

# CONGREGATION SCHOMRE ISRAEL

## *Bulletin*

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## Message From the Rabbi



Dear Schomre Israel Family,

We all have that season, that time of the year, that we look forward to the most, that we nostalgically long for. A season where we become who we are, one that tickles our fondest memories, which gives us the strength to springboard into the rest of the year. For some of us it is the lazy days of summer, where we can just loll around in the warmth and vacations without a care in the world. For some of us it is the bloom of the spring and for others it is crunch of the leaves in fall. Yet for some of us it is the winter. The winter, you ask? Why would anyone look forward to the winter? What pleasant memories can the cold winter nights offer you? Are you referring to the snowball fights or the sledding down the hills? Yes, I am, but that is not all.

I grew up with five younger siblings, and the long winter nights bring back the times that we spent together. After the Shabbos meal, in the radiance of the Shabbos candles, we would sing together, and talk about what was happening in our lives. During the long Shabbos nights, we would often go on walks through the frost and snow. And although for the life of me I have no idea what we spoke about, the memories of that togetherness still warms me to this day. Yet there is one other memory that I cherish of these winters. I would go with my baby brother Reuvi to the Beit Midrash, and in the long winter nights we would learn the Torah together. We spent hundreds of hours studying Vayikra in depth, by the lights of the Beit Midrash late into the Shabbos winter nights. Although he is now grown up with a family of his own (who I now call whenever I have difficulties in my learnings), the quality time that we spent together has not diminished. Neither has the warmth of the Shabbos candles with all of the times that we laughed and sang, played and schmoozed together. And yes, we had snowball fights and snowmen and buried each other in the snow as well.

There are other candles that burn in the winter. When Rabbi Yisroel Salanter was a youth, he passed by the house of a shoemaker late one night. In the late tiring hours of the night he overheard the shoemaker telling himself, "As long as the candle is burning, there is still time to mend". Those words electrified Rabbi Salanter – "As long as the candle (soul) is burning, there is still time to mend". In fact, Rabbi Salanter did not repeat this story to anyone until he was much older, in fear that someone might scoff at it and diminish the sentiment and excitement that it had elicited.

We run around the whole year, rushing from here to there. In the fall, we have the start of school year, the office crunch of when everyone returns from vacation, as well as the preparations for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. During the spring, we run outside happy to enjoy the mountains and rivers, and in the summer, we go through great exertions in order to set up the perfect rest and relaxation. During the winter, we have the long nights to stop and to take stock of ourselves. There are relationships that we can build on, as well as hopes and dreams that we can pursue. We can take the long nights and spend them with our family, and sit

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and learn how we should live our lives. There are no major holidays that we have to focus on, and often there is no major rush that will hold us back. The long winter nights, by the candle lights, fireplace or even just in the living room and kitchen allow for us to optimize the present of time that Hashem has allotted to us, to enjoy the blessings of Hashem, and to spend time with our friends and family as well. We have the time and atmosphere, which is conducive to power-down and live life to the fullest. Now is the optimal time to build relationships, mend relationships, live and accomplish. We can pass on our love to our children, and spend the nights with them with quality attention and affection. We can build and enrich our lives, study the Torah, and spend time in ways that years from now we can nostalgically look back on with pride. As long as the candle is burning, there is still time to mend.

And of course, there are the candles of Chanukah. In the beginning of what was promising to be a dark time for the Jewish people, a candle was lit. The Greeks were trying to extinguish the light of Torah and force oppression and religious assimilation onto our fathers and mothers. At that point a family arose that were joined by many others who refused to succumb to the darkness and fought back. With the light of G-d's continence they were able to rededicate the Temple and strike a match that has remained lit for thousands of years, generation to generation.

May we all be able to light our Chanukah candles on our menorahs this winter with joy, as well as light our hearts and the hearts of our children, beloved and families as well. May this winter shine, throughout the frost and ice with the candles of a thousand souls, burning brighter and warmer than all of the summer suns.

*Rabbi Shlomo Krasner*

### **PLEASE INFORM THE RABBI**

Congregants are urged to call Rabbi Krasner (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 Krasner** invites you to drop in and say hello, ask a question, bring a suggestion, and have a schmooze. Drop in Times will be Thursday mornings 10am to 12pm. (Please call in advance just to ensure a time).

**One on One studying with the Rabbi** - Rabbi Krasner is looking for weekly study partners to discuss and learn in the sea of Torah. Anyone interested should reach out to him.

### **CONDOLENCES**

Our sincere condolences  
are extended to  
Gordon and Lisa Weiss and family  
on the loss of his mother  
Ethel Weiss.

