachamkin in memory of Shirley Nachamkin
- Dianna and Eugene Nachamkin in memory of Zelik Nachamkin
- Dianna and Eugene Nachamkin in memory of Eleanor Rosenblum
- Ellen Messing in memory of Lillian Rosenblatt
- Ellen Messing in memory of Elias Rosenblatt
- Ellen Messing in memory of Abe Messing
- Judy Zassenhaus in memory of Shirley Lavine
- Carol Anne and Richard Chait in memory of Helen Pies
- Jack Mintzer and Adena Wirkerman in memory of Walter Levy
- Judith Ehrenshaft in memory of Lewis Ehrenshaft
- Judith Ehrenshaft in memory of Roman Chudy
- Felice Karlitz and Jerry Grodin in memory of George Grodin
- Carole and Allan Polacsek in memory of Marcia Metzger
- Carole and Allan Polacsek in memory of Beatrice Kaspin
- Ruth and Charles Weintraub in memory of Meyer Weintraub
- Fran and Howard Zuckerman in memory of Mary Zuckerman

### **Contributions**

- MaryLou and Warren Weil a morning Minyan contribution
- Carole and Allan Polacsek in memory of Joseph Greenbaum
- Carole and Bill Leakakos in memory of Joseph Greenbaum
- Michael Fischer in memory of Joseph Greenbaum
- Patricia Bruder in memory of Joseph Greenbaum
- Patricia Bruder wishing Barbie Kahn continued good health
- Carole and Allan Polacsek wishing Barbie Kahn a speedy recovery

- Michael Fischer wishing Barbie Kahn speedy recoveries
- Rhoda and Avram Freedberg in honor of Judith Ehrenshaft
- Rhoda and Avram Freedberg in honor of Linda Bertrand
- Rhoda and Avram Freedberg in honor of Barbie and Andy Kahn
- Rhoda and Avram Freedberg in honor of Carole and Allan Polacsek
- Rhoda and Avram Freedberg in honor of Eileen and Skip Woodcock
- Rhoda and Avram Freedberg in honor of Lawrence Paltrowitz
- Allan Littell
- Lynn and Harvey Kalish

### **In Honor of Allan Polacsek's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

- Ellen and Joel Henkin
- Judith Ehrenshaft and Seth Rosner
- Barbara and Lary Opitz
- Deborah Feit
- Rob Russell
- Josephine Feit
- Michael Fischer

### **Mitzvah Club 2025-2026**

- Anonymous
- Linda Bertrand and Bert Isen
- Richard and Jill Boehler
- Patricia Bruder
- Steven and Carol Chudy/The Chudy Family Trust
- Sharon Dunn and Harvey Zirofsky
- Judith Ehrenshaft and Seth Rosner
- Michael Fischer
- Rhoda and Avram Freedberg
- Samuel and Roberta Gottesman
- Steven and Lorraine Hammer
- Judith and Martin Kaplan
- Bunny and Allen Kasin
- Allan Littell
- Diane White and Ted Orosz
- Bobi Baruch and Jerome Ostrov
- J. Lawrence Paltrowitz/PAL'S ALLIANCE, LTD.
- Carole and Allan Polacsek in memory of Pamela Polacsek
- Ronni and Lester Rosenberg
- Joyce Sherster
- Bernard Singer
- Kim and Matt Stein

A new Tree Leaf has been added  
to our Tree of Recognition in  
honor of the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of  
Allan Polacsek by Ray and  
Lauren Polacsek Heath

We would like to thank Joyce Sherster  
for underwriting the cost of our new  
Cemetery Reflection Garden honoring  
the Sherster and Link families. We  
sincerely appreciate her generosity.

