

# The Scroll

December 2025

Temple Sha'arey Shalom

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Celebrating Over 60 Years of Reform Jewish Commitment

## Worship/Special Events

<b>Friday, December 5</b> <i>Erev Shabbat</i>	7:00 pm
<b>Friday, December 12</b> <i>Erev Shabbat</i>	7:00 pm
<b>Friday, December 19</b> <i>Erev Shabbat</i> <i>Chanukah Dinner</i> <i>Chanukah Service</i>	5:30 pm 7:00 pm
<b>Friday, December 26</b> <i>Erev Shabbat</i>	7:00 pm

## From the Rabbi...

As the days grow short and the nights stretch long, I find myself returning again and again to a line often attributed to Nietzsche: **"He who has a why to live for can bear almost any how."** It's a sentence that has been echoing in my mind with particular force since hearing Eli Sharabi speak about his months as a hostage in Gaza. In fact he mentions this quote explicitly in his presentation.

As I write this, it is just one day after Sharabi was hosted by Metrowest Federation to share his story. On one particular day in captivity, Eli recalled how he found himself in a tunnel with Hirsch Goldberg-Polin. Hirsch, a remarkable young man, reminded Eli of this quote even in that dark moment. It became his mantra for the duration.

Eli did not speak about physical toughness or clever strategies for survival. What he described instead was *purpose—a picture of his family he held in his mind, a sense of responsibility to return home, and a belief that his life still mattered in the world. He described moments where the darkness—*

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Shabbat Study Minyan Weekly - 11:00 am

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## From the Rabbi... (continued)



*both literal and emotional—felt overwhelming. Yet he also described the stubborn ember inside him that refused to be extinguished. That was his **why**. And even when the “how” of*

*his days became nearly unbearable, that inner reason kept him alive. Tragically, Eli’s “why” was his wife and daughters. They were murdered on October 7, but Eli did not know this until his release.*

Listening to him, I was struck by how deeply Jewish this idea is. Long before Nietzsche, and later Victor Frenkel gave it philosophical framing, our tradition understood that meaning is a form of endurance. A person who knows *why they must keep going—who they love, what they believe in, the covenant they carry—has a strength that no external force can fully take away.*

This is, in many ways, the spiritual heartbeat of Hanukkah.

We tell the story every year: the miraculous oil that burned for eight days. But beneath that miracle lies a more human one. Before the oil lasted, someone had to **light the flame**. Someone had to decide that even a tiny flicker of faith and identity was worth kindling in the midst of overwhelming darkness and uncertainty. The Maccabees had no reason to expect success. They didn’t know whether their restored sanctuary would remain standing. They didn’t know whether they would survive the winter, let alone rebuild Jewish sovereignty.

But they had a “why”—the dignity of our people, the sacredness of our practices, the belief that Judaism brings light into the world—and it was enough to take the next step. Their courage to light that first flame is perhaps the greatest miracle of all.

Eli’s story is a modern echo of that ancient

resilience. A reminder that even a sliver of purpose can sustain us through nights that feel endless.

And yet—this season is not easy for everyone.

While Hanukkah brings images of warmth and celebration, the winter months can intensify loneliness and longing. The darkness can feel heavier. The cold can make absence more palpable. For some in our community, the “why” that once fueled life may feel dimmer now—after the loss of a loved one, the end of a relationship, a health crisis, a job change, or the slow accumulation of difficult years. For others, the world’s brokenness feels overwhelming, and hope becomes harder to access.

When a person’s “why” weakens, even ordinary days can feel heavy. Tasks that once felt simple now require tremendous effort. The spark that once guided them feels hidden, quiet, or even lost. This too is part of the human experience, and it deserves to be acknowledged with tenderness and honesty.

Hanukkah has something important to teach us here as well.

When we light the hanukkiah, we place it in the window—not only to publicize the miracle, but to share our light with anyone passing by. Light in Judaism is rarely a solitary symbol. It is communal. It grows when shared. A single candle is beautiful, but a room full of candles—lit side by side—transforms the darkness into something warm and livable.

For those who feel strong right now—this is an invitation to become someone else’s light. A phone call. A check-in. A visit. An invitation to dinner or to services. A small gesture of presence can reconnect a person with their “why,” reminding them that they matter and that they belong.

