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The Harbinger

SH'VAT 5785

February
2025

NOTICE: The office will be closed Monday, February 17,
and open Tuesday, February 18.

Tu BiShvat 2025 / 5785 טו בִּשְׁבַט

New Year for Trees 🌳



Tu BiShvat for Hebrew Year 5785 begins at sundown on
Wednesday, 12 February 2025 and ends at nightfall on
Thursday, 13 February 2025.



Tu BiShvat occurs on the 15th day
of the Hebrew month of Shevat.

It is also called
Rosh HaShanah La'Ilanot,
literally "New Year of the Trees".
In contemporary Israel, the day is
celebrated as an ecological
awareness day, and trees are
planted in celebration.

TEMPLE SHOLOM BOOK CLUB

The Temple Sholom Book club will be reading
How to Fight Anti-Semitism, by Bari Weiss,
available at Amazon in hardcover, paperback, and Kindle versions.

The next discussion meeting will be
Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 7:00 PM

ZOOM ONLY. RSVP to receive the Zoom link.

Questions can be directed to
Valerie Taitel at vmtaitel@gmail.com
or (508) 314-0511.

New members are always welcome.

HOW TO FIGHT
ANTI-SEMITISM
BARI WEISS

From the President



Every Bit Helps

In Ira Simon's class, we learned that King Solomon built a grand temple. It had a hand-hewn stone foundation, walls of cedar and cypress, and many rooms with winding staircases. Pillars of cedar were covered with precious stones. The sanctuary was overlaid with pure gold and decorated with wreaths, pomegranates, cherubim, palm trees, and flowers carved in olive wood.

Who were the craftsmen who did all this work?

King Solomon "raised a levy" of thirty thousand men, whom he shared with Hiram, king of Tyre. He sent 10,000 men each month to Lebanon, and they rotated out for two months at home. He had 70,000 men who bore burdens and 80,000 who hewed rocks in the mountains. He hired 3,300 chief officers to supervise the workers who quarried the heavy stone (Kings 4-7). The result was so magnificent that it impressed the Queen of Sheba.

Our temple is more modest. It requires fewer workmen to maintain it. But you may have noticed that the same people seem to lend a hand when Temple Sholom needs help. Other temple members say they can't help because they are out of town, are nursing a bad back, or have a sick child. Hmm.

The "regulars" seem to pitch in despite recent knee surgery, inability to drive, and repairs at the house.

Next time you become aware of a need at the temple, consider what would have happened if those 30,000 workers had begged off because of a bad back.

Special thanks to Steve Plotkin, Lauren Miller, Howard Perlman, and Pat Halprin for helping to clear the clutter downstairs. Here we see Pat Halprin and Lauren Miller at work.



Hoping to see you next time we need some help.

Stephanie Phillip's
President

Regulars, Lauren Miller and Susan Kantor, cleaning and reorganizing the kitchen.



Help wanted. Volunteers are needed to commit to several Fridays to help with the onegs. You will be responsible to pour the wine and help the sponsor set up and clean up the oneg table. *For more information and to sign up for dates, please call or text Susan Kantor (845) 798-0578.*

The Daffodil Garden Project is Coming to the Sullivan County Government Center

The Executive Committee of the Sullivan County Legislature approved the **Daffodil Garden Project** for Fall 2025. After a presentation by Dr. Hope Blecher, with the assistance of Mr. Martin Colavito, they passed a resolution for 3000 yellow daffodils to be planted in the area near Bicentennial Park. The date and time will be discussed during the early months of 2025.

OUR MISSION

The **Daffodil Project** aspires to build a worldwide Living Holocaust Memorial by planting 1.5 million Daffodils in memory of the children who perished in the Holocaust and in support for children suffering in humanitarian crises in the world today.

What will the ceremony and planting look like? This project is a collaborative effort. Hope will be speaking with the representatives of the county, the people at the Daffodil Project, and the benefactor. For general information, the event will be between mid-September and mid-October 2025, avoiding the High Holy Days.

Would you like to plant alongside friends, neighbors and congregants? If you are interested in participating in the planting, please contact **the temple office** (845-794-8731). If Temple Sholom does not have volunteers, we will have to pass on this opportunity.

For more information about the worldwide Daffodil Project, please visit www.daffodilproject.net