## Mazel Tov

### January Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 01 Skip & Eileen Woodcock
- 02 David Zwack
- 05 Harold Flax
- 06 Seth Rosner
- 13 J. Lawrence Paltrowitz
- 14 Josef Solomon
- 17 Carol Anne Chait
- 22 Harold & Cynthia Flax

- 23 Rachel Baum
- 23 Dora Sultan
- 28 Gabe Stein

### February Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 03 Tess Pollinger
- 14 Faith McCullen
- 15 Ali & Mark Doyle
- 24 Irving Metzger
- 26 Kim Stein

**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

2025 – 2026 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 \$43,400**

**New Names will be included in the March/April addition of the Scroll and will be in Bold Print**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeffrey and Naomi Allen</li> <li>• Anonymous</li> <li>• <b>Edward Balaban</b></li> <li>• Maxine Baron</li> <li>• Rachel Baum</li> <li>• Linda Bertrand and Bert Isen</li> <li>• Richard and Jill Boehler</li> <li>• Patricia Bruder</li> <li>• <b>Richard and Carol Anne Chait</b></li> <li>• <b>Zachary and Talia Chapman</b></li> <li>• Steven and Carol Chudy/</li> <li>• The Chudy Family Trust</li> <li>• Dan Cohen</li> <li>• <b>Helen Cooper</b></li> <li>• <b>Sara Cooper</b></li> <li>• Ali and Mark Doyle</li> <li>• Sharon Dunn and Harvey Zirotsky</li> <li>• Judith Ehrenshaft and Seth Rosner</li> <li>• Inna Erlikh</li> <li>• Michael Fischer</li> <li>• <b>Mitchell and Susan Frost</b></li> <li>• Stuart Ginsburg</li> <li>• Jay Goldman</li> <li>• <b>Lawrence Golub</b></li> <li>• Samuel and Roberta Gottesman</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edward Greenberg</li> <li>• Mort and Vivian Greenberg</li> <li>• <b>Jerold Grodin and Felice Karlitz</b></li> <li>• Leah Hallow</li> <li>• Steven and Lorraine Hammer</li> <li>• Michele Herman</li> <li>• Dede Hirsch</li> <li>• <b>Mel Ikler</b></li> <li>• Jerry and Jeri Jannicelli</li> <li>• Josh Jonas and Jill Morrison</li> <li>• Andrew and Barbie Kahn</li> <li>• Martin and Judith Kaplan</li> <li>• Allen and Bunny Kasin</li> <li>• Wilma and David Koss</li> <li>• William and Carole Leakakos</li> <li>• Allan Littell</li> <li>• Piper Lutbak</li> <li>• Milli Macy and Elizabeth Macy</li> <li>• Nathan and Jessica McCullen</li> <li>• <b>Ellen Messing</b></li> <li>• Michael Messinger</li> <li>• Stuart Mintzer and Carol Moore</li> <li>• Lary and Barbara Opitz</li> <li>• Martin Oppenheim</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ted Orosz and Diane White</li> <li>• Jerome Ostrov and Bobi Baruch</li> <li>• <b>J. Lawrenze Paltrowitz/PAL'S Alliance, LTD</b></li> <li>• Allan and Carole Polacsek in loving memory of Pamela Polacsek</li> <li>• Ken and Susi Ritzenberg</li> <li>• Francine and Marc Robin</li> <li>• Lester and Ronni Rosenberg</li> <li>• Deborah Sabin</li> <li>• BJ Sanders</li> <li>• Garry Sanders</li> <li>• Ken Sider</li> <li>• Sondra Silverhart</li> <li>• Bernard Singer</li> <li>• Matt and Kim Stein</li> <li>• Judiann Stern</li> <li>• <b>Abraham and Angie Sultan</b></li> <li>• Marc and Randy Treiber</li> <li>• <b>Warren and MaryLou Weil</b></li> <li>• Susan and Philip Weissman</li> <li>• Skip and Eileen Woodcock</li> <li>• <b>Judy Zassenhaus</b></li> </ul> |
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Please join us on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am for a Synagogue breakfast prepared by our Men's club. We need your RSVP by Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Please leave your name and how many people will be attending on the office phone, 518-584-2370. The cost is \$10 per person to defray costs.



### Save the Date!

Tuesday February 3rd at 5:30pm- Tu  
B'shevat Seder



-Details to follow-

### Looking Ahead

Join us on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> for our Purim Megillah Reading.



We will start the evening with games for our families at 5:00 pm, a light dairy dinner at 5:30 pm and the Megillah reading at 6:30 pm. There is no cost for the dinner, but we ask that you RSVP to the office if you will be joining us, so that we can prepare accordingly.



