

CONGREGATION SCHOMRE ISRAEL

Bulletin

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Message From the Rabbi



Dear Friends,

It is not easy to make a decision to leave a home where we have forged many deep friendships and where we have been privileged in this setting to share so many special and meaningful times. We as a family have made a bittersweet decision. We have accepted a position as Rabbi and Rebbetzin in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania beginning this August. This wonderful opportunity came to us most unexpectedly, and we truly feel that it was the hand of Hashem that brought it about.

As we look back at our six years together at Schomre Israel, we feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude to Hashem for the gift of being part of this wonderful community. We want to express our deepest thanks for your support and trust that you have given us. We hope and pray that Hashem helps guide and bring great blessing to the Schomre Israel community as it moves forward and continues to flourish. We have seen Schomre Israel grow during the past six years, in learning, spirituality, and membership, and we are confident that this growth will continue under the leadership of the new rabbi and rebbetzin.

May Hashem continue to bless us all, and may we merit to share only joy and simchas together.

Best wishes,

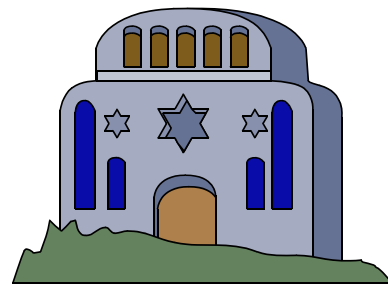
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CALENDAR FOR JULY — AUGUST 2014
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DATE	<u>SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING</u>	<u>TORAH PORTION</u>	<u>SHABBAT ENDS</u>
July 04	8:15 PM	Balak	9:15 PM
July 11	8:12 PM	Pinchas	9:12 PM
July 18	8:08 PM	Matot	9:08 PM
July 25	8:02 PM	Masei	9:02 PM
Aug. 01	7:55 PM	Devarim (Shabbat Chazon)	8:54 PM
Aug. 08	7:47 PM	Va'etchanan (Shabbat Nachamu)	8:46 PM
Aug. 15	7:37 PM	Ekev	8:36 PM
Aug. 22	7:27 PM	Re'eh	8:25 PM
Aug. 29	7:15 PM	Shoftim	8:14 PM
Sept. 05	7:04 PM	Ki Tetze	8:03 PM
Sept. 12	6:52 PM	Ki Tavo	7:51 PM
Sept. 19	6:40 PM	Nitzavim/Vayelech (Selichot)	7:38 PM

DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

August 5	Tisha B'Av
September 20	Selichot
September 25 – 26	Rosh Hashanah
September 28	Fast of Gedaliah



ASK THE RABBI

Q. I was looking through my Jewish library and noticed something really incredible: The longest chapter in Psalms (chapter 119) has 176 verses. The longest Parsha in the Torah, Naso, has 176 verses. And the longest tractate in the Talmud, Baba Batra, has 176 pages. What is the connection between all these?

A. Chapter 119 of Psalms has 176 verses because it follows a pattern whereby the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet are used to begin 8 verses each. That is, 22-times-8 equals 176.

Which of course raises the question: What is the significance of 22 and of 8?

22 is a number of completeness, because it is the full representation of the 22 letters of the Alef-Bet - i.e. everything from A to Z (from Alef to Tav).

As for the number 8: We know that 7 represents the "natural realm" - i.e. 7 days of the week, 7 notes in the musical scale, etc. But 8 represents completeness beyond nature - a completeness in the spiritual realm. That is why Brit Milah is held on the 8th day of a boy's life. This also explains why G-d first commanded Abraham to perform circumcision with the words, "Walk before Me and be complete" (Genesis 17:1).

The product of two "complete" numbers, "22-times-8," is therefore the ultimate completeness. That's why 176 is used to demonstrate the supernal perfection of our holy Torah.

Can You Help?

We have congregants who would like to come to Shul on Shabbat or Yomtov, but have difficulty in getting to Shul.

If you, or someone you know, could possibly help out it would be a significant Mitzvah! Please call Rabbi Kaplan (240.8464).

ADULT EDUCATION with David and Evelyn Horowitz

Every Monday, at 6 PM, from May through September, a small group of dedicated men and women gather in the chapel to study and share ideas. For four years, the group discussed the book, "This Is My God" by Herman Wouk. In September, the group began to explore what happened to the Israelites after the death of Moses. Evelyn and David Horowitz will facilitate the discussion



At 7 PM, David will teach a class on Hebrew language (prerequisite: basic Hebrew reading). Evelyn will teach "Beginning Hebrew" OR "Improving Hebrew reading skills", as needed.

Classes began on May 5 ... all classes are free and open to the Jewish community.

For information, please call David Horowitz (845) 452-5969 .

Congregation Schomre Israel extends a hearty Mazel Tov to Lillian and Sam Levine on the birth of their first grandchild, Simha Bentzion, son of Andrea and Rabbi Yitzhak Grossman.



Congregation Schomre Israel extends a hearty Mazel Tov to Helene and Larry Price on the birth of their granddaughter, Caroline, daughter of David and Jacqueline Price and little sister of Eli.

