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Tu Bishvat — The New Year of the Trees

The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the plane, and the pine, to beautify the place of my sanctuary, and I will make the place of my feet glorious (Isaiah 60:13)

Hamoshava Motza, where Theodor Herzl stayed and planted a tree during a visit in 1898

When Herzl Planted a Tree

By Larry Domnitch

While it has the appearance of a legend, modern Zionism founder Theodor Herzl himself recorded the fact that he planted a cypress tree on his visit to Motza, located outside Jerusalem.

Most everyone knows that the holiday of Tu Bishvat is associated with the planting of trees in Israel. Throughout the centuries, trees have been planted in Israel on Tu Bishvat as a celebration of the special qualities of the land, as well as its connection to the Jewish people.

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SHABBAT

Friday evening Shabbat services at **6:00 p.m.**
In person (pending) and Zoom
The 1st Friday of each month is Family Shabbat 7:00; Junior Congregation Saturday 10:30 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
RSVP school@shirshalomrockland.org
Saturday morning services at **10:00 a.m.**
In person (pending) and Zoom
Please call the office the Wednesday before Shabbat if you would like an aliyah on Saturday

MINYAN

Sunday—Thurs. evening at 7:30 p.m.
On Zoom
Monday evening at 7:30 p.m.
In person (pending) and Zoom

Please try to attend *minyan* as often as possible to enable mourners and those who are observing *yahrzeits* to say *Kaddish*.

Candle lighting times (New City area)

Dates	Starts	Ends
December 31-Jan. 1	4:20	5:24
January 7-8	4:26	5:30
January 14-15	4:33	5:37
January 21-22	4:41	5:45
January 28-29	4:50	5:53

OFFICE Hours:

OPEN Monday—Thursday 10:00 am—5:00 pm
Friday 10:00 am—3:00 pm

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Please note our new "ShirShalomRockland" Facebook, web and email addresses which reflect our new identity

Our website is now www.shirshalomrockland.org (however, please note, it temporarily shows "www.nanuethc.org" at the top).

The new Facebook addresses are:

Congregation Shir Shalom Facebook: www.facebook.com/ShirShalomRockland

Congregation Shir Shalom Community Forum Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/ShirShalomRockland

Congregation Shir Shalom Sisterhood Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/SisterhoodShirshalomRockland/

Congregation Shir Shalom Men's Club Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/MensClubShirShalomRockland

Congregation Shir Shalom COVID Committee Building Update:

The COVID Committee met on Sunday, January 2nd to evaluate the current situation with the Omicron variant. Due to its extremely high transmissibility rate, the Committee has made the following decisions:

All services, including weekday minyan, Friday night Shabbat, and Saturday Morning Shabbat, will take place via Zoom only.

Makom religious school will be held virtually via Google Classroom.

All clubs, activities, and youth programs will also be held virtually.

The office will be closed for in-person interaction; however, Kari and Shari can be contacted by phone if necessary.

The Committee will be meeting again on January 16th to reevaluate the situation.

Thank you for your understanding.

From Co-President Gail Kaiser

As I write this, most of us are counting down the days to the end of the secular year, 2021 (and I, like most, am happy to see it go). We've torn off 11 pages, one for each month, on our calendar and are eagerly waiting to rip off that last one and start afresh with a new year and a new calendar. However, when we look at the Jewish calendar, there are differences from the secular one.

Time, in its essence, is an unceasing flow on which human beings have imposed meaning with arbitrary divisions and markers – years, months, weeks, days, minutes, and seconds. These units of time serve as measures for human activity in areas such as education, commerce, leisure, agriculture and religion. Jewish time grew out of G-d's imposition of order on the primeval chaos. First, G-d separated the light from the darkness, creating day and night. Then, as a reflection of G-d's cycle of creation and rest, the work week was differentiated from Shabbat. Later, at the time of the Exodus, G-d mandated that the Israelites mark the new moon of Nissan, thereby establishing a monthly and yearly cycle.

As the body of Jewish law developed, the Jewish calendar has served to demarcate both holiday observances and numerous time-bound obligations. To ensure that certain commandments were completed at their appointed times, four different new years were established to provide boundaries and markers for these activities. For example, since the Israelites were required to contribute a tenth of their current year's produce, they had to know when the current agricultural year began and ended.

The first of Tishrei serves as the New Year for several purposes, the best known being the New Year for the civil calendar, or "the new year for seasons." We know it as "Rosh Hashanah", which literally means "the head of the year". Jewish years are traditionally figured from creation, so our current year, 5782, is considered the 5,782nd year from creation. Although Rosh Hashanah is not a well-defined holiday in the Torah, the Talmud expanded its religious connotations to make it the Jewish New Year and the anniversary of creation. The first of Tishrei is also considered the new year for measuring the reigns of foreign kings, necessary because legal documents were dated by the current year of a monarch's reign. The new year for setting the Sabbatical year, during which land may not be cultivated, is also the first of Tishrei. Planting and plowing were forbidden from 1 Tishrei of the seventh year in the Sabbatical cycle, and people were allowed to gather only what the land could produce on its own, without cultivation.

