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The Harbinger

ADAR I / ADAR II 5784



From the President



Planning for Purim

Where are our children?

Children are scarce at the temple these days. Why is this? One reason is that we did not have many children, so we don't have many grandchildren. Most of the grandchildren that we do have moved away from the Catskills and are now located all over the United States and the world. We don't have to think hard to identify grandchildren located in the UK, Australia, California, and Texas. Furthermore, most of our grandchildren did not marry or married non-Jewish partners. The younger they are, the more likely they are to declare that they have no religion (Pew Research Center 2020). In 2020, 41% percent of Jews under the age of 30 did not affiliate with a synagogue compared to 22% of Jews over 65.



This is not to say that the number of Jews in the world is declining. The ultraorthodox have more than made up for our deficiency in children. An estimated one in seven Jews in the world today is ultraorthodox. The average Haredi (ultraorthodox) woman has six to seven children compared to 1.6 per woman in Europe, 1.8 in the United States and 3 in Israel. Orthodox Jewish adults have 3.3 children on average, while non-Orthodox Jews have an average of 1.4 children. It will come as no surprise to us here in the Catskills to learn that, if current birthrates continue, nearly one out of every four Jews in the world is projected to be [Haredi](#) by 2040. And 60 to 70 percent will remain observant. In Israel today 17 percent of the Jewish population is Haredi, and in the United States 12 percent of the Jewish population, about 700,000 people, is Haredi.

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From the President

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Who will come to a Purim carnival?

But back to the Catskills. Temple Sholom has run a free Purim event for the past several years, but the children who attended have been few—about six. The closest Reform synagogue is in Livingston Manor, and there are no conservative synagogues closer than Middletown. So we're going to forego a Purim carnival this year and just combine our Purim celebration with Friday services. See you there!

Stephanie Phillips, PhD

President of the Board of Trustees



Ira & Julia Levin

Purim comes around every year and reminds us to commemorate the triumph of love over anti-Semitism. It's all set in an atmosphere that reflects the joy of life that is essential to survival. This year it seems that we need this inspiration even more than in recent years.



So, we are looking forward to celebrating a very special and much needed Purim in service, **Friday, March 22**, this year! We will be coming together, hopefully in person, which also signifies that we've nearly made it through this winter season with more light and warmth coming our way.

Come, sing along! Dress up, grab your groggers. There's no reason why the celebration can't start a bit early.

Love and Shalom, Ira and Julia

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PURIM CARNIVAL 2023



PURIM CARNIVAL 2014



On Friday, March 22, at the Purim Shabbat Service

we can enjoy
Stephanie Phillips'
real hamentaschen in
honor of Purim.



MARCH 2024 - ADAR I / ADAR II 5784

Services on 3/1 and 3/8 will be Zoom at 7:00 PM (*Schmooze at 6:30*)

We return to **HYBRID** services on March 15.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
ONEG SHABBAT: March 15: Mimi and Gary Werner in memory of parents, Clara & Herman Lewinter and Milton & Mollie Werner. March 22: Dolly Levner in honor of grandson Sam's 15th birthday. - VIRTUAL March 22: Stephanie Phillips in honor of Purim - IN PERSON March 29: Sue & Ken Kantor in memory of Sue's mother, Lottie Elfenbaum's birthday.					1 Schmooze 6:30 Shabbat Services Rabbi Molly Karp 7:00 PM Candles 5:32	2  Ki Tisa
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17	18	19	20 Board of Trustees meeting 7:00 PM	21	22 Schmooze 6:30 Shabbat Services (HYBRID) The Levins 7:00 PM Candles 6:56	23  EREV PURIM Vayikra
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**VIRTUAL ONEG SHABBAT:
SPONSORS NEEDED!!!**

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Contact Sue Kantor (845-798-0578).
See page 9 for details.

PARSHA OF THE WEEK:

02 March	22 Adar I	Ki Tisa	Exodus	30:11-34:35
09 March	29 Adar I	Vayakhel	Exodus	35:1-38:20
16 March	06 Adar II	Pekudei	Exodus	38:21-40:38
23 March	13 Adar II	Vayikra	Leviticus	1:1-5:26
30 March	20 Adar II	Tzav	Leviticus	6:1-8:36



In memory of your beloved mother and grandmother, **Mindy Barcham**.
Certificate to: The Barcham Family
Donor: Ellen Nesin

If you haven't done it yet, you can still



**Donate to the
 Yom Kippur Appeal**

**Thank you ...
 Suzane Sankel
 Marilyn Schwartz**

TRIBUTE CARDS

To **Anne Palley**, wishing you speedy and complete return to health.