### **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.

## CONGREGATION SCHOMRE ISRAEL

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### CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2019 - JANUARY 2020

**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>
Nov. 01	5:32 PM	5:30 PM	Noach	6:32 PM
Nov. 08	4:24 PM	4:25 PM	Lech Lecha	5:24 PM
Nov. 15	4:17 PM	4:15 PM	Vayera	5:17 PM
Nov. 22	4:12 PM	4:10 PM	Chayei Sara	5:12 PM
Nov. 29	4:08 PM	4:10 PM	Toldot	5:09 PM
Dec. 06	4:07 PM	4:05 PM	Vayetze	5:07 PM
Dec. 13	4:07 PM	4:05 PM	Vayishlach	5:08 PM
Dec. 20	4:09 PM	4:10 PM	Vayeshev	5:10 PM
Dec. 27	4:13 PM	4:15 PM	Miketz Rosh Chodesh / 6th Day of Chanukah	5:15 PM
Jan. 03	4:19 PM	4:20 PM	Vayigash	5:21 PM
Jan. 10	4:26 PM	4:25 PM	Vayechi	5:28 PM
Jan. 17	4:33 PM	4:35 PM	Shemot	5:36 PM
Jan. 24	4:42 PM	4:40 PM	Vaera	5:44 PM

#### DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

November 4	Board Meeting
November 16	Saturday Night at the Movies
December 9	Board Meeting
December 22	Chanukah Dinner 5:00 PM (RSVP required)
December 23 - December 30	Chanukah
December 29	Hamentashen Baking begins
January 6, 2020	Board Meeting
January 7, 2020	10th of Tevet Fast Day (FAST 6:10AM – 5:19PM)

## Everyone is invited to attend Rabbi Krasner's classes...

### **Hebrew 101 - Monday Evenings 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm** during the months of November and December

Join us for the Award Winning NJOP Hebrew 101 class. This class will start from the absolute basics, and will focus on being able to read properly and fluently. While we will introduce some understanding and grammar, that will not be the focus until later classes. (We will run a "Conversational Hebrew" track later in the year for those who are interested as well). This series is the only class that will require one to attend every class (although I will be available to make up if anyone does need to miss a class or two). Participants will receive a Certification at the completion of the course.

### **A Snapshot of Jewish Poetry - Tuesdays at 10:30 am** during the months of November and December

Some of the topics to discuss will be:

- “The Song of the Sea” and other songs in the chumash
- The Golden Age of Jewish Spanish Poetry
- Tracing the roots of Yigdal
- Modern Persuasive Jewish Music
- Analysis of Medieval Introduction Poems
- Humorous and Modern Jewish Parodies, etcetra

**Timeless Thoughts on the Parsha - Thursday Nights at 7pm** where we will study and discuss a topic from the Parsha.

The first class, November 7th, will be "With all your Heart, with all of your Soul". How can there be a mitzvah to love?

### **Mitzvah Workshop** - November through May on the **first Tuesday Night of the month** from 6PM - 8PM

Have you ever envisioned yourself a scribe, one who blows shofar, or a food mashgiach? Have you ever wondered what the deeper meanings behind many of the precious mitzvot that we have and perform. Or have you always wished for someone to just teach you how to do observe the mitzvot properly?

Every month, on the first Tuesday, we will discuss a Mitzvah, and have a double class. The first half will be on a more profound understanding of the mitzvah. The second half will be a hands-on class, where everyone will be introduced to that mitzvah firsthand.

A light dinner will be served.

**November 5: Be a Scribe** - We will discuss the Mitzvah of Tefillin and Mezuzah, and complete the class with everyone writing their name with parchment and quill.

**December 3: What is Eating You?** - We will have a basic discussion of Kashrus, with the focus centered on the mitzvah to not digest crawlies. We will demonstrate some of the best ways to check and eliminate bugs from our food.

**January 7: Welcoming our King** - It has been a few months since Rosh Hashanah, which is the perfect time to start learning how to blow a shofar, as well as what this instrument symbolizes.

**SAVE THE DATE** for some exciting global events...

Schomre Israel will be joining the thousands of synagogues  
and millions of Jews with the Global **Shabbat Project**

**November 14 - 16, 2019**

"Jews from all walks of life, from across the spectrum of religious affiliation, young and old, from all corners of the world – come together to experience the magic of one full Shabbat kept together. It's our opportunity to renew family and community life, restore Jewish identity, and unite Jews across the globe."

Join us Thursday, November 14, at 6:00 PM for a Challah Bake and if you have children, grandchildren or great grandchildren they are invited to an age appropriate Art Project (ages 1 – 7). Cost: \$5.00 per family. Please RSVP (or send inquiries) to RabbiShlomoK@gmail.com.

Friday evening, November 15, Mincha and a festive Carlebach Kabbalat Shabbat will begin at 4:15 PM followed by a delicious Shabbat Dinner. Saturday, November 16, Shabbat Services begin at 9:00 AM and will be followed by a festive Kiddush luncheon. The weekend concludes on Shabbat evening with a Carlebach Havdallah service at 6:00 PM. Our Saturday Night at the Movies program will begin at 6:30 PM featuring *Hester Street*. We will be having a motivational speaker during the Shabbat weekend. The cost for all weekend meals is \$10.00 per person. Please RSVP to Roberta Grosman, 471.5105 or rgrosman@aol.com, no later than November 7, indicating number attending each meal and any dietary restrictions. Payment should be mailed to the shul (18 Park Ave, 12603).

***Siyum HaShas* Live Hookup**

**January 1, 2020 at 1:00 PM**

Join us as we connect with over 300,000 of our Brothers and Sisters in this momentous event of the completion of the Talmud.