In a similar vein, the first of Tishrei is the new year for the setting the Jubilee year, the fiftieth year following seven cycles of Sabbatical years. Sowing was also forbidden during the Jubilee, but, additionally, all indentured Israelites were allowed to return to their own

homes and all tenured land was to be returned to its original owners. Lastly, 1 Tishrei is also the new year for figuring out the yearly tithe, or ten percent tax, on fruits and vegetables. The Levites and priests were supported by these tithes because they didn't own land. The tithe for a particular year had to be paid with produce from the same year, thus requiring a standard date to begin and end each fiscal year.

The second new year in the Jewish calendar is the fifteenth of Shevat, the New Year for trees. This date was selected because most of the winter rains were over, the sap had begun to rise, and the fruit had begun to ripen. As with vegetables and grains, fruits that budded during one "fiscal year" could not be used as tithes on those that budded in another year. The 15th of Shevat has become a minor holiday, Tu BiShevat. On that day it is customary to eat, for the first time, a fruit from the new season, particularly one typical of the Land of Israel, and to say the *Shehecheyanu* blessing. In Ashkenazi communities in Europe, it was customary to eat 15 different types of fruits. The Sephardic mystics of Safed in the 16th century expanded the Tu Bishvat observance with a seder. Today, Tu Bishvat has come to symbolize the redemption of the land and awakening of environmental awareness through the planting of trees.

The third Jewish new year is 1 Nissan, which corresponds to the season of the redemption from Egypt and the birth of the Israelite nation. This particularistic national event defines the nature of the New Year celebrated on the first of Nissan. The Torah's command that "this month is for you the beginning of the months, it shall be the first month of the year to you" tied all counting of Jewish religious festivals to the Exodus from Egypt, and this special counting system distinguished Israel from other nations. In line with the national emphasis of this new year, the first of Nissan is also the New Year for the reigns of Jewish kings.

The last new year is 1 Elul, which is for the tithing of cattle. The tithe for cattle had to be made from cattle born in the same fiscal year, between the first of Elul one year and the first of Elul in the next.

So, regardless of whether you utilize a Jewish calendar to mark special spiritual days and new beginnings in your life or in your world, the secular calendar indicates that another year is about to end and a new one will commence. As such, my family and I, along with Jeff, and the rest of the Board of Trustees of Congregation Shir Shalom want to wish you a happy, healthy, better and brighter, and more enjoyable 2022!

Gail Kaiser, Co-President, Congregation Shir Shalom

מקום Religious School News
The Place to Learn to Gather to Grow!
A New Educational Project of Congregation Shir Shalom
Rabbi Paul Kurland

We ended Chanukah with a party that was enjoyed by our students and families. Chanukah Bingo, listening to Chanukah songs, and participating in a Chanukah trivia game in which prizes were given out created a lot of excitement. Of course, everyone left with delicious donuts to eat on the way home. Morah Jody supervised our sixth and seventh grade students in making yummy latkes, which they shared with the rest of the school. The students did an amazing job in designing their own dreidels adding in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) with Judaism. The students were quite successful in problem solving to create dreidels out of scrap materials and glue. Some students managed to figure out a way to put a dreidel together without glue! And they even spun! Our younger grades enjoyed story time with a dreidel character (thank you for volunteering, Suzanne Kofinas!).

The month of January brings the holiday of Tu'Bishvat in which we celebrate the birthday of the trees in Israel. All students will be planting parsley seeds. Hopefully, they will grow and be used as Karpas at their Pesach seders. Sixth and seventh graders will be visiting the Holocaust Museum and Center for Tolerance Education to continue learning about the Righteous Among the Nations, those who helped save Jews during the Holocaust. In addition, they will gain an understanding of how moral courage relates to their own lives. Our second, third and fourth graders are really moving ahead in their tefilla goals and Hebrew reading. Our younger classes continue to learn about Judaism through song, art, games and stories with Morah Mindy.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy new year!
Rebecca Bernstein, Education Director

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Sisterhood Buzz

Mazel Tov to Elinor Silver
The recipient of the Woman of Valor Award
at Sisterhood Shabbat December 4, 2021

Sisterhood Shabbat was a beautiful women-led service. Yasher Koach to Suzanne Kofinas and Donna Smith for organizing. Yasher Koach to all who participated and added to morning, making enjoyable for all.

It may be cold here, snow in the air, but spring is just around the corner. Things are blooming. Tu Bishvat is January 16th. Spring in Israel. As we enter winter, they enter spring. Spring will be here soon too, ok, two months. In the meantime, have you dreamed of visiting Israel? But haven't gotten there yet? Maybe you have been there but can't wait to get back? Join us on Sunday morning January 30, 2022, for our next virtual Israel tour. This tour will be of the city of Acre (Akko). Bring your own bagels coffee, or maybe make yourself some "Shaskshuka!" If you are not sure what that is, google it! Or wait till the Sisterhood Cookbook is created and find the recipe in there!

Do you have a great Kosher recipe you love? The Sisterhood of Shir Shalom is creating a cookbook. Please share your favorite (Kosher) recipes with us! See the flier on the next page for info.

Mindy Sayer (CSS Sisterhood President)

The Shir Shalom Cookbook is Coming!