From: Don & Sue Horowitz

To **Sheila Sigman**, Mazel Tov on your retirement.

From: Judy Cutler

To **Ellen Nesin**, Mazel Tov on the birth of your Great Granddaughter.

From: Sue & Don Horowitz

To the **Barcham Family**, our deepest sympathy on the passing of our dear friend Mindy Barcham.

*From: Don & Sue Horowitz, Paula & Phil Schroeder, Judy Cutler, Lauren & Marty Miller,
 Ken & Sue Kantor, Mary Jane Harris, Chai Club of Camelot Woods, Linda Kleinman,
 Sue Hochman, Barbara & Bernie Wolensky, Rhoda Halfon, Mark & Lynne Dollman,
 Judy & Ted Darch*

To **Mindy Barcham's sister, Iris Pohrlich**, our deepest sympathy.

From: Joanne & Michael Trojan, Charles Gardella

To the **Family of David Peltzer**, may his memory be a blessing.

From: Don & Sue Horowitz, Phil & Paula Schroeder

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To **The Good & Welfare Committee**, Thank you for the Get-Well card.
 Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. *From: Maureen Velten*

Passover 2024: April 23- April 30

Passover Greetings

in the **April Harbinger**

Each entry will be individually highlighted

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PRIMETIMERS - Preparing for our return Monday, June 10 at 1:00 PM

Looking forward to seeing you all at our first meeting on June 10, at 1 PM, at Temple Shalom. At that time we will hand out a flyer with our trips and meetings. For those that like to order show tickets in advance, we have a bus to New York City on Wednesday, June 19, and Wednesday, August 14. As you may know, Rolling V has been sold. I called 4 bus companies that do New York City trips. Prices ranged from \$2500 to \$3500 based on 50 people. I went back to the new company and, although the rates were raised, we can do the trip for \$55/pp round trip with the gratuity. It is still more convenient and cheaper than Shortline. Please, make your reservations before May 15 so I can know the number of people. This is only for the first bus.

For those of you in Florida, I am running a nonprofit 2-day trip to Mount Dora. It includes a winery, hotel overnite, dinner show at Capones, bountiful breakfast buffet, and boat ride and trolley tour around Mount Dora. We have free time on Thursday to browse the beautiful town. If you are interested it is only \$280/pp and a single supplement of \$36 if you want your own room. The trip is March 20 and 21. If interested call me at 561-504-7192.

More details about day trips and meetings will be in next month's Harbinger.

Shalom,
Paula



We keep moving!

MARCH



- 3 Ellen & Ralph Cutler
- 23 Marilyn & Richard Stein

MARCH



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| 10 Reva Miller | 16 Neal Jacobs |
| 10 Rick Stein | 19 Robert Glatt |
| 10 Judy Cutler | 19 Sue Horowitz |
| 13 Bob Velten | 28 Sheryl Manz |



“Hello Spring” Plant Sale

**SAVE THE DATE:
Thursday, May 23, 2024**

Beautiful baskets and planters filled with colorful flowers will be available.

A great way to welcome spring and show your support for Temple Shalom.

More information to follow.

ALL SERVICES ARE **HYBRID** at **7:00 PM** - (*Schmooze at 6:30*)

APRIL 2024 — ADAR II / NISAN 5784

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5 Schmooze 6:30 Shabbat Service (HYBRID) The Levins 7:00 PM Candles 7:07	6 Shmini
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21	22 Erev Pesach  1st SEDER	23 PESACH 2nd SEDER	24 Pesach	25 Pesach	26 Pesach Schmooze 6:30 Shabbat Services (HYBRID) The Levins 7:00 PM Candles 7:29	27 Pesach Pesach
28 Pesach	29 Pesach	30 Pesach	<p>ONEG SHABBAT: <i>APRIL 5: Sponsor Needed</i> <i>APRIL 12: Sponsor Needed</i> APRIL 19: Dolly Levner in memory of Jocelyn gone 9 years (May 4) and honoring her 50th birthday (April 23) <i>APRIL 26: Sponsor Needed</i></p>			

