

CONGREGATION SCHOMRE ISRAEL

Bulletin

Rabbi Eliezer Langer



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January - February 2015

9 Tevet - 9 Adar 5775

Message From the Rabbi



Dear Schomre Israel Family,

In our Jewish calendar, January 1 this year corresponds to the 10th of Tevet, the fast day commemorating the siege on Jerusalem which eventually led to the destruction of the Temple, the city and the exile and death of countless numbers of Jews. This is the least known fast of the year as it a full comes a full six months before the fast of 17th of Tammuz, the fast commemorating the breach in the walls of Jerusalem, and seven months before Tish'a B'Av, the ninth of Av, which marks the destruction of the First and Second Temples. In recent years it has been designated as Yom haKaddish Hakilali, the day to be observed as yahrtzeit for those who do not know the day of death of their families during the Shoah, the holocaust years.

This "heavy" observance stands in stark contrast with the frivolity normally associated with the secular New Year anniversary.

But with a little poetic/rabbinic license, let me attempt a comparison and draw a lesson from the juxtaposition of these days.

We should not overlook that many well meaning people make resolutions on January first. Although "New Years Resolutions" has become a cliché for unfulfilled dreams, promises and goals, it is, in fact a virtuous act to look ahead and set goals. Follow-through is the important second half. Seeing the relationship between the events of today and the results "down the road " is required for successful results. The lack of understanding that disastrous consequences can follow today's decisions is the flip side of fulfilled resolutions. The Jewish people had six months in which to understand that the siege could still be broken and the forecast destruction averted, if only they would heed the warnings of the prophets and mend their ways.

Both days then celebrate the same concept as quoted in Pirkei Avot Ethics of the Fathers, who is wise? He who sees in advance that which comes tomorrow from today's actions.

I close with a present to you. Cut it out and save it for the future. It's a "Round To-It"; use it to do all the things you promised you would do when you "got around to it". You now have your very own "Round To-It".

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Sincerely,

Rabbi Eliezer Langer

P.S. It is always appropriate to wish another good. May you have blessings in this coming secular year, and may you get around to it

P.P.S. Pass one on to a friend.



Tu B'Shevat (15th of Shevat)

Tu B'Shevat (the New Year for the trees) falls on Wednesday, February 4, 2015. 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, etc.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2015
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DATE	<u>SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING</u>	<u>TORAH PORTION</u>	<u>SHABBAT ENDS</u>
Jan. 02	4:18 PM	Vayechi	5:20 PM
Jan. 09	4:25 PM	Shemot	5:26 PM
Jan. 16	4:33 PM	Va'era	5:34 PM
Jan. 23	4:41 PM	Bo	5:43 PM
Jan. 30	4:50 PM	Beshallah (Shabbat Shirah)	5:52 PM
Feb. 06	4:59 PM	Yitro	6:01 PM
Feb. 13	5:08 PM	Mishpatim (Shabbat Shekalim)	6:10 PM
Feb. 20	5:16 PM	Terumah	6:18 PM
Feb. 27	5:25 PM	Tetzaveh (Shabbat Zachor)	6:27 PM
Mar. 06	5:33 PM	Ki Tisa	6:35 PM
Mar. 13	6:41 PM	Vayakhel-Pekude (Shabbat Parah)	7:43 PM

FRIDAY MINCHA TIMES

Friday, Jan. 02	4:15 PM	Friday, Feb. 13	5:10 PM
Friday, Jan. 09	4:30 PM	Friday, Feb. 20	5:15 PM
Friday, Jan. 16	4:30 PM	Friday, Feb. 27	5:20 PM
Friday, Jan. 23	4:45 PM	Friday, Mar. 06	5:30 PM
Friday, Jan. 30	4:45 PM	Friday, Mar. 13	6:30 PM
Friday, Feb. 06	5:00 PM		

ASK THE RABBI

Ever wonder how to find good Jewish sources quickly? I'm happy to enclose the following article that appeared in the recent addition of Jewish Action, the OU magazine

Ten Online Torah Resources *by Gil Student*

There are so many resources that everyone has his or her own list of favorites. What follows is my own brief list. I suggest readers log onto the *Jewish Action* web site (www.ou.org/jewish_action/) and add their favorite resources in the comments.