The *Siyum HaShas* is the celebration of the completion of the *Daf Yomi* program, a seven-and-a-half-year cycle of learning the Oral Torah and its commentaries, in which each of the 2,711 pages of the Babylonian Talmud are covered in sequence. The first *Daf Yomi* cycle began on the first day of Rosh Hashanah 5684 (11 September 1923); and the thirteenth cycle will be concluded on 4 January 2020. The *Siyum HaShas* marks both the end of the previous cycle and the beginning of the next, and is characterized by inspiring speeches and rousing singing and dancing.

Schomre Israel will have an official live hookup to the main Metlife Stadium event. All are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP (or send inquiries) to RabbiShlomoK@gmail.com.

**Team Shabbos - Respect of Life for Here and the Hereafter**

**January 18 and 23, 2020**

A discussion will take place on January 18 after the *Kiddush*, in the Tradition of Yaakov, Yosef and Moshe, on "Preplanning and Proper Respect for a Loved One." On Thursday, January 23, at 7:00 PM we will discuss the Torah Perspective on Living Wills, Healthcare Proxies and the Value of Life in a Contemporary Medical Society. A light breakfast will be served after the discussion.

Please RSVP (or send inquiries) to RabbiShlomoK@gmail.com.

From Schomre Israel's 4K (Kvetching, Kvelling, Kibbutzing, Koffee) Club...

## Humorous Observations on the Halachos of Chanukah

1. Starting today you should start eating at least 2-3 donuts a day to get your body ready.
2. Once Chanukah starts you must eat as many donuts a day as you light candles. So day 4 would be 4 donuts, day 7 would be 7 .....etcetera .....
3. If you don't remember how many you ate, you eat as many as possible to eat the daily requirement.
4. Baked donuts are not counted and should be avoided like pork.
5. At least one donut a day should have jelly.
6. Most Rabbis agree that custard and jelly donuts are "*Mitzvha Min Hamuvcha*" (performing the mitzvah as beautifully as possible).
7. If you are in middle of eating donuts and you didn't have in mind that it's for the mitzvah of Chanukah, then the mitzvah does not count, and you must start over again.
8. If you had triple bypass and were told by a physician to avoid donuts, some Rabbis hold that you should eat the donuts anyway, and that it's your opportunity for sacrificing for the Torah.
9. Avoid physical activity on Chanukah. We want the miracle of oils to be visible on you.

REMEMBER: The Greeks were very focused on looks, sports, exercise, and fashion. We eat donuts to make sure that we do not look like them.

### Menorahs From Around The World



Wisconsin



Holland



Iceland



California



Mexico



Pisa



Scotland



Alaska



India

Wherever you're celebrating, hope your Hanukkah's happy.



THE CELL PHONE ONLY HAD ENOUGH BATTERY POWER FOR ONE DAY, BUT IT LASTED EIGHT DAYS...



THE MIRACLE OF HANUKKAH:  
UPDATED

## ABC's of Chanukah (Hanukkah) from aish.com

Chanukah (Hanukkah), the Festival of Lights, begins on the 25th day of the Jewish month of Kislev, and lasts for eight days. On the secular calendar, Chanukah generally falls out in December.

### 1) A Bit of History

The Hebrew word Chanukah means "dedication." In the 2nd century BCE, during the time of the Second Holy Temple, the Syrian-Greek regime of Antiochus sought to pull Jews away from Judaism, with the hopes of assimilating them into Greek culture. Antiochus outlawed Jewish observance including circumcision, Shabbat, and Torah study under penalty of death. As well, many Jews called Hellenists began to assimilate into Greek culture, taking on Greek names and marrying non-Jews. This began to decay the foundation of Jewish life and practice.

When the Greeks challenged the Jews to sacrifice a pig to a Greek god, a few courageous Jews took to the hills of Judea in open revolt against this threat to Jewish life. Led by Matitياهو, and later his son Judah the Maccabee, this small band of pious Jews led guerrilla warfare against the Syrian-Greek army.

Antiochus sent thousands of well-armed troops to crush the rebellion, but after three years the Maccabees beat incredible odds and miraculously succeeded in driving the foreigners from their land. The victory was on the scale of Israel defeating the combined super-powers of today.

Jewish fighters entered Jerusalem and found the Holy Temple in shambles and desecrated with idols. The Maccabees cleansed the Temple and re-dedicated it on the 25th of Kislev. When it came time to re-light the Menorah, they searched the entire Temple, but found only one jar of pure oil bearing the seal of the High Priest. The group of believers lit the Menorah anyway and were rewarded with a miracle: That small jar of oil burned for eight days, until a new supply of oil could be brought.

From then on, Jews have observed a holiday for eight days, in honor of this historic victory and the miracle of the oil. To publicize the Chanukah miracle, Jews add the special Hallel praises to the Shacharit service, and light a menorah during the eight nights of Chanukah.

### 2) Lighting Instructions

In Ashkenazi tradition, each person lights his own menorah. Sefardi tradition has just one menorah per family.

#### What Menorah to Light

To publicize which night of Chanukah it is, all eight candles on the menorah should be at the same height and preferably in a straight line. Otherwise, the candles may not be easily distinguishable and may appear like a big torch.

In addition to the eight main lights, the menorah has an extra helper candle called the "Shamash." As we are forbidden to use the Chanukah lights for any purpose other than "viewing," any benefit is as if it's coming from the Shamash.

