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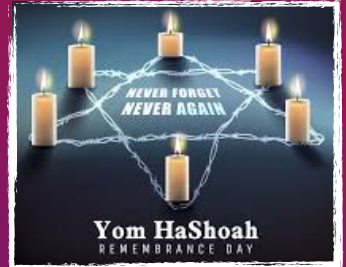


The Harbinger

Nisan - Iyyar 5785

APRIL
2025

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025
27 Nisan 5785



Yom HaZikaron laShoah ve-laG'vurah (*Holocaust and Heroism*

Remembrance Day), known as **Yom HaShoah**, is observed as Israel's day of commemoration for the approximately six million Jews murdered in the Shoah (*catastrophe/disaster*) by Nazi Germany and its allies, and for the Jewish resistance in that period. In Israel, it is a national memorial day. The first official commemorations took place in 1951, and the observance of the day was anchored in a law passed by the Knesset in 1959. It is held on the 27th of Nisan. The date was chosen to mark the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, symbolizing Jewish resistance and resilience in the face of unimaginable adversity.

TEMPLE SHOLOM BOOK CLUB

The Temple Sholom Book Club will be reading

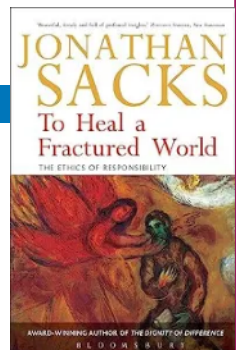
To Heal A Fractured World by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks,
 available at Amazon in hardcover, paperback, and Kindle versions.

The next discussion meeting will be
Thursday, April 24, 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 participants are always welcome.



From the President.....



Keeping Safe

Antisemitic acts in the US have more than doubled since the start of the war in Gaza. To our relief, antisemitic attacks have not been a problem in our area. Nevertheless, as a safety precaution, Temple Shalom applied for and received almost \$100,000 in grant money from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice to improve security on our premises. This money has allowed us to greatly strengthen security at our facility.

Over the past two years, here's what we have done with the grant money:



1. We replaced the rickety old elevator with an attractive and functioning wheelchair lift to allow more efficient evacuation of the building in an emergency.

2. We upgraded our alarm system and installed closed circuit video surveillance cameras with playback capabilities around the outside of the building.

3. We surrounded the perimeter of our property with boulders to prevent potential vehicle attack.

4. We replaced the deteriorating basement door and installed wire mesh around the basement windows.



5. We upgraded the front door so it opens and locks more easily.

6. We installed two metal doors to the kitchen so it can now be used as a "safe room" in an emergency.

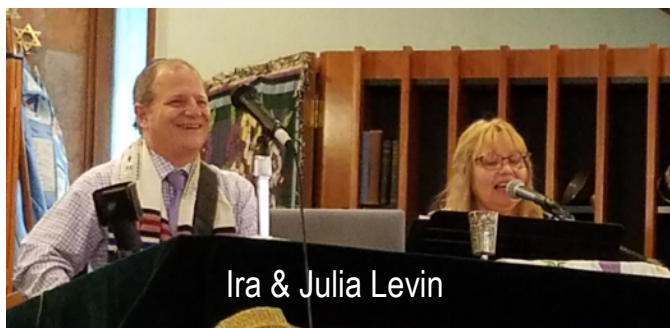


In the next few months we will complete the protective barrier around our building by installing a gate to close off the perimeter of the property where it remains open.

Despite these improvements, some vulnerabilities remain. It is up to us, the congregants, to remain alert to the possibility of hate crimes. We have instituted short announcements at services to remind congregants to keep their eyes and ears open. We all must do our part.

Stephanie Phillips
President





We were very moved by the joyous gathering of our Temple Sholom and Agudas Achim communities online for Purim. It was as if we could hear Rabbi Pomerantz (z'l) cheering us all on, heartily, from above. We have two loving independent communities with their own beautiful temples and legacies - and Dayenu! It's enough! And as Rabbi Fred had hoped for us, we will always share our blessings and remain open for collaborations such as these.

Who needs tarot when you have the Torah? It is apparent, time and again, that the Torah is and always will be here to help guide us. Just as the Israelites gathered their different tribes and their Egyptian neighbors to venture into the wilderness towards the unknown where the Torah awaited them, our connection and strength in Sullivan County is a blessing as we are all setting forth in this time of uncertainty.

It is a time where not only the Jewish community but education, the environment, our national parks and the beauty they preserve for our children, our health systems, women's rights, and the rights of various minority groups' lifestyles, dignity and freedoms are seriously being threatened. Our solidarity with one another, regardless of our varied opinions, will allow us to

receive the wisdom of Torah, to strengthen our commitment to tikkun olam, the repairing of the world, if not for ourselves, then for our children.

Before we return to in-person services on April 25, we will have another opportunity to bolster our inter-congregational alliance. We are once again invited to join Agudas Achim online on April 4, for our Shabbat service. That service, and the one on April 11, will both be preparing us for, and guiding us towards celebrating Passover in a meaningful way.

