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RABBI'S MESSAGE



Israel and Zionism 2023/5784



I usually write about Zionism or Israel in November since the two major events that "created" the State of Israel occurred then. In 1917, the Balfour Declaration was the first international recognition of the right of the Jewish people to a homeland and in 1947, the United Nations General Assembly voted to create that homeland. But this year, given the current war, it is even more urgent and compelling to clarify our situation as Jews and as Americans.

The largest Jewish community in the world at the end of the 19th Century was the Jewish community of Eastern Europe, culturally Polish Jewry. For several reasons which I cannot explain now, this community experienced increased, excessive pressure to assimilate or to emigrate from Russian occupied land. Among the many tactics adopted by the Russian government was the "pogrom", an organized attack on Jewish communities to kill and maim Jews in order to make them feel insecure enough to assimilate or leave.

Two responses emerged in response to the increased pressure – one was Zionism and the other was mass immigration to America. Both had the same motive – Jewish self-determination to escape antisemitism. Zionism asserted that Jews were not only a religious community but also a national group. It also asserted the right of the Jewish people to re-establish themselves in the national Jewish homeland, the land of Israel. Initially, Zionism did not seek an independent State, just an internationally guaranteed secure homeland in the land of Israel, then called Palestine by the British. The objectives of Zionism paralleled the objectives of the British government at the time, entrenched in a world war to dismantle the Ottoman and Austro-Hungarian Empires, and so came the Balfour Declaration promising a secure a homeland for Jews without denying the rights of Arab residents nor changing the status of assimilated Jews in the countries of Western Europe.

Mass migration to the United States was the more favored option of Eastern European Jews. America was expanding both physically and economically, and new citizens were necessary to fuel this expansion. Eastern European Jews, initially, met the needs of a growing America. More than 2 million Jews came to the United States between 1881 and 1924, along with about 40 million other Europeans! If there was one event that "proved" to Eastern European Jewry the folly of remaining under Russian control, it was the Kishinev Pogrom of 1903 in which 41 Jews were murdered and hundreds wounded and victimized. Fast forward to our day. Neither the State of Israel nor the United States have put an end to antisemitism! The oldest form of ethnic-religious hate in the world, it refuses to die and periodically raises its ugly head with ferocity. The massacre at Tree of Life synagogue and the recent attack by Hamas barbarians on the southern Israeli communities near Gaza are proof of the continuing vitality of antisemitic vitriole and violence.

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FROM THE EDITOR



This October, when the deadline for articles for the November issue of the Bulletin came, I drew a blank. How was I to write anything witty or entertaining when my mind was frozen on October 7th? I was shocked, numb, furious and at sea. I felt helpless to do anything to help Israel, and at the same time, I couldn't help thinking of how

grateful I was to my grandparents for coming to America. But the safety I have always felt being here has been shaken to the core. The images of a pogrom -- a pogrom! -- reminded me of why my ancestors left Poland in the early 20th Century. I have nightmares about some of the images I have seen and heard described.

While I'm too old to take up a rifle, there are things all of us can do. Demonstrate. Let it be known we will not take this and remain passive. Contribute to the funds listed on page 11. We can carry on with our Jewish lives and know our people have and will endure. We have the support of our government. Our local police department has stepped up patrols at synagogues, ours included, and its commissioner has loudly announced that his department will not tolerate hate crimes in his district. And we have the luxury of conducting our daily lives without worrying about rockets above our heads.

In this issue, I have reprinted writings from others affected by the attack. I have also continued with last year's decision to repeat d'var torahs delivered by our congregants during the summer, our regular committee reports, and some "commentary" on politicians (this being the month of elections). I have not commented on the conduct of our congress nor anyone specific. There is even a recipe in Sisterhood's column. We do have Thanksgiving coming up, and hopefully we will have some thanks for Israeli successes.

Coming soon: our 2024 Calendar. Please send in your listings before the deadline on November 28th. It is nearly impossible to publish any undertaking like this without a few snafus. Typical are those contributors who forget to send in their forms and when called insist they did. Then they say to just repeat last year's listings. Then they ask to add a few more names (all this after the deadline). Once the information is finally gathered there are multiple proofs to correct so everybody's name appears and is spelled correctly, etc., etc. Richie Selzer wrote me saying how grateful he was for Chanene's patience while working on the Yizkor Book, and saying he expects her patience will be sorely tried with the Calendar. Please forgive typos. They are inevitable, but early responses from you with neatly written information are a great help (and yes, I speak from experience).