Since the Shamash does not count as one of the eight regular lights, your menorah should have the Shamash set apart in some way either placed higher than the other candles, or off to the side.

#### What Candles to Light

The most important thing is that that your candles must burn for at least 30 minutes after nightfall. (Those famous colored candles barely qualify!) Many Jewish bookstores sell longer colored candles.

Actually, it is even better to use olive oil, since the miracle of the Maccabees occurred with olive oil. Glass cups containing oil can be placed in the candle holders of any standard menorah. Many Jewish bookstores even sell kits of pre-measured oil in disposable cups.

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### Where to Light

To best publicize the miracle, the menorah is ideally lit outside the doorway of your house, on the left side when entering. (The mezuzah is on the right side; in this way you are "surrounded by mitzvot.") In Israel, many people light outside in special glass boxes built for a menorah.

If this is not practical, the menorah should be lit in a window facing the public thoroughfare.

Someone who lives on an upper floor should light in a window. If for some reason the menorah cannot be lit by a window, it may be lit inside the house on a table; this at least fulfills the mitzvah of "publicizing the miracle" for the members of the household.

Since the mitzvah occurs at the actual moment of lighting, moving the menorah to a proper place *after* lighting does *not* fulfill the mitzvah.

### When to Light

The preferable time to light the menorah is at nightfall. It is best to light in the presence of many people, which maximizes the mitzvah of "publicizing the miracle" and adds to the family atmosphere. The menorah can still be lit (with the blessings) late into the night, as long as people are still awake.

The menorah should remain lit for at least 30 minutes after nightfall, during which time no use should be made of its light.

On Friday afternoon, the menorah should be lit 18 minutes before sundown. And since the menorah needs to burn for 30 minutes into the night, the candles used on Friday need to be bigger than the regular "colored candles" (which typically don't burn longer than a half-hour).

### How to Light

On the first night, place one candle at the far right, as you face the menorah. This applies whether the menorah is placed next to a doorway or by a window.

Another candle is placed for the Shamash (taller helper candle) which is used to light the others. It is not counted as one of the candles.

First light the Shamash, then recite the blessings, and then use the Shamash to light the Chanukah candle.

On the second night, place two candles in the two far-right positions and use the Shamash to light the **left** one first.

The third night, place three candles in the three far-right positions and use the Shamash to light them in order, from left to right.

Follow this same procedure each night of Chanukah... until all the lights are kindled and glowing brightly!



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The first two blessings are said with the *Shamash* already lit, but immediately prior to lighting the Chanukah candles.

### Blessing #1

*Baruch ata Ado-noi Elo-heinu melech ha-olam, Asher kid-shanu bi-mitzvo-sav, Vi-tzee-vanu li-had-leek ner shel Chanukah.*

Blessed are You, the Lord our G-d, King of the universe, Who sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light.

### Blessing #2

*Baruch ata Ado-noi Elo-heinu melech ha-olam, Shi-asa nee-seem la-avo-seinu, Baya-meem ha-haim baz-man ha-zeh.*

Blessed are You, the Lord our G-d, King of the universe, Who made miracles for our forefathers, in those days at this season.

### Blessing #3

This blessing is said on **the first night only**.

*Baruch ata Ado-noi Elo-heinu melech ha-olam, Sheh-he-che-yanu vi-kee-yimanu Vi-hee-gee-yanu laz-man ha-zeh.*

Blessed are You, the Lord our G-d, King of the universe, Who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

The following paragraph is said **each night, after the first light has been kindled**:

*Ha-nerot ha-lalu anach-nu mad-likin Al ha-nissim vi-al hanif-laot Al ha-tshu-ot vi-al ha-milchamot She-asita la'avo-teinu Ba-yamim ha-heim, ba-zman ha-zeh Al ye-dey kohan-echa haki-doshim.*

*Vi-chol shmonat ye-mey Chanukah Ha-nerot ha-lalu kodesh heim, Ve-ein lanu reshut li-heesh-tamesh ba-hem Ela leer-otam bilvad Kedai le-hodot u-li-hallel li-shimcha Al ni-secha vi-al niflo-techa vi-al yeshua-techa.*

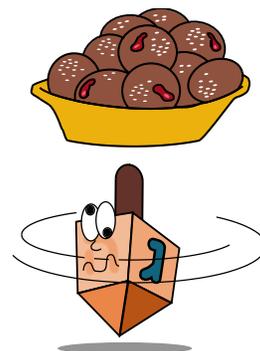
We kindle these lights for the miracles and the wonders, for the redemption and the battles which You performed for our forefathers in those days at this season through Your holy priests. During all eight days of Chanukah these lights are sacred, and we are not permitted to make ordinary use of them, but only to look at them—in order to express thanks and praise to Your great name, for your miracles, Your wonders, and Your salvations.

### 3) Other Customs

After lighting the Chanukah menorah, families enjoy sitting in the glow, singing and recalling the miracles of yesterday and today. The first song traditionally sung after lighting the candles is *Maoz Tzur (Rock of Ages)* (PLEASE VISIT AISH.COM FOR AUDIO AND LYRICS).

