

Kaddish List April 12, 2024 – 5 Nisan 5784

Recent Death

Rabbi Sandy Ragins, Former WCT rabbi
Howard Schreiber, father of Karen Berlowitz

Sheloshim

David Goldstein, father of Pamela Goldstein
Roberta Karmel, mother of Philip Karmel and Miriam Emery
Harvey Wodar, father of Deborah Shapiro
Pearl Hagouel, mother of Bette Hagouel
Joan Haims, cousin of Martha Dubinsky-Witkowski
Carolyn Cooperman, sister-in-law of Audrey Rosen

Yahrzeit

Nathan Bauer, father of Chuck Bauer
Phyllis Bloom, mother of Cary Bloom
Elizabeth Cohen, mother of Yvette Gralla
Marilyn Cohen, mother of Mindy Gallagher
Dave Doynow, husband of Renee Doynow
George Flamm, father of Michael Flamm
Marci Ilene Fox, sister of Andrew Fox
Sol Jaffa, father of Dayle Fligel
Roberta Jaffin, wife of Barry Jaffin
Gerald M. Kahn, father of Jonathan Kahn
Sam S. Kaufman, grandfather of Mark Kaufman
Laura Kendall Garland, mother of Jill Garland
Harriet Knapp, aunt of Jay Werner
Richard Knobler, father of Elizabeth Knobler
Gloria Kushman, mother of Sandy Tuchman
Alexander Landau, grandfather of Juli Klein
Gerald Levine, father of Gary Levine
Sylvia Magid, aunt of Gayle Dubensky
Jack Moskovitz, brother of Don Moskovitz
Harry Novins, brother-in-law of Rochelle Novins
Rae Ratafia, mother-in-law of Lois Diamond
Joseph Rothberg, father of Cheryl Rothberg
Myrna Sacks, mother of Janis Berglas
Sara Saidel, grandmother of Jenna Lebowich
David Schlesinger, father of Debbie Schoen
Steven Schorr, cousin of Stu Berlowitz
Jacob Siegel, father of Ellen Dreskin
Joseph Tuchman, father of Max Tuchman
Saul Turell, father of Jonathan Turell
Edith Wiskind, mother of Michael Wiskind
Marvin Yarnold, father of David Yarnold

Bradley Fleiss – Tzedakah Statement

At Woodlands Community Temple, all B'nai Mitzvah participate in the mitzvah of tzedakah, of sharing with others in need. I chose to donate to the Mental Health Association of Westchester because I know that there are a lot of people in the world currently suffering from depression and other mental health problems. They all need help to stay happier and safe. They have outpatient clinic services and services at community locations from family and peer support to planned respite, etc.

The second organization I chose is Keshet. This nonprofit works towards full equality to LGBTQ+ Jews. With my donation, it will help them advance LGBTQ+ equality in the broader world. I chose this organization because everybody deserves to have an accepting community where they can just belong, and they shouldn't be judged based on their sexual orientation.

Jeremy Fleiss – Tzedakah Statement

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The first organization I am donating to is the Jewish National Fund. JNF is a non-profit that gives Jews of all ages an opinion in shaping the future of the state of Israel. JNF is planting millions of trees in deserts, building parks, and creating new places for people to call a home in Israel. I chose to donate to this organization because I believe people that aren't politicians deserve to have a voice in shaping the state of Israel.

The next organization I will donate to is Americares. It is an American based non-profit that works towards donating medicine to impoverished or war-struck kids around the world that are sick, or ill. Americares donates 20 dollars' worth of medicine every time someone donates a dollar. The reason that I will be donating here is because I believe that health is a right for every human no matter what their background may be.



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Honoring four remarkable members

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Saturday, May 11, 2024
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Rabbi Joan Glazer Farber



Corey Friedlander



Rabbi Lisa Izes



Margot Serwer



woodlands community temple

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THE PLACE THAT MY HEART HOLDS DEAR

April 12-13, 2024
5 Nisan 5784
Shabbat *Tazria*
Leviticus 12:1-13:59
II Kings 4:42-5:19



Our Woodlands Community

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Covid, RSV, and Flu levels are on the rise. If you are not feeling well,
please help keep our community safe and join us online.
Masks are available if you choose to use one.

As a courtesy to those around you, please silence all electronics.
And thank you for not taking photographs or videos during services.

If you are new to Woodlands, welcome! We're glad you're here. After the service, please come up and introduce yourself to our clergy and temple leaders. Have any questions? Anyone with a nametag will be happy to help.

Be an ambassador for the Woodlands Way. Say hello to newcomers. They may be guests, but after you welcome them, they'll be part of our family. We are hundreds of individuals and families, all interested in making Judaism exciting and meaningful for ourselves and those we love. Each year, we offer a wide variety of adult and family Shabbat worship, educational events, social justice activities, cultural activities, social events, holiday programming, and much more for young and old. We believe that an understanding of, and an appreciation for, differences – age, color, disability, sex, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression – lead to healthy and inclusive communities. We believe that by respecting all people and hearing all voices, by celebrating our shared humanity, we make better decisions for ourselves and for the communities we serve. WCT is a warm, welcoming, diverse, and egalitarian Reform Jewish congregation. We take a progressive approach to Jewish life, integrating a deep respect for traditional Judaism with the insights of contemporary life.

Thank you to our representatives from the Board of Trustees, Ashley Bendell, for providing the announcements this evening and to Joel Chernoff for presenting the gifts on Saturday morning.

Thank you to our Team Z greeters, Lois & Bernie Bacharach.

Thank you to our Saturday morning ushers, Milena & Barney Schmidt, Lauren & Steven DeVilbiss, and Pamela Goldstein.