1. The Marcos and Adina Katz YU Torah Online - YUTorah.org

YU Torah started in 2006 as a repository for lectures in RIETS, the yeshivah affiliate of Yeshiva University. Rabbi Marc Spivak put his large personal collection of lecture recordings online, joining YU's Center for the Jewish Future to continue growing the selection. It was a modest project that over the years has vastly expanded into an enormous database of text and audio of anything Torah related from YU and beyond. Now maintained by Rabbi Robert Shur, under the guidance of Rabbi Kenneth Brander, YU Torah contains recordings of many of the daily Talmud classes at RIETS, special lectures and events and videos when available. It has a whole section of journals from the present going back in history and a number of innovative projects such as the holiday Torah-to-Go booklets.

You can follow the daily classes of your favorite YU *rosh yeshivah*, read or hear the *parashah* insights of rabbis from around the world, keep up with any of a number of Daf Yomi classes or easily find material on the topic of your interest by top-notch scholars. I cannot emphasize enough how much information this resource provides. With a selection of over 90,000 classes, my main problem is finding the time to read and listen to everything I want.

2. Hebrew Books, Ryzman Edition - HebrewBooks.org

This is my primary library. In 1998, Chaim Rosenberg began scanning Hebrew books published in America and placing them online. Since then, Hebrew Books has expanded beyond American books and contains over 50,000 *sefarim* from a number of libraries, including the massive Lubavitch library in Crown Heights. Some authors even send their new *sefarim* for inclusion. Visitors can read a *sefer* page-by-page online or download the entire book as a single file. Browsing the selection is somewhat difficult, but if you know which *sefer* you want, Hebrew Books probably has it. Many *sefarim* have even undergone OCR, which means that they are not just images but words you can search, copy and paste.

Responsa, commentaries, historical prayerbooks, different printings of the Talmud, Hebrew journals—these are just a sampling of some of the content available. There is also a section on Rambam, where you can choose a halachah and easily navigate a wide variety of commentators, and a Daf Yomi section, in which the daily Talmud page is accompanied by a large selection of commentators. Hebrew Books is a research library and a fully stocked *beit midrash* combined, all available for free download

3. OU Torah - Ou.org/torah/

The OU's Torah web site is a forum for new material—text, audio and video—intended for students of all backgrounds. Popular teachers explore the weekly *parashah* and contemporary topics with expertise that is still accessible to a vast audience. The range of topics is quite broad, including Jewish ethics, the Daf in halachah, responsa of Rabbi Akiva Eiger and more.

It is difficult to describe the variety of resources in generalities, so I will highlight three areas I personally find interesting. Every day, Rabbi Moshe Elefant, COO of OU Kosher, teaches a Daf Yomi class via webcast. This is an extremely popular class, with participants from varied backgrounds and locations. Where else can you find a leading expert in practical halachah teaching Daf Yomi across the globe?

Several times throughout the year, OU Torah hosts the OU Kosher *posekim* for a question-and-answer webcast. This is a unique opportunity to hear questions across the spectrum of Jewish dietary practice directly from the leading experts on *kashrut*. There are always surprises in these webcasts.

One of my favorite features is the writing of Rabbi Jack Abramowitz, editor of the site. Unassuming and humorous, Rabbi Abramowitz has a knack for simplifying the most complex topics without diluting the message. His series on Nach and on the 613 commandments were rip-roaringly funny while still replete with substantive insights. He recently started *Moreh Nevuchim*, and has been successful applying his unique perspective to one of the most obscure and complicated Jewish texts.

4. VBM -The Israel Koschitzky Virtual - Beit Midrash of Yeshivat Har Etzion - Vbm-torah.org

In 1994, Yeshivat Har Etzion (Gush) began e-mail correspondence courses on a variety of Torah topics. Taught by experienced scholars, these free courses were serious and often innovative explorations of Tanach, Talmud, law and thought. VBM's long-time director and editor-in-chief, Rabbi Ezra Bick and Rabbi Reuven Ziegler, respectively, have maintained the project's quality and relevance. VBM was there from the beginning of the worldwide web, making the archives of these classes—currently numbering over 10,000—available to even nonsubscribers.

