

Temple Beth Sholom News

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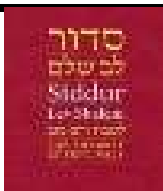
Rabbi Joshua Grossman

President Patrick Guiney

Rabbi Emeritus David Grossman

JANUARY SERVICES

Saturday, Jan 3, 9:30 am
Friday, Jan 9, 7:00 pm
Saturday, Jan 17, 9:30 am
Friday, Jan 23, 7:00 pm



Candle

1/2 4:05 pm
1/9 4:12 pm



Lighting

1/16 4:20 pm
1/23 4:37 pm

1/30 4:37 pm

From the Rabbi's Office

Greetings friends,

While it's true as Jews we may see the secular observance of the New Year as slightly less impactful than our own Rosh Hashanah, the ideas and ideals of (1) the passage of time, and (2) renewal of a new year, are universal and timeless. What can we all take from this annual worldwide secular celebration of New Years to increase our gratefulness and happiness? Can we find and create a path toward self-improvement and even increased holiness during this season?

First, we can look at the nature of time's steady flow. One of the founding, principal concepts of Judaism is our appreciation of the balance and the cyclical nature of time. Each week we renew ourselves with a day of Shabbat, one of rest and reflection. In every season we know, expect and anticipate the same holidays and festivals we celebrated as children, and then with the generations that followed. Even our sacred Torah is read and studied in its entirety from front to back and turned over again at each conclusion annually.

Our sages teach that although we live within the pattern of passing time, each moment is a chance to partner with God in both Tikun Olam - repairing the world - and in transforming the ordinary into the sacred. We can do this through prayer, introspection, thankfulness, and through our acts of lovingkindness.

Second is the concept of newness that comes in marking a new year. We can look back and take inventory of the lessons, blessings, and the trials from the year we leave behind. Unlike our Rosh Hashanah, secularly, we become our OWN judges and often our own harshest critics, as we consider an incoming new year. There will be no Yom Kippur in the coming days and so we must see ourselves in the most plain and truthful light we can.

We Jews recognize, and appreciate the idea of renewal, or regeneration. We are told that we must never judge, nor should we BE judged by our past. The renewal of the new year allows us to live this idea. It is an important lesson that we must always search for the NEXT Mitzvah, the NEXT act we can take that will help ourselves and others. As we say each Rosh Hashanah, we are meant to live as if we are always equally

balanced, with our next act tipping the scale in favor of overriding good or evil.

We recently finished reading about Jacob whose entire life was a lesson in a never-ending quest for righteousness. After the many horrific, terrifying and heartbreaking events of his life he is guided to persevere, and continue his pursuit of goodness, rather than succumb to despair. We learn from the chapters of Jacob that our search for goodness should also never cease.

A new year is upon us. May the good outweigh the bad, the joys outweigh the sadness. May we give and receive love in abundance, and may our prayers for peace, and love decidedly overrun and eliminate the forces of baseless hatred and evil.

B'shalom, Rabbi Joshua

From the President

Temple. I recently had a conversation about the "Temple". I say it that way because the discussion also involved a more general concept of what a "Temple" is and means. The Merriam Webster definition simply states it is a place of religious worship. In Judaism, "Temple" certainly refers to the First and Second structure in Jerusalem. The Temples served not only as a place of worship, it was also a place of pilgrimage, as well as a cultural and administrative hub. Both temples were destroyed on Tisha B'Av and it is part of the reason we mark this date, usually in August, with fasting and a reading of Lamentations. It can be a rather moving service, if you let it. But I'm not here to plug Tisha B'Av in January, with Tu B'Shvat just around the corner, on February 1-2 (Look out Groundhog. Here come the trees!).

I asked the Rabbi about the modern temple and his first answer was it is a House of Prayer. Beyond that the modern synagogue reflects "The Temple" being a place that houses the Torah scrolls and where the Ner Tamid burns 24/7. The daily recitation of the Amidah is what parallels/takes the place of the daily sacrifices/offerings. In this way we have ties to and maintain continuity. Our Temple is also a local/regional place of cultural and administrative activities.