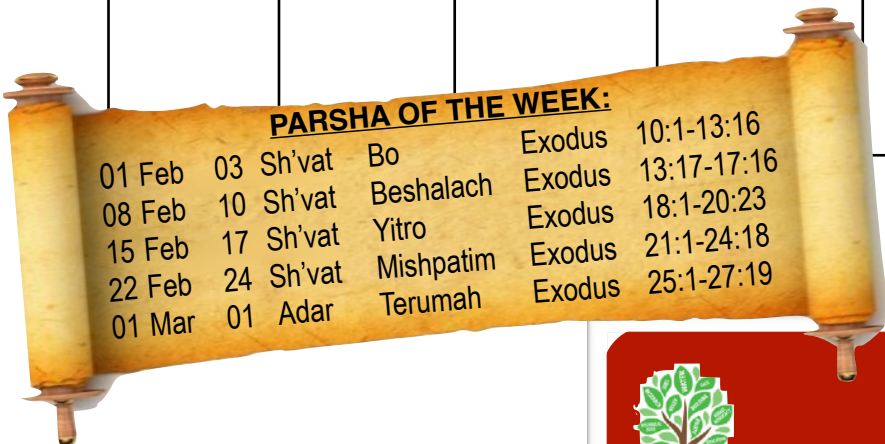
The shape and color of the daffodils represent the yellow stars that Jews were forced to wear during the Holocaust. Yellow is the color of remembrance. Daffodils represent our poignant hope for the future. They are resilient and return with a burst of color each spring, signifying hope, renewal and beauty. The daffodils also honor those who survived the Holocaust and went on to build new lives after this dark and difficult period.





FEBRUARY 2025 - SH'VAT 5785

ALL SERVICES WILL BE ZOOM at 7:00 PM (*Schmooze at 6:30*)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5	6	7 Shabbat Services Ira Simon Candle 5:03	8 Beshalach
9	10	11	12	13  Tu'BiShvat Book Club 7:00 PM	14 Shabbat Services The Levins Candle 5:12	15 Yitro
16	17	18	19 Board of Trustees meeting 7:00 PM	20	21 Shabbat Services The Levins Candle 5:20	22 Mishpatim
23	24	25	26	27	28 Shabbat Services The Levins Candle 5:28	Terumah



ONEG SHABBAT sponsors:
All dates - SPONSORS NEEDED!!!

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Donor: Rick & Marilyn Stein

THANKS TO

***Don & Sue Horowitz** for the donation to the Torah Fund in honor of **Anne Palley**.

***Don & Sue Horowitz** for the donation to the Yom Kippur Appeal.

TRIBUTE CARDS

Your \$10 check payable to Temple Sholom will get a personalized card sent to whomever you specify for whatever occasion you describe.

To **Richard Rubin**, wishing you a speedy recovery.

From: Judy Cutler

To **Michael Lessing**, wishing you a speedy recovery.

From: Judy Cutler

To **Paula Schroeder**, wishing you Happy Birthday.

*From: Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch, Don & Sue Horowitz,
Marty & Lauren Miller*

GOLDEN BOOK

To **Paula Schroeder**, Wishing you a Happy Birthday

From: Sue & Ken Kantor

To **Michael Zalkin**, Condolences on the passing of your sister-in-law, Hannah Patenotte.

From: Ken & Sue Kantor

To **Ruth Turk**, Wishing you a Happy Birthday.

From: Don & Sue Horowitz

February

9 Howard Siegel

10 Fran Greenfield

12 Michael Feinstein

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Your \$5 check payable to Temple Sholom will get a note sent to whomever you specify for whatever occasion you describe.

2025 Mitzvah Members

THE WORD “MITZVAH” IS A COMMANDMENT TO DO A GOOD DEED. IT’S KINDLING TO THE SOUL.

Thanks to the generosity of members and non-members, Temple Sholom has been able to continue our service to the Jewish community of Sullivan County. So that we can ensure our future, Temple Sholom members are being asked to contribute, according to their ability, an additional amount above regular membership dues. Can you step forward to support the continued existence of Reform Judaism in Sullivan County?

..The three levels of Mitzvah Membership are:

✦ *Platinum Level - additional \$500 above dues*

🎀 *Gold Level - additional \$250 above dues*

♥ *Silver Level - additional \$125 above dues.*

If you are able, please PAY YOUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATION and BECOME A MITZVAH MEMBER.

Specify: “Mitzvah Membership” Mitzvah Membership donations are tax deductible.

✦ Platinum (500)

Lauren & Marty Miller (8/24)

Maureen & Bob Velten (10/24)

Paula & Phil Schroeder (11/24)

Anonymous (1/25)

🎀 Gold (250)

Judy Cutler (11/23)

Anne Palley (11/23)

Marion Schaal (11/23)

Wendy Prince (5/24)

Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch (7/24)

Michael Zalkin (12/24)

Gail Abramowitz (12/24)

Sue & Don Horowitz (12/24)

♥ Silver (125)

Sue & Ken Kantor (4/24)

Helene & Howard Perlman (5/24)

Scott & Valerie Taitel (6/24)

**Haven't been a member before?
Now is a good time to start!**

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.