Instructors include—but are not limited to—faculty of Gush and its affiliate, the Yaakov Herzog College, which has been the center of innovative Tanach study. Many other scholars are also on the site and a number of series have since been published as books. Particularly noteworthy are the translated lectures on special topics from Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein and Rabbi Yehuda Amital.

What distinguishes VBM is its sophistication. Every controversial topic of the day, as well as many noncontroversial subjects, has been explored from multiple angles, utilizing the greatest Torah tools and contemporary thought. This web site is a treasure trove of Modern Orthodox halachah and *hashkafah* (thought).

5. TorahWeb — Torahweb.org

For over a decade, Rabbi Judah Diament has single-handedly served as the conduit of original Torah insights by YU rabbis. Rabbi Diament assembled seven top rabbis to serve as his rotating columnists: Rabbi Tzvi Haber, Rabbi Yaakov Neuburger, Rabbi Hershel Schachter, Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky, Rabbi Mayer Twersky, Rabbi Mordechai Willig and Rabbi Benjamin Yudin. Every week, Torah Web publishes an original essay on the weekly *parashah*.

Additionally, Torah Web organizes occasional lectures on relevant communal topics and then publishes the lectures as audio and videos. Torah Web also publishes special essays on important topics.

Three things make Torah Web an essential resource. First is its knack for tackling head-on the most vexing communal problems. Whether tuition, *shalom bayit*, women's role in religion, the annulling of marriages or any other issue that is on the communal radar, Torah Web addresses it in a timely fashion. The second is consistency. Torah Web has maintained a track record of substantial stamina, regularly exhibiting relevance for years. It has therefore accumulated an impressive library of Torah insights and important social commentary on our religious community.

Third, and most important, is the stature of the contributors. They are among the leading halachic authorities and *rashei yeshivah* of the Modern Orthodox community. Their insights and statements have a special significance for our community. Torah Web is a long-standing reliable source of Torah guidance.

6. Daat - Daat.ac.il

In 1997, Dr. Yehuda Eisenberg opened the Daat web site which quickly became one of the largest online repositories of Hebrew texts. Now maintained by Herzog College, Daat is an Israeli library of Jewish tradition. Carefully categorized, the web site contains books and essays on Jewish subjects throughout history. Unlike similar web sites, Daat converts most of its material to web pages in text format, making usage—particularly searching, copying and pasting—much easier. Daat has obtained permission to post otherwise copyrighted translations of classic Arabic *sefarim*, such as Rabbi Yosef Kafach's edition of Rambam's *Moreh Nevuchim*. It also contains many recent Religious Zionist texts that are otherwise unavailable in most of the world, such as Heichal Shlomo's annual synagogue calendar. It is a little difficult to navigate, but well worth the trouble.

7. Mechon Mamre - Mechon-Mamre.org

In 1998, Mechon Mamre launched its web site. Technologically, it is fairly simple. It contains primarily Hebrew texts of the Bible, Mishnah, Talmud and Rambam. It also has an English Bible translation and allows users to see Hebrew and English side-by-side, which is what I prefer for my writing.

Mechon Mamre was an Internet pioneer, coming onto the web scene relatively early with a classic Internet philosophy—give people something that they need in a simple way. With little budget, the web site maintains excellent quality of texts, using Yemenite editions and meticulously screening for errors. It is a wonderful example of a simple idea that is executed well and therefore serves as an important resource for online texts.

8. Wikitext - He.Wikisource.org

Classic Jewish texts are not owned by anyone. In theory, you can put up the entire *Shulchan Aruch* online without violating copyright laws. While an individual alone may lack the time and stamina to enter all that text, hundreds of people can each type small amounts to complete the online version. Wikitext harnesses the power of the masses to increase Torah access. Classic texts are indexed and individuals are encouraged to type in the text. Other users can correct mistakes, thereby (hopefully) yielding an accurate text.

So far, a wide variety of Biblical, Talmudic, halachic and commentarial texts have been completed with a number of others in progress. There is much more work to be done. But once completed, the text is online for all to use.