Returning to the original discussion, my answer is that this is your Temple, we each are a strand in the fabric, like the tallit, with every strand needed to make the whole. Make "the Temple" meaningful to you. Jump in, don't just be a passive

user. Build your “Temple” in ways that are meaningful to you. While Moses was the leader when the Mishkan was constructed, it was Betzalel and Aholiav who led the actual building of it. Everyone doing their part in making the community vibrant. I firmly believe G-d wants you to engage, because it is in the engagement where true wealth can be found.
Patrick Guiney, President

Social Action



Hats, scarves, gloves, mittens and blankets! Thank you to everyone who donated toward the winter donation drive for Wellspring, including those who came to the “No-Sew” blanket event held on Sunday afternoon, December 14.

Programming

Chanukah celebrations began with a delightful Chanukah themed musical Kabbalat Shabbat on December 12 with the incredible talents of Mark Elsner, Chazzan Robbie Solomon and Rabbi Joshua and Rabbi David. Many thanks to everyone who helped make that evening so meaningful.



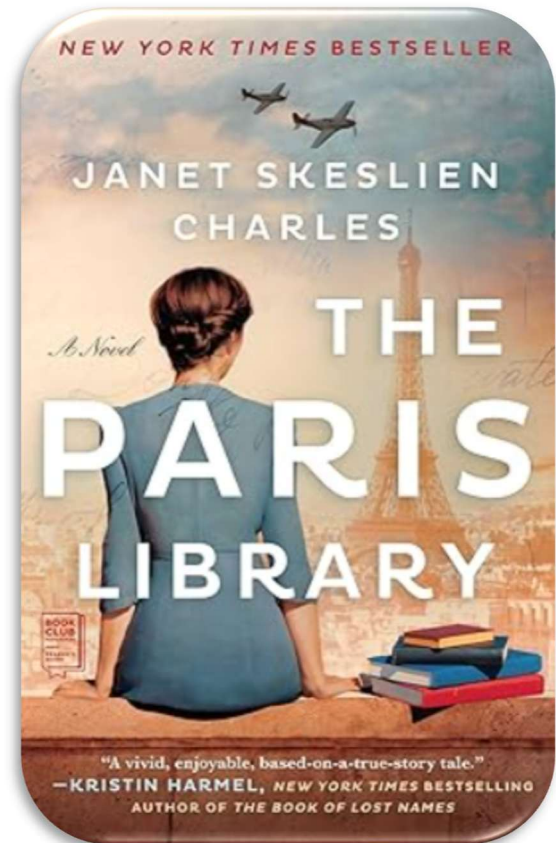
Our Chanukah party was held on December 20. We enjoyed tasty appetizers, latkes, kugel, salad, fruit, and sufganiot. We

lit our Chanukiot, sang songs, enjoyed some Chanukah activities, listened to music, and shared laughs together. Thanks to the generosity and hard work of Barbara Corcoran for donating and making the delicious kugels, to Diane Zlotnikov for making the salads, fruit platter and for her enormous help in the kitchen, along with Harriet Andler, Marcia Rymaszeski, Jean Connolly, Patrick Guiney, Alan Colman, Richie Albert, Rabbi Joshua, Mary and Scott Belgard, Robin Mullenhof and Augie for making the event so wonderful.

TBS Reads will meet Monday, January 12 at 6:30pm to discuss *Songs for the Brokenhearted* by Ayelet Tsabari. Please join us! Our next book will be *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles; we'll meet on Monday, February 16 at 6:30pm.

Looking forward to our annual Tu B'Shevat Seder on Sunday, February 1st-details to follow!

Karen Augenstern, Chair, Programming Committee
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February's TBS Reads Selection

Join Rabbi Joshua and your fellow congregants
Wednesdays at 6:45 pm (in person or on zoom)

January 7th, 14th, 21st and the 28th
Listen, Learn, and Share your thoughts!



For a **complete** list of on-line programs or to register, go to
<https://occsp.net/csp-online-zoom-events/>

SUNDAY SERIES

January 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026 at 1:00-2:00 PM EST

JEWISH SETTLEMENT IN NORTH AMERICA & THE IMPORTANCE OF MOBILITY

THURSDAY SERIES

January 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026 at 1:00-2:00 PM EST

FROM THE SIDELINES TO THE BALLOT BOX: THE POLITICAL EVOLUTION OF AMERICAN JEWS

TUESDAY MEMBER SERIES

January 6, 13, 20, 27 at 1:00-2:00 PM EST

FAITH & FREEDOM: THE TRANSFORMATION OF JUDAISM IN AMERICA

- Contact Karen at tbshullprogramming@gmail.com to register for the **Members Only** Programs through OCCSP.