Do you have a family favorite recipe to share?
Kid favorite? Secret Recipe?
Holiday tradition that must be on your table?

Please submit your recipes by categories below

APPETIZERS AND DAIRY - Diane Fishman: dianefishman@hotmail.com

SOUPS AND SALADS - Shari Winkler: wink4mail@gmail.com

CASSEROLES AND SIDES - Dianne Rice: diannergr@gmail.com

BEEF AND HOLIDAY SPECIFIC - Laurie Griffel: lauriegriffel@gmail.com

VEGETABLES AND VEGETARIAN - Lisa Green: lgreen18@cs.com

DESSERTS - Donna Smith: donna33s@aol.com

POULTRY AND FISH - Suzanne Kofinas: stuffinjunk1@gmail.com

All submissions must be Kosher.

Be sure to include a list of all ingredients and materials, and specific cooking directions.

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SPECIAL FUNDRAISING EVENT!

JOIN THE SISTERHOOD CONGREGATION SHIR SHALOM FOR A VIRTUAL ISRAEL TOUR OF ACRE (AKKO)!

Acre (Akko) is a city in the Western Galilee region of northern Israel at the northern extremity of Haifa Bay. Acre is one of the oldest continuously inhabited sites in the country. It was a strategic coastal link to the Levant. Acre is the holiest city of the Bahá'í Faith. The above left photo shows an aerial view of the Old City, its harbor, the ancient walls and the Al-Jazzir Mosque; the right photo shows the Templar Tunnel, constructed by the Knights Templar to serve as a strategic underground passageway. We hope you can join us for this live, virtual tour – with our wonderful guide, Moshe Gold!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30TH AT 10 AM

PLEASE INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS … ALL ARE WELCOME

"BYOB" (Bring your own Bagel!)

$18 Donation *[must be paid in advance]*
Payable to Sisterhood Congregation Shir Shalom

Please RSVP and mail your check to Shari in the Shir Shalom Office

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You will receive the zoom log-in information by email in advance of the event.

RSVP Deadline: Thursday, January 27th

January 2022 Congregation Shir Shalom
Tevet - Shevat 5782

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Please note that proper wearing of a mask and social distancing are required at all times in the building.						28 Tevet 1 10:00 am Shabbat Services, via Zoom
29 Tevet 2 7:30 pm Minyan via Zoom	1 Shevat 3 Rosh Chodesh Shevat Rabbi's Class not meeting 6:30 pm Sisterhood Meeting, via Zoom 7:30 pm Minyan, via Zoom	2 Shevat 4 4:45 pm Makom 7:30 pm Minyan via Zoom	3 Shevat 5 7:30 pm Minyan via Zoom	4 Shevat 6 12:00 pm Hazak , via Zoom 7:30 pm Minyan via Zoom	5 Shevat 7 6:00 pm Shabbat Service, via Zoom	6 Shevat 8 10:00 am Shabbat Services, via Zoom
7 Shevat 9 9:00 am Makom 7:30 pm Minyan via Zoom	8 Shevat 10 Rabbi's Class not meeting 7:30 pm Minyan, via Zoom	9 Shevat 11 4:45 pm Makom 7:30 pm Minyan via Zoom	10 Shevat 12 7:30 pm Minyan, via Zoom	11 Shevat 13 7:30 pm Minyan via Zoom	12 Shevat 14 3:15 pm Tot Shabbat 6:00 pm Shabbat Service, via Zoom	13 Shevat 15 10:00 am Shabbat Services, via Zoom
14 Shevat 16 9:00 am Volunteer at Rhoda Bloom Food Pantry 10:00 am Men's Club Meeting, via Zoom 7:30 pm Minyan via Zoom	15 Shevat 17 Tu B'Shvat Martin Luther King Day – Office Closed Rabbi's Class not meeting 7:30 pm Minyan, via Zoom	16 Shevat 18 4:45 pm Makom 7:30 pm Minyan via Zoom	17 Shevat 19 7:30 pm Minyan via Zoom	18 Shevat 20 7:30 pm Minyan via Zoom	19 Shevat 21 6:00 pm Shabbat Service, via Zoom	20 Shevat 22 10:00 am Shabbat Services, via Zoom 10:30 am Junior Congregation
21 Shevat 23 9:00 am Makom 7:30 pm Minyan via Zoom	22 Shevat 24 12:00 pm Rabbi's Class, via Zoom 7:30 pm Minyan, via Zoom 8:00 Board of Directors Meeting	23 Shevat 25 4:45 pm Makom 7:30 pm Minyan via Zoom	24 Shevat 26 7:30 pm Minyan via Zoom	25 Shevat 27 7:30 pm Minyan via Zoom	26 Shevat 28 3:15 pm Tot Shabbat 6:00 pm Shabbat Service, via Zoom	27 Shevat 29 10:00 am Family Shabbat Services, via Zoom
28 Shevat 30 10:00 am Sisterhood Zoom Tour 7:30 pm Minyan via Zoom	29 Shevat 31 12:00 pm Rabbi's Class, via Zoom 7:30 pm Minyan, via Zoom	PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL SERVICES, CLASSES AND PROGRAMS WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY THROUGH JANUARY 16TH, PENDING FURTHER GUIDANCE FROM THE COVID COMMITTEE. ALL PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.				