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PARSHA OF THE WEEK:

06 April	27 Adar II	Shmini	Leviticus 9:1-11:47
13 April	05 Nisan	Tazria	Leviticus 12:1-13:59
20 April	12 Nisan	Metzora	Leviticus 14:1-15:33
27 April	19 Nisan	Pesach	Exodus 33:12-34:26

IN MEMORY - YAHRZEIT WILL BE READ ON:

March 1: Nancy Karkota Solomon, Adrienne Gold Huberman, Bruce Pollack, Pauline R. Goodman, Ken Gobel, Dora Bader, Aaron Altman, Norman Levine, Ben Schacht, Jacob Kapito, Phillip Richman, Rose Appel, Ethel Goldfeder, Anna Cerullo, Murray H. Gitlin, Irene Jacobi

March 8: Isadore Cohen, Herman Lewinter, Henry Wrobel, Deborah Harris, Theodore Strueble, Robert Bader, Calmore Turner, *Jana Voglova

March 15: Benjamin Brand, Gittel Yitzchak Wagmeister, Milton Werner, Robynne Malman, Julius Thaler, Arthur Weisfeld, Emanuel Klein, Abraham Schulman, Virginia Benavides

March 22: Jerry Rosenberg, Anne Lutsky, Stella Fishman, Mildred Silvermintz, David Brand, *Olga Buchlerova

March 29: *Emil Ippen, Dr. John Kotin, Lena Neiman Sacks, Evelyn Karasik

**Holocaust victims from Pisek who perished in Terezin*



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..The three levels of of Mitzvah Membership are:

- ✦ Platinum Level - additional \$500 above dues
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Michael Zalkin (11/23)
Marion Schaal (11/23)

♥ Silver (125)

Sue & Ken Kantor (4/23)

Mitzvah Membership listing in *The Harbinger* will appear the month following receipt of your donation and will continue to be listed for the following 12 months.

As long as your membership dues are up to date, consider making a tax-deductible Mitzvah Membership donation any time during the year.



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Write “*Virtual Oneg Shabbat*” in the memo line.

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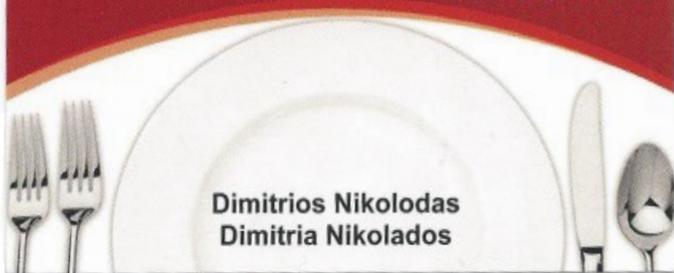
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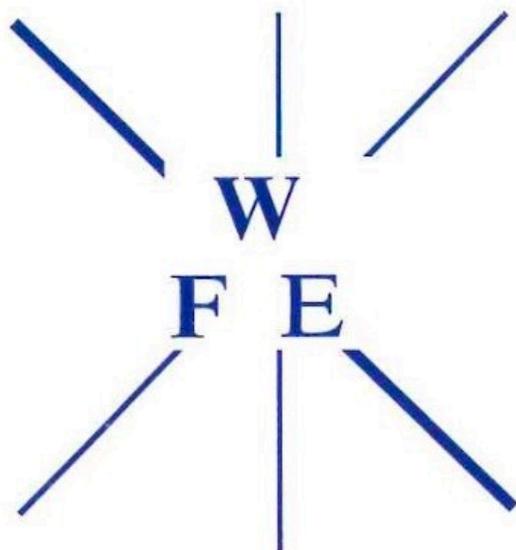
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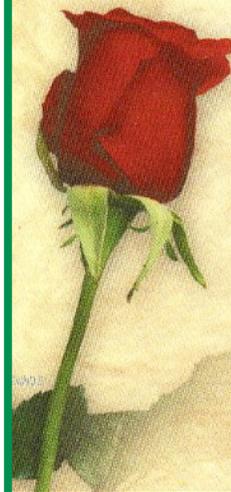


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