9. Sefaria - Sefaria.org

Sefaria takes the crowdsourcing idea much further. It is a bold attempt to create a multilingual, inter-linked Torah library. I will attempt to describe it, but you can only fully understand the concept by seeing it. If you go to any chapter in the Bible, you can choose to see it in Hebrew, English or both. In a side window are commentaries. Verse by verse, every *midrash* or Talmudic text that quotes the Bible appears in that window along with every commentary and Medieval philosophical work that cites the text. When available, and based on the language setting, English translations of all these secondary texts will also appear.

When Brett Lockspeiser and Joshua Foer started Sefaria, they envisioned it as more than just a vast encyclopedia of Jewish texts. The web site takes the library concept beyond anything a written text can provide. In theory, this can also be done for Talmud and commentaries, for halachic texts and responsa, for *midrash* and homiletics. I have a book called *Gilyon HaShas HaShalem*, which includes photocopies of every obscure text that Rabbi Akiva Eiger cites in his glosses to the Talmud. Sefaria can do this for every gloss anywhere in Jewish literature and interlink them all into one giant text. In 1988, Rabbi Meir David Ben-Shem published *Torat HaRambam*, a collection of every time Rambam quotes a verse from the Bible in any of his writings. Sefaria aims to provide this for every commentator and codifier.

Sefaria is in its infancy. It is still acquiring texts and crowdsourcing English translations. Much work has yet to be done, but the initial results are very promising.

10. www.Google.co.il

Sometimes all you need is a good old-fashioned web search. Google Israel provides an online Hebrew keyboard so you can easily search the Internet for Hebrew terms. You can limit a search to a specific web site by including the following in your search: "site:ou.org" (replace "ou.org" with whatever web site you are searching).

As with any general search, most of the results will be irrelevant. But among the myriad of hits will be exactly what you are looking for.

Rabbi Gil Student is book editor of Jewish Action. This article was featured in Jewish Action Winter 2014.



Dates to remember . . .

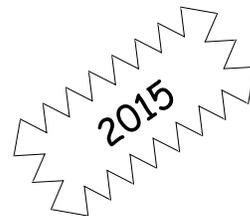
Hamentashen pickup - Sunday, February 22

Fast of Esther - Wednesday, March 4th

Purim - Thursday, March 5th

Shabbat Across America - Friday, March 13th

Passover - Saturday, April 4 - Saturday, April 11th





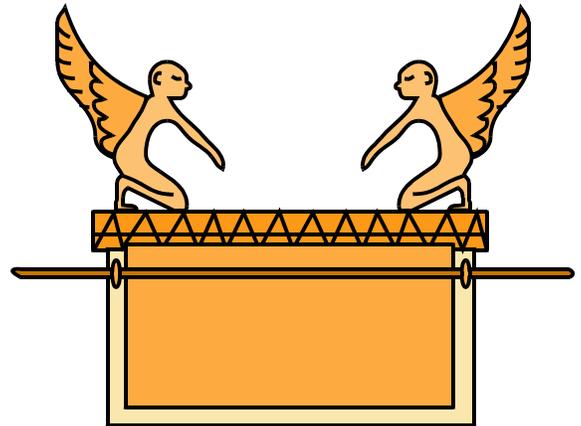
PARSHA POTPOURRI

Everyone is invited to attend Rabbi Langer's
Friday Parsha of the Week classes.

Shabbat services follow.

Class times:

Jan. 02	3:30 PM
Jan. 09	3:45 PM
Jan. 16	3:45 PM
Jan. 23	4:00 PM
Jan. 30	4:00 PM
Feb. 06	4:15 PM
Feb. 13	4:30 PM
Feb. 20	4:30 PM
Feb. 27	4:45 PM
Mar. 06	4:45 PM



All information regarding snow cancellations, events, Rabbi's Class Schedule,
and Services can be found on our website www.schomreisrael.org



**SCHOMRE ISRAEL HOSTS
17th Annual Read Hebrew America and Canada
-- Most Extensive Campaign Ever For Hebrew Literacy --**

Throughout the month of January 2015, members of Poughkeepsie's Jewish community will gather at Schomre Israel Congregation to participate in the only continent-wide campaign aimed at teaching North American Jews to read the Hebrew language. Conceived and orchestrated by the NJOP in 1998, Read Hebrew America and Canada is expected to reach 12,000 affiliated and unaffiliated Jews in the United States and Canada this year.

