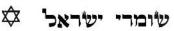
CONGREGATION SCHOMRE ISRAEL Bulletin

CONGREGATION SCHOOLED ISRAEL

Rabbi Eliezer Langer

Established 1888



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January - February 2019

24 Tevet - 23 Adar I 5779

Message From the Rabbi



Dear Schomre Israel Family,

Many years ago I saw a fascinating episode of the Twilight Zone. As I remember it, a farm couple had an alien visitor whom they hosted and extended all courtesies. The guest wanted to reciprocate and use his unearthly powers to grant the housewife her expressed desire. The housewife in doing her many tasks had often said, "if only I

had another set of hands...". Lo and behold the visitor granted her wish and she now had her "desire" fulfilled.

A wise man said that there are three things for which we pray, but when they finally arrive we have difficulty dealing with and accepting them. We pray for rain, old age, and the truth. When the rain comes people say why did it have to come today why not another day, why not at night, why not at a more convenient time and place? When blessed with old age, we may start to experience the weakening of our bodies and inability to do all the things we used to be able to do, along the other infirmities of the "golden years". Likewise, we say we want the truth, but what happens when we are actually confronted with it. I'm not referring to a wife who asks her husband how do I look in this dress - does it make me look fat?

What he meant was what about the serious discussions about truth. What happens after 120 years when we leave this world. What has been the purpose of my existence, what did I receive from my ancestors and what am I leaving behind. I never wished for an extra set of arms, what I did wish for was a house without a mortgage, no need to go into work every morning, enough money to do the things that I wanted to do.

Jewish tradition teaches us that there are a number of questions that we were asked when we come before the heavenly throne after 120 years. Were you honest in business, did you set aside time for Torah study, were you involved in family, did you hope for the Mashiach?

For many of us, this might be the time when we can actually use our financial security and available time as we choose, and direct our energies to be able to answer those questions of truth in truth with a resounding YES we fulfilled our goal. Make a daily time to study some aspect of Torah, increase your attendance and participation in valuable, meaningful activities and give your family the heritage of Jewish living through acts of charity extended beyond your immediate family.

Rabbi Eliezer Langer

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2019

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DATE	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING	MINCHA	<u>TORAH</u> <u>PORTION</u>	SHABBAT ENDS
Jan. 04	4:20 PM	4:20 PM	Va'era	5:21 PM
Jan. 11	4:27 PM	4:30 PM	Во	5:28 PM
Jan. 18	4:35 PM	4:40 PM	Beshalach	5:37 PM
Jan. 25	4:43 PM	4:50 PM	Yitro	5:45 PM
Feb. 01	4:52 PM	5:00 PM	Mishpatim	5:54 PM
Feb. 08	5:01 PM	5:05 PM	Terumah	6:03 PM
Feb. 15	5:10 PM	5:15 PM	Tetzaveh	6:12 PM
Feb. 22	5:19 PM	5:20 PM	Ki Tisa	6:20 PM
Mar. 01	5:27 PM	5:30 PM	Vayakhel (Shabbat Shekalim)	6:29 PM
Mar. 08	5:35 PM	5:40 PM	Pekude	6:37 PM
Mar. 15	6:43 PM	6:50 PM	Vayikra (Shabbat Zachor)	7:45 PM



Dates to remember . . .

January 6 Begin Baking Hamantaschen

January 7 Board Meeting

January 21 Tu B'Shevat

February 4 Board Meeting

March 4 Board Meeting

March 10 Hamantaschen pickup (noon - 2:00 PM) / Daylight Savings

March 20 - 21 Purim - see page 5 for schedule

March 21 Purim Dinner RSVP REQUIRED BY 3/07/19 - see page 6 for details



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TORAH STUDIES

Everyone is invited to attend Rabbi Langer's classes...

Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM

Jan. 01	No Class
Jan. 08	What is A Miracle?
Jan. 15	Is Man a Tree?
Jan. 22	Contradictions in the Two Sets of Tablets
Jan. 29	Hammurabi and Abraham
Feb. 05	Jewish Tales
Feb. 12	Where is Waldo?
Feb. 19	A Little Purim
Feb. 26	Money Changers in the Temple
Mar. 05	A Picture Is Worth A Thousand Words

Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM

Jan. 03	Kosher Drinking
Jan. 10	Fathering a Child After Death
Jan. 17	Artificial Insemination for an Unmarried Women
Jan. 24	Rescuing Those Who Put Themselves in Danger
Jan. 31	The Insanity Defense
Feb. 07	Vaccinations - What Happened in Monsey?
Feb. 14	Marijuana in Halacha
Feb. 21	Music in Halacha
Feb. 28	Blue Tzitzis
Mar. 07	Are We Moonies?

Chair Yoga Class for Seniors

The shul continues to offer weekly classes in Chair Yoga, taught by Toni Farkas, classes take place on Monday from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM. The class is open to the community and there is a nominal fee of \$5.00 per class.



SAVE THE DATE . . . Saturday Night at the Movies continues... January 19 at 7:00 PM February 16 at 7:00 PM March 16 at 7:00 PM SUGGESTED DONATION \$5 PER PERSON

Tu B'Shevat (15th of Shevat)

Tu B'Shevat (the New Year for the trees) falls on Monday, January 21, 2019. At this time of the year in Israel, winter has just passed and the sap is beginning to fill the trees with the promise of spring. It is the time of year which was appropriately fixed for computing the annual tithes of fruit, but its significance today is entirely as a nature festival which expresses the close ties binding Israel to the Holy Land. It is called "Chamisha Asar B'Shevat" and "Rosh Hashanah Lailanot" (New Year for the Trees). It is customary to eat various fruits on the festival, and to plant trees and other plants.

http://www.israeltrees.org/farmers/?a=mizrachi-farmers or http://usa.jnf.org/jnf-tree-planting-center/



A request from The Jewish Social Action Committee...

Helping at Morse School Library

We are looking for volunteers to help in the library for 2 hour slots on either Mondays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays. The sign up process is easy and online at the following address:

morsevolunteers.org. Your help is welcome once a week, once a month or whenever you can come. If you find you are unable to make a date for which you signed up, you can use the site to cancel. Any new volunteers will be oriented to the tasks. If you are interested in reading to the children you can discuss this with the librarian who will be in the library on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

PURIM INFORMATION

- 1. **Purpose:** Purim is celebrated in commemoration of the deliverance of the Jews in Persia from the hands of Haman, the King's officer, who plotted their death. The events narrated in the Book of Esther took place in the middle of the fifth century B.C.E.
- 2. Date: The 14^{th} of Adar. The 15^{th} of Adar is known as Shushan Purim since in the capital, Shushan, the Jews had to defend themselves against their enemies on the 14^{th} and celebrated the Festival a day later.
- 3. Name: It is called Purim from the word '*Pur'* which means "lot" and refers to the evil machinations of Haman who cast lots to determine on which day he should arrange for the slaughter of the Jews of Persia.

4. Observance:

- (a) In the Synagogue: On the eve of Purim and on Purim morning the Book of Esther is chanted to a special melody. At the mention of Haman the children stamp their feet or turn their "graggers" (noisemakers) in derision of the name of the arch enemy. Three-cornered Purim pastries (Hamentashen) are served.
- (b) In the Home: Being a joyful Festival, Purim is the occasion for parties and celebrations. A festive meal, Seudah, is the occasion for a happy family gathering. Charity is distributed and there is an interchange of gifts, particularly food gifts, between friends and neighbors. It might be noted that the character of Purim is really unique and quite unlike other festivals in the spirit of its observance. There is a deliberate absence of the solemn and highly spiritual character which dominates in other festivals. Purim is observed rather in a mood of sanctioned frivolity. From days of old, masques and parades and even bonfires have been elements in the day's festival program. Purim was kept as a carnival day. In modern times something of its spirit is found in the Purim parades and carnivals in Israel.