Shir Shalom Men's Club Event

2022 Super Bowl Pool / Fundraiser

Here we go again ... the 2022 Super Bowl Pool / Fundraiser
(a portion of proceeds will support **Makom**)

WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN

NOW it is your time to win big,
buy a box before they are all gone.

The grid consists of 100 boxes, at $36 per box, with a winning payout of:

Please contact Adam Goodman to reserve your box(es)
Cell: 914-772-2733 or Email: natsup1@verizon.net

		Home Team									
		#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#
Visitors	#	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	#	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	#	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	#	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
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	#	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
	#	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
	#	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

Score Breakdown	Payout
First Quarter	$200
Half Time	$300
Third Quarter	$200
Final	$600

Make your check payable to Shir Shalom Men's Club, and mail it to
Congregation Shir Shalom – Men's Club, 411 South Little Tor Road, New City, NY 10956

Thanks for your continued support!
Your Quarterback, Adam Goodman

Men's Club Football Pool

I have to make a clarification to the football pool. Previously I stated that there was only seventeen weeks of football. However, there are actually eighteen weeks of football. The fact is that each team only plays seventeen weeks of football as they each receive a week off (called a bye week). Therefore it takes eighteen weeks for each team to play their seventeen games. (My thirteen year old grandson explained this to me.)After 15 weeks of football, there is only one player without a win.

After the eighteenth week of football, the regular football season ends and so does the football pool. At that time, the winners will be announced. The pool does not cover the playoff games or Super Bowl Sunday. There will be a separate pool for the Super Bowl.

I have been thinking about new ways to make this event more exciting and fun for next year. One way is to have more competition. Possibly if we could convince some women from Sisterhood and some more boys from Men's Club to join, we could have a challenge to see which group has the most wins. (We may have to handicap the men, because the woman always do better.) If you have any other ideas to make this more exciting, please feel free to contact me or the Congregation Shir Shalom Men' Club.

Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy New Year.

Still Your Favorite Amateur Football Novice,

Arthur Fishman

Continued from cover

Prior to the scorching of the land by Roman legions following the Judean revolts over 1,800 years ago, Israel was adorned with lush forests and bountiful produce.

In the latter half of the 19th century, when the Ottoman Turks ruled the land, the first waves of Zionist immigrants began to arrive. Their objective was to develop the land and restore it to its former splendor. When Tu Bishvat arrived, they would gather together and mark the day with tree-planting ceremonies. Soon, clusters of young saplings were transformed into forests. Each forest that was planted brought the dream of a Jewish state a little closer — a dream that seemed distant while the land was under the harsh rule of the anti-Zionist Turks.

Just as every forest was precious, so too was each tree. The story of one particular tree symbolized the plight of Zionism in its earliest days and proved that adversity might be an obstacle but not a deterrence. No impediments would prevent the development of the land of Israel.

While visiting Israel in 1898, Theodor Hertzl sought an audience with German Kaiser Wilhelm II, who was also in the Holy Land. After visiting the coastal settlements of Mikve Yisrael and Rishon LeTzion, Herzl traveled toward Jerusalem. As he passed through the Judean hills, he noticed its splendor as well as its barrenness due to neglect over the centuries. However, he noticed an island of green amidst the desolation. It was a small Jewish settlement, the only one in the area. The settlement, named Motza, possessed a population of 200 people and was located several miles west of Jerusalem. Its abundance of olive, date, and apricot trees, along with clusters of grapevines, gave it its fertile appearance.

Herzl and his entourage proceeded toward the village, where he was warmly received. As he rested in the shade, he gazed upon the land of Judea. The sun began to set and a variety of lights of brilliant colors reflected upon its hills. Captivated by the sight, he told members of his entourage that he wished to plant a tree at that location. Herzl ascended the hill and planted a young cypress tree. The tree grew rapidly. Six years later, it stood tall and statuesque signifying to the settlers the Jewish people's return to Zion.

Seven years later, on the 20th day of the Hebrew month of Tammuz, 1904, Herzl died at age 44. The stunned members of the Yishuv (Jewish community in pre-state Israel) mourned his death and continued to commemorate their leader in the years to come. On the day of his yahrzeit (the anniversary of his death), Zionist youth continued to ascend that hill and plant trees around Herzl's grave.

When World War I broke out several years later, the British and the Turks were locked in a bitter struggle over control of the Holy Land. As the tide of battle was turning in favor of .the British, the Turks, suffering a wave of defeats, vented out their anger upon the Zionists.

Many Zionists were imprisoned or exiled; others had their wealth and businesses confiscated. Despite the hardships, the settlers continued to develop the land. When the 20th of Tammuz arrived in 1917, Zionist youth, in accordance with the annual custom, once again returned to Herzl's tree, but they found that it had not survived. The Turks had hewn it down. Scattered around the remains of the tree, the young Zionists found cones from the cypress tree, which they placed in their pockets. They returned to Jerusalem under cover that night to avoid the watchful eyes of the Turks. Those cones, which contained numerous seeds, were carefully guarded.