Opening its doors to all members of the Jewish community, Schomre Israel will be one of 600 Jewish institutions across the continent to host Read Hebrew America and Canada. Led by Rabbi Eliezer Langer, the five week Hebrew Reading Crash Course will focus on teaching the Hebrew alphabet and basic reading skills to Jews with little or no background in Hebrew. Classes will meet on Tuesday, January 13, 20, and 27, February 3 and 10, at 10:30 AM.

"Twenty years of experience in teaching over 234,700 North American Jews to read Hebrew has taught us that for most unaffiliated Jews, Hebrew literacy is a crucial first step towards personal Jewish empowerment and enthusiastic communal involvement. Without the ability to read Hebrew, many Jews feel alienated from religious services and shy away from involvement in Jewish ritual observances and traditions," commented Rabbi Ephraim Z. Buchwald, Founder and Director of NJOP. NJOP strongly believes that the mass outreach approach of Read Hebrew America and Canada has been proven to be an opportunity to touch, inspire and engage tens of thousands of seeking Jews, thus ensuring a flourishing and vibrant future for them as part of an enriched North American Jewish community.

While no surveys or studies specifically report on the state of Hebrew literacy in North America, experts agree that, at an absolute minimum, 80% of all North American Jews do not know how to read Hebrew. The basis for this statistic is the report documenting the growing rate of Jewish assimilation in North America. Of the 5.2 million North American Jews, 2.3 million no longer identify themselves as Jews, 1.4 million are unaffiliated with any Jewish organization, and 1 million are marginally affiliated, meaning that they rarely attend synagogue and have little to do with any aspect of Jewish life. (2001 National Jewish Population Survey, United Jewish Communities)

Read Hebrew America and Canada is the first continent-wide program designed to introduce North American Jews to the Hebrew language – a skill that will enable them to participate in Jewish services and customs in the original language of their ancestors. An essential component to the practice of Judaism, Hebrew is the primary language in which virtually all Jewish prayer books, holiday services, and significant religious texts are written and read.

The Read Hebrew America and Canada program is based on NJOP's popular and enjoyable Hebrew Reading Crash Course. Designed for Jews with little or no background in Hebrew, the program concentrates on teaching the Hebrew alphabet and basic reading skills. Follow up programs are available to those who are interested in further advancing their Hebrew reading and comprehension skills.

NJOP was established in 1987 by Rabbi Ephraim Z. Buchwald, and has become one of the world's largest and most successful Jewish outreach organizations. NJOP has offered free programs at more than 4,821 locations across North America and in 40 countries worldwide. Through programs such as Read Hebrew America and Canada and Shabbat Across America and Canada, NJOP has successfully reached more than 1,415,600* North American Jews, and engaged them in Jewish life.

To register or for more information about Read Hebrew America and Canada, email rabbischomre1@aol.com or call Schomre Israel at 845-454-2890 or NJOP at 800-44-HEBRE(W).

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 14th of Adar. The 15th of Adar is known as Shushan Purim since in the capital, Shushan, the Jews had to defend themselves against their enemies on the 14th 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 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

Ta'anit Esther (Fast of Esther) - Wednesday, March 4th.

Fast begins: 5:04 A.M.

Fast ends: 6:31 P.M.

Purim - Commences on Wednesday night, March 4th.

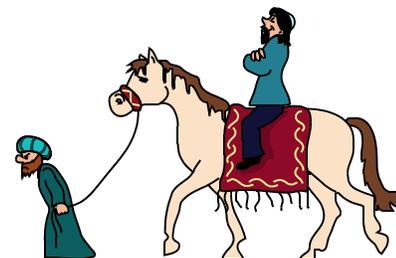
Mincha/Maariv at 5:30 P.M.

Megillah Reading at 6:30 P.M.

Refreshments will be served after the Megillah Reading.