For those who feel their flame flickering—this is a reminder that you do not need to generate all your light on your own.

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## From the Rabbi... (continued)

Judaism does not demand that we manufacture hope at will, nor does it judge us for struggling. Our tradition simply asks that we stay near the warmth of others, that we allow the community's light to shelter us until our own wick catches again.

What allowed Eli Sharabi to endure was not only his personal reservoir of strength. It was also the knowledge—deep, intuitive, sustaining—that his family, his community, and the Jewish people were waiting for him, praying for him, and refusing to forget him. His “why” was intertwined with their love. Our ancestors in the Hanukkah story likewise did not act as isolated individuals but as a community bound by a shared purpose that illuminated their path forward.

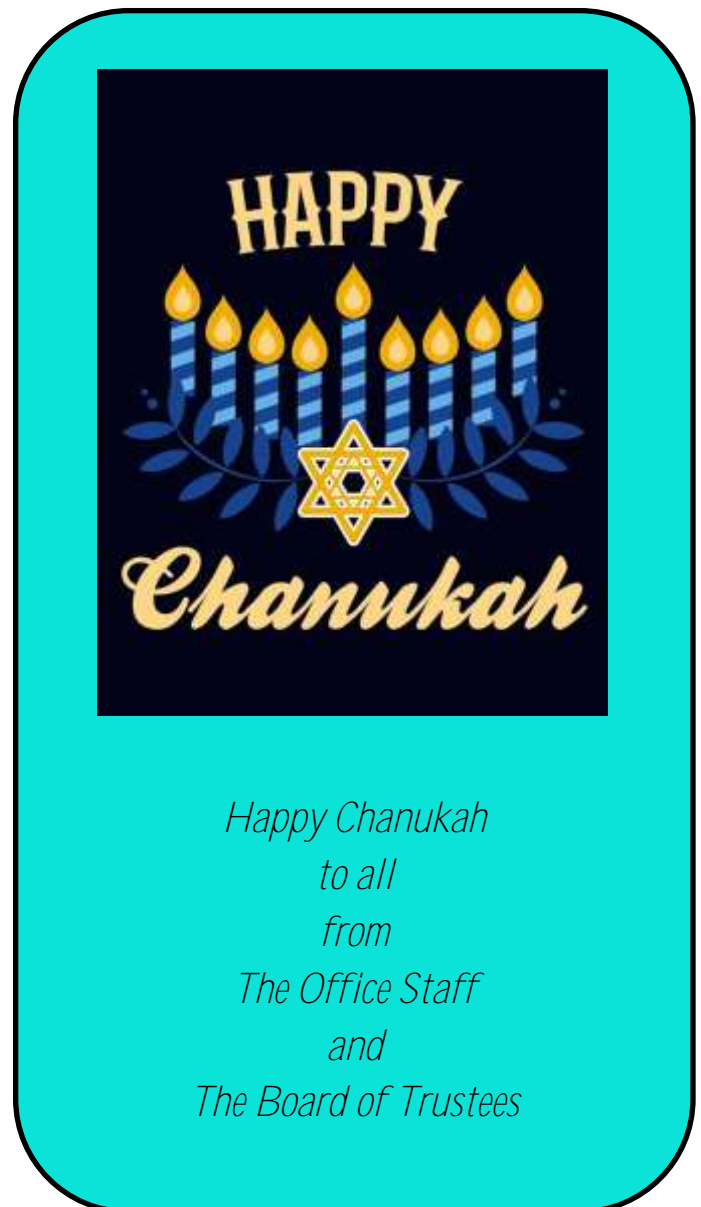
This is the spiritual invitation of the winter season.

When we kindle lights against the darkness, we are making a claim about the world: that even the smallest flame has value, that meaning can be found or regained, and that no one's light should have to burn alone. We are reminded that every person carries a story, a purpose, a reason to remain connected to life—and that helping one another discover or rediscover that purpose is among the holiest acts we can perform.

So this Hanukkah, may we tend carefully to our own inner flames—whatever our “why” may be. May we draw courage from Eli's testimony, inspiration from the ancient story of Hanukkah, and comfort from the warmth of our community. And may those among us who find themselves in a season of struggle be surrounded by enough presence, enough compassion, and enough shared light to keep the darkness at bay until brighter days return.

Chag Urim Sameach—may this season bring you light, meaning, connection, and renewed purpose.

