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Adar – Nisan 5785

PURIM CELEBRATION!!!

We will be celebrating with a **hybrid** service on **March 14th** led by **Ira and Julia Levin**.

The service will take place at our regular 7:00 PM Shabbat time.



Ira and Julia will lead a Purim Shpiel that tells the Purim story in tunes inspired by the Motown era. There will be a brief introduction to the celebration of Purim by Ira Simon. There will be groggers and instruments and all manner of treats. Come in costume if you can!!!



See you there. Hag Sameach Purim.

TEMPLE SHOLOM BOOK CLUB

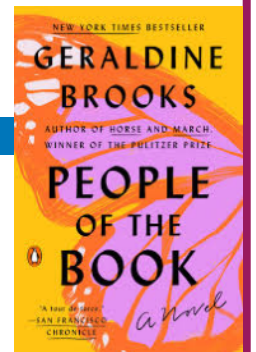
The Temple Sholom Book Club will be reading **People of the Book** by Geraldine Brooks, available at Amazon in hardcover, paperback, and Kindle versions.

The next discussion meeting will be **Thursday, March 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.



From the President



Busy with Books

Have you read any good books lately? Thanks to Valery Taitel, temple members who joined the book club have a few we can recommend. The first book we read was *Surprised By God* by Danya Ruttenberg. The author, a woman, started as an atheistic hippie in the 1990's. She describes her religious journey through Marxism, Hassidism, and Catholicism before finally finding her place as a rabbi.

We followed this saga with *Unorthodox* by Deborah Feldman, a woman born into Hassidism. She describes her marriage to a Hassid and her cloistered life in Williamsburg. She ultimately rejects the extremism of the Satmars and ventures into secularism, taking her young son with her. Her follow-up book, *Exodus Revisited*, which we read in October, follows Feldman as she moves to Berlin and revels in a nonreligious lifestyle there.

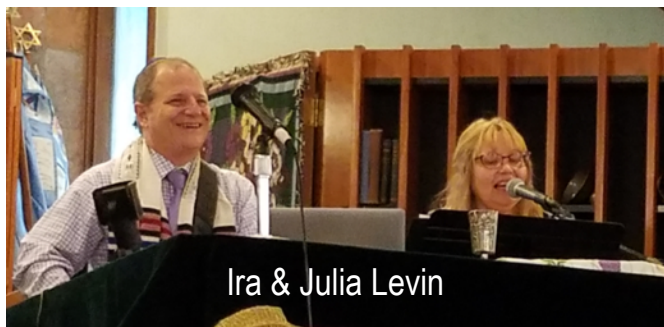


In January we read Shulem Deen's *All Who Go Do Not Return*, a fascinating exploration of his abandonment of his Skverer way of life in New Square. Like Deborah Feldman, he hid his explorations of life in the outside world from fellow Hasidim until it became too much, and he left the sect. Sadly he is cut off from his five children but enjoys a rich life as a board member at Footsteps, a New York City organization that supports people who have left the ultra-Orthodox Jewish community.

February's book choice was *How to Fight Anti-Semitism* by Bari Weiss. We did not feel that the book offered many helpful ways to fight antisemitism, but it did provide a substantial history of antisemitism in the U.S.

On March 13, we will discuss *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks. If you would like to join us, please contact Valerie Taitel at (508) 314-0511.

Stephanie Phillips
President



Ira & Julia Levin

Shalom Chevra!

Our joy increases as we enter the month of Adar! Our cups are overflowing with unique opportunities this month. We are coming together in person and online (hybrid!) for our **Purim celebration on Friday, March 14th**. We are working together to create a light-hearted and harmonious celebration that carries on our tradition of standing up to the pettiness of bullying tyranny that seeks to persecute all who are different than a select majority. Music, prayer and Megillah! "Chag Purim! Chag Purim!"



In addition, you are invited to join us and Congregation Agudas Achim Friday, March 7th, at 7:30 PM for our monthly online service, which will include a Beatles Purim Shpiel! There will be enough variation in each Shabbat Purim service and what a wonderful way to build our stamina, courage and connection! We will pray, sing and laugh together while bringing love and harmony into our Megillah mix. Dress up! Find your groggers! Grab your beverage of choice! "We bring light to the world with our own lives, that's how Jewish life goes on."