Purim Day - Thursday, March 5th.

Morning Service and Megillah Reading at 9:00 A.M.



SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA

Coming to Schomre Israel on March 13th, 2015



On March 13 half a million people across America will come together to learn, worship, eat, drink, relax, enjoy, and celebrate...

Congregation Schomre Israel will join hundreds of synagogues across the continent as we take part in an historical national Jewish event that celebrates what unifies all Jews - SHABBAT! Everyone is invited to join us for a user-friendly, Carlebach style musical service on Friday, March 13 at 5:30 PM. A Sabbath dinner will follow. Prepaid dinner reservations are required for this event.

Please return this reservation form along with your check to the Shul office:

Congregation Schomre Israel, 18 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Prepaid EARLY reservations received on or before FEBRUARY 28

Adults @ \$25 _____ Children age 3 - 12 @ \$15 _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

Prepaid reservations received March 01 – March 06

Adults @ \$35 _____ Children age 3 - 12 @ \$20 _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

Absolutely no reservations will be taken after March 06, 2015

Name: _____ **Email:** _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

For more information, please contact the office: 845.454.2890 or schomre1@aol.com

RSVP and payment required to attend dinner

Introducing the new and improved www.schomreIsrael.org

The shul's website has been upgraded as of Monday, December 15. While the upgrade maintains the general outline of the original website, it has been enhanced with a number of new features.

Two of the new features will allow the user to support the shul while doing on-line shopping and/or purchasing scrip (gift cards). These features are located under the "Support Us" menu item.

On-Line Shopping - you can access **amazon** through the icon on the on-line shopping page and proceed to do your shopping on the **amazon** site as you would normally do. Also available on this screen is **goodshop** where you can shop at hundred's of stores with on-line discounts and coupons just follow the screen instructions to sign in (first time only) and select Congregation Schomre Israel as your supported cause. Then just shop!

Shop with scrip (gift cards) - this feature allows you to purchase scrip for the companies shown on the order form (see page 13). Procedurally your completed order form should be submitted to the shul office, with your payment, by either the 1st or 15th of the month. The shul will consolidate all orders and purchase the scrip cards. Initially, the shul will maintain some scrip in the office to reduce the order time. They are: ShopRite, Stop & Shop, Adams, CVS, Rite Aid, and Walgreens. Others will be added as demand warrants. More information and the order form is available on the website.

Please note that the log in function of the new system is not active, just follow the menu choices shown. Should you have questions on the new system and/or the shopping functions please contact Leonard Grosman, 845.454,5329 or lgrosman@aol.com.

Yes, We Have No Bananas

Sisterhood of Schomre Israel to provide Bananas and Cereal to Homeless Shelter

Members of the Jewish community of the Poughkeepsie area have been helping to feed homeless individuals who receive temporary shelter at the Hillcrest Homeless Shelter run by Dutchess Outreach. Once a month, on the 4th Thursday of the month, a community group provides a meal for the sixty or more folks who spend that night at the homeless shelter. The Sisterhood of Schomre Israel will be providing bananas and cereal for breakfast to these people every month on the 4th Friday morning of the month. Schomre Israel is happy to help the greater community in this way. Sandy Corwin, 845.452.2436, is the contact person at Schomre for this breakfast project.

To find out more about providing meals for the homeless, contact Linda Doherty at 914.474.0038 or lindadoherty1998@gmail.com.

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Scrip Order Form

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name:	Phone:	Email:
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Check #:	Order Date:
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STORE	QTY	Total
Adams Fairacre Farms \$100.00		\$
Adams Fairacre Farms \$50.00		\$
Adams Fairacre Farms \$25.00		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10.00		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00		\$
Best Buy® \$25.00		\$
Bonefish Grill \$25.00		\$
CVS/pharmacy \$100.00		\$
CVS/pharmacy \$25.00		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$10.00		\$
GameStop \$25.00		\$
Gap \$25.00		\$
iTunes® \$15.00		\$
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L.L.Bean \$25.00		\$
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Lowe's \$25.00		\$
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Macy's \$25.00		\$
Marshalls \$100.00		\$
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Michaels \$25.00		\$
Overstock.com \$25.00		\$
Panera Bread \$10.00		\$
Panera Bread \$25.00		\$

STORE	QTY	Total
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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 began our hamantaschen baking on December 28th. 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.