A number of other customs have developed, including:

- eating "oily" foods like fried potato latkes (pancakes) and *sufganiyot* (jelly donuts), in commemoration of the miracle of the oil
- giving Chanukah gelt (coins) to children
- spinning the dreidel, a four-sided top with a Hebrew letter on each side (*sivivon* in Hebrew)



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### What is the origin of the dreidel?

In times of persecution when Torah study was forbidden, Jewish children would learn anyway. When soldiers would investigate, the children would pull out a dreidel and pretend to be playing.

The letters on the dreidel are *nun, gimmel, hey, shin* the first letters of *Nes Gadol Haya Sham* – "A Great Miracle Happened There." (In Israel, the last letter is a *Pey* "Here.") One way to play dreidel is to see who can keep theirs spinning for the longest time. Or alternatively, to see how many dreidels you can get spinning simultaneously.

Another version of dreidel is where players use pennies, nuts, raisins, or chocolate coins as tokens or chips. Each player puts an equal share into the "pot." The first player takes a turn spinning the dreidel. When the dreidel stops, the letter facing up determines:

- *Nun* – nothing happens; the next player spins the dreidel
- *Gimmel* – the spinner takes the pot
- *Hey* – take half the pot
- *Shin* – add one to the pot



(Alternatively, you can play where everyone spins their own dreidel simultaneously. Anyone who gets *Nun* takes 2 from the pot; *Gimmel* takes 1 from the pot; *Hey* puts 1 into the pot; *Shin* gives 1 to the person on his/her right.)

**On Chanukah we add "Al Ha'nisim"** – an extra paragraph which describes the Chanukah miracle – to the *Amidah* prayer, and also to the Grace After Meals.

*Happy Chanukah!*

The Joyous Festival of  
Chanukah  
is approaching!

THE FIRST CANDLE IS  
LIT ON  
SUNDAY NIGHT,  
DECEMBER 22, 2019

With the family gathered around light the candle with joy and thanksgiving - sing 'Maoz Tzur' loudly - discuss the miraculous events of the Chag and thank Hashem for his chessed.

### THE FAST OF ASARA B'TEVET

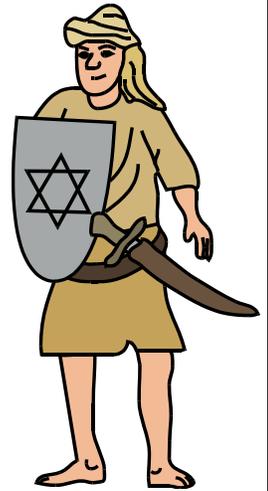
The Fast of Asara B'Tevet  
(the 10th of Tevet)  
falls this year on  
Tuesday, January 7, 2020



Chanukah  
is Almost Here!!

SISTERHOOD'S

# CHANUKAH DINNER



will take place on the

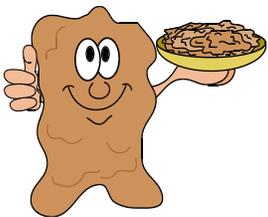
1<sup>st</sup> Night of Chanukah

Sunday, December 22, 2019

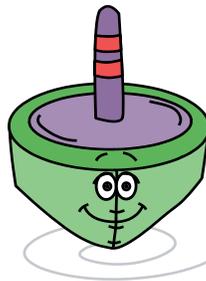
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Great Fun!

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**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE AND PAID FOR  
NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 13TH. (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

**A WARM WELCOME TO  
OUR NEW MEMBER**

**Alan Amerman**

**SAVE THE DATE . . .**

**Saturday Night at the Movies  
Returns on ...**

**November 16 at 6:30 PM**

**December 21 at 6:30 PM**

**January 18, 2019 at 6:30 PM**

**Movies To Be Announced**

*SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$5 TO HELP DEFRAY COSTS*

## Gift Cards



Have you thought of using gift cards for things other than your own shopping? They can be used for holiday, anniversary or birthday gifts. A “just because” gift card always brings a smile! The cards come in different denominations so you can choose the most appropriate one for your needs. Remember each gift card purchase results in a donation to the shul at no cost to you.

To order your gift cards, please use the form on page 13. If you want a card from a store not shown on the form, contact Len Grosman through the shul office (454-2890 or schomre1@aol.com). To place an order send the completed form with payment to Schomre Israel, 18 Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Your gift cards should be available within two weeks of receiving your order form.

## Congregation Schomre Israel

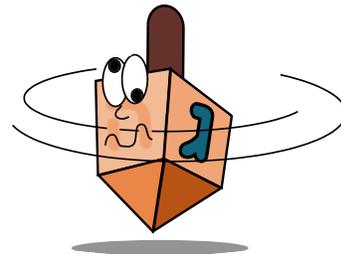
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### The Holiday's are coming...

Need help with Chanukah gift ideas? Have a crowd coming for latkes? Going to a party?