We are so grateful for you all and seriously take heart in the sense of family that we have witnessed unfolding over the years. May you be well and continue to know joy and generate light.

Love & shalom,
Julia and Ira

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 **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.

APRIL 2025 - NISAN / IYYAR 5785

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ONEG SPONSOR needed for our first in-person service on April 25 and all dates going forward.		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  2nd Seder	14 PESACH	15 PESACH	16 PESACH	17 PESACH	18 PESACH Shabbat Services The Levins Candle 7:28	19 PESACH
20 PESACH	21	22	23 Trustee Board Meeting 7:00 PM	 YOM HASHOAH <small>REMEMBERANCE DAY</small> Book Club 7:PM	25 Shabbat Services The Levins - HYBRID Candle 7:31	26 Shmini
27 	28	29 Rosh Chodesh Iyyar	30 Yom HaZikaron <small>Israel Memorial Day</small> 	31 	ONEG SHABBAT sponsors: Sponsor a virtual oneg to highlight a birthday, an anniversary, in memory of, in honor of, to celebrate Shabbat, or simply to support the	

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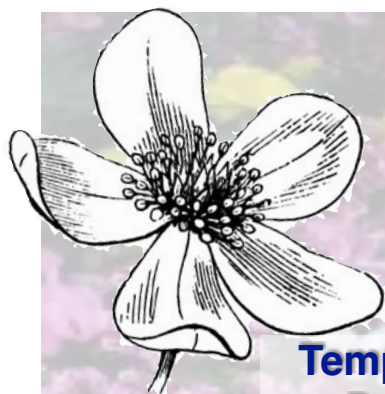
05 Apr	07 Nisan	Vayikra	Leviticus 1:1-5:26
12 Apr	14 Nisan	Tzav	Leviticus 6:1-8:36
19 Apr	19 Nisan	PESACH	
26 Apr	28 Nisan	Shmini	Leviticus 19:1-11:47

ONEG SHABBAT

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**Contact Sue Kantor
(845-798-0578)**

See page 11 for details.



“Hello Spring” Plant Sale

Thursday, May 22, 2025

Pick up your plants from 3-6 PM

**Temple Sholom is counting on your generous support.
Purchase plants — Make a donation — Volunteer!
Proceeds benefit the Beautification Fund.**

In cooperation with Monticello Greenhouse, the Beautification Committee is offering a choice of three (3) hanging baskets as well as oval planters.

Hanging Baskets, \$20 each (*Season-long flowering*)

Geraniums - Million Bells Mini-petunias - New Guinea Impatiens

Oval Planter, \$16 each Terra-cotta color, filled with a lovely geranium, spike and an array of flowering annuals.* 12”L x 4”H.

It may be necessary to substitute plants of equal value. Colors of all plants are subject to availability.

Pick up your orders at Temple Sholom Thursday, May 22 from 3-6 PM

Plants cannot be held at the temple past May 23 before Shabbat Services.

Checks and orders due by Thursday, May 1, 2025

Please remit to: Temple Sholom, P.O. Box 664, Monticello, NY 12701

Please complete and submit this form with your payment.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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Prices same as last year!

Hanging Basket(s)

Mini-petunias _____ \$20 each \$ _____

New Guinea Impatiens _____ \$20 each \$ _____

Geraniums _____ \$20 each \$ _____

Oval Planter(s) _____ \$16 each \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Volunteer Time

I would like to volunteer to help with this year's Beautification Project.

☐

Check here to sign up.

Make a Contribution

I would like to make a contribution to the Temple Sholom Beautification Fund of

\$ _____

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 **Dave Ellman**, wishing you a speedy and complete recovery.

From: Judy Cutler

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

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

To **Neal Jacobs**, thinking of you.

From: Lauren & Marty Miller, Sue & Don Horowitz

To **Sue Horowitz**, Happy Birthday.

From: Phil & Paula Schroeder, Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch

To **Judy Cutler**, Happy Birthday.

From: Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch

To **Amy Herman and Family**, in memory of your Mother, Marilyn Leyrbaum.

From: Bruce Baken

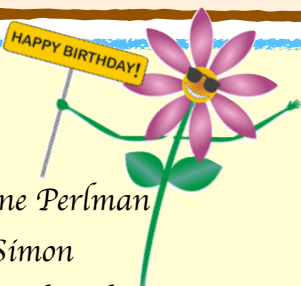
To **Bonnie & Jeffrey Kirsch**, Mazel Tov on the marriage of your son, Forrest.

From: Sue & Don Horowitz

To **Larry Ravdin**, thinking of you and praying for your progress.

From: Sue & Don Horowitz

April



- 2 Helene Perlman
- 6 Ira Simon
- 11 Howard Perlman
- 15 Shain Fishman
- 16 Marilyn Stein
- 16 Gary Werner
- 17 Paul Manz
- 19 Jeffrey Kaplow

Help wanted.

Volunteers are needed to commit to several Fridays to help with the onegs.

Responsibilities are: 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.

GOLDEN BOOK

To **Neal Jacobs**, thinking of you.