ELUL SHOFAR BLOWING

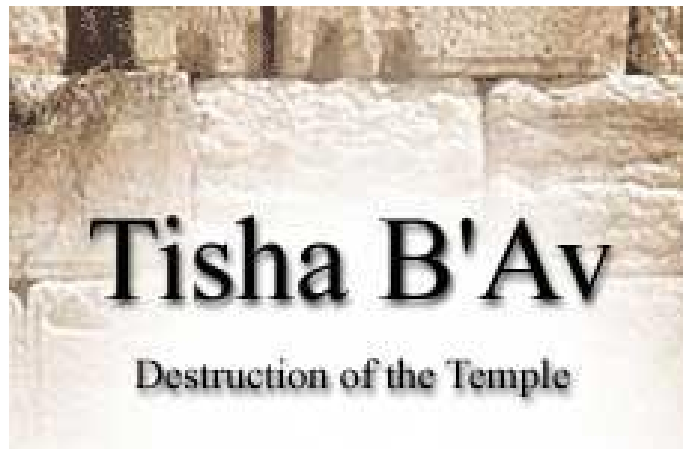


Harold Warren will begin blowing the Shofar on behalf of the congregation during the month of Elul on Wednesday morning, August 27, 2014.

PLEASE INFORM THE RABBI

Congregants are urged to call Rabbi (240.8464) 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.

Tisha B'Av 2014/5774 at Schomre Israel



Monday, August 4th:

Fast begins: 8:11 pm

Maariv: 8:30 (including Megillat Eichah)

Tuesday, August 5th:

Shacharit: 7:00 am

Mincha: 7:00 pm (please note: we wear tallit and tefillin)

Special video presentation at 7:30 pm

Fast ends: 8:40 pm

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF TISHA B'AV

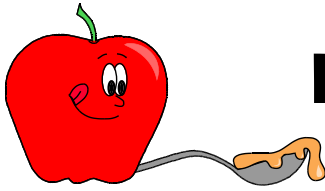
The saddest day of the year, Tisha B'Av, commemorates several tragedies. These include:

- A. The destruction of both the first and second Temples in Jerusalem (586 B. C.E. and 70 C.E.).
- B. The fall of Bethar in the Bar-Kochba rebellion (135 C.E.). This disaster marked the end of all Jewish aspirations for freedom from Rome.
- C. In later centuries other sad occurrences were associated with this day. Among them the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492.

The severity of Tisha B'Av equals that of Yom Kippur in that both fast days commence on the previous evening. The atmosphere in Shul is gloomy, the lights are dimmed, the curtain is removed from the Ark and most worshipers sit on low stools or on the floor. The Book of Lamentations (Megillas Eichah) is read, and the special Kinos (prayers of lamentations) are recited.

Among other Halachic injunctions observed on Tisha B'Av are:

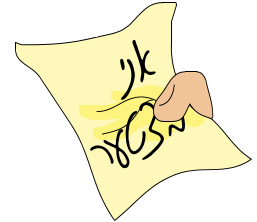
1. Complete fasting.
2. No bathing.
3. No conjugal relations.
4. No leather shoes are worn (rubber or canvas shoes are allowed).
5. It is even prohibited to study Torah on this day because Torah study is considered a very great joy and happiness. (There are certain texts that are permitted).
6. It is not customary to greet people with the usual greetings such as "hello" or "good morning". However, if you are greeted by someone who doesn't know the law, you should answer in a soft voice in order not to offend or hurt their feelings.
7. One should try to avoid business transactions or important decisions on this day if possible. Needless to say, in all cases where health is an issue the law is very lenient. The Rabbi should be consulted in all such cases.



ROSH HASHANAH 5775

AND

YOM KIPPUR



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FAST APPROACHING

Rosh Hashanah - September 25 and 26
Yom Kippur - October 4



On April 16, 2007, the Board of Directors approved the following procedures regarding High Holiday services:

- 1 - There will be no charge to a non-member the first time he/she attends High Holiday Services.
- 2 - If the same person/family attends a second year, the charge will be \$100 per person. If the non-member decides to join Schomre Israel, the monies will be credited towards the membership fee.
- 3 - Immediate relatives (adult children/parents/siblings) of Schomre members who live within the greater Poughkeepsie area will be charged (see #1 & #2).
- 4 - Immediate relatives (adult children/parents/siblings) of Schomre members who live more than 25 miles from the greater Poughkeepsie area will not be charged.

We encourage members to invite non-affiliated relatives and friends who live in our area to become members of Schomre.
 Membership includes High Holiday privileges.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

THIS AND THAT -

♥Share a *simcha* with the Shul by sponsoring a Kiddush. A regular Kiddush of cake and punch is \$25.00. Please call Cassia for pricing and details, 452.8317.

♥If you wish to send a **Golden Book Card** (\$3.00 payable to: *Sisterhood*) or **Shrubbery Card** (\$5.00 payable to: *Congregation Schomre Israel*), please call Marcia Fishman, 471.1241 between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM week nights (requests should not be made during Shabbos). They can be used for any occasion, they are inexpensive and they are always appreciated by those who receive them.