In 1917, the Turks were defeated and forced out of the land. The 400-year rule of the Turks was over. Those who collected and guarded the seeds proceeded to plant them throughout the land. Soon, from Herzl's destroyed tree, many young trees sprung forth across the land of Israel — from the Galilee to the Judean hills.

The settlement of Motza was likewise cut down. A wave of Arab riots against the Jews erupted throughout the Holy Land in 1929, and Motza suffered at the hands of Arabs from neighboring villages. The beleaguered settlement was soon abandoned. However, four years later, a new settlement, Moshav Motza Ilith (Upper Motza) was established near that location, situated slightly higher on the same hill. In clear view of the Moshav rested the remains of Herzl's cypress tree.

A tree was cut down, but its seeds remained in order to be planted in the future. On Tu Bishvat, a nation plants seeds to recover what was lost in the past. The Romans might have left the land bare, but there was always hope for its revival and the renewal of its legendary forestry. Every Tu Bishvat those seeds, which are remnants of the destruction of forests in the past, are planted to build future forests in the land of Israel.

www.myjewishlearning.com/article/herzls-tree/
From *The Jewish Holidays. A Journey Through History (Jason Aronson)*

WE NOW HAVE A SINGLE ZOOM LINK TO ACCESS ALL OF OUR VIRTUAL (ONLINE) SERVICES.

Unless otherwise advised, please use this Zoom link to access all of our Virtual (online) Services. This includes our daily evening minyan, and Shabbat (Friday night and Saturday morning) and Holiday Services: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85045763462?pwd=bjJCK2xoWkJFVVJoc3R2cVJiUnNHdz09

Meeting ID: 850 4576 3462 Passcode: 9181

You can download the Siddur Sim Shalom for Weekdays (weekday evening) at: https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/form-download-e-siddur-0

CenterRock Youth

Rachel Benner, Youth Advisor

It's cold this winter!

In December CenterRock Youth held dreidel wars for the Makom kids. Each child was given a group of random materials and was told to build a dreidel. They had to spin, and have the letters typical for the dreidel. The kids had a blast!

We then had our first ever CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER. This was a huge success!! Members from the congregation supporting our group showed up dressed in their best and played the night away! There were raffles and a photo booth. What a way to end the first half of the year!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR DEALING AND HOSTING THIS AMAZING NIGHT!

Please look for the following upcoming events we have scheduled: PLEASE NOTE ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO COVID GUIDELINES AND WILL BE ALTERED TO VIRTUAL IF REQUIRED

January 15th virtual game night

January 23rd program for Makom youth TBD

January 27th Lounge Night for 6th-12th graders

February 5th Mock Shul in — Come stay up late, play games and watch movies in our lounge!

February 15th program for Makom youth TBD

February 27th (Tentative) snow tubing event at Camp Gaw

March 13th PURIM CARNIVAL

March 31st Lounge Night for 6th-12th graders

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➢ Men's Club Planning Meeting

On Sunday, January 16th at 10:00 AM, the Congregation Shir Shalom Men's Club will be holding an important planning meeting.

We welcome you to join us – and please bring your ideas!

Due to Covid restrictions, this month's meeting will be held strictly on Zoom.

Please use this link to join the January 16th meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87206098253
Meeting ID: 872 0609 8253 Passcode: 075480

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➢ This Month's Poker Night Cancelled

This month's Poker Night (originally scheduled for Sunday, January 16th) has been cancelled due to the Covid restrictions. We look forward, hopefully next month to be able to resume these fun, in-person get-togethers.

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For more info on our very active Men's Club, please contact one of our co-presidents: Mitch Spiegel, Bruce Yore or Eric Zweigbaum, at MensClub@ShirShalomRockland.org

שיר שלום

CONGREGATION SHIR SHALOM | *Song of Peace*

A UNION OF MONTEBELLO JEWISH CENTER AND NANUET HEBREW CENTER

The Congregation Shir Shalom

"Meshugganah Players"

Present …

the Purim Land Cruise

Leaving "port" on the 14th day of Adar

(Wednesday, March 16, 2022)

"Climb aboard" and stay for the Megillah reading!

A Purim Spiel adventure you won't want to miss.

Details and "Boarding Passes" available soon.

For more info on the Congregation Shir Shalom "Meshugganah Players", or on this year's Purim Spiel, please contact Mindy Sayer at javadreams@hotmail.com (or leave a message for her with the Shir Shalom office).

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AND NANUET HEBREW CENTER

Cemetery Plots

With the consolidation of Montebello Jewish Center and Nanuet Hebrew Center, our new Congregation Shir Shalom has cemetery plots available at two locations: Beth El Cemetery in Paramus, NJ and Montebello Jewish Center Cemetery in the Village of New Hempstead, NY.

Beth El Cemetery

Cost per plot for Congregation Shir Shalom congregants is $1,800 plus applicable fees.

Cost per plot for others in the community is $2,500 plus applicable fees.

Montebello Jewish Center Cemetery

Cost per plot for Congregation Shir Shalom congregants is $1,500. This includes Perpetual Care.

Cost per plot for family of Shir Shalom congregants is $2,000. This includes Perpetual Care.

Cost per plot for others in the community is $3,000. This includes Perpetual Care.

For additional information, or to purchase plots at either cemetery, please contact Gregg Brunwasser (Chevra Kadisha Chair) at (845) 222-1161 *or* leave a message for Gregg with the Shir Shalom Office: (845) 708-9181 / office@ShirShalomRockland.org

(All costs and fees subject to change)

HAZAK

In this month's Bulletin article, I have to do something that I have never done before. I have to print a retraction to last month's article. I stated that at our January meeting we would be doing Arts and Crafts. However, that is scheduled for our February meeting. The January meeting is devoted to playing games. Do you want to know what games we play? Well, what happens in Hazak, stays in Hazak. Now, doesn't that want to make you join us? Remember, you must be at least 65 years young.

Here are some thoughts for the New Year:

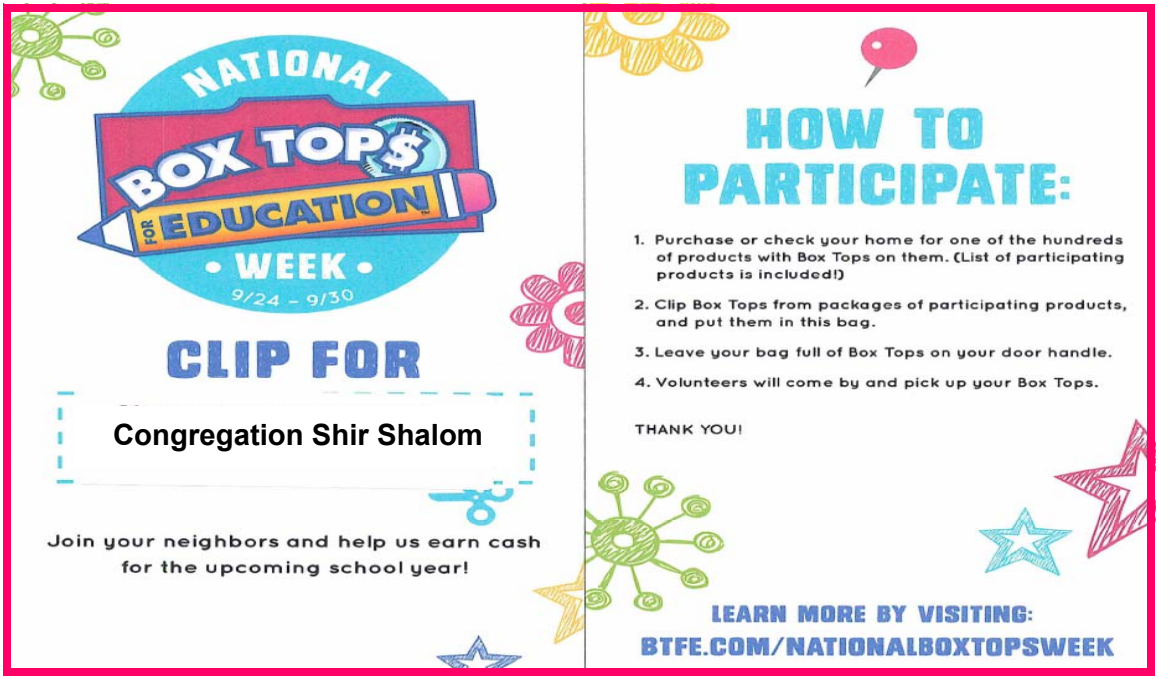
> If there was a pill to cure procrastination, I would probably take it tomorrow.
>
> Boss: You should have been here at 8.
>
> Employee: Why, what happened at 8?

Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy New Year.

Senior Unofficial Hazak Writer - Arthur Fishman

REMINDER — TEA, PEANUT BUTTER & CEREAL

Multiple synagogues help with the Rhoda Bloom Kosher Food Pantry and provide different types of food. Congregation Shir Shalom's responsibility is to supply TEA (boxes of tea bags), PEANUT BUTTER and CEREAL (boxes) to the Food Pantry families. Please drop off Kosher peanut butter, tea and cereal at the box outside of the Congregation Shir Shalom Office. We are always looking for additional volunteers to support the Rhoda Bloom Kosher Food Pantry and distribute food at the JCC Jewish Family Service. For more information, please contact Susan Saffar at (845) 352-1711 or shsaffar@aol.com. Thanks for your help in supporting these 250 families!



The Outreach Committee reaches out to the Jewish Community of Rockland County. This Committee is currently involved in many specific projects, one of which is Share-A-Shabbat.

SHARE-A-SHABBAT

Do you know someone who is home-bound that would like to share the pleasure of Shabbat, with a volunteer from Rockland Jewish Family Service (RJFS), once a month in the privacy of their own home?

Please call, or have the interested person call, Roberta Leitner at RJFS, 354-2121, ext. 151, for more information.

*includes, at no charge, Shabbat prayers, candles, candle lighting, songs, etc. and a Shabbat dinner.

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For more information, or to order your 5782 Torah Fund Pin, please contact one of Congregation Shir Shalom Sisterhood's Torah Fund Co-Chairs: Eileen Nekrich (eyezas@yahoo.com or 845-639-0540) *or* Shari Winkler (ebillsw@optonline.net or 845-624-2267)

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Kari Warren

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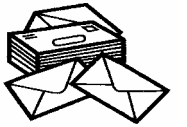
In Our Mailbox



Thank you to my Shir Shalom family for all the cards and leagrams sent after my mother passed away. The Nanuet Hebrew Center has been my mother's spiritual home since 1956 when my parents moved to the community and their traditions live on through my family. We are blessed to be a part of such a caring community.

Andrew Gordon

Advocacy Update: Helene Kornstein

Hadassah is the largest women's Zionist organization in the US with members and supporters found in every Congressional district. We advocate for legislative agendas that put our values into action and tie our health advocacy into Hadassah Hospitals in Israel. As your region Advocacy Chair, I have been following various topics I think you will find interesting and hope you will support.

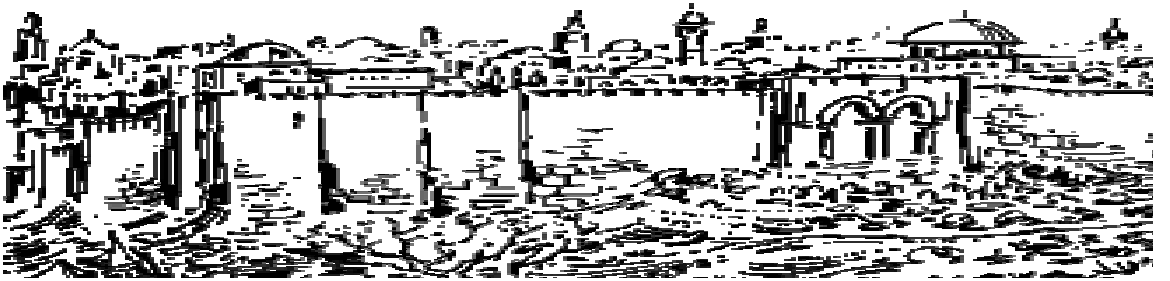
The **Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act** (HR1667) is a bill that establishes grants and requires other activities that will improve mental and behavioral health and prevent burnout and suicide among health care providers, especially those involved with COVID-19 response efforts. I am happy to report that the Senate unanimously passed this Act on August 6, 2021. It now awaits House approval.

The **National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)** is one of the largest, most important pieces of legislation Congress considers every year. It is critical for our national security and the protection of allies like Israel. It includes funding for the Iron Dome and the US-Israel Medical Partnership to study and advance treatment for PTSD. The House passed the Act; however, the Senate needs to act and pass this for fiscal year 2022.

We need your help to make sure that these bills and other ones advance in Congress and become law. It is our responsibility to take action by going to the **Hadassah National Action Center Home Page** at https://cqrcengage.com/hadassah/Action_Center?0 and letting your voice be heard. Simply find the policies that matter to you and click!

You truly **can** make a difference in a short period of time. Once you register your information it is saved for future topics. In addition, you can **sign-up** to receive the most recent advocacy issues. **TAKE ACTION** at https://www.hadassah.org/get-involved/advocate-take-action.

When we empower women, we can heal the world!



PURIM IS COMING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022

Watch for details from Sisterhood Congregation Shir Shalom about how to order Mishloach Manot (Purim Baskets) and send Purim greetings.

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING WILL BE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022!

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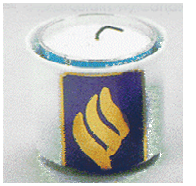

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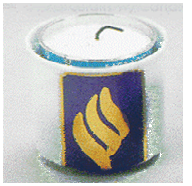

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1 David & Jana Fisher
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Birth Mazal Tovs / מזל טוב

Elayna & David Kirschtel on the birth of their granddaughter, Mia Kirschtel

Marriage Mazal Tovs / מזל טוב

Mazal Tov to Dan Yan & Charlie Markowitz on their marriage

Mazal Tovs / מזל טוב

Mazal Tov to Elinor Silver on receiving the Kenie Mittleman Woman of Valor Award

Condolences / תנחומים

Dianne Rice on the death of her mother, Gloria Glattstein
Andrew Gordon on the death of his mother, Roslyn Gordon
Fred Chalfin on the death of his wife, Mildred Chalfin
David Kirschtel on the death of his mother, Harriet Kirschtel
Amy, Steven & Susan Wineburg on the death of their mother, Marjorie Wineburg

Speedy Recoveries / רפואה שלמה

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Each month, when the Bulletin is e-mailed, an additional message is sent which includes a Leagram list for the following month. If you don't have an e-mail address, you can contact the Congregation Shir Shalom office to have a list mailed to you. Just circle the ones that you would like sent, enclose a check for the total amount and follow the instructions on the bottom of the Leagram list.

In addition, you can also send Leagrams to non-members. Just write the name and address to whom it should be sent and the type of message you're requesting.

Please keep in mind that this is a Congregation Shir Shalom Sisterhood fundraiser which helps support our synagogue. You don't have to be a member of Sisterhood to participate. Thank you and stay safe.