RUMMAGE

We are currently collecting rummage. Please bring in your knick-knacks, clothes, shoes, books, house wares, etc. that are in good/excellent condition. Please **DO NOT** bring in computers and monitors, televisions, suitcases, furniture, hangers, ripped, dirty, or soiled items. Watch for further information.

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

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SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA

Friday, March 13, 2015

SISTERHOOD SCHOMRE ISRAEL
18 PARK AVENUE
POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12603
845.454.2890 e-mail (rgrosman@aol.com)

THIRTY-SECOND HAMENTASHEN SALE

Schomre Israel Sisterhood of Poughkeepsie will once again be selling delicious Kosher, Pareve **HAMENTASCHEN** in time for PURIM. The *Hamentashen* are available in **Prune, Poppy Seed, Raspberry, Apricot, and Chocolate fillings**. The cost is **\$12.00 per dozen and \$8.00 per half dozen**. These hamentaschen will be available for **pickup on SUNDAY, February 22, 2015** at the Synagogue, 18 Park Avenue between 12:30 PM and 2:30 PM. Special arrangements for pickup can be made.

REMEMBER "PURIM" IS MARCH 5, 2015. All orders MUST be Prepaid by FEBRUARY 8TH.

In the past thirty-two years of our sale, we have supplied numerous Poughkeepsie area households, local organizations, as well as, out of state ones with *Hamentashen* as well as providing the patients in the 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 **Shaloch Manot Baskets** which contain *Hamentash*, candy, nuts, fruit, and a beverage. **The cost is \$20.00**. If you wish the basket or just *Hamentash* mailed, there is a **\$12.50 shipping charge**.

To order your hamentashen, 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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POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12603

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CONTRIBUTED TO SCHOMRE ISRAEL:**

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Grace Mendelson
Susan Mendelson
Clare Pollard
Joyce Salow
Rose, Brion and Joshua Shapiro.

In memory of Rachel Markowitz, mother of Ron Markowitz

Ellie and Marty Korfman
Rose, Brion and Joshua Shapiro
Rose and Alfred Shuman.

In memory of Carol Dashevsky, mother of Sharon Warren

Ellie and Marty Korfman
Carole and Jeff Meyerowitz
Rose, Brion, and Joshua Shapiro
Jackie Solomon.

In honor of...

Jennifer and Dan Lifshy's wedding
Len and Roberta Grosman's 51st Anniversary
Ron and Natalie Markowitz's 30th Anniversary
Arline and Ed Bernstein.

Mazal Tov to Barbara and Irvin Lifshy on the marriage of their son Daniel to Jennifer Geri and Maurice Bromberg.

In memory of Ethel Pekarsky
Gus and Alice Ciriello.

Mazal Tov to Barbara and Irvin Lifshy on the marriage of their son Daniel to Jennifer Judy and Herb Dym.

In memory of her dear friend Essie Schiller
Batya Lewton.

In memory of their friends and family...

Zisal Halpern
Lena Horowitz
Meyer Horowitz
Leo Kessler
Martha Kessler
Evelyn and David Horowitz.

In honor of...

Len and Roberta Grosman's 51st Anniversary
Dave and Evelyn Horowitz's Anniversary
Ellie and Marty Korfman.

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

In honor of the *aufruf* of Daniel Lifshy
Scott and Susan Nathanson.

In memory of Marvin Skolnik
Rose, Brion, and Joshua Shapiro.

In memory of Samuel Eisenstadt
Lucille and Aaron Spector.

In memory of his mother, Brykha Korchensky
Arnold Stavissky.

GOLDEN BOOK CARDS WERE SENT TO:

Rabbi Eliezer Langer - Yasheh Koach
Evelyn & Dave Horowitz.

Jack Zand - Yasheh Koach
Evelyn & Dave Horowitz.

Joel Richter - Yasheh Koach
Evelyn & Dave Horowitz.