Your answer is here - - Gift Card Order Form

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Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00		\$
Best Buy® \$25.00		\$
CVS/pharmacy \$100.00		\$
CVS/pharmacy \$25.00		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$10.00		\$
GameStop \$25.00		\$
Gap \$25.00		\$
iTunes® \$15.00		\$
iTunes® \$25.00		\$
JCPenney \$100.00		\$
JCPenney \$25.00		\$
Kmart \$25.00		\$
Kohl's \$100.00		\$
Kohl's \$25.00		\$
L.L.Bean \$100.00		\$
L.L.Bean \$25.00		\$
Lowe's \$100.00		\$
Lowe's \$25.00		\$
Macy's \$100.00		\$
Macy's \$25.00		\$
Marshalls \$100.00		\$
Marshalls \$25.00		\$
Michaels \$25.00		\$
Overstock.com \$25.00		\$

STORE	QTY	Total
Price Chopper \$100.00		\$
Price Chopper \$50.00		\$
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		\$



## Hamentashen Baking

Sisterhood's Hamentashen Baking will commence on December 29, 2019

Please join us!

### *Yizkor* Appeal

Thank you to all who participated in the *Yizkor* appeal and sent donations to Schomre Israel in memory of their dear departed. May their souls have everlasting life.



Sisterhood's Newest Fundraiser . . .

### Cards by Stacey

Several samples are available for purchase in the Sisterhood Gift Shop; other cards are available upon request. Cards are \$5.00 (all proceeds go to Sisterhood).

Please contact the office, 454.2890 or [schomre1@aol.com](mailto:schomre1@aol.com), for more information.

### Youth Aliyah

A very sincere thank you is expressed to all who contributed to Youth Aliyah



### ATTN: SNOWBIRDS

To ensure you receive the Bulletin and other time sensitive information — please remember to notify the office (845.454.2890 or [schomre1@aol.com](mailto:schomre1@aol.com)) of your comings and goings!



## News from the Jewish Social Action Coalition

Once again, the Jewish Social Action Coalition is partnering with the Morse School in the city of Poughkeepsie. Thanks to the generosity of our grantor the Schlobach Family Foundation and the capable 'shleppers' from the Harding Club we have made two September food deliveries to the school from the Hudson Valley Food Bank - each delivery was more than 1000 pounds of food! We plan to provide two large food deliveries per month throughout the school year. Although this sounds like a lot, the food items you have been dropping off in the box near the Gold Room are still important. Throughout the year there is need for school supplies, so any donations of those items is appreciated.

This year we plan to use some of our grant money and contributions towards continuing to improve the school library as well as providing some funds for enrichment programs for the school community. The library program at the Morse School needs more volunteers to help students find books, check out books, and to read to the children. Volunteers sign up for 2 hour shifts on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays. You do not need to commit to coming every week. Please contact Roberta Tracy at 845.227.0448 or by email - tracyajrs@aol.com.

We are just beginning to start planning for our Thanksgiving basket project. We are hoping to provide food to thirty families for their Thanksgiving celebrations. Please donate corn bread mixes, cake mixes and frosting. Our Sisterhood continues to support the project to supply food for homeless people who need the local homeless shelter. Once a month Sisterhood supplies funds for cereal and fruit for breakfast for people who are at the shelter. The cereal that you drop off in our donation box is often used for this as well.

YES, WE WOULD LIKE YOUR HELP! Here are some ways to be involved with this project:

- Donate food items. Any securely packaged food, that is not in glass and not out of date is appreciated. Gift cards are always appreciated
- Donate hygiene items, school supplies, recess equipment, library and classroom books, fall and winter clothing, and new underwear and/or new socks
- Volunteer in the school library for two hours once a week/month or whenever you can.

Sandy Corwin and Linda Skolnik are Schomre Israel's representatives to the steering committee of the Jewish Social Action Coalition.

Please contact Sandy Corwin (845.452.2436, sdcorwin@gmail.com) from Schomre Israel for more information or to lend a helping hand.

Thank you to all who support and help with these projects.

### Please consider - -

- Giving Len Grosman a call to order gift cards (page 13)
- When ordering on-line, please go through our website. CSI gets a % from the order (**note:** You have complete privacy. We do not see anything but a donation amount from amazon, Artscroll etcetera.)
- Paying your dues and making donations on-line with a charge card

For more information or assistance,  
call Len Grosman or the office.



## **SISTERHOOD NEWS**

By this time, everyone should have received our 2019/2020 Calendar. We wish to thank Cassia and Stephan Brown for the superb job. A big thank you to everyone who helped us with this huge project and especially those who took ads or listed birthdays, etc. If you have not paid for your listing, please do so. Save us the cost of postage. If you do not know what you owe, call Cassia Brown, 452.8317, for that information. Once again, thank you all! This is a great fund raiser for Sisterhood and it helps us to continue our good work for the Shul.

### **HAMENTASHEN BAKING**



We will start our hamentashen baking on Sunday, December 29, 2019. 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.

### **THIS AND THAT**

To send a Golden Book Card or Shrubbery Card, call Marcia Fishman, 471.1241, after 5:00 pm on weekdays. Golden Book cards, payable to Sisterhood, are \$3.00 and Shrubbery cards, payable to Schomre Israel, are \$5.00. You are supporting Sisterhood and the Shul when you purchase these cards.

Chanukah is just around the corner. You can get some of your gifts at the Gift Shop. We have adult and children's menorahs available, Chanukah candles from Israel, dreidels, and many other items. Newlyweds might need a menorah, Seder Plate, candlesticks, honey jar, or mezuzah. See what we have to offer.