Best regards,
Diane Fishman, Leagram Chairperson

LEAGRAM

Date ***[event]***

Name ***[recipient]***

ברכת ה' אליכם

THE BLESSING
OF THE LORD
BE UPON YOU.
Psalm 129:8

Leagrams can be used in place of commercial greeting cards for congratulatory messages for birthdays, anniversaries, engagements, marriages and bnei mitzvot as well as get well wishes and expressions of sympathy.

They are also one of Sisterhood's most successful fund raisers, allowing Sisterhood to donate a significant amount of money back to the Shul to help defray various synagogue expenses.

The cost of each Leagram is $3.

Reminder: All Leagrams must be requested in writing. ***[sender]***

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Tzedakah / צדקה

Tzedakah received and recorded by the 10th of the month or the first business day after, will be acknowledged on these pages. If the office is closed because of holidays falling on these days, only donations received before the holiday will appear. Please also note that acknowledgment or lack thereof on these pages does not constitute an official receipt of your donation by the shul. In the event that acknowledgment of your donation does not appear, please let the synagogue office know and we will print it in the next issue of the Bulletin.

Planning Ahead

Now is the time to start the planning that enhances the work of the congregation by raising the necessary funds so dues need not be raised. Our ongoing fundraisers include the Rabbi's Walk and the Tree of Life. To reserve a brick on the Rabbi's Walk or reserve a stone or a leaf on the Tree of Life, call Estelle Eisenkraft in care of the office at 845-708-9181.

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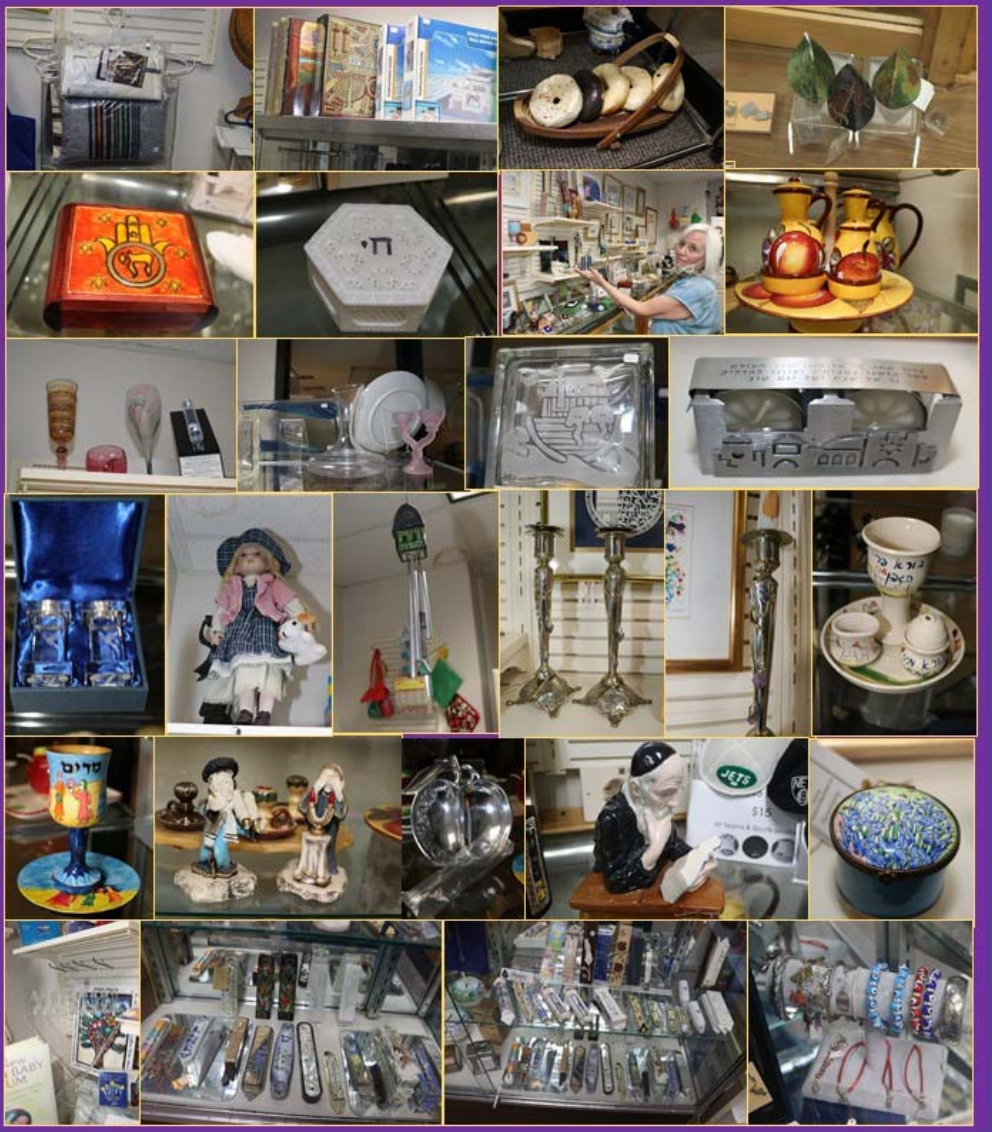

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