IN MEMORY - YAHRZEIT WILL BE READ ON:

February 7: Charles Harris Golovato, Stanley Schwartz, Gertrude Sher, Nathan Kristt, David Farber, Paul Berger, Hilde Bernstein, Herman Lerner, Meyer Levy, Everette Millett, Eugene David Nesin, Marilyn Gottlieb, *Ana Glaserova, *Anna Vodickova, *Arnost Weil, *Bedrich Hahn, *Bedrich Hubsch, *Berta Steinerova, *Ema Ballova, *Emil Glaser, *Jaroslav Glaser, *Josef Bornstein, *Josefa Taussigova, *Julius Steiner, *Karel Mautner, *Leopold Ball, *Ludmila Blochova, *Marie Singerova, *Marta Velleminska, *Olga Adlerova, *Osvald Gans, *Osvald Katz, *Ota Vodicka, *Otakar Stern, *Rudolf Adler, *Ruzena Kohnova, *Viktor Taussig, *Vlasta Vodickova, *Zdenka Glaserova, *Zofie Velleminska

February 14: Isaac Horowitz, Ida Sherman, Louis Berkowitz, Emil Peto, Sarah Feldberg, Lew Wohl, Irene Meyers, Gertrude Steiner, Ruth Kahn, Pearl Sperber, Frank Burday, Robert Loewinger, Martin Schwartz, Nettie Schulman, Doris Behr Friedman, *Matylda Friedova

February 21: Celia Moss, Alexander Nesin, Bennie Hoffer, Dorothy Zalkin, Vanola Harrigan, Artur Singer, Mindy Barcham, Milton E. Goldenberg, Charlotte Miller, Joseph Ecker, Bluma Harmin, Eva Stein Blotnick, Abraham Sherman, *Irma Singerova, *Otilie Kohnova, *Robert Kohn, *Vera Singerova, *Zuzana Singerova

February 28: Benjamin Nedwin, Lew Greenfield, Mac Kinsbruner, Carol A. Rosengard, Jessica Migdalof, Leonard Mace, Helen Wohl Blinder, Isaac Kaplan, Rebecca Seidler, Max Steier, Bessie Gordon, Leonard Mace, Marie Miletich Derkacz, Samuel Salzman, Deborah Harris, Theodore Strueble, Robert Bader, Calmore Turner, Gittel Yitzchak Wagmeister, *Jana Voglova, *Anna Sandova

**Holocaust victims from Pisek who perished in Terezin*

Donations to the YAHRZEIT FUND

In Loving Memory of the Following:

Linda Leshner Pavlick by Lauren Soriano

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Eugene D. Nesin by Ellen Nesin and Family





To donate your expertise and enthusiasm, join a committee!

Contact Stephanie Phillips - phillipssteph@gmail.com

Oneg Shabbat means, "The Joy of Shabbat."

For the winter we are ZOOM ONLY!

You can sponsor a **VIRTUAL ONEG SHABBAT**.
Pick a Friday night that you would like to sponsor.

Contact **SUE KANTOR (845-798-0578 or skantor914@yahoo.com)**. Tell her which Shabbat you will sponsor and if you have a specific reason: birthday, anniversary, in memory of, in honor of, to celebrate Shabbat, to support the temple, etc.

For virtual oneg — Send a donation check to:
Temple Sholom

PO Box 664, Monticello, NY 12701

Write "**Virtual Oneg Shabbat**" in the memo line.

You will be recognized as the sponsor/host in the email sent to temple members the week of your oneg, and you will be acknowledged during the service and on facebook.

Is your friend sponsoring an oneg? You can make a donation to the temple in their honor.

The temple supplies paper goods, utensils and coffee. However, due to increased cost, **we are now asking sponsors to donate a minimum of \$18 to cover the costs**. You have the option to bring your own tablecloth, paper goods, and coffee instead of paying \$18. In addition, your donation to Temple Sholom is always encouraged and welcomed.

Committees

Adult Education: Anne Palley, Ira Simon

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★ **Stephanie Phillips** maintains the facebook page & Instagram.

★ **Anne Palley** sends out the birthday cards, labels and folds the Harbinger every month, and helps in the office when needed.

Services are **Zoom only** at **7:00 PM** - (*Schmooze at 6:30*)

MARCH 2025 ADAR 5785

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9  Daylight Savings Time Begins	10	11	12 Board of Trustees meeting 7:00 PM	13 Erev Purim	14  PURIM Shabbat Services The Levins Candle 6:44	15 Ki Tisa
16	17	18	19	20	21 Shabbat Services The Levins Candle 6:51	22 Vayakhel
23	24	25	26	27	28 Shabbat Services Rabbi Chuck Candle 6:58	29 Pekudei
30 Rosh Chodesh Nisan	31					

PARSHA OF THE WEEK:

01 March	01 Adar	Terumah	Exodus	25:1-27:19
08 March	08 Adar	Tetzaveh	Exodus	27:20-30:10
15 March	15 Adar	Ki Tisa	Exodus	30:11-34:35
22 March	22 Adar	Vayakhel	Exodus	35:1-38:20
28 March	28 Adar	Pekudei	Exodus	38:21-40:38



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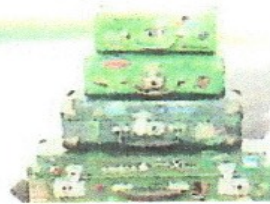
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If you have never used ZOOM before, you will need to download the software and follow the instructions. Go to <https://zoom.us/download> and from the **Download** Center, click on the **Download** button under "**Zoom Client For Meetings**". This application will automatically **download** when you start your first **Zoom** Meeting.

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