Mazel tov to Bradley and Jeremy Fleiss, sons of Rich Fleiss & Lori Kroun on becoming B'nai Mitzvah.

Everyone at Woodlands plays a part in keeping our community safe and secure. Please be vigilant and share any concerns immediately with our security team, temple leadership, and our temple staff. In an abundance of caution, we have taken some additional steps to proactively increase our security protocols.

Thank you to our Shomrim (Security Committee) and Mid-Hudson Security for helping to keep us safe.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS (In person and on Zoom)

Hevra Torah

Sat, Apr 13, 9:15-10:15 am

Our discussion of *Parashat Tazria* will be facilitated by Rabbi Mara.

Shabbat Morning Worship

Sat, Apr 13, 10:30 am

Celebrate with us as Bradley and Jeremy Fleiss, sons of Rich Fleiss & Lori Kroun become B'nai Mitzvah.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS (In person and on Zoom)

Woodlands Night Out

Sat, Apr 13, 7:30-9:30 pm (Buddha Asian Bistro, Dobbs Ferry)

An evening out with Woodlands (and not-yet-Woodlands) friends. Order from a personalized menu just for us! WCT will cover everything (except alcoholic drinks). 21+ only. RSVP at wct.org/NightOut.

Feminist Seder

Sun, Apr 14, 4:00 pm

Celebrating the strong women and feminists of all genders who came before us... and especially those who will come after. We will honor their work in an interactive pre-Passover seder. Open to all identities and ages, 7th grade and up. Please RSVP at wct.org/FeministSeder.

Shabbat HaGadol - "Hunger Shabbat" & Sandwich Making

Fri, Apr 19, 7:00 pm

Since our seders begin with the invitation, "Let all who are hungry come and eat," what better instruction can there be than to feed the hungry! Come for a Shabbat service celebrating the holiday of Passover, and stay for our sandwich making mitzvah project, organized by the Social Action Committee and this year's Confirmation Class, in which we will prepare sandwiches for those in need.

Passover Morning Learning - Rabbi Mara

Tue, Apr 23, 9:30-10:30 am (Zoom only)

Celebrate the festival morning by diving into some text. A great way to inspire your second seder or just get in the Passover spirit.

Congregational Shabbat Morning Passover Service and Matzah Brei Brunch!

Sat, Apr 27

Service and babysitting: 10:30 am (In person and on Zoom)

Matzah Brei Brunch: 12:00 pm

Our clergy will lead a congregational Shabbat morning service using the prayers and melodies of Passover. In trying times like these, we are all in need of more opportunities to join together as one community, reciting the sacred words of our ancestors. Join us as we lift up our voices in Torah and song.

Babysitting will be available at this service. To sign up for babysitting please see Monday's email. RSVP required for babysitting by Wed, April 24. Walk-ins for babysitting cannot be accommodated.

Congregational Matzah Brei Brunch

Sat, Apr 27, 12:00 pm (Immediately following Shabbat Morning Services)

Want to hang out with your WCT friends and eat matzah brei? Whether you attend the service or not, don't miss the Matzah Brei brunch! Come dine together for a special Shabbat Brunch! Let us know you're coming at wct.org/MatzahBrei.

Passover Yizkor Hour

Mon, Apr 29, 9:00 am

Whether someone you love died recently or many years ago, Jewish tradition provides an opportunity through Yizkor to reconnect memory and heart for a few moments out of our busy lives. To come together with our synagogue community is a beautiful and meaningful way to honor those we love. We'll sing, read, and share a few words and thoughts of remembrance.

SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES

See Monday's email for details or visit wct.org/SocialAction

Blood Drive at WCT

Sun, Apr 28, 9:00 am-3:00 pm, (in person)

Come donate blood to help the New York Blood Center at our WCT Blood Drive. Sign up to donate at wct.org/BloodCollection.

Knitting & Crocheting

Sun, Apr 28, 2:00-4:00 pm, (in person)

Join us as we create items for The Coachman Family Center in White Plains (hat and matching scarf sets, socks, blankets), Phelps Hospital (hats and comfort shawls for chemotherapy patients), Project Linus (blankets and throws for infants to teens), and Hope's Door (blankets for sheltered families). Beginners are welcome!

Breakfast Run

Sun, May 5, 6:45-10:30 am, (in person)

We need food, clothing, toiletries, and folks to go on the Run. Visit wct.org/MidnightRuns to learn how to help.

Annual Social Action Committee Dinner – Save the Date!

Thu, May 9, 6:00 pm, (in person)

Everyone involved – or wanting to become involved – in repairing the world is invited. Watch for details.

Racial Justice Book Group

Tue, May 28, 7:30 pm, (on Zoom)

We will discuss Percival Everett's *James: A Novel* on May 28. Email RJTF@wct.org for the zoom link.

Mensch of the Month – Food Collection - April – First Grade

The Social Action Committee continues to partner with Keshet in helping the food pantries in our community feed the hungry. Please join the first grade by bringing in boxed dinners; mac and cheese; dehydrated potatoes; toiletries (toothpaste, soap, etc) And please, check expiration dates.

Judaica Shop at Woodlands

The Judaica Shop at Woodlands has everything you need for your holiday table - Seder plates, matzo trays, matzo covers, Elijah and Miriam cups, and beautiful hostess gifts that are sure to please. Make the telling of the Passover story memorable and fun with Passover games and activities... and no Seder table is complete without jumping frogs and marching matzo balls! The shop will be open on Sun, Apr 14, 8:30-10:00 am. Shopping for something special? Email us at Judaicashop@wct.org.