Purim Timetable				
Mincha 6:40 P.M. / Maariv and Megillah Reading 7:30 P.M. Refreshments will be served after the Megillah Reading.				
Purim Day - Thursday, March 21 st . Morning Service and Megillah Reading 7:00 A.M. Second Megillah Reading 5:30 P.M. Purim Dinner RSVP and payment required (SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS)				



You are cordially invited

to a

PURIM DINNER

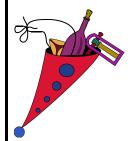
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THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019

following 5:30 P.M. Services



NOW ACCEPTING RESERVATIONS



ADULTS \$36.00

CHILDREN ages 3-12 \$15.00

✓ GREAT FOOD

✓ FUN

✓ COSTUMES

RSVP REQUIRED BY 03/07/19 845.454.2890 OR

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Absolutely **no** reservations will be taken after March 7, 2019

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Gift Card Order Form

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STORE	QTY	Total
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Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00		\$
Best Buy® \$25.00		\$
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CVS/pharmacy \$25.00		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$10.00		\$
GameStop \$25.00		\$
Gap \$25.00		\$
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Macy's \$25.00		\$
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Michaels \$25.00		\$
Overstock.com \$25.00		\$

STORE	QTY	Total
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Price Chopper \$25.00		\$
Regal Entertainment Group \$10.00		\$
Regal Entertainment Group \$25.00		\$
Rite Aid \$25.00		\$
Sears \$25.00		\$
ShopRite \$100.00		\$
ShopRite \$25.00		\$
Staples \$100.00		\$
Staples \$25.00		\$
Starbucks \$10.00		\$
Starbucks \$25.00		\$
Stop & Shop \$100.00		\$
Stop & Shop \$50.00		\$
Target \$25.00		\$
The Home Depot \$100.00		\$
The Home Depot \$25.00		\$
Walgreens \$100.00		\$
Walgreens \$25.00		\$
Walmart \$25.00		\$
Whole Foods Market \$25.00		\$

TOTAL

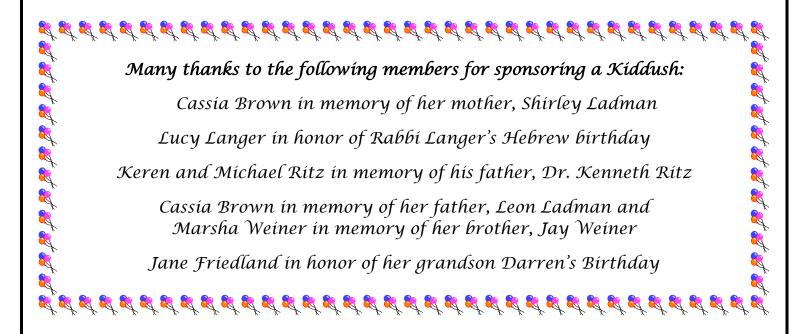
SISTERHOOD NEWS



HAMENTASCHEN BAKING

We will begin our hamentaschen baking on January 6th. Anyone who wants to help with this project is welcome. Call Roberta Grosman, 471.5105, and tell her you want to join us. It is easy and you can learn in one lesson. You can roll, fill, pinch, or check the ovens! Join the crew on Sunday mornings. It is a lot of fun.

KIDDUSH Sisterhood is asking for help to defray the costs of our regular weekly Kiddush. We are asking members to sponsor a regular Kiddush for \$35. A special Kiddush is also available. If you wish to sponsor a Kiddush, call Roberta Grosman, 471.5105 or Cassia Brown, 452.8317.



GIFT SHOP

We have some new items in our Gift Shop. Take a moment to look at our display case. If you need a housewarming gift, shower gift, wedding gift, graduation or birthday gift, check out what the Gift Shop has to offer. Our Gift Shop Sale of 15% off continues through March on all in-stock items. It might be time to replace some of the mezuzahs in your home, so please come in and check out what we have.

GOLDEN BOOK CARDS

If you wish to send a Gold card (\$3.00, payable to Schomre Sisterhood) or a Shrubbery Card (\$5.00, payable to Congregation Schomre Israel) please call, Marcia Fishman, at 471.1241 between 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm (no business during Shabbat). Send payments to the synagogue: Attention; Marcia Fishman/Cards. It is easy to do and everyone appreciates receiving a card. They are appropriate for mitzvot, condolences, get well, etc.