**Join us on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> for our Valentine's Day get together.**



We will begin at 6:00 pm for a Havdalah service followed by a vegetarian chili dinner and a movie. The cost is \$10.00 for everyone 13 years and older.

We need your RSVP by Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, by calling the office, 518-584-2370. We are unable to accept walk-ins, so kindly plan ahead and register in advance.



### Sisterhood Food Drive



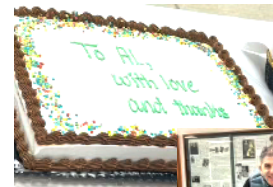
Through your kindness we delivered 113 bags of nonperishable food, milk, eggs, and essential personal hygiene items. You brought nourishment to families in need. Your tikkun olam - repairing the world - truly made a difference.



**Thank you! - Judith Ehrenshaft, President**

What an incredible response! With deep gratitude, thank you for your extraordinary generosity in supporting the emergency food drive for the Mechanicville Community

### Honoring Al Kasin For His Many Years as Cemetery Chairperson



### The End of an Era of Fund Raising

Bingo and Pull Tabs were a major fund raiser for many years, even prior to the construction of our current building. It continued to pay for the large mortgage needed to fund construction costs, even after many generous donations. The last game was in March 2020, the beginning of the covid pandemic. It never restarted because of remaining health and increased physical security concerns, and a decreased number of committed volunteers.

All (30 year old) Bingo equipment was removed, at no cost, in one December day, by a bingo supply company in the Syracuse area.

Many thanks go to all the bingo, pull tab, administration, supply purchase, egg boilers and sandwich maker volunteers of Congregation Sharra Tfilie - current and those no longer with us.





# 2026 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**  
**Monday, February 23rd**

**Drivers Needed**  
**Beginning Tuesday, February 24th**



**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 **by February 18, 2026** , to:  
Congregation Shaara Tfilla, 84 Weibel Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

## 65 Phila Street - All's Well That Ends Well

-From the Desk of Dick Chait-

**W**ith strong roots to Saratoga's 1800s Jewish community, the Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation several years ago recognized the importance of saving 65 Phila Street from demolition. As noted in previous Scroll articles, it purchased the house and organized a community response in early 2020s to start the repair of the exterior and interior to get it ready to be put on the market. The effort has paid off. The house was sold in September, 2025. See the photos for front and side views of the house as well as a closeup of the historic-house 1851 plaque near the front door.




**I**t was very good news to hear that 65 Phila will have a permanent occupant. Ms Cecilia Bette is that occupant. When interviewed, the new owner seemed to be very aware of the house's history and the role it played in providing accommodations to Jewish visitors to Saratoga during years gone by. After seeing her comments, it's a good feeling to know that an important piece of Jewish history in Saratoga Springs is in good hands.

**In summary, "All's well that ends well" says it all.**







# January 2026

THU Jan 1	FRI 2	SAT 3
Office Closed 12th of Tevet New Year's Day 7:30am Services	13th of Tevet	14th of Tevet 9:30am Shabbat Services
19th of Tevet 7:30am Services	20th of Tevet	21st of Tevet 9:30am Shabbat Services
26th of Tevet 7:30am Services 4pm Adult Ed 5:30pm Hebrew School	27th of Tevet	28th of Tevet 9:30am Shabbat Services
4th of Sh'vat 7:30am Services 4pm Adult Ed 5:30pm Hebrew School	5th of Sh'vat	6th of Sh'vat 9:30am Shabbat Services
11th of Sh'vat 7:30am Services 4pm Adult Ed 5:30pm Hebrew School	12th of Sh'vat	13th of Sh'vat Shabbat Shirah 9:30am Shabbat Services
15th of Tevet	16th of Tevet 7:30am Services	17th of Tevet 4pm Sisterhood
22nd of Tevet 9:30am Congregation Breakfast 	23rd of Tevet 7:30am Services	24th of Tevet 5:30pm Board Meeting 5:30pm Hebrew School
29th of Tevet	1st of Sh'vat, 5786 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat 7:30am Services	2nd of Sh'vat 5:30pm Hebrew School
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