

Kaddish List January 26-27, 2024 – 17 Shevat 5784

Recent Death

John Kornblum, cousin of June Moskovitz
Linda Kaplan, mother of Judy Levan
Annette Strom, cousin of Harriet Levine
Sylvia Levy, mother of Howard Levy

Sheloshim

Barbara Ringel, sister of Robert Rawson
Adele Schneider, mother of Tracy Schneider
Ruth Kaminsky, mother of Gayle Dubensky

Yahrzeit

Ghislaine Barjon, mother of Genevieve Stroh
Philip Barnhard IV, father of Elizabeth Barnhard
Leo Blank, father of Kevin Blank
Vivian Breitman, mother of Meryl Elkin
Marsha Brenner, cousin of Yvette Gralla, Adele Tomasetti and Heidi Gralla
Sam and Rose Feldman, parents of Elaine Friedman z”l
Howard Fishman, brother of Ross Fishman
Gerald Goldberg, uncle of Rich Fleiss
Gerhard Goldschmidt, father of Sandy Rosenthal
Elaine Gordon, mother of Todd Gordon
Hyman Green, grandfather of Liz Scafidi
Freddy Hagouel, father of Bette Hagouel
Arthur Hausman, uncle of Jason Laks
Ruth Anne Hirschfeld, mother of Karen Safire
Jeffrey Karger cousin of Martha Dubinsky-Witkowski
Dorothy Kingston, mother of Michael Kingston
Katherine Kornblum, aunt of June Moskovitz
Emanuel Lance, father of Bob Lance
Roman Laski, father of Bruce Laski
Israel Levine, father of Stacey Levine Silverman
Irving Lewis, grandfather of Mark Montague
Minnie Lucks, mother of Arthur Lucks z”l
Lawrence Merer, father of David Merer
Shel Mitelman, brother of Alan Mitelman z”l
Abraham Novinsky, father of Jay Novins z”l
Beatrice Revinson, aunt of Bonnie George
Ray Sandow, Aunt of Haya Luftig
Herman Schaffer, father of Pam Miller z”l
Frederick Sevin, father of Jodi Patkin
Eleanor Shuman, mother of Gail Fell
Jack Sobel, uncle of Lois Izes and Karen Ponce
Mario Tomasetti, father of Dan Tomasetti
Ruth Weinig, grandmother of Steve Levin
Howard Weiselberg, stepfather of Tasha Daniels Macedo
Albert Wershaw, grandfather of Keith Margulis
Ruth Winkleman, mother of Mike Winkleman

**SONGS FOR THE WORLD WE WANT TO CREATE:
HAVDALAH AND KUMSITZ WITH
RACHEL CHANG**

SAT, FEB 3
7:00 PM

Join Rachel Chang, Director of A Queer Nigun Project and Ritual Director of LUNAR: The Asian Jewish Collective, for a night of song, prayer, and dreams of a better world.



**WCT Trip to NYC
THE MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE**

Wed, Feb 28 - 11:30am
Transportation is on your own, meet us at the Museum

Cost: \$15/person

Reserve your spot by Fri, Jan 26

Tickets must be reserved in advance to join the tour. After our guided visit, we'll gather at the restaurant in the museum for lunch, paid individually.

Visit wct.org/museumtrip to reserve.

Courage to Act: Rescue in Denmark

MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE
A LIVING MEMORIAL TO THE HOLOCAUST



**HINENI:
TAKING CARE
OF OUR MENTAL
HEALTH**

with Cantor Jenna

Thur, Feb 8 @ 7:30 PM

Learning and connecting around the Jewish holidays in order to better ourselves and support one another.

wct.org/hineni



Judaica Shop at Woodlands

Thanks to the strong response by our congregation, the Judaica Shop has placed another order of wonderful merchandise from the Israel Museum. Stop by and check out the pieces made by Israeli artists. We are proud to support Israel and help the museum pay their artists and workers. Don't miss our After Hanukkah Sale! All Hanukkah merchandise is 10% off thru January! This week the gift shop will be open during office hours and on Sun, Jan 28, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Need something special? Email judaicashop@wct.org.



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מקום שלי אוהב
THE PLACE THAT MY HEART HOLDS DEAR

**January 26-27, 2024
17 Shevat 5784
Shabbat B'shalach
Exodus 13:17-17:16
Judges 4:4-5:31**



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 representative from the Board of Trustees, Nancy Fishman, for providing the announcements this evening.

Thank you to our Team Z greeter, Phyllis OPOCHINSKY.

Everyone at Woodlands plays a part in keeping our community safe and secure. Please be vigilant and share any concerns immediately with our professional 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, Jan 27, 9:15-10:15 am

Our discussion in Parashat *B'shalach* will be facilitated by Cantor Jenna.

Israel: For the Sake of Argument

Thursday: Feb 1 at 7:30 pm and Feb 8 at 12:00 Noon

Facilitated by Rabbi Joan Glazer Farber

We live in a divided world, avoiding conversations which could develop into arguments. We have forgotten how to disagree with and challenge each other and still talk to each other at the end of the day. Within the Jewish community, this is especially true about Israel. Using stories and a program developed by Robbie Gringras and Abi Dauber Sterne, we will provoke arguments and disagreements and hopefully reclaim arguments for a better world. Register at wct.org/IsraelCourse.