Thank you to all who have made donations in honor or in memory of loved ones and in doing so support our community.

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In Memory Of

**Lexi Halvorson
Amy Levenson
Fred Tobman**

Karen & Arthur Augenstern
Jeffrey Karitis
Danielle Anastasia
Karen Anastasia
Carol & Len Bartello
Mary & Scott Belgard
Michelle Boucher
Alan Colman
George Deyesso
Michelle & Steven Elias
Elaine & Paul Greenblatt
Harriet & Patrick Guiney
Kate Hardeman
Doris Koch
Evan Lemoine
Judie & Marty Packer
Linda & Marty Pitler
Ariana & Lenix Ramos
Marcia & Paul Rymaszewski
Carol & Larry Schillberg
Muriel & Joe Studley
Elaine & Norman Swartz
Stephen Tobias
Anita Wassersug
Stan Zoll

Get Well/Refuah Shlema

Patty Burak Mary & Scott Belgard
Harriet & Patrick Guiney
Mark Elsner Mary & Scott Belgard
Elaine Greenblatt Karen & Arthur Augenstern
Mary & Scott Belgard
Rhoda Kanet Mary & Scott Belgard
Linda Pitler Karen & Arthur Augenstern
Mary & Scott Belgard

In Appreciation Of

Diane Grossman Mary & Scott Belgard

In Honor Of

Harvey Wolf Mary & Scott Belgard

Mazal Tov

Hillery & Dan Bauman on your new granddaughter
Karen & Arthur Augenstern
Hallene & Michael Fish on your new granddaughter
Karen & Arthur Augenstern
Eta & Mark Levenson on your new granddaughter
Mary & Scott Belgard
Linda & Marty Pitler on your new grandson
Mona & Phil Rosen

On the Occasion Of

Scott Belgard's 70th Birthday Karen & Arthur Augenstern
Shari & Jerry Bass
Jean Connolly
Mona & Phil Rosen

Patty Burak on your Birthday

Jonathan Burak & Family

Elaine & Paul Greenblatt's Anniversary Jean Connolly

Ellen Shuster on your Birthday Mary & Scott Belgard

Elaine & Paul Greenblatt

JANUARY YAHRZEITS

From 1/1/2026 to 1/31/2026 (Tevet 12, 5786 to Shevat 13, 5786)

The practice of observing the Yahrzeit for a loved one connects us, not only to those we have lost, but to thousands of years of tradition. The candle we burn, and the lights we light can be for friends, family, and most often a beloved parent. These acts of remembrance and lovingkindness might be made in our homes, or in our Shul.

The Yahrzeit date corresponds to the Hebrew date of loss, and therefore we keep in mind observance in terms of the secular calendar changes each year. For those who are able and open to do so, we encourage you to join us for Erev Shabbat services where we publicly name and recall those we have lost. Each week, for those who wish, we allow a space to share some of what we cherish in the memories of our lost loved ones.

We take this ancient practice from chapter 20 of our holy book of Proverbs which states: "Ner Adonai Nishmat Adam" – "God's light is the soul of every person"