As always, we are excited and delighted to be together for this holy simcha!

Love and Shalom,

Ira and Julia / The Levins

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

YOU'RE INVITED

Congregation Agudas Achim invites the members and friends of Temple Sholom to join us for Shabbat services led by Ira and Julia Levin.

Join us via ZOOM on **March 7** and **April 4**.
Schmooze at 7:00 PM.
Service starts at **7:30 PM**

We meet via zoom on the first Friday of each month at 7:00 PM and also meet in person beginning in May.

To receive the zoom link, please call
845-439-3600 or
email virtualshabbat@gmail.com

Temple Sholom member, **Barry Gleen**, is aware of the financial difficulties that our temple has due to falling membership. He has graciously offered to arrange a charity cruise, **donating his commission to Temple Sholom**.

If you will be in New York, think about flying to Miami in the cold month of January and meeting your Temple Sholom friends on a beautiful cruise. Barry got us a great price. Veterans get an extra \$100 onboard credit. If you are in Florida, get a group together to join us. This ship is phenomenal.

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Hope Blecher Croney is looking for donations of **Hebrew children's story books and Yiddish children's story books**. If the books include both Hebrew and English or Yiddish and English, that's a plus.

These books will become part of **Little Free Libraries and Creation Stations**, beginning with the first Impact Library that will be installed during May in front on the pharmacy building in Parksville.



Please contact Hope for more details. (908) 917-0072



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

MARCH 2025 ADAR 5785

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<p>ONEG SHABBAT sponsors: March 14: IRA & KAREN SIMON in celebration of Purim March 21: <u>VIRTUAL</u> by DOLLY LEVNER in honor of grandson Sam's 16th birthday.</p>							1
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
					<p>7:00 SCHMOOZE 7:30 ZOOM Shabbat Services The Levins on ZOOM from Agudas Achim</p> <p>Candle 5:36</p>	<p>Tetzaveh</p>	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
 <p>Daylight Savings Time Begins</p>				<p>Erev Purim</p>	 <p>PURIM HYBRID Shabbat Services The Levins</p> <p>Candle 6:44</p>	<p>Ki Tisa</p>	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
			<p>Board of Trustees meeting 7:00 PM</p>			<p>Shabbat Services The Levins</p> <p>Candle 6:51</p>	<p>Vayakhel</p>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
					<p>Shabbat Services Rabbi Chuck</p> <p>Candle 6:58</p>	<p>Pekudei</p>	
30	31						

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

To **Andrea Westercon & Family**, in memory of your beloved mother, Mindy Barcham.

From: Judy Cutler

To **Michael Taylor & Family**, in loving memory of your mother, Patty Crawford Taylor.

From: Judy Cutler

To **Sue Horowitz**, wishing you a speedy and complete recovery.

From: Phil & Paula Schroeder

To **Ellen Nesin**, wishing you a speedy and complete recovery.

From: Phil & Paula Schroeder



March

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



March

Happy Anniversary

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

GOLDEN BOOK

To **Dave Ellman**, Wishing you a speedy and complete recovery.

From: Ken & Sue Kantor

To **Dan & Deena Sturm**, Condolences on the loss of your father, Sam Sturm.

From: Rick & Marilyn Stein

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

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) or **Hope** (908) 917-0072 . 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.



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.

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✦ *Platinum* (500)

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Paula & Phil Schroeder (11/24)
Anonymous (1/25)

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Wendy Prince (5/24)
Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch (7/24)
Michael Zalkin (12/24)
Gail Abramowitz (12/24)
Sue & Don Horowitz (12/24)
Bonnie Epstein (2/25)

♥ *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.

Thank You ...

***Anna Last, Jack & Helen & Alice Chernick**, for the donation in memory of Itzhak Epstein.

***Bonnie Chernick Epstein** for the donation to Torah Fund Repair in honor of Sue Kantor and the special decades long friendship.