From: Sue & Ken Kantor

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

From: Sue & Ken Kantor



Happy Anniversary

April

4. Karen & Ira Simon

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



JEWISH
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FUND

In memory of **Phyllis Langer**.

Certificate to: Langer Family

Donor: Judith Cutler

Thank you, **Gail Abramowitz**
for the donation in honor of
Rabbi Chuck Diamond
conducting the Shabbat service
March 28, 2025.

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 to be announced.

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.

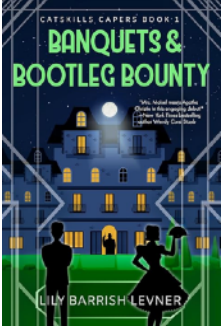
OUR MISSION

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.



PRIMETIMERS - Monday, June 9 at 1:00 PM

I hope everyone had a healthy winter, whether upstate or in warmer parts.



Our first Primetimers meeting is Monday, June 9, at Temple Shalom at 1 PM. We are delighted that our first speaker will be **Lily Barrish Levner** who will talk about the two books she has written with a Catskills theme. The first one is *Banquets and Bootleg Bounty* and the second one is *Mountain Maitre D'*. As always we will have coffee and cake after the meeting.

We have contracted with Leprechaun Lines to run our **New York City Trips**.

The dates are:

Wednesday, June 25

Wednesday, August 13



The cost is still \$55 per person round trip with gratuity. I am accepting reservations at 561-504-7192.



Our **Annual Card and Mah Jongg Party** will be on Monday, July 28.



We have day trips that we will talk about at the meeting.

Our meetings will be the second Monday of every month at 1 PM.

See you at our meetings.

Shalom,

Paula

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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)

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.

Thank You ...

Bonnie Chernick Epstein for the donation
in memory of husband Itzhak Epstein, grandmother Anna Last,
parents Jack & Helen Chernick, and sister Alice Chernick.

IN MEMORY - YAHRZEIT WILL BE READ ON:

April 4: Jesse Wolfson, Daniel Schwartz Md., Carol Imbey, Hyman Himmel, Samantha Brafman, Morris Striefer, Dr. Russell Pantel, Dr. Frederick M. Shulman, Maria Stein

April 11: Dr. Joseph Lauterstein, Sarah Margolis, Mary Victoria Barnes, Diana Laub, Dr. Gustav Gavis, Ann Fuss, Abraham "Al" Kantor, Mavis E. Mednick, Sidney Mordin, Howard Hayden, Robert David Mastropiero, Ellen Rabelskie, Wayne Detwiler, Abraham Edelman, Rose Ray, Judah Altman, Bernard Abramowitz

April 18: Helen Kassman, Pauline Borkin, Mildred Nedwin, Ada Kotin, Bernard Abel, Kerry Butler, Jason Feinstein, Freddie Linnetz, Murray Edward Kahn, Jerome Stanley Gross, Edwin M. Block, Beatrice K. Brachman, Samuel Garfield

April 25: Florence Kinsbruner, Wally Madnick, Howard Weiner, Morris J. Cohen, Eva Birns Rosen, Naomi Berkowitz, Sylvia White, Millie Halpern

Donations to the YAHRZEIT FUND **In Loving Memory of the Following:**

Charlotte Miller by Marty & Lauren Miller

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Jessie Wolfson by Ellen Nesin & Family

Carol Imbey by Beth & Shelly Leidner

Jason Feinstein by Michael Feinstein

David Harris by Mary Jane Harris



Debra Harris by Mary Jane Harris

Evanelle Detwiler by Mary Jane Harris



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

MAY 2025 IYYAR / SIVAN 5785

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
ONEG SHABBAT sponsors: DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL DATE TO COMMEMORATE? SPONSOR AN ONEG!!!				1 Plant order deadline!  Yom HaAtzma'ut Israel Independence Day	2 Shabbat Services Ira Simon Candle 7:35	3 Tazria- Metzora
4	5	6	7	8	9 Shabbat Services The Levins Candle 7:39	10 Achrei Mot- Kedoshim
11	12	13	14	15	16 Shabbat Services The Levins Candle 7:43	17 Emor
18	19	20	21 Board of Trustees meeting 7:00 PM	22  PLANT SALE PICK-UP 3-6 PM	23 Shabbat Services The Levins Candle 7:46	24 Behar- Bechukota
35	26	27	28 Rosh Chodesh Sivan	29	30 Shabbat Services The Levins Candle 7:50	31 Bamidbar

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Contact Sue Kantor (845-798-0578)
See page 11 for details.

PARSHA OF THE WEEK:

03	May	05Iyyar	Tazria-Metzora	Leviticus 12:1-15:33
10	May	12Iyyar	Achrei Mot-Kedoshim	Leviticus 16:1-20:27
17	May	19Iyyar	Emor	Leviticus 21:1-24:23
24	May	26Iyyar	Behar-Bechukotai	Leviticus 25:1-27:34
31	May	04 Sivan	Bamidbar	Numbers 1:1-4:20

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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:
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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
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
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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.



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Led by Richie Chiger

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