*Many thanks to the following members for sponsoring kiddushes:*

*Hinda and Irving Baum in honor of their 56th Anniversary and  
Barbara and Irwin Lifshay in honor of their 56th Anniversary*

*Roberta and Len Grosman in honor of their 56th Anniversary*

*Evelyn and David Horowitz in honor of their 65th Anniversary*

Do you have a special birthday, anniversary, or celebration you want to share with the Congregation? Why not sponsor a Kiddush? You can have a simple Kiddush or an elaborate one. Call Cassia Brown, 452.8317, or Roberta Grosman, 454.5105, to make arrangements.



**SISTERHOOD SCHOMRE ISRAEL**

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e-mail: [rgrosman@aol.com](mailto:rgrosman@aol.com)website: [schomreisrael.org](http://schomreisrael.org)**THIRTY-SEVENTH 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 **\$15.00 per dozen and \$10.00 per half dozen**. These hamentaschen will be available for pickup on SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020 at the Synagogue, 18 Park Avenue between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Special arrangements for pickup can be made.

**REMEMBER "PURIM" IS MARCH 10, 2020. All orders MUST be Prepaid by February 21<sup>st</sup>.**

In the past thirty-six years of our sale, we have supplied numerous Poughkeepsie area households and local and out of state organizations with *Hamentashen* 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 **Shaloch Monot Baskets** which contain *Hamentash*, candy, nuts, fruit, and a beverage. **The cost is \$22.00**. If you wish the basket or just *Hamentash* mailed, there is a **\$14.00 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 info: [rgrosman@aol.com](mailto:rgrosman@aol.com).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRICE:****\$15.00 DOZEN****\$10.00 HALF DOZEN****I WANT TO ORDER:**

\_\_\_\_\_ doz. RASPBERRY

\_\_\_\_\_ doz. PRUNE

\_\_\_\_\_ doz. APRICOT

\_\_\_\_\_ doz. POPPY SEED

\_\_\_\_\_ doz. CHOCOLATE

\_\_\_\_\_ SHALOCH MONOT BASKETS  
(\$22.00 + \$14.00 shipping)

**MAIL TO: SISTERHOOD SCHOMRE ISRAEL**  
18 PARK AVENUE  
POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12603

**ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Shaloch Monot Baskets:**

**MAIL TO:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

In memory of his dear grandmother, Leah Reimer  
Jeffrey Chick and Meri Yallowitz.

In memory of her mother, Libby Rosenthal  
Annette Dishner.

In memory of David and Judith Effron  
Sara Effron.

Wishing my mom, Beatrice Gold, a very happy 94th  
birthday  
Sandra Gold.

Wishing Evelyn and Dave Horowitz a very happy  
anniversary  
Roberta and Len Grosman  
Arline Bernstein  
Annette and Shelley Baskin..

In honor of Steve Spira  
Evan Hochstein.

- In memory of their family and friends...  
Isaac Halpern  
Fannie Horowitz  
Frieda Horowitz  
Ted Horowitz  
William Horowitz  
Rose Josephs  
David Kessler  
Efraim Kessler  
Hy Kessler  
Becky Present  
Helen Rosch  
Joseph Rosenblum  
Gertrude Schreiberman  
Morris Schreiberman  
Samson Schreiberman  
Ruth Yellin  
and, all of their loved ones
- In appreciation for their good health  
Evelyn and David Horowitz.

In honor of Hinda and Irving Baum and Barbara  
and Irwin Lifshyey  
Shirley and Steve Lapidus  
Arline Bernstein.

In memory of her dear friend Gittel Burdman  
Batya Lewton.

Thank you to Lucy and Rabbi Langer. Wishing you  
well in your retirement and your new home in  
Israel

Jenn Birk-Goldschmidt and  
Neal Loevinger.

In appreciation of receiving an honor on Rosh Ha-  
Shanah  
Brion Shapiro.

In memory of his beloved sister, Debra Shapiro  
Brion and Rose Shapiro.

In memory of Rabbi Eric Kaye  
Bert Smith.

In memory of her beloved father, Boris  
Moshkovich  
Galina and Arnold Stavisky.

Thank you for welcoming my family on Rosh Ha-  
Shannah  
Annaliese.

In memory of her beloved uncle, Robert Caston  
Hillary Caston.

**GOLDEN BOOK CARDS WERE SENT TO:**

Ron Markowitz - Wishing him a speedy recovery  
and continuing good health  
Ellie & Marty Korfman.

Jeff Fishman - A belated Happy Birthday  
Barbara & Irwin Lifshyey.

**GOLDEN BOOK CARDS** continued:

Herbert Kalmeyer & Family - In memory of his wife Thelma  
Bea Davis.

Hinda & Irv Baum - Wishing them a very Happy Anniversary

Congregation of Schomre Israel  
Schomre Israel Sisterhood  
Roberta & Len Grosman  
Ros Fox  
Marcia Fishman  
Jane Friedland  
Ellie & Marty Korfman  
Linda Skolnik  
Natalie & Ron Markowitz  
Helene & Larry Price  
Evelyn & David Horowitz.

Barbara & Irwin Lifshy - Wishing them a very Happy Anniversary

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Linda Skolnik  
Natalie & Ron Markowitz  
Helene & Larry Price  
Evelyn & David Horowitz.

Rabbi Eliezer & Lucy Langer - Wishing them the best of all that is good on their move to Israel

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Jane Friedland  
Ellie & Marty Korfman  
Linda Skolnik  
Natalie & Ron Markowitz  
Helene & Larry Price  
Evelyn & David Horowitz.

Evelyn & David Horowitz - Wishing them a very Happy Anniversary

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Ellie & Marty Korfman  
Linda Skolnik  
Donna Loshin  
Holly Hummel  
Natalie & Ron Markowitz  
Phyllis & Sam Wexler  
Olga Dalsheim  
Sandy & Lee Corwin  
Helene & Larry Price.

Livia Ritz - Our best wishes for your very speedy recovery & continued good health

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Schomre Israel Sisterhood  
Roberta & Len Grosman  
Ros Fox  
Marcia Fishman  
Jane Friedland  
Linda Skolnik  
Natalie & Ron Markowitz.

Gordon Weiss - Our condolences on the loss of your mother Ethel Weiss

Congregation of Schomre Israel  
Schomre Israel Sisterhood  
Roberta & Len Grosman.

Donna Loshin - In memory of her father Murray Loshin

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Ros Fox  
Linda Skolnik  
Holly Hummel  
Olga Dalsheim  
Natalie & Ron Markowitz  
Barbara & Irwin Lifshy.

**GOLDEN BOOK CARDS** continued:

Linda Skolnik & Family - In memory of Marvin Skolnik  
Evelyn & David Horowitz.

Evelyn & David Horowitz - A heartfelt Thank You  
Ros Fox.

Marilyn Worona - Wishing her a speedy & complete  
Recovery

Ros Fox

Marcia Fishman

Donna Loshin.

Yisroel Meyer Kirschner - Yasher Koach for your  
beautiful Torah reading on Rosh Hashanah  
Evelyn & David Horowitz.

Join the Walkway Over the Hudson's Volunteer Ambassador Program. Walkway Ambassadors are the welcoming faces of the Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park who enjoy giving back to the community they live in. Ambassadors serve as greeters, information providers, tour guides, and work in the Pavilions. Ambassadors volunteer their time to assist in the park and enhance the visitor experience. For more information about becoming a Walkway Ambassador and required training contact Theresa Sanchez at 845-454-9649 or email [tsanchez@walkway.org](mailto:tsanchez@walkway.org). To learn more about the Walkway Over the Hudson organization, visit the website at [walkway.org](http://walkway.org).

**SHRUBBERY CARDS WERE SENT TO:**

Donna Loshin - In memory of her father, Murray  
Loshin

Arline Bernstein

Marcia Fishman

Jeff Fishman.

Evelyn & David Horowitz - Wishing them a very  
Happy Anniversary

Barbara & Irwin Lifshy.



February 10, 2020 - Tu B'Shevat

**Yahrzeits for November 2019**

- 01 Yetta Feureisen
- 03 Moses Stavisky
- 05 Regina Baum  
Esther M. Palestine
- 07 Edward Koffman
- 09 Lawrence Shapiro  
Leonard Simon
- 11 Nadine Fox  
Rachel Markowitz
- 14 Ted Horowitz  
Jerome Regunberg
- 17 Carl Siler  
Abraham Weiss
- 18 Sidney Osofsky
- 19 Esther Rose Grossman  
Katie Schudroff
- 20 Sol Pollack
- 22 Toby Kessler
- 25 Myer Budman
- 26 Ed Bernstein
- 27 Morris Danto
- 30 Adele Chick

**Yahrzeits for December 2019**

- 04 Baruch Carpet  
Louis Alex Koffman
- 06 Irving Lerner
- 09 Lillian 'Lee' Efron
- 10 Stanley Fox
- 11 Beatrice Brown  
Yeshayahu May
- 13 Aida Gamberg  
Brycha Karchevskaya  
Martha Kessler
- 14 Hyman Goldstein
- 15 Leo Kessler
- 17 Sirel Lenrow
- 18 Rita Kaplan  
Rosalie Millman
- 19 Laura Stein
- 20 Oscar Klein  
Shirley Koffman
- 21 Samuel Eisenstadt  
Meyer Horowitz
- 25 Zisel Halpern  
Lena Horowitz
- 26 Theodore Klein  
Essie Schiller
- 28 Tillie Chick  
Samuel Gollin
- 29 Pearl Klein
- 30 William Lutsky
- 31 Theodore Fox



## A reminder...

You can support the Shul by purchasing:

Chair Plaque	\$175
Yahrzeit Plaque:	
Member	\$275
Non-Member	\$300
Tree of Life:	
Leaf	\$175
Apple/Acorn	\$550
Crested Apple	\$750
Crested Acorn	\$750
Golden Apple	\$950
Golden Acorn	\$950
Siddur	\$60
Chumash	\$60
Mezuzah Parchment	\$50
Shrubbery Card	\$5 (payable to: Schomre Israel)
Golden Card	\$3 (payable to: Sisterhood)

IN HONOR OF or IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE.

## Other options...

- Gift Cards (scrip) (see page 13 for cards available)
- On-Line Shopping (amazon, Goodshop, Artsroll) through our website under the "Support Us" menu item.

