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Starting NOVEMBER 7, ZOOM ONLY services at 7:00 PM
(Schmooze at 6:30)

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2 FALL BACK 	3 	4	5	6 ZOOM ONLY SERVICES	7 Shabbat Services The Levins on ZOOM from Agudas Achim Candle 4:27	8 17 Cheshvan Vayera Genesis 18:1-22:24
9	10	11	12	13 ZOOM ONLY SERVICES	14 Shabbat Services The Levins Candle 4:20	15 24 Cheshvan Chayei Sara Genesis 23:1-25:18
16	17	18	19 Board of Trustees meeting 7:00 PM	20 ZOOM ONLY SERVICES	21 Shabbat Services The Levins Candle 4:15	22 02 Kislev Toldot Genesis 25:19-28:9
23	24	25	26	27 	28 NO SERVICES Candle 4:12	29 09 Kislev Vayetzei Genesis 28:10-32:3

The Levins look forward to having Temple Sholom join our Agudas Achim services online for Shabbat on Friday, November 7th! Everyone gathering together online is a beautiful way to strengthen and perpetuate the bond of our sweet Sullivan County community and the Reform movement of the Catskills! Please join us!
 With love, Ira and Julia / The Levins

Topic: Congregation Agudas Achim Virtual Services

Time: 7:30pm / Schmooze begins at 7pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89543496977?pwd=bFVRRTFiL1JuRkM1aHB2QlkrWnd6dz09>

Meeting ID: 895 4349 6977 Passcode: Shalom5781

FROM OUR PRESIDENT....



When the patriarch Jacob saw his beloved son Joseph after being apart for 20 years, Jacob recited the first use of the shema: Shema Yisroel, Adonai Elohainu, Adonai Echad.

When the father of freed hostage Yosef Chaim Ohana saw his son for the first time after 2 years, he recited the same holy text.

These words are not simply echos from our ancient scrolls. These are real, living words that show us how relevant Judaism still is. These words show us holding and releasing our collective breath for the entire 2 years of this crisis. These words prove that we never forgot those who were waiting for us for rescue, for saving, and for returning to their final resting place.

How often have we said "now, more than ever, we need to stand together" over the last 2 years? Has it become less true?

With the staggering amount of antisemitism, can we afford any schisms in our midst? Should we take the time to point out how different we all are from each other and how that keeps us separate? What has this gotten us?

Friends, I have no answers. I only have these questions. What else is there to do? What can I do? How do we stand together? Donate to the IDF? Say Shabbat Shalom to another Jew on Friday? Thank the local establishments for their patience in the summer while insisting "we're not all like that"?

There are no answers. As the last 2 years have shown us, we do not run the show. Perhaps the best we can hope for is to make our small corner of the world more kind-hearted so that the next person will want to, as well.

Stacey Sharoff

A message from your Treasurer

Please remember to send in your check for dues if you haven't done so already. The new fiscal year began on July 1, 2025. If you have any questions concerning the amount of dues that is owed, please send an email to Ellen Nesin at nesineh49@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Ellen Nesin

Treasurer, Temple Sholom Congregation

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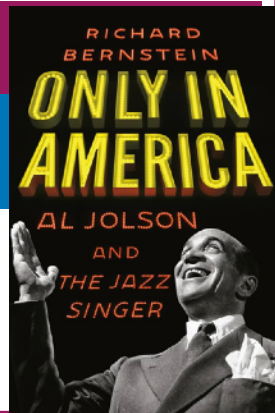
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ZOOM: Thursday, DECEMBER 18, 2025, at 7:00 PM

**NEW TO BOOK CLUB? RSVP to receive the Zoom link.
Only NEW MEMBERS need RSVP to join.**

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

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From: Paula & Phil Schroeder


To **Lauren Miller**, Happy Birthday.

From: Phil & Paula Schroeder

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November

- 3 Rita Kaplow
- 4 Valerie Taitel
- 8 Scott Taitel
- 12 Ruby Schulman
- 20 Bonnie Mitzner
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November



- 21 Jack & Sandra Cohen
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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 - YAHREZEIT WILL BE READ ON:

November 07: Herbert Weinstein, Max Fried, Lesroy A. Millett,
Samuel Bernard Rosen, Sarah Jacobs, Joseph Sarowitz, Celia Galant,
Israel Wyde, Harry R. Green, Rhoda Barnofsky, *Egon Platovsky

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Wallace Berkowitz, Anna Green, Betty Chodos, Dr. Bernard Lauterstein,
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Hal Wrobel, Kip Morganstein, Robert B. Green, Helen Fox

November 21: Jennie Weinstein, William 'Billy' Goldsmith, Max Savetsky,
Charlotte Leidner, Clarice Rose Jacobs, Lloyd Wagner, Seena Nelson

November 28: Berice Millett, Lucy Benjamin, Craig Bryan Seidler,
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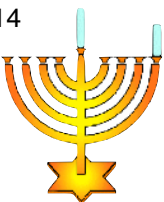
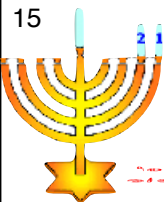



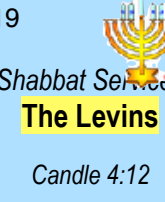
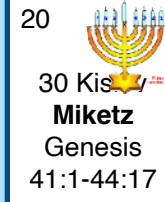

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DECEMBER 2025 - KISLEV / TEVET 5786

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 Shabbat Services Ira Simon Candle 4:10	6 16 Kislev Vayishlach Genesis 32:4-36:43
7 Pearl Harbor Day	8	9	10	11	12 Shabbat Services The Levins Candle 4:10	13 23 Kislev Vayeshev Genesis 37:1-40:23
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21 	22	23	24	25	26 Shabbat Services TBD Candle 4:16	27 7 Tevet Vayigash Genesis 44:18-47:27
28	29	30	31			

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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
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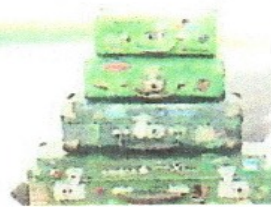
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