Rav Uri



# Cantor's Corner...



## Notes From the Cantor

### ***Felice Festa Ebraica Delle Luci, Benedetto Marcello!***

I am referring to the Venetian Gentile composer of the Baroque Era, Benedetto Marcello, who lived from 1686-1739, and made one of the most beautiful and one of the most glorious contributions ever to Jewish music. That contribution was the Italian melody to Maoz Tzur. This is not the same melody that we normally sing at Hanukah time to the English translation, *Rock of Ages*. *That melody is the German melody. I am referring to a prettier melody in minor written in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century that is less well known but has been making something of a comeback in the past few decades, popping up in high school and college winter concerts across America. The work was found as part of a collection of Marcello's in 1724 called Estro Poetico Armoni ("Harmonic Poetic Inspiration") also called Parafrasi Sopri Li Salma ("Paraphrases Over the Psalms.") Marcello had learned the medieval Hebrew poem from Venice's Tedesco Jews (Italian Jews of Ashkenazic descent) and found in the text, a similarity to what his Church knew as Psalm 15 which is actually Psalm 16 in our Tanakh. Marcello notated his setting of Maoz Tzur as "Salmo 15/Maoz Tzur-Intonazione degli Ebrei Tedeschi" -("Psalm 15/O Mighty Stronghold-A German Jewish Chant.")*

*The more well-known German version that we sing may have come from a Lutheran Church hymn in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century. This is a great irony concerning a six stanza piyut which touts the freedom of the Jewish people from assimilation throughout history while mentioning, not just the story of Hanukah, but also the stories of Purim and Passover as well. Some people hear a striking resemblance to the German melody of Maoz Tzur in the beginning of the third act of Don Carlo, a five-act opera by Giuseppe Verdi. I listened to the segment and found the resemblance to be too subtle to draw a definitive conclusion.*

The first letter of each of the stanzas spell the name "Mordechai H" thus attributing the poem in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century to Mordechai ben Yitzhak haLevi. The English version that we know as Rock of Ages is attributed to Gustav Gottheil and Marcus Jastrow, both of whom were Prussian born American Rabbis who lived until the beginning of the Twentieth Century.

Different renditions of both the Italian and German melodies to Maoz Tzur can be found on Youtube. Hear the Benedetto Marcello melody here:

<https://youtu.be/tYPIAhshhvM?si=wS7iLwvSB4tjVDda>

While the festival of Hanukah and the poetry of Maoz Tzur in particular, stress freedom from assimilation, Ashkenazi Jewish music seems to have benefitted artistically from cross pollination with a neighboring faith.

*Felice Festa Ebraica Delle Luci,*

*Hanukah Alegre*

*Glückliche Jüdische Fest der Lichter*

*A Lichtiger und Freilichen Chanukah*

*Hag Urim Same-aH*

*Happy Festival of Lights*

Cantor Jason M. Rosenman





## From the Co-Presidents...

Greetings,

As the year 2025 comes to an end, we can reflect on the many happenings and accomplishments of our congregation. In addition to our meaningful and enlightening Shabbat Services, many of us have participated in learning opportunities presented by Rav, Cantor, and our fellow congregant Dan Herman. We have also enjoyed an array of social activities including Triva Night, a Medium, professional singers, just to cite a few.

Please know, our Activities Committee, Ritual Committee, Brotherhood, and Sisterhood have been busy planning activities for us, such as: guest performers, field trips to local theaters, art museums, baseball game, and many other programs and activities still in the discussion/planning stage.

Our Social Action Committee continues to identify opportunities for us to become involved in the larger Jewish Community by providing information to us concerning lectures on relevant contemporary topics, activities inclusive of letter writing campaigns focusing on social issues. This committee helps us maintain our ongoing relationship with Bridges and its focus on addressing housing insecurity.

To stay informed about TSS programming please check the TSS Weekly Happenings, the Scroll, the TSS website, and the TSS Facebook Page.

We are in the beginning phase of a new initiative that may allow us to provide more opportunities for involvement in Jewish learning, social programming, and other interesting and fun related activities, through our newly formed relationship with Temple Shalom in Scotch Plains. Three members of our Activities Committee have joined a Joint Planning Committee with members of the Temple Shalom family. As this new committee pursues its work, we will provide you with information concerning additional program plans.

I offer the congregation's sincerest thank you to those of you who have planned and implemented all these enjoyable and valuable programs.

Hopefully, we are addressing your needs spiritually and socially. Please feel free to offer suggestions for programming and activities that may be of interest to you.

May the year 2026 be a healthy one for you and our congregation, one filled with a sense of belonging to a vibrant Jewish community. May it also be a year of peace for our country and for Israel.

L'shalom,  
Bill



*This Chanukah,  
Share Your Light*

# **Nosh and Schmooze with the Rabbi**

COME JOIN US!

December 7, 2025,

January 4, 2026, May 3, 2026

at 871 Mountain Avenue

10:00 - 11:00 AM



Please join Rav Uri on a Sunday morning for a little nosh and schmooze. Come build community and schmooze with our Rabbi and deepen our connections with each other. This event takes place on the first Sunday of the month on the dates listed above, at 871 Mountain Ave.

Hope to see everyone joining us!

# **"Service of the Heart: A Deep Dive into the Siddur (prayer book)"**

## **Led by: Rav Uri Allen**

A weekly class on Wednesday Mornings

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Do you ever feel lost during services? Would you like to know more about where our prayers come from? Do you like to study material that will deepen your Jewish life? Then this class is for you. Each week we will study a different part of the prayer book. We will look at the history and development of our worship text and ask how deeper knowledge can assist our prayers lives

We will be meeting In Person at the Temple

871 Mountain Avenue, and on Zoom

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**[https://zoom.us/j/95884499727?](https://zoom.us/j/95884499727?pwd=M7boFLBpNS3Atx05TsxnmIq7MM8aXo.1)**

**[pwd=M7boFLBpNS3Atx05TsxnmIq7MM8aXo.1](https://zoom.us/j/95884499727?pwd=M7boFLBpNS3Atx05TsxnmIq7MM8aXo.1)**

# **Judaism in the Second Temple Period: From Persian Influence to Rabbinic Transformation**

## **Led by Dan Herman**

**Tuesday Mornings 10:00 am -11:00 am**

*For the past three years, the "Tuesday Morning Study Group" has been studying the development of Judaism through the First Temple period utilizing the middle section of the Tanakh known as "The Prophets". Join Professor Dan Herman as we now transition our study of Jewish history with a course on "Judaism in the Second Temple Period." From the dawn of Persian rule in 539 BCE to the seismic shifts brought by the Roman conquest and the subsequent formation of Rabbinic Judaism, we will discuss how this formative era in Jewish history connects to contemporary Jewish thought and practice.*

### ***Topics will include:***

#### **Persians and Greeks in Judea (539-168 BCE)**

*How the political and cultural tides of the Persian and Greek empires intertwined with Jewish religious practices and identities*

#### **Maccabean (Hasmonean) Rule (168-63 BCE)**

*How this period redefined Jewish autonomy and religious practice, setting the stage for a renewed Jewish identity*

#### **The Jews and Rome: Destruction of the Second Temple (63 BCE - 70 CE)**

*How the destruction of the Second Temple and the fall of Jerusalem catalyzed a radical transformation in Jewish thought and practice*

#### **The Beginnings of Rabbinic Judaism to 300 CE**

*How this pivotal period influenced Judaism and the lessons we can draw for today's Jewish community .*

Dan will send out the Zoom link 15 minutes before class. Each link is a one time link that expires at the end of class

If you are a new participant of the class, please email Edythe ([ediebee@netzero.net](mailto:ediebee@netzero.net)) so you can be added to the roster.



# Temple Sha'arey Shalom Chanukah Shabbat December 19, 2025

Come join your Temple Family as we get together for a Chanukah dinner on Friday, December 19, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

Enjoy a Dairy Buffet including lox, bagels, tuna salad, egg salad and whitefish spread, plus Latkes and Sufganiyot (donuts), traditional Chanukah favorites.



***Shabbat Services will follow beginning at 7:00 pm***

***Due to fire and safety regulations, please do not bring your personnel menorahs to the event.***

Cover Charge is \$5.00 per person. Sign up early as space is limited.

**Please respond by Friday, December 12, 2025.**

Checks or cash may be mailed to the Temple Office with the attached response form:

Temple Sha'arey Shalom, P. O. Box 51, Springfield, N.J. 07081

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**Chanukah Shabbat**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

## Event of Interest from the TSS Program and Activities Committee

### Kean University Stages Presents



## L'Chaim

### A TOAST TO THE JEWISH LEGACY OF BROADWAY

From the stages of the Lower East Side to the bright lights of Broadway, L'Chaim is a musical journey that pays tribute to the Jewish legacy of musical theatre by exploring and celebrating the unique role of Jewish composers and lyricists.

Rooted in history, heritage, and tradition, four Jewish performers bring to life the most iconic songs from the stages of the past and present, along with the historical stories that accompany them.

Featuring favorite selections from musicals such as *Fiddler on the Roof*, *South Pacific*, *West Side Story*, *The Sound of Music*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Guys & Dolls*, *Funny Girl*, *The Little Shop of Horrors*, *Cabaret*, *On the Town*, *Company*, *Les Misérables*, and more!

#### DATE

Sat, Dec 20, 2025

#### TIME

7:30 pm

#### VENUE

Enlow Recital Hall

#### CATEGORY

Music

#### PRICE

\$52-\$78

Enlow Recital Hall is a small modern theater seating 312 and is located on the East Campus of Kean University, 215 North Avenue, Hillside, NJ.

Groups of 10 or more receive a 15% discount.

Call Temple Administrator at 973-379-5387 to indicate interest in attending as a group and type of seating (orchestra or balcony) desired.

For seats currently available, checkout L'Chaim on the Kean University Stages website.



# Sisterhood of Temple Sha'arey Shalom

## T-Shirt Sale



All Temple Members of TSS have the opportunity to purchase this light tan T-shirt(s) showcasing our beautiful Temple Sha'arey Shalom logo.

*T-Shirts are 100% cotton*

Unisex Sizing guide- chest measurements: **S** -17 1/2" ;  
**M** -19 1/4" ; **L** - 21 3/4" ;  
**XL** - 23 1/2" ; **XXL** - 25 1/2"

Please make checks payable to Sisterhood of TSS, and mail to Temple Sha'arey Shalom, P.O. Box 51, Springfield, NJ 07081 or you can pay by Zelle to scroll@shaarey.org.

Any questions contact Mara Friedman by text or cell at 973-902-2748. There will be a sample size Large in the Temple office.

Cost of the T-Shirt is \$20.00

Orders must be in by December 1st

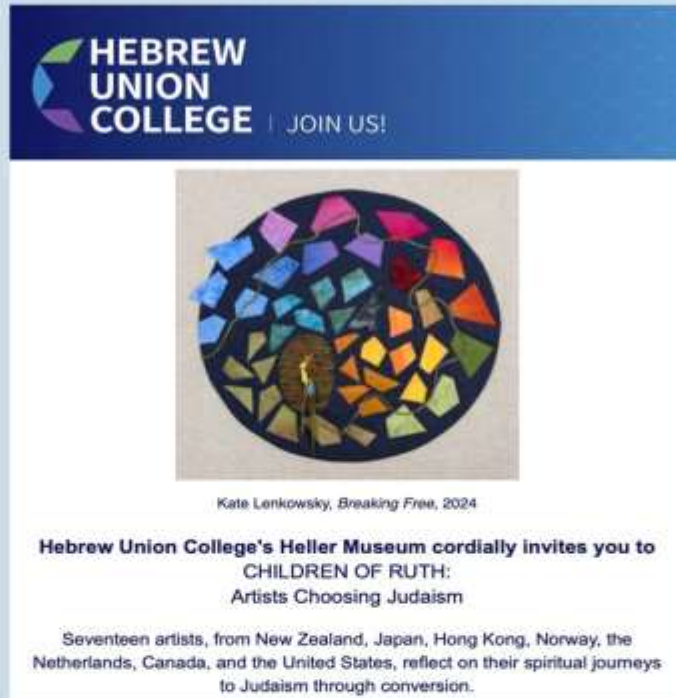
**Dateline extended to  
December 10th**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number Ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Temple Sha'arey Shalom  
Join Us at  
The Heller Museum at Hebrew Union College  
on December 2, 2025**



On December 2 we have arranged a tour of the highly regarded art exhibit "Children of Ruth: Artists Choosing Judaism" at The Heller Museum at Hebrew Union College in NYC. The art explores the spiritual journeys of artists from around the world who have found a home in Judaism.

**We will meet at the museum on 1 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street at 11:30 am**

You can also join us after the museum for lunch at Mamoun's, a well known falafel restaurant in the area.

***If interested please register by November 18<sup>th</sup>.***

***To Register Please call Sue Marcus at 973-699-2990***

***Any questions please call Sue Marcus at 973-699-2990***



## A Conversation with Eli Sharabi



Thursday | Dec. 4 | Short Hills\*

7:30-9 p.m.

Registration: \$54

Eli Sharabi endured a grueling 491 days in Hamas captivity, all the while holding onto the hope that he would one day be free and reunited with his loved ones.

Join Linda Scherzer, Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ's Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), for a powerful conversation as she discusses with Eli what life was like in captivity, and how he survived hunger, heartache, and fear through sheer strength, resilience, and an unbreakable will to live.

This rare opportunity offers a firsthand account of unwavering courage in the face of unimaginable darkness. The conversation will explore deeply personal experiences and *may not be suitable for children*.

**Event Sponsors:** *Melissa and Rob Bigelow, Judy Elbaum, Melissa & Lawrence Elbaum, The Jon Gordon and Jordana Horn Gordon Family, Trudy and Bob Gottesman, Louise & Stuart Levine, Alex & Mindy Oppen, The Regular Family, The Wesly Family.*

**Event Partners:** *Congregation AABI&D, Congregation Agudath Israel of West Essex, Congregation Anshe Chesed, Congregation Beth El, Congregation Beth Israel, Congregation B'nai Israel (Millburn), Bnai Keshet, Congregation Etz Chaim, Congregation Ohr Torah, Golda Och Academy, JCC MetroWest, JCC of Central NJ, Jewish Educational Center – Congregation Adath Israel, Jewish Educational Center – Elmora Avenue Shul, JFS MetroWest, JSDD, Morristown Jewish Center Beit Yisrael, Mount Freedom Jewish Center, Oheb Shalom Congregation, Pine Brook Jewish Center, Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, Temple Beth El Mevor Chayim, Temple Beth Or / Beth Torah, Temple Beth Shalom, Temple B'nai Abraham, Temple B'nai Jeshurun, Temple B'nai Or, Temple Emanu-El, Temple Ner Tamid, Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel, Temple Sinai, YM-YWHA of Union County*



# TSS Clothes Drive

## November thru January

We are collecting clothes

for BRIDGES

Items Needed:

Gloves, Scarves, Hats, Boots (size 9 – 13)

Sneakers (size 9 – 13)

Winter Coats (size medium – 2xl)

Thermal Pants (size medium – 2xl)

Thermal Shirts (size medium – 2xl)

Jeans (size 34 – 42)

New Underwear (size 34 – 42)

Cases of Bottled Water

Items can be brought to the  
Temple office

# TSS BOOK CLUB



*Calling all Bookworms!*

*We gather at the Temple and on Zoom*

*Sunday, November 28, 2025 at 10:00 am*

To discuss the book

*“Heart of the Stranger”*

*by Rabbi Angela Buchdahl*

If you are interested contact Sandy in the office at

[scroll@shaarey.org](mailto:scroll@shaarey.org)

If you have trouble getting the book in time to read it for class,  
please let Edie Ben-Israel know - [ediebee@netzero.net](mailto:ediebee@netzero.net).



# Temple Events



Dec. 1 Board of Trustees	7:00 pm
Dec. 2 Study Class with Dan Herman	10:00 am
The Heller Museum	11:30 am
Dec. 3 Study Class with Rav Uri	10:00 am
Dec. 4 A Conversation with Eli Sharabi	7:30 pm
Dec. 6 Study Minyan	11:00 am
Dec. 7 Nosh & Schmooze with Rav Uri	10:00 am
Dec. 8 Sisterhood	7:00 pm
Dec. 9 Study Class with Dan Herman	10:00 am
Dec. 10 Study Class with Rav Uri	10:00 am
Dec. 13 Study Minyan	11:00 am
Dec. 15 Brotherhood	7:00 pm
Dec. 16 Study Class with Dan Herman	10:00 am
Dec. 17 Study Class with Rav Uri	10:00 am
Dec. 18 Bridges at Zion Church in Rahway	7:00 pm
Dec. 19 Chanukah Dinner	5:30 pm
Dec. 20 Study Minyan	11:00 am
Kean University "L'Chaim"	7:30 pm
Dec. 23 Study Class with Dan Herman	10:00 am
Executive Board	7:00 pm
Dec. 24 Study Class with Rav Uri	10:00 am
Dec. 25 Office Closed	
Dec. 26 Office Closed	
Dec. 27 Study Minyan	11:00 am
Dec. 28 Book Club	10:00 am
Dec. 30 Study Class with Dan Herman	10:00 am
Dec. 31 Study Class with Rav Uri	10:00 am