Michael Kirschner - Yasheh Koach
Evelyn & Dave Horowitz.

Abe Weisfelner - In memory of his mother Henrietta Weisfelner
Evelyn & Dave Horowitz.

GOLDEN BOOK CARDS con't:

Sharon Warren & Family - In memory of Sharon's mother and sincere condolences

Ros Fox
 Marcia Fishman
 Evelyn & Dave Horowitz
 Natalie & Ron Markowitz
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 Roberta & Len Grosman
 Arline & Ed Bernstein
 Helene & Larry Price.

Natalie & Ron Markowitz - Best wishes on your 30th Anniversary

Roberta & Len Grosman
 Marcia Fishman
 Ros Fox.

Barbara & Irwin Lifshey - Mazel Tov on your son's forth coming marriage

Natalie & Ron Markowitz
 Ros Fox
 Marcia Fishman.

Myra Stoner & Family - In memory of their Father, Edward Koffman

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Barbara & Irwin Lifshey - Mazel Tov on your son Daniel's marriage to Jennifer

Roberta & Len Grosman.

Ron Markowitz--In memory of his mother Rachel

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Brion Shapiro - In memory of his father Lawrence

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 Natalie & Ron Markowitz.

Linda Skolnik - Our condolences on hearing of Marvin's passing

Helene & Larry Price.

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

Bess Kaye - In memory of Rabbi Eric Kaye
 Evelyn & Dave Horowitz.

Lilli Zimet - In memory of Rabbi Erwin Zimet
 Evelyn & Dave Horowitz.

Ros Fox - Mazel Tov on the birth of her 13th great grandchild

Natalie & Ron Markowitz
 Marcia Fishman
 Evelyn & Dave Horowitz.

Bess Kaye - Mazel Tov

Evelyn & Dave Horowitz.

GOLDEN BOOK CARDS con't:

Ros Fox - Mazel Tov on her granddaughter's marriage

Natalie & Ron Markowitz
 Marcia Fishman
 Evelyn & Dave Horowitz
 Roberta & Len Grosman.

Hal Warren - In honor of his special birthday

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Mark Pastreich - In honor of his special birthday

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Sharon Warren & Family - In memory of Sharon's mother and sincere condolences

Marilyn Worona
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Ellen & Victor Stern - In memory of their son Michael

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Ron Markowitz - In memory of his mother Rachel

Evelyn & Dave Horowitz
 Bea Gold.

Brion Shapiro - In memory of his father

Lawrence

Phyllis Dreifus
 Evelyn & Dave Horowitz.

Myra Stoner & Family - In memory of their father, Edward Koffman

Bea Gold.

Ros Fox - Mazel Tov on the birth of her 13th great grandchild

Estelle Eisner.

Hal Warren - In honor of his special birthday

Estelle Eisner.

A note from Sharon Warren...

Dear Congregants,

I wish to thank everyone for their comfort and contributions in memory of my mother's passing.

*The Warren and
 Dashevsky Families*



A note from Brion, Rose, and Joshua Shapiro...

A heartfelt thank you to our Schomre Family for your cards, your donations in memory of Dad, your Shiva calls, and/or your support during this difficult time. The comfort you provided is appreciated and will always be remembered.

Yahrzeits for January 2015

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 06 Norman Weinberg
 07 Sol Davis
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 09 Ruth Radovsky
 10 Bertha Moshkovich
 13 Donald Eisen
 Fred Tlumak
 14 Frances Krakower
 15 Clair Nussbaum
 21 Edith Blatt
 22 William Feureisen
 23 Helene Ben Ezra
 25 David Krakower
 29 Max Goldstein
 31 Lillie Levine

Yahrzeits for February 2015

01 Lena Mandel
 02 Bracha Nussbaum
 05 Celia Danto
 Florence Levy
 07 Jean Rubin
 09 Ruth Goldberg
 William Horowitz
 12 Yaakov Mallott
 Jake Nussbaum
 13 Ivan Miller
 14 Yosef Seiden
 17 Harry Berman
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Shrubbery Card	\$5 (payable to: Schomre)
Golden Card	\$3 (payable to: Sisterhood)

IN HONOR OF or IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE.