

CONGREGATION SCHOMRE ISRAEL

Bulletin

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Message From the Rabbi



They¹ say, that the Land of Israel, just like the soul, is composed of the four basic elements: Yerushalayim of fire, Tzefat of air, Tiveria of water and Chevron of Earth. And of course, Tel Aviv is Israel's animalistic soul.

When one visits, he can appreciate the wisdom of this saying. As one walks through the narrow walkways of Tzefat, as he mingles amongst the artist studios, while hearing the discussions of the Zohar emanating from the windows of the ancient shuls, his soul becomes enveloped with Tzefat's air and spirituality. As he stands in the Kabbalist neighborhood, overlooking the surrounding mountains, winds wisping through his hair his heart flows with love for Hashem. This develops into a deep yearning to connect to Him, coupled with a strong desire to understand His teachings. Tzefat truly is composed of air.

Tiveria, nestled over the Kineret Lake and the mouth of the Jordan River, is flowing with water. Reflecting over the Kineret one can actually visualize the tide imbued with the life essence of water. The need to flow - the necessity of not remaining stagnant - to always grow in spirituality starts pulsing through one's blood. To live and to give life to others², to bring joy to others, so their lives as well can sparkle and ripple with happiness and bliss. As one immerses himself in Tiveria's heartland,³ he can feel the life force of water flowing through her hills.

No trip to Israel can be complete without going down to Chevron and entering the Mearas Hamachpela, the burial place of our Patriarchs and Matriarchs. As one mingles amongst the gathering of our brothers and sisters in prayer and awe –their children from all walks of life - one's mind fills with appreciation and pride of where we originate from, from which towers we were hewn. We understand our own foundation, and the giants on whose shoulders we stand. We admire our fathers and mothers, Avraham, Yitzchak, Yaakov, Sarah, Rivka, Leah (and Rochel), and our intellect aspires to strive to live our lives as they did theirs. I personally, during my recent visit, experienced a mini-Yom Kippur; I understood where I came from and how I could live my life to the fullest by emulating theirs. As the Poet wrote, "If you do not know how to raise your children, O Israel the most beautiful of nations,

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¹ The famous "they"

² As the *Jerusalem Talmud* in Kalayim 9 3 tells us, the Wellspring of Miriam is nestled in the middle of Kineret

³ And watches the Breslover Chassidim dancing and bringing solace and joy to others

follow in the footsteps of your mighty Patriarchs and Matriarchs, and you will be able to nurture your children in the harshest of terrains.”⁴ Chevron is the foundation of the very earth of our people.

And Yerushalayim of fire. As the Psalmist wrote,⁵ “O Yerushalayim, a city unified together of so many faceted components”. You go to the Kotel of the Temple Mount, and you watch in awe as everyone reaches out from the depths of their very essence to beseech their Creator. You see the Yemenite Jew reciting the Tehillim in his sing-song voice, the Chabadnik putting Tefillin on men that may never before worn them,⁶ the Israeli soldier with the AR flung over his shoulder, his head tucked under his arm that is resting on the wall, the yeshiva students learning Talmud together, and the Persian Jews surrounded their *chacham* and drinking in his inspiration. You see the Jewish women, their souls engulfed in flame, and the Jewish girls excitedly running to pour out their hearts to their Father in heaven. There are no followers, but rather a nation of leaders.⁷ As you place your hand on the Kosel, whose stones are moist from the hopes and dreams of generations of tears, your eyes are opened to the reality that here everyone has a purpose, everyone understands that they have their individual potential and destiny. Some are spending their days immersed in Torah, some on the wings of prayer, some rushing to help others and fill the world with kindness. As Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai told his son when he saw a man rushing to beautify the Shabbat with myrtle branches, “We will bring life to the world with our Torah, and he will bring its life with his mitzvos and love of Shabbat.”

When I visited Yerushalayim, during the heat of summer vacation, I went into shuls that were full of young and old studying the Torah. I asked one of them, “What about vacation?”, to which he replied, “That could be in the afternoon, right now I have the ability to learn Torah.” I accidentally walked into a Chasidish *Tisch*⁸ and had to climb up the bleachers in order to join the flux of people dancing to the holy tunes of old. I walked by the shteeblech on the day before Rosh Chodesh, and witnessed in awe the overflow of women immersed in Yom Kippur’esque prayers. And to witness their heartfelt love and desire to perform kindness! The airlines lost my luggage, and my sim card did not work. I walked around in a sleep-deprived haze, but every time I asked someone for help with their phone or to find a location, they would wait for me, or go out of their way to walk me, with a joy to be able to help another Jew. There is so much beauty in watching lives of kindness.

And let us not forget Shabbat in Yerushalayim. Walking down Meah Shearim and Geulah surrounded by the streams of Jewish men, women and children, faces ecstatic with the serenity of Shabbat, will be a memory that I will never forget. Nor one that I could properly describe or put down on paper.

As I spent the days in Yerushalayim, surrounded by my extended Jewish family, I understood the distinction of her children. I watched the eight-year-old holding the hand of the six-year-old, holding the hand of the four-year-old, holding the hand of the two-year-old. I watched in pride the confidence of the young boys and girls understanding their own value and worth.⁹ They say that the cats of Yerushalayim, through osmosis, have more wisdom and holiness than anywhere in the world, and there is no doubt that the truth can be said about Yerushalayim’s children and future. “I will mention the other cities of the world and discuss the great men that come from them. Yet, when I discuss Yerushalayim, there are so many potential greats born, and each one will establish Yerushalayim up to the heights.”¹⁰ And in your own soul a fire starts to grow, which cannot be quenched. It was so clear, both from the city and from the myriads of her inhabitants’ souls, Yerushalayim is of Fire.

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⁴ *Song of Songs* 1:8, in accordance with Rashi

⁵ Psalm 124

⁶ As I was watching the Chabad Chasidim amid the holiness of encouraging and putting Tefillin on others, I picked up my feet and went over to them to ask for a bracha. I did obtain one, but only after a long stare of “You have got to be kidding”.

⁷ Obviously not referring to the tourists

⁸ Literally “table”, where the Rebbe or Rosh Hayishiva gives over words of Torah, song, encouragement, food and camaraderie.

⁹ Something that is lacking in the USA

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As my youthful spiritually was re-awakened in Tzefat, my life-force was rejuvenated in Tiveria, my foundations were rooted in Chevron, and as I walked amongst my special brothers and sisters in Yerushalayim, I felt a strong feeling of belonging. Here is where I belong, here was my family. I had come home. And with the guidance and strength from Hashem, I hope one day to move up to Israel, to fulfill my own unique potential and my destiny.

When I expressed these feelings to my friend Moshe Shmeil, he responded that I can likewise ignite that fire in Poughkeepsie. While there is no place that can be compared to Israel, there is likewise no reason why I cannot bring the spirituality, life, foundation, and fire of Israel into our community, our homes, and our schul. I thought over what he said understood how right he was. I need to bring that fire to Poughkeepsie, but I cannot do that alone. *I need each and everyone of you to help me.* The fire of prayers, the spirituality of Torah, the roots of family and the life of friendship. Friendship with Hashem, and friendship with His people. While there is no place like Israel, we must bring the soul of Israel, the essence of the Jewish people, into Schomre Israel and Poughkeepsie.

Rabbi Shlomo Krasner

**Congregation Schomre Israel extends
a hearty Mazel Tov to . . .**

Jeffrey M. Feldman on being named Best Lawyers® 2023 Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants "Lawyer of the Year" in White Plains, NY. Recognition is based entirely on peer review and only a single lawyer in each practice area and community is honored with a "Lawyer of the Year" award.

EVERGREEN DELIVERY SCHEDULE

FIRST Tuesday of the month

Last day to order - Monday no later than 12:00PM

Delivery to Shul usually early afternoon

2023

January 3

February 7

March 28

PLEASE INFORM THE OFFICE

Congregants are urged to call the office (845.454.2890) if you hear, Heaven forbid, of any member who is ill. It is a great Mitzvah to visit the sick and very often we just don't get to hear of a member's indisposition. Your help in this endeavor is much appreciated.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

If you would like to make a donation to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, congregants are urged to make the check out to:

Rabbi Krasner's Discretionary Fund,
in order to avoid confusion.

Thank You.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2023

845.454.2890 - schomre1@aol.com - www.schomreIsrael.org

PLEASE NOTE: THE BELOW TIMES HAVE BEEN CALCULATED FOR 12603. OTHER LOCATIONS MAY NEED TO MODIFY THE TIMES BY A FEW MINUTES

DATE	<u>SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING</u>	<u>MINCHA</u>	<u>TORAH PORTION</u>	<u>SHABBAT ENDS</u>
Jan. 06	4:22 PM	4:20 PM	Vayechi	5:24 PM
Jan. 13	4:29 PM	4:30 PM	Shemot	5:31 PM
Jan. 20	4:37 PM	4:35 PM	Va'era	5:40 PM
Jan. 27	4:46 PM	4:45 PM	Bo	5:49 PM
Feb. 03	4:55 PM	4:55 PM	Beshalach	5:57 PM
Feb. 10	5:04 PM	5:05 PM	Yitro	6:06 PM
Feb. 17	5:13 PM	5:10 PM	Mishpatim (Shabbat Shekalim)	6:15 PM
Feb. 24	5:21 PM	5:20 PM	Terumah	6:24 PM
Mar. 03	5:30 PM	5:30 PM	Tetzaveh (Shabbat Zachor)	6:32 PM
Mar. 10	5:38 PM	5:35 PM	Ki Tisa (Shabbat Parah)	6:40 PM

Dates to remember . . .

- January 3 Asarah Bitavas - 6:10 AM - 5:20 PM
Rosh Chodesh Shevat Breakfast after 7:00 AM Shacharit
Mincha 4:00 PM SHARP
Board Meeting 7:30 PM - Maariv at 7:00 PM
- January 5, 7 12 Team Shabbos - Respect for Life with Scholar In Residence, Rabbi Sayani - see page 6 for more information
- February 5 Tu B'Shevat - Exotic Fruit Tasting and make your own fruit flavored candies at 5:00 PM
Board Meeting at 6:00 PM followed by Maariv at 7:00 PM
- February 21/22 Rosh Chodesh Adar. Light breakfast after Shacharit on February 22
- March 6 Fast of Esther (FAST BEGINS 5:10 AM / FAST ENDS 6:34 PM)
- March 7 Purim - see page 9 for schedule
- March 12 Daylight Savings Time
- March 13 Board Meeting after Maariv
- March 23 Rosh Chodesh Nisan Breakfast after Shacharit

Everyone is invited to attend Rabbi Krasner's Live and/or Zoom classes . . .

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

MONDAY

Chair Yoga with Suzanne Turrisi - 10:00 AM

TUESDAY

We will study **The Collected Writings of Maimonides, Writings of the Rambam** - 10:30 AM. This class is presented in a hybrid form. Maimonides has been considered one of the greatest Jewish Philosophers, Fundamentalists and Teachers of all time. What made Maimonides and his teachings so respected and cherished throughout all of the ages. Join us as discuss the Maimonidean philosophy, and study together his classic works.

THURSDAY

Chair Yoga with Suzanne Turrisi - 10:00 AM

Discussion of contemporary halachic questions - 7:00 PM. This class is a live and hybrid class. What goes into a Halachic Torah decision. While some answers are pretty straightforward ("no, you cannot kill him") there are some which are exceedingly complex. Every Thursday night we will take a contemporary topic and question which has vexed laymen and scholars alike, and then analyze and debate the approach until we come out with the Torah's approach.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

THURSDAY

Yiddish Club - It will be held inside on the last Thursday of the month (January 26 and February 23) at 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM. If you want to speak *a bisele*, to *chap a nosh*, to *shmooze then this club is for you*. The Yiddish club will be a nostalgic trip to the times and culture of our *bubbies* and *zeydies*, mixed with Yiddish music, Yiddish comedy, Yiddish *lernin*, Yiddish *Hanae* as well as a look at how Yiddish is fairing in contemporary times. As with all events and programs spearheaded by Schomre Israel, this is intended to be open to all in the community. You don't need to be fluent in the language.

Let us know you are joining us by contacting schomre1@aol.com or rabbishlomok@gmail.com.

PLEASE NOTE:

Rabbi Krasner will be giving an **Introduction to Hebrew Class** and a **Conversational Hebrew Class** in January. Dates and class times will be announced soon.

January - March 2023 - Schomre Israel Event Details

January 3, Asarah Bitavas - 6:10 AM - 5:20 PM

Rosh Chodesh Shevat Breakfast after 7:00 AM Shacharit

Mincha 4:00 PM SHARP

Board Meeting 7:30 PM - Maariv at 7:00 PM

Evergreen Delivery **NOTE:** orders must be placed by noon January 2.

January 5, 7:00 PM - Team Shabbos - Respect for Life with Rabbi Daniel Sayani (Scholar In Residence)

January 7, Team Shabbos - Shabbat with Respect for Life theme. Mincha at 4:20 PM followed by **Greek Oneg** at 5:30 PM.

January 12, 7:00 PM - Team Shabbos Class on the Origins and meanings behind Funeral Customs

January 21, 7:00 PM - Movie Night - *Sallah Shabati* (1964)

January 26, 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM – Yiddish Club

February 5, Tu B'Shevat - Exotic Fruit Tasting and make your own fruit flavored candies at 5:00 PM

Board Meeting at 6:00 PM followed by **Maariv at 7:00 PM**

February 7, Evergreen Delivery **NOTE:** orders must be placed by noon February 6.

February 18, 7:30 PM – Movie night (Movie to be determined)

February 19, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Pick up Hamentashen

February 21-22, Rosh Chodesh Adar. Join us for a light breakfast after Shacharit on February 22.

February 23, 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM – Yiddish Club

March 6, 5:10 AM - 6:34 PM - Fast of Esther

March 6 - 7, Purim (see schedule on page 9)

March 12, Daylight Savings Begins

March 13, 7:30 PM – Board Meeting – Maariv at 7:00 PM

March 28, Evergreen Delivery for Pesach **NOTE:** orders must be placed by noon March 27.

Enjoying the
Teen Lounge



November 9, 2022
Challah Bake with Elissa Felder



November 11 - 13, 2022

Havdallah Kumzitz and
Safrus demonstration

Safrus demonstration by
Rabbi Horowitz.

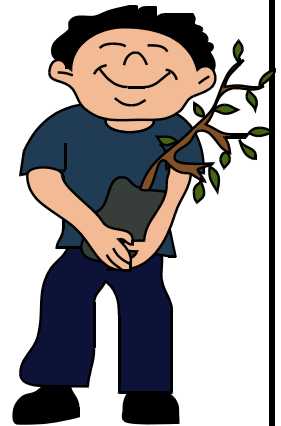




Tu B'Shevat (15th of Shevat)

Tu B'Shevat (the New Year for the trees) falls on Monday, February 6, 2023. 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 also 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/>



Purim 5783/2023 Timetable

Ta'anit Esther (Fast of Esther) - Monday, **March 6**

Fast begins: 5:10 AM
 Fast ends: 6:34 PM

Purim - Commences on Monday night, **March 6**

Mincha 5:20 PM
 Maariv and Megillah Reading 6:15 PM

Purim Day - Tuesday, **March 7**

Morning Service and Megillah Reading 7:30 AM

Second Megillah Reading 4:10 PM SHARP for those who didn't make the first

Sisterhood's Purim Dinner at 5:00 PM
(RSVP REQUIRED)

SAVE THE DATE ...

Saturday Night at the Movies continues ...

January 21, 2023 at 7:00 PM -
Sallah Shabati (1964)

February 18, 2023 at 7:30 PM
 Movie to be determined

Updates or changes will be on our
 Website schomreisrael.org

SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$5



I don't know why we really need to have Purim this year.

All I have been doing for the past three years is wearing a mask and eating candy.

You are cordially invited
to a



PURIM DINNER

by Sisterhood



MARCH 7, 2023

Second Megillah Reading at 4:10 PM

Dinner after services at 5:00 PM

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Absolutely **no** reservations will be taken after February 15, 2023

SISTERHOOD NEWS

GIFT SHOP

We have some new items in our Gift Shop. If you need to send a housewarming gift, shower gift, wedding gift, graduation or birthday gift, call the office or Roberta to ask what the Gift Shop has to offer. It could be time to replace some of the mezuzahs in your home, get a chanukiah or havdallah candles. We also have Cards by Stacey. The cards are handmade and beautifully crafted the proceeds from each card purchase go to our Sisterhood.

GOLDEN BOOK CARDS

If you wish to send a Gold card (\$5.00, 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.

HAMENTASHEN BAKING

We started our hamentashen baking on Sunday, December 18, 2022. Anyone who wants to help with this project is welcome. Call Roberta Grosman, 845.471.5105, 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.

Please remember to order early so you get the flavors you want (see the order form on page 12).

Getting dough ready
for baking.



Many thanks to the following members for sponsoring kiddushes:

Hal Warren in celebration of his Bar Mitzvah

Roberta Grosman in celebration of Len Grosman's Birthday



**MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO
CONTRIBUTED TO SCHOMRE ISRAEL:**

In memory of his beloved grandmother, Tillie Chick
Jeffrey and Meri Chick.

In memory of . . .
Sidney Davis
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Lena Davis
Meyer Budman
Clara Budman
Bea Davis
Maddy Rothbard.

In memory of her beloved brother, Leonard Simon
Edith Greenfield.

In loving memory of . . .
Edith Blatt
Frieda Horowitz
William Horowitz
William Rosch
Rabbi Erwin Zimet
Evelyn and Dave Horowitz.

In loving memory of their family members that have
passed away . . .
Harold Stein
Laura Stein
Evan Stein
Benjamin Goldberg
Ruth Goldberg
Arthur Goldberg
Zachary Bernstein
Ellie and Marty Korfman.

In memory of his beloved parents, Saul Kronberg and
Grace Kronberg
Kenneth Kronberg.

In memory of her husband, Sidney Osofsky
Dorothy Osofsky.

In memory of his beloved parents, Carl Silber and Edna
Silber
David and Martha Silber.

In memory of his father, Moses Stavisky
Arnold and Galina Stavisky.

In memory of his beloved parents and in honor of his
aunt and uncle, Ellie and Marty Korfman
Ira Stein.

GOLDEN BOOK CARDS WERE SENT TO:

Mrs. Mike Horowitz - In loving memory of our beloved
friend, Claire, our sincere condolences.
Evelyn & David Horowitz.

Mrs. Lynn Schneider - In loving memory of our be-
loved friend, Claire, our sincere condolences.
Evelyn & David Horowitz.

David Horowitz - Wishing you a speedy & complete
recovery.
Marcia Fishman.

Cassia & Stephan Brown - Mazel Tov on Ted's engage-
ment
Evelyn & David Horowitz.

Bess Kaye - In Memory of Rabbi Eric Kaye
Evelyn & David Horowitz.

Ros Fox - In memory if Stanley Fox
Evelyn & David Horowitz.

Claire May - Mazel Tov on the marriage of her grand-
daughter Rivka May
Debby & David Sullum & Family.



Steve Spira
installing a
Mezuzah on
our front
door.

Yahrzeits for January 2023

- 01 Leonard Eisner
- 03 Anne Lutsky
- 08 Norman Weinberg
- 09 Sol Davis
- 10 Ruth Kricheff
- 11 Ruth Radovsky
Edna Silber
Jay Harold Weiner
- 12 Bertha Moshkovich
- 15 Susan Smith
Fred Tlumak
- 16 Frances Krakower
- 19 Joseph Pelzner
- 23 Edith Blatt
- 24 William Feureisen
- 25 Helene Ben Ezra
Sylvia Blatt
- 27 David Krakower
- 30 Morris Lubowsky
- 31 Leo Caston

Yahrzeits for February 2023

- 02 Lillie Levine
- 03 Arthur Mendel
William Rosch
- 04 Bracha Nussbaum
- 07 Celia Danto
Florence Levy
- 08 Reyna Wachs
- 11 Benjamin Chick
Ruth Goldberg
William Horowitz
- 14 Yaakov Mallott
Jake Nussbaum
- 15 Ivan Miller
- 19 Harry Berman
- 20 Frieda Horowitz
- 21 Morris May
- 23 Stuart Fox
- 27 Frieda Koenig
- 28 Ann Chick