Please let the Office know if  
there is anyone  
in the Congregation that is sick,  
in the hospital, or if there is a death  
in the Congregation.  
You can email the Temple office  
[scroll@shaarey.org](mailto:scroll@shaarey.org),  
or  
call the Temple office 973-379-5387



## PLEASE NOTE!

The next Scroll will be for  
January

THE DEADLINE FOR THE  
ARTICLES IS  
December 15, 2025



*Yahrzeits -  
Remember our family and friends*

**Sherry Bratter**, mother of Paul Bratter  
**Sophie Traum**, mother of Martin Traum  
**Stan Newman**, husband of Arlene Newman  
**Milton Raff**, father of Leslie Kaston  
**Nathan Raff**, grandfather of Leslie Kaston  
**Marvyn Jaffe**, brother of Myrna Wasserman  
**Jerome Schneider**, brother of Sandra Silver  
**Dorothy Baumgarten**, mother of Mark Baumgarten  
**Ethel Lilien**, mother-in-law of Richard Brown  
**Jack Trugman**, father of Pamela Bain

*A donation was made to  
**New Jersey Community Food Bank**  
 from the R & V Cohen Hunger Relief Fund*

**DESIGNATED FUNDS**

*We gratefully thank you for these Gifts and Donations*

Please make all Designated Funds checks payable to Temple  
 Sha'arey Shalom, not the name of the fund. Thank you.

**CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

To Cantor Rosenman, in appreciation for officiating at the funeral of our mother, Vivienne Cohen, from Amy Rosenberg and Jody Cohen-Gavarian

**R & V COHEN HUNGER RELIEF FUND**

In memory of Vivienne Cohen, from Roger and Sandy Held

To Rabbi Jody Cohen, in memory of Vivienne Cohen, from Rabbi Judy Shanks and James Gracer

To the Family of Vivienne Cohen, in memory of Vivienne, from Iris Talesnick

To Jody Cohen and Family, remembering Vivienne, from Julie and John Cohen

To the Rosenberg Family, in memory of Vivienne Cohen, from Cathy and Jon Levison

In memory of Vivienne Raphael Cohen, from William Stromeyer and Raquel Aneckstein

In loving memory of our parents, Vivienne and Bob Cohen, grandparents, and great grandparents, from Jody and Jimmy Cohen-Gavarian, Ami, Lauren, Maddy and Piper Gavarian

To Jody Cohen and Jimmy Gavarian, in memory of Vivienne Raphael Cohen, from Shelly and Jay Rosenstein

A donation from Inc Marsha Sportswear

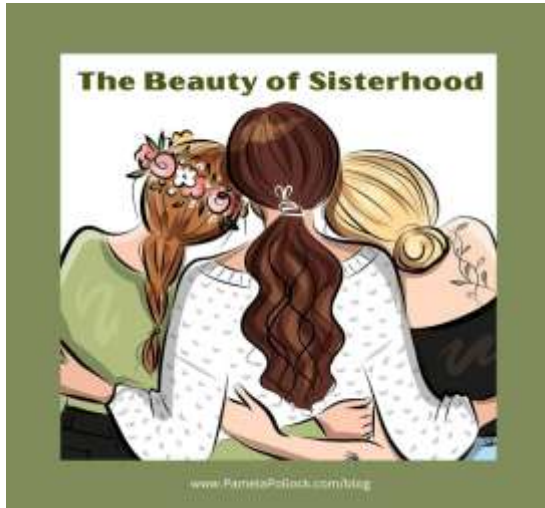
To Jody Cohen-Gavarian and Amy Rosenberg and Family, in loving memory of Vivienne and Bob Cohen, from Debbie and Phil Katz

To The Rosenberg Family, in loving memory of Vivienne Cohen, a beautiful lady who will be missed by all who knew and loved her, from Nancy and Greg Mendel

To Amy Rosenberg, in memory of Vivienne Cohen, from Marsha Srednick

To Jody Gavarian, in memory of Vivienne Cohen, from Jeanne Pascale

## News From SISTERHOOD



Please consider joining us in Sisterhood.