♥Please remember to check out the new items in the Gift Shop. Do you need a wedding gift, hostess gift, or a graduation gift? We might have just what you are looking for or call Roberta Grosman, 471.5105, for special orders or questions. New items appropriate for the High Holidays are arriving daily.

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

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

For those of you with a vegetable garden or after a visit to a local Farmers Market - -

Tomato-Cucumber Salad

2 med tomatoes, sliced

1 med cucumber, peeled and thinly sliced

½ red onion, thinly sliced, separated into rings

Place in bowl.

½ cup salad oil

¼ cup vinegar

1 Tbsp salt

1 teas dried basil crushed

1 Tbsp dried tarragon, crushed

1/8 Tbsp pepper

Mix well and pour over tomatoes, etc. Chill several hours.

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

In memory of her mother, Rose Siegel
Estelle Eisner.

In memory of his mother, Selma Meier
Walter Meier.

In memory of Lea and Nathan Kaplan
Ann Murkoff.

In memory of his father, Rabbi Moshe Nussbaum
Solomon Nussbaum.

Special thanks to the Warren's, the Rabbi and
Rabbetzin, and our Schomre family for the warm
welcome given to our nephew Scott Smith
Phyllis and Sherman Smith.

In appreciation of the hospitality shown to our
son, Scott, on May 2nd and May 3rd
Sandy and Judy Smith.

In appreciation of the help and kindness provided
by the office staff
Phyllis Goldstein.

GOLDEN BOOK CARDS WERE SENT TO:

Rose & Brion Shapiro - Congratulations on Josh's
graduation from American University
Roberta & Lenny Grosman.

Joshua Shapiro - Congratulations on his graduation
from American University
Marcia Fishman.

The Amerman Family - In memory of Shirley
Amerman
Marci & Marvin Bennett.

Ivan Kornreich - Wishing you a speedy
recovery
Marcia & Marvin Bennett.

Barbara & Irwin Lifshy - Mazel Tov on their
son Daniel's engagement to Jennifer
Natalie & Ron Markowitz
Geri & Maurice Bromberg
Ros Fox.

Bess Kaye - Congratulations
Evelyn & Dave Horowitz
Marcia Fishman.

Lillian & Sam Levine - Mazel Tov on the birth of
their new grandson
Congregation Schomre Israel
Sisterhood
Natalie & Ron Markowitz
Marcia Fishman
Roberta & Lenny Grosman
Ros Fox
Evelyn & Dave Horowitz.

Helene & Larry Price - Mazel Tov on the birth
of their new granddaughter
Evelyn & Dave Horowitz
Marcia Fishman
Roberta & Lenny Grosman.

SHRUBBERY CARDS WERE SENT TO:

Bea Gold - Mazel Tov on the birth of your new
twin great grandchildren
Estelle Eisner.

Chumash



A CHUMASH WAS DONATED:

**IN MEMORY OF OUR GRANDSON
ZACHARY BERNSTEIN
BY
ELLIE AND MARTY KORFMAN**

YahrzeitsJULY 2014

05 Robert Ben Ezra
 08 Rose Polokoff
 09 Philip Morowitz
 12 Gertrude Fuhrer
 15 Sarah Berman
 Joseph Levine
 Bessie Kessler
 16 Sidney Davis
 18 Morris Schreiberman
 19 Clara Budman
 Sam Razon
 Samuel Robles
 20 William Kaplan
 Boris Moshkovich
 21 Edwin Ellis
 Jacob Sacks
 22 Louis Stich
 30 Israel Korfman
 Itta Silber

AUGUST 2014

01 Louis Feldman
 03 Ruth Basch
 Irving Golden
 05 Sophia Mollott
 Morris Spira
 08 Muriel Weingart
 17 Naomi Koffman
 18 Solomon Horn
 19 Henrietta Berkman
 21 Benjamin Levine
 23 Solomon Schneider
 24 Dorothy Diamond
 Frances Spira
 29 Harold Klein
 Jerome Pekarsky
 30 Harriette Goldstein
 31 Fay Kronberg
 Doris Wilfond Ruben

SEPTEMBER 2014

01 Max Kantrowitz
 02 Jack Davis
 03 Benjamin Goldberg
 05 Harry Freedman
 07 Libby Jesse Rosenthal
 08 Jonah Gold
 Effroim Kessler
 10 Sophie Levine
 11 Jesse Efron
 14 Clara Messinger
 15 Nathan Chernys
 William Levine
 16 Lena Kantrowitz
 18 Leah Chick
 19 Philip Cheeger
 Joseph Rosenblum
 21 Fanny May
 22 Gittel Burdman
 23 Becky Present
 25 Carl Kronberg
 Edith May
 Ida Stone
 27 Morris Siegel
 28 Michael Moskowitz
 Samson Schreiberman
 29 Fay Nussbaum
 30 Sylvia Calef
 Hy Kessler