Refugee Shabbat

Fri, Feb 2 at 8:00 pm

Join us as Ardsley Mayor Nancy Kaboolian speaks about the community’s response to the presence of asylum seekers.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS (In person and on Zoom)

Woodlands Community Temple, YJ Sprout Westchester & PJ Library

Havdalah Program (in person)

Sat, Feb 3, 4:30-6:00 pm

For kids ages 0-7 with a grown-up

We'll say goodbye to Shabbat with star crafts, stories, singing and s'mores! Bring your friends and make new connections. Prospective members welcome! Registration information in Monday’s email.

Know the Way, Go the Way, Show the Way

Sun, Feb 4, 18, 25 and Mar 10, 17 and 24, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Facilitated by Rabbi Billy Dreskin

For millennia, Judaism has offered profound insights into how to live a life of integrity and joy. 20th century religious thinker Martin Buber found such wisdom in the imaginative stories of the 18th-19th century Hasidism. We will use Buber's six essays on "*The Way of Humanity*" to explore these teaching together. Please purchase "*The Way of Humanity According to Chasidic Teaching*" (Buber, Mehlman and Padawer) and read chapter one "Self-Awareness" for our first class. Registration information in Monday’s email.

Repro Shabbat

Feb 9 at 8:00 pm

Join us as Rabbi Rachael Pass speaks about reproductive freedom.



Spread festival cheer while directly supporting our Keshet religious school and the WCT Chai Fund.

Mishloach Manot
Purim Goody Bags

Deadline to participate:
WED, FEB 16



Visit wct.org/manot
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The holiday of Purim is quickly approaching and that can only mean one thing - time to order your Mishloach Manot (Purim Goody Bags)! Long ago, the rabbis decreed that sharing the joy of the festival should be a central tenet of Purim. Therefore, two of the mitzvot of Purim are to send gifts and give tzedakah in honor of the holiday.

Your participation in this program spreads festival cheer while directly supporting our Keshet school and WCT Chai Fund.

By placing an order, your name will appear on the congregational letter that accompanies the gifts. Visit wct.org/manot to place an order.

SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES

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

Asylum Seekers

Join others in the greater Ardsley community by providing lunch for ESL students and earmuffs/warmers. Details, instructions, and sign-up in Monday’s email.

The Janes, A Film and Discussion

Sun, Jan 28, 2:00 pm (in person)

Join us for a viewing and discussion of “The Janes”, a documentary about the Janes Collective, a group of daring but otherwise ordinary women who helped thousands obtain abortions in the pre-Roe days of the late 1960’s and 70’s. Sponsored by the WCT Reproductive Task Force. Sign up at wct.org/theJanes.

After Dobbs: Reproductive Freedom Through a Jewish Lens

Sat, Feb 10, 7:15 pm (In person, Congregation Kol Ami)

Our Repro Justice Task Force joins together with Congregation Kol Ami, Scarsdale Synagogue, and National Council of Jewish Women in presenting and discussing this important film that follows the national Jewish response to the Dobbs decision. Details and sign-up info in Monday’s email.

The 1619 Project Docuseries: Episode 5 “Fear”

Wed, Feb 14, 6:00-8:00 pm (in person, Greenburgh Public Library)
(Refreshments at 5:45 pm)

“Fear” explores the cycle of policies, policing practices, and organized violence over the last three centuries of U.S. history in response to a perpetual fear of Black people, Black protest, and Black freedom. The video is followed by discussion with Lane Cobb, interfaith minister and anti-racism educator, and Karl Weber, book editor and publisher. Developed by WCT with Bet Am Shalom Synagogue, Greenburgh Human Rights Advisory Committee, Greenburgh Public Library, and NAACP – White Plains/Greenburgh Chapter. Registration information in Monday’s email.

WCT Racial Justice, Environmental & Civic Engagement Task Forces

Present – “Generation Growth”

Sun, Feb 25, 4:00-6:15 pm

Join us for a screening of the film and discussion of how Green Bronx Machine and founder Stephen Ritz engaged kids in low-income areas in growing vegetables in the classroom, impacting their health, nutrition and education in the process, followed by a Q&A with Stephen Ritz.

Racial Justice Winter Book Read

Wed, Feb 28 and Tue, Mar 5, at 7:30 pm (Zoom)

Whatever your preference – fiction, nonfiction, Ted Talks, articles – we have a way for you to expand your understanding of race in America. Registration information in Monday’s email.

Prom Dress to Donate?

Operation Prom National Network is collecting them for low-income students. Details at www.promnationalnetwork.org/

Mensch of the Month – Food Collection - February – Third Grade

The Social Action Committee continues to partner with Keshet in helping the food pantries in our community feed the hungry. Please join the third grade by bringing in canned chicken or tuna (easy-open cans); large cereal boxes (low sugar); Brown rice. And please, check expiration dates.