Our Meetings are the 2nd Monday of  
each month on Zoom at 7 pm

All are welcome!

Call the Temple office for Zoom information  
973-379-5387

*Sisterhood*

## News From BROTHERHOOD



Come join us at Brotherhood

All Temple men welcome!

Our meetings are the  
3rd Monday of the month  
at 7:00 pm

*Brotherhood*

*Sisterhood*

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to sign up for

Sisterhood/ Brotherhood

Membership

*Brotherhood*

# News From SISTERHOOD



## Sisterhood of Temple Sha'arey Shalom

*Women of Reform Judaism, District 4*

### Membership 2025-2026

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR PAYMENT**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Sisterhood Dues: \$36

☐ Lifetime Membership \$360

Send your check made payable to: **"Sisterhood of Temple Sha'arey Shalom"**

**To: Sharon Moesch - 133 Meisel Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081**



# News From BROTHERHOOD



## Please Join Temple Brotherhood

ME LOVE LATKES



Temple Sha'arey Shalom Brotherhood is an organization whose main goal is to give back to the Temple and its members.

Our membership dues and fundraising efforts help us make contributions and provide numerous and vital Temple improvements and sponsorships.

Help support us by joining the Brotherhood with a \$36 annual membership fee by completing the form below and sending a check to the Temple Sha'arey Shalom

P.O. Box 51, Springfield, NJ 07081

*Please make check out to Temple Sha'arey Shalom Brotherhood*

**BECOME A MEMBER**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

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Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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## *Happy Birthday!*

### DECEMBER

Laurie Ben-Israel  
 Andi Bergman  
 William Cohen  
 Mara Friedman  
 Daniel Herman  
 Ellen Lieberman  
 Arlene Newman  
 Leah Sklar  
 Myrna Wasserman



## *Happy Anniversary!*

### DECEMBER

If your anniversary is  
 in December  
 And we missed it  
 Please let us know!



If we are missing your  
 Birthday  
 Please let us know!  
[scroll@shaarey.org](mailto:scroll@shaarey.org)

*Have a*  
 ♦ **HAPPY** ♦  
*anniversary*

Happy Anniversary  
 to all those whose  
 Anniversaries are this month  
 but we don't have on file.  
 If you want your anniversary  
 listed please email the  
 Temple office  
[scroll@shaarey.org](mailto:scroll@shaarey.org)





# Yahrzeits - remember our family and friends

## DECEMBER

### December 5, 2025

**Esther Cohen**, mother of Rita Fink  
**Arthur Ingberman**, father of Jeanne Graulich  
**Barbara Kass**, mother of Brian Kass  
**Lillian Mellilo**, aunt of Leon Silver  
**Harry Morgan**, grandfather of Edythe Ben-Israel  
 great grandfather of Laurie Ben-Israel  
**Sheldon O'Desky**, brother of lyse O'Desky  
**Ruth Seltzer**  
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 father of Beth Snepar Jurista  
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### December 12, 2025

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**Samuel A. Karp**  
**Ruth Reiter**, mother of Sally Goldstein  
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**Sheila Schulman**, aunt of Jeanne Graulich  
**Sadie Smith**, grandmother of Doreen Salerno

### December 26, 2025

**David Ben-Israel**, husband of Edythe Ben-Israel  
 father of Laurie Ben-Israel  
**William Buttery**, husband of Doris Buttery  
**Lee Einhorn**, grandmother of Marci Einhorn-Hardy  
**Matilda Fink**, sister-in-law of Rita Fink  
**Herbert Forman**  
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**Hal Rose**  
**Paul Sandler**, cousin of Hyman Kleinman  
**Frieda Wink**, aunt of Muriel Klinger

### December 19, 2025

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**David Horowitz**  
**Joseph Kramer**, brother of Doris Buttery  
**Keefe Kramer**, father of Doris Buttery  
**Morton Kreitchman**, father of Robin Walters  
**Julius Krumholz**, father of Arnold Krumholz  
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