IN MEMORY - YAHRZEIT WILL BE READ ON:

March 7: Helen Peto, Phil Etkin, Rose Kaplow Abraham, Bertha Herman, Ada Freed, David Chowes, Aurora Hughes, Alvin Sodell, Isadore Rosman, Samuel Schroeder, Paul Lazar, Louis Sharoff, Eugene Holtzman, Jerry Rosenberg, Morris Heller, Morris Lessin, Isadore Roseman, Jack Silverstein, Milton Werner, Robynne Malman, Julius Thaler, Arthur Weisfeld, Emanuel Klein, Abraham Schulman, Virginia Benavides, Jerry Rosenberg, Anne Lutsky

March 14: Evanelle Detwiler, Ralph Cohen, Rose Perlmutter, Sarah Richter, Dottie Golloub, Anna Hazelnis, Ruth S. Appel, Stephen Kasten, Bessie Schwartz, David Harris, Eileen Morganstein, Stella Fishman, Mildred Silvermintz, *Olga Buchlerova, *Emil Ippen

March 21: Nancy Karkota Solomon, Adrienne Gold Huberman, Bruce Pollack, Murry H Gitlin, Pauline R. Goodman, Ken Gobel, Dora Bader, Aaron Altman, Norman Levine, Ben Schacht, Jacob Kapito, Rose Appel, Ethel Goldfeder, Anna Cerullo, Murray H. Gitlin, Irene Jacobi, Dr. John Kotin, Lena Neiman Sacks, Evelyn Karasik

March 28: Isadore Cohen, Herman Lewinter, Henry Wrobel

**Holocaust victims from Pisek who perished in Terezin*

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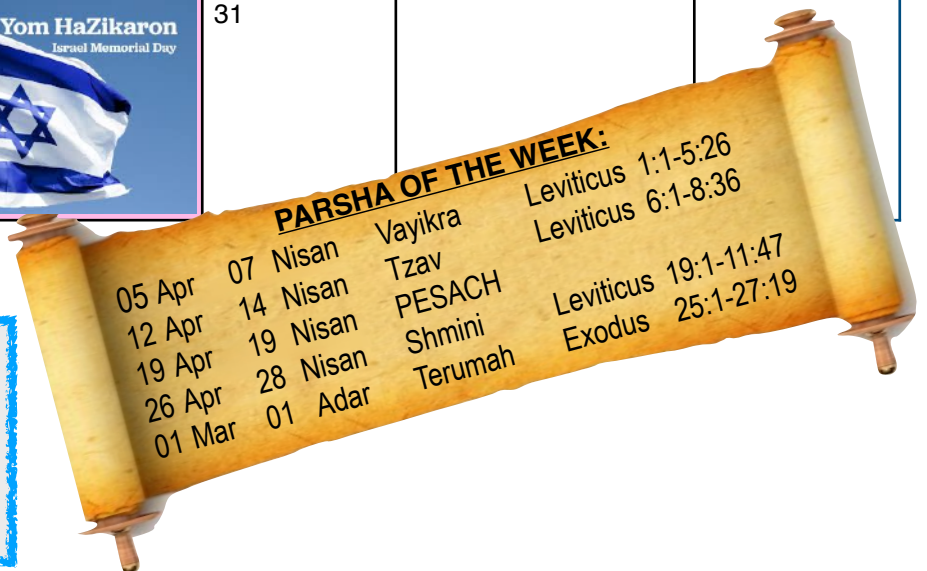
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APRIL 2025 - NISAN / IYYAR 5785

SERVICES WILL BE ZOOM at 7:00 PM (*Schmooze at 6:30*)
Starting Friday, April 25, Shabbat Services will be HYBRID.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4 7:00 SCHMOOZE 7:30 ZOOM Shabbat Services The Levins on ZOOM from Agudas Achim Candle 7:21	5 Vayikra
6	7	8	9	10	11 Shabbat Services The Levins Candle 7:24	12 FIRST SEDER  Tzav
13 PESACH 2nd Seder	14	15	16 Board of Trustees meeting 7:00 PM	17	18 Shabbat Services The Levins Candle 7:28	19
20	21	22	23	24 	25 Shabbat Services The Levins - HYBRID Candle 7:31	26 Shmini
27	28	29 Rosh Chodesh Iyyar	30 	31		



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

You will be recognized as the sponsor/host in the email sent to
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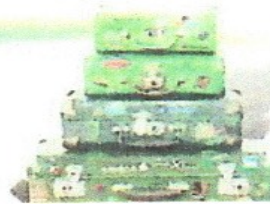
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