SISTERHOOD NUMBERS:

Hinda Baum (Cemetery) - 227.5651 Cassia Brown (Calendar, Mikvah, Rummage, Kiddush Planning) - 452.8317 Marcia Fishman (Golden Book Cards, Shrubbery Cards) - 471.1241 Roberta Grosman (Bingo, Gift Shop, Kiddush Planning) - 471.5105

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THIRTY-SIXTH HAMANTASHEN SALE

Schomre Israel Sisterhood of Poughkeepsie will once again be selling delicious Kosher, Pareve *HAMANTASCHEN* in time for PURIM. The *Hamantashen* are available with **Prune**, **Poppy Seed**, **Raspberry**, **Apricot**, **and Chocolate fillings. The cost is \$14.00 per dozen and \$10.00 per half dozen**. These hamantaschen will be available for <u>pickup on *SUNDAY*</u>, <u>March 10</u>, <u>2019</u> at the Synagogue, 18 Park Avenue between 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM. Special arrangements for pickup can be made.

REMEMBER "PURIM" IS MARCH 21, 2019. All orders MUST be Prepaid by February 27th.

In the past thirty-five years of our sale, we have supplied numerous Poughkeepsie area households and local and out of state organizations with *Hamantashen*, as well as providing the patients in local hospitals and nursing homes with this traditional Purim food. We will fill both large and small orders. Orders can be filled for Sunday Schools, Sisterhood meetings, etc.

We are also making <u>Shaloch Manot Baskets</u> which contain *Hamantash*, candy, nuts, fruit, and a beverage. **The cost is \$22.00**. If you wish the basket or just *Hamantash* mailed, there is a **\$14.00 shipping charge**.

To order your hamantashen, please fill out the form below and mail back. To avoid missing out on your favorite flavors remember to send in your orders early. For more information: **rgrosman@aol.com.**

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MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO SCHOMRE ISRAEL:

In honor of Irving Baum's special birthday
Judy and David Levine.

In memory of Ed "Bernie" Bernstein
Roberta and Len Grosman
Natalie and Ron Markowitz
Rose, Brion and Joshua Shapiro.

In honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Judy and David Levine

Sue and Bruce Bergman Elizabeth and Stephen Miller.

In memory of her father, Morris Danto Rita and Walter Meier.

Wishing Marcia Fishman a speedy recovery

Rita Abdoo

Phyllis and Bob Goldstein Roberta and Len Grosman Evelyn and Dave Horowitz Natalie and Ron Markowitz Rose, Brion and Joshua Shapiro.

In memory of his mother, Brycha Karchevskaya
Arnold Stavissky.

In memory of her Saul Pollack
Judith Greenman.

In memory of her beloved husband, Sidney Dorothy Osofsky.

In memory of...

- their dear friend, Leonard Eisner
- their beloved Rabbi, Eric Kaye
 Rose, Brion and Joshua Shapiro.

In memory of his dear grandfather, Larry Shapiro Joshua Shapiro.

In memory of his beloved grandmother, Tillie Chick and his sister, Susan Smith

Meri Yallowitz and Jeffrey Chick.

In joyous celebration and honor of the marriage of Racheli Schulman, granddaughter of Lucy and Rabbi Langer, and Chezki Botwinick.

Debbie and Joel Tendler.

In honor of...

 Cassia Brown, Roberta Grosman, Natalie Markowitz, Ellie Korfman, Linda Skolnik, Sharon Warren, and all those who work to make Schomre Israel Sisterhood such a successful arm of the shul

In memory of their family and friends...

- Zisal Halpern
- Lena Horowitz
- Meyer Horowitz
- Leo Kessler
- Martha Kessler

Evelyn and Dave Horowitz.

GOLDEN BOOK CARDS WERE SENT TO:

Arline Bernstein - In memory of her husband Eddie

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Sisterhood

Roberta & Len Grosman

Ros Fox

Natalie & Ron Markowitz

Marcia Fishman & Jeff Fishman

Linda Skolnik

Bea Davis

Olga Dalshiem

Donna Loshin

Marilyn Worona

Phyllis & Sam Wexler

Jackie Solomon.

Barbara & Irwin Lifshey have made a donation for 10 Gold Cards.

Ellie & Marty Korfman - Wishing you a Happy Anniversary

Phyllis & Sam Wexler.

Bess Kaye - Mazel Tov Evelyn & David Horowitz.

Ros Fox - In memory of Stan Fox Evelyn & David Horowitz.

The Rosenfeld Family - In memory of their Mother Gladys

The congregation of Schomre Israel Sisterhood

Marcia Fishman.

GOLDEN BOOK CARDS continued:

In memory of Marty's sister Laura Stein Marty & Ellie Korfman.

Myra Stoner - In memory of her mother Shirley Koffman

Marcia Fishman.

Lucy & Rabbi Langer - Mazel Tov on the marriage of your granddaughter

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Ros Fox

Natalie & Ron Markowitz

Marcia Fishman

Linda Skolnik

Phyllis & Sam Wexler

Jane Friedland

Ellie & Marty Korfman

Evelyn & David Horowitz.

Brion Shapiro - In memory of his sister's passing Ellie & Marty Korfman.

Arline Bernstein - In memory of her husband Eddie's passing

Ellie & Marty Korfman.

Michelle & Lee Klein - Our best wishes on your anniversary

Ellie & Marty Korfman.

Matthew Bernstein - Congratulations grandson on your graduation & acceptance to Brandeis University

Ellie & Marty Korfman.

Marcia Fishman - Get well wishes Ellie & Marty Korfman.

SHRUBBERY CARDS WERE SENT TO:

Judy & David Levine - In honor of their 50th Anniversary

Jeffrey Fishman & Marcia Fishman.

Arline Bernstein - In memory of her husband Eddie Bernstein

Evelyn & David Horowitz.

We received a note...

Thank you to Rabbi Langer and the congregation for all of your prayers, good wishes and support during my recent surgery and recovery. I am most grateful for the outcome.

Marcía Fishman

A reminder...

You can support the Shul by purchasing:

Chair Plaque	\$175
	\$275 \$300
Apple/Acorn Crested Apple	\$175 \$550 \$750 \$750 \$950 \$950
Siddur	\$60
Chumash	\$60
Mezuza Parchment	\$50
Shrubbery Card (payable to: Schomre)	\$5
Golden Card (payable to: Sisterhood	\$3

IN HONOR OF or IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE.

Other options...

- Gift Cards (scrip)
 (see page 7 for cards available)
- On-Line Shopping (amazon, Goodshop, Artscroll) through our website under the "Support Us" menu item.

YAHRZEITS FOR JANUARY 2019

- 07 Edith Blatt
- 08 William Feureisen
- 09 Helene Ben Ezra Sylvia Blatt
- 11 David Krakower
- 14 Morris Lubowsky
- 15 Leo Caston
- 17 Lillie Levine
- 18 Arthur Mendel
- 19 Bracha Nussbaum
- 22 Celia Danto Florence Levy
- 23 Reyna Wachs
- 26 Ruth Goldberg
 William Horowitz
- 29 Yaakov Mallott Jake Nussbaum
- 30 Ivan Miller

YAHRZEITS FOR FEBRUARY 2019

- 03 Harry Berman
- 04 Freida Horowiz
- 05 Morris May
- 07 Stuart Fox
- 11 Freida Koenig
- 12 Ann Chick
- 14 Murray Gamberg
- 17 Abraham Krakower
- 20 Pearl Schreibman
- 24 Zmira Langer
- 25 Walter Hering
- 26 Millie Davis
 Gladys Schechter
- 27 Sophie Levine
 Elizabeth Schwartz
- 28 Fruma Fox

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences are extended to Arline Bernstein, on the loss of her beloved husband, Ed "Bernie" Bernstein.

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Our sincere condolences are extended to the family of Gladys Rosenfeld on her passing.