In Memory Of

Name	Yahrzeit Date	Hebrew Date
Fannie Byer	Thursday, 1/1/2026	Tevet 12, 5786
George Beckerman	Friday, 1/2/2026	Tevet 13, 5786
Benjamin Greenberg	Friday, 1/2/2026	Tevet 13, 5786
Jacob Jones	Friday, 1/2/2026	Tevet 13, 5786
Rebecca Mendelson	Sunday, 1/4/2026	Tevet 15, 5786
Arnold Sherman	Sunday, 1/4/2026	Tevet 15, 5786
Bertha Buxbaum	Monday, 1/5/2026	Tevet 16, 5786
Jennie Klayman	Monday, 1/5/2026	Tevet 16, 5786
Chester Wolfe	Monday, 1/5/2026	Tevet 16, 5786
Seymour Doliner	Tuesday, 1/6/2026	Tevet 17, 5786
Muriel Kendall (Malka Feigel bat Yossel V Ester)	Tuesday, 1/6/2026	Tevet 17, 5786
Samuel Latman	Tuesday, 1/6/2026	Tevet 17, 5786
Harry Leppo	Tuesday, 1/6/2026	Tevet 17, 5786
Abraham Lewis Miller	Tuesday, 1/6/2026	Tevet 17, 5786
Zalman Rabinowitz	Tuesday, 1/6/2026	Tevet 17, 5786
Max Kupferman	Wednesday, 1/7/2026	Tevet 18, 5786
Harry Michelson	Wednesday, 1/7/2026	Tevet 18, 5786
Joseph White	Wednesday, 1/7/2026	Tevet 18, 5786
Melvin Harold Bloom	Thursday, 1/8/2026	Tevet 19, 5786
Max Norman	Thursday, 1/8/2026	Tevet 19, 5786
Lawrence Kellem	Friday, 1/9/2026	Tevet 20, 5786
Bertha Rosenfield	Friday, 1/9/2026	Tevet 20, 5786
Martha Smith	Friday, 1/9/2026	Tevet 20, 5786
Mark Weisman	Friday, 1/9/2026	Tevet 20, 5786
Goldie Kellem	Saturday, 1/10/2026	Tevet 21, 5786
Louis Waldman	Saturday, 1/10/2026	Tevet 21, 5786
Edith Stoloff	Sunday, 1/11/2026	Tevet 22, 5786
Mary Sawyer	Monday, 1/12/2026	Tevet 23, 5786
Constance Gitelman	Tuesday, 1/13/2026	Tevet 24, 5786
Max Goldstein	Tuesday, 1/13/2026	Tevet 24, 5786
Joseph Greenberg	Tuesday, 1/13/2026	Tevet 24, 5786
Judith Kalish (Yehudith Peril Bat Zvi et Brocha)	Tuesday, 1/13/2026	Tevet 24, 5786
George Fox	Wednesday, 1/14/2026	Tevet 25, 5786
Judith Doliner	Thursday, 1/15/2026	Tevet 26, 5786
Sydney Francer	Thursday, 1/15/2026	Tevet 26, 5786
Andrew Sonnenschein	Friday, 1/16/2026	Tevet 27, 5786

Sidney Kasanoff	Saturday, 1/17/2026	Tevet 28,5786
Pauline Stofflet	Saturday, 1/17/2026	Tevet 28,5786
Name	Yahrzeit Date	Hebrew Date
Frank Stoloff	Saturday, 1/17/2026	Tevet 28,5786
Judah Rinek	Sunday, 1/18/2026	Tevet 29, 5786
Morris Rosenfeld	Sunday, 1/18/2026	Tevet 29, 5786
Edith Weisman	Monday, 1/19/2026	Shevat 1,5786
Melvin E. Liss	Sunday, 1/22/2026	Shevat 4,5786
Amy Schneider	Friday, 1/23/2026	Shevat 5, 5786
Samuel White	Friday, 1/23/2026	Shevat 5, 5786
Nettie Gale	Saturday, 1/24/2026	Shevat 6, 5786
Lawrence R. Forman	Sunday, 1/25/2026	Shevat 7, 5786
Sophie Kaufman	Sunday, 1/25/2026	Shevat 7, 5786
Israel Lanstein	Monday, 1/26/2026	Shevat 8, 5786
Rebecca Stofflet	Monday, 1/26/2026	Shevat 8, 5786
Nathan Minevitz	Tuesday, 1/27/2026	Shevat 9, 5786
Samuel Asnes	Friday, 1/30/2026	Shevat 12, 5786
Herman Cohen	Friday, 1/30/2026	Shevat 12, 5786
Mayer Fair	Friday, 1/30/2026	Shevat 12, 5786
Mayer S. Goldman	Saturday, 1/31/2026	Shevat 13, 5786

We Remember You

Rabbi Sylvan Kamens and Rabbi Jack Riemer

In the rising of the sun and its going down,
We Remember You.

In the bowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
We Remember You.

In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring.
We Remember You.

In the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer,
We Remember You.

In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn.
We Remember You.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,
We Remember You.

When we are weary and in need of strength,
We Remember You.

When we are lost and sick of heart,
We Remember You.

When we have joys and special celebrations we yearn to share,
We Remember You.

As long as we live, you too shall live, for you are a part of us.
We Remember You.