One last note. Looking back at the Holidays, it was good to see so many faces. Sorry, mine was missing. I had some bug, and then I compounded things by falling on my face and having to hide the damage so I wouldn't frighten little children. In light of Israel's situation, it wasn't earth shattering. I healed and life goes on.

Be well. Be Jewish and love it. Be grateful for your blessings. Happy Thanksgiving.

Shalom (amen), Helene Just like 1903, when the entire Jewish people felt attacked by the Russian barbarians, so too, the entire Jewish world feels attacked by the pogrom of 2023. Make no mistake, Hamas did not attack Israel on October 7, they attacked Jews. The intent was to murder and maim as many Jews as possible to create an atmosphere of profound physical insecurity and spread fear among Jews everywhere. In part, they have succeeded. But not completely.

Israelis have responded by coming together both for physical defense of the State and to provide comfort and care for the victims. Jews worldwide are responding similarly. But that is not enough. Crisis often creates a paradigm shift, and I believe that the pogrom of 2023 has begun to do that for Jews everywhere.

Hamas has revealed its true personality and objectives – the physical elimination of the Jewish people everywhere, not just in the Middle East. It is time for world Jewry to respond, just as our ancestors responded. But we have learned a valuable lesson – there is no place to go! If antisemitism and antisemites can commit violence against Jews, because we are Jews, in Israel and in the United States, where are we safe?

Whether we live in Israel or in the diaspora, the response must be the same. We must unapologetically assert our identity as Jews and our God-given right to live! No more Mr. Nice Guy! Every expression of antisemitism demands a response. Israel will defend itself with force; we must defend ourselves in other ways. We can use words: letters to the editor, posts on social media, emails to our elected officials. We will march, rally and demonstrate, locally, state-wide and nationally. We are all at war – Israelis in combat, and us in the media and in the public arena. We will use our unprecedented wealth to comfort and care for the dead, the displaced, the distraught and the defenders of our homeland, our honor and our humanity. No more fitting in. It is time to stand out!

Am Yisrael Chai - Together We Will Win!

- Rabbi Art Vernon

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR -- Shortly after Rabbi Vernon wrote his article, the Israeli government decided to show the press footage of what really happened at the kibbutz on October 7th. The government had not wanted to make public the actual films. They had good reasons -- to honor the privacy of the victims, to spare their families, to preserve decency by not showing the actual carnage. But the truth needed to be told.

From the look on the newscaster's face on the television, I could tell he was haunted by what he saw. It reminded me of other things I've seen over the years that spoke to the vicious brutality that is so deeply ingrained in the Arab culture. While I'm not accusing all Arab people of being cruel, these things tell of an acceptance of the horrific acts some in their world perpetrate. The three examples include the book "The Stoning of Saroya" which was made into a movie. It was based on a true story about a man who decided he wanted another woman but had to get rid of his wife first, so he actually arranged to have her stoned to death. The second was a film of a punishment a little boy received for being caught stealing. He was pushed to the ground with his arm extended, and a car was driven over it. The third is the recent death of the Arab woman activist who left her head uncovered. She was arrested and died while being held in jail.

The culture that allows these things to happen to their own people is the breeding ground for the antisemites and terrorists in the Arab world. Is it any wonder that Israelis say this conflict will never end? -- Ed.

GREETINGS FROM THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

During the Ritual Committee's meeting on October 12th we had a review of all the holidays, which included Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. All services were well attended for a shul our size, and with the help of Jacques Hakim, we always had a minyan.

We thank the Clergy for all their hard work to make our services spiritual and meaningful. Thanks also go to all congregants and committee members for helping to make sure our services ran smoothly. We were pleased with our Baal Shacharit, Tom Weiss. Not only did he do a complete Shacharit service on the High Holidays, but he also chanted Hineini, served as Gabbai during the Torah readings, did the Tekiahs for the Rabbi, and Yom Kippur Minchah, which were beyond the duties for which he was contracted.

Now that the Holidays are over, we are looking forward to our next joint service with the Valley Stream Jewish Center, to be held at CSS of Shabbat, October 28th. Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 30th.

—Henry Luft / Jeff Smith Co-Chairs

MEN'S CLUB ON THE MOVE

We look forward to a great and successful World Series Bonanza. May the best team win. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Plans are being made for upcoming events. Watch for flyers; they should be coming soon. Meanwhile, we continue to make ourselves available for anyone needing help with computers, cell phones and tablets. We don't claim to be the Geek Squad (or the Greek Squad), but we are local and happy to help if asked. And you don't have to pay for a subscription for our services!

- - Richie Selzer

BUILDING AND SECURITY

The finishing touches on our side door should be done by publication date. As with all technology, we had to work out glitches. The last step has been to get the interlock system up and running so you can be buzzed into the building, and we can keep the side doors locked. This is the final item on our list of Grant projects that have enabled us to provide the best security for our congregants and tenants. Our security cameras and exterior lighting, earlier projects, are performing well and continue to be a great deterrent to those on the prowl.

The Building and Security Committee would like to thank Alan Shamoun, who continues to lend his support and expertise to many of our projects. We could not do them without him.

To the Congregants of Congregation Shaaray Shalom: Lenny and our families would like to thank everyone for their donations and their expressions of sympathy following the passing of my brother, Irwin Silberman. They were greatly appreciated.

-- Renee Drachtman

Be a part of our Shaaray Shalom

Calendar



Our Calendar is Coming Back!

Its new format will run from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, spanning 5784 and 5785.

Share your special dates -- birthdays, anniversaries, yahrzeits, bar and bat mitzvot, and more. To be included fill in the names and dates on the form below. Each listing will cost \$5.00. Please return the form with a check to Congregation Shaaray Shalom.

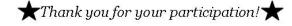
There's no time to wait! The deadline is: November 28th 2023

Our calendars have always been an important part of our members' lives. Let's keep this fine tradition going.

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SISTERHOOD

With the holidays finally over and Mini U. in session, you'd think Sisterhood members would be taking a break. Uh Uh. We're thinking of what the coming year might bring with COVID less of a threat. We're hoping to resurrect some of our in person activities and are trying to think of new ones. We hope to bring back Pizza and Games (including Bingo and Pokeno), our paid up membership brunch and more. We're open to suggestions and hoping for some volunteers. Ideas welcome. Please call Rita Kaikow if you have any or want to help.

With November retail sales starting, take advantage of store promos when buying gifts for Chanukah. Wouldn't it be nice if Chanukah was a dual celebration of our triumph over current day foes? I'd vote for Thanksgiving first, but am keeping an open mind. I trust in Israel's military. This situation puts a damper on all our pu, pu, pu's against evil spirits. Too bad a hamsa won't protect us from the Arab world. That's why these symbols are superstitions.

Thanksgiving is coming. No, I'm not giving you a recipe for turkey or stuffing. Instead, this month's recipe is adapted from a Passover dish which can be "converted" to non-Passover. It's from Fran Welner, so we know it's good. Another reason to be thankful. Enjoy.

-- Helene

Fran's Vegetable Kugel

2 lbs. grated zucchini, liquid squeezed out

5 large carrots, pealed and grated

6 Idaho, Russet or Yukon Gold potatoes, grated and drained of liquid

1 large onion, grated and drained

1 cup broccoli, chopped (optional)

5 eggs, lightly beaten

1/3 cup melted margarine or oil

1 1/2 cups matzoh meal 1/4 cup potato starch

Salt and pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients and blend well.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Coat 9 x 13 inch baking dish with 2 tbsps. oil.

Bake for 1 to 1 1/2 hours or until nicely browned

on bottom.

Fran's Notes: You can substitute flour for the matzoh meal and add 2 tbsps. baking powder instead of potato starch if not making this for Passover. You can make latkes instead of kugel. Fran tests the taste by frying a tablespoon of the mixture to see if it needs more seasoning or matzoh meal.

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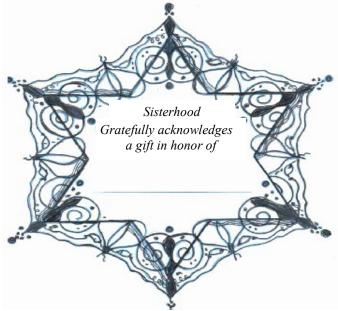
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Support of Israel at this time of Crisis

To support Israel with much needed funds to strengthen their actions at this time of crisis, here are a few of the many ways:

Magen David Adom – the Israeli equivalent of the Red Cross.

Michael Bloomberg has set up a channel to donate.

He is matching all donations up to \$1M. The link to donate is:

https://afmda.org/bloomberg-match

The Jewish National Fund or JNF

All of the funds are being given directly to Israeli soldiers, the injured, care during this time. The link to donate is:

https://www.jnf.org/ways-to-help/support-israel

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The link to donate is: https://www.fidf.org/

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DVAR TORAH MATOT MASEI

Delivered July 15, 2023 by Richard Selzer

This week's torah portion is Part 2 of the continuing story of the Jewish people getting closer to the promised land. Pinchas has been charged with the job of bringing in the sheep, so to speak. God had already decreed that none of the elders who left Egypt would be the inhabitants of the promised land, including Moses. So, now it's the next generation, and even the generation to follow, that would be the inhabitants.

We could discuss the crime that Pinchas has committed in killing the leader of one of the tribes, but that leader was not a good person and had to be dealt with. The things that I need to question go a bit deeper.

I am always surprised that the people of Israel, or any nation, would continue a journey unknown to them. It was their fathers' plight and flight from tyranny. They could have stopped anywhere on their journey to set up camp, but they continued on their mission. They continued on their journey for the sake of their elders. It is important to also see that the tribes continued to follow the laws and the traditions that they started with.

Undertones of this parsha ring very true to the present day.

I am continually amazed that there are so many things in a document that is 3,000 years old that are applicable to the things that happen today, not only in our personal lives, but even right here in our own temple life. Our lives have brought us to this place, once the Jewish Community Center of West Hempstead, then Congregation Shaaray Shalom as we are now known.

Just this week I had to walk the building, which I do every week to make sure things are where they are supposed to be and that most of our things are working right. But this week I needed to prepare our building for a life cycle event that I hate to do, and it wasn't the first time I have done this. We needed to prepare the building for the funeral of Bob Shapiro.

The Shapiros were long time members, and Bob, now of blessed memory, was an active, integral part of our Temple from the start of his life in our community. He was on our Board of Trustees and held many offices, including president, during his life with us. He moved out of the community, but this was home, and he devoted himself to our future.

Bob and the presidents of the 1980s had the same task as Pinchas and the elders. They needed to prepare for the future -- THE NEXT GENERATION. Knowing when to pass the torch, and who to pass it to was an important part of the job they performed.

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This week we had our annual Nassau County building inspection, which allows us to keep this building open. It was necessary to walk the building with a different purpose. The need was to look at all the nooks and crannies of this structure as part of an effort to keep it in good repair to make sure that all who enter are safe while here, much like our ancestors who wandered so long. They were looking for a place to settle and be safe, a place for their future.

On this walk around the building you can't pass the hall of presidents and not think of them as no different from Moses, his brothers and their children. The goal, THEIR GOAL, was to leave us a future.

Many of the presidents are still with us. Unfortunately, some have passed, and some have passed too soon and didn't have a chance to see their success. But our success is evident. We are still here. There are always issues; there are always things that could be better, but -- WE ARE STILL HERE.

We need to look to our future. How to regrow our congregation, to seek out new and different paths to achieve this success. So, we start with a new administration and look back on how we got here. We look at the wall of presidents and see who got us here. Just like the next generation that God and Moses had to lead into the promised land, we, too, are on that journey. We count our flocks, we take stock in ourselves, and see how we can bring US to the future.

We need to all look at ourselves and ask, how do we get to the promised land -- in this case the future -- our future. I urge you to get active, take on a responsibility. Don't leave it to the next guy, because you are the next guy.

HERE IT IS NOVEMBER AGAIN. WHILE PINCHAS WAS DEALING WITH THE HEBREWS, we are dealing with the election of government figures we expect to take care of us and our country. Here are some comments by seasoned observers of the politicians we are supposed to rely on.

"The problem with political jokes is they get elected." -- Henry Cate, VII

Shabbat Shalom.

"If God wanted us to vote, he would have given us candidates." -- Jay Leno

"When I was a boy, I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it." --Clarence Darrow

"Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you." - Anonymous

"Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks." -- Doug Larson

"We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office." -- Aesop

[Now that we've restored your confidence in the system, don't forget to vote. -- Ed.]

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OCTOBER 7TH -- HOW WE RESPOND

On this and the following two pages are three reactions to the attack on Israel.

The first is an email sent from Jerusalem to his relatives by an Israeli man whose wife gave birth to their third child, a son, on the morning of October 7th. This man is a relative of one of our members.

The second is a personal letter made public and written by Ambassador Ronald S. Lauder, President of the World Jewish Congress. Mr. Lauder published this letter in full page ads in both The New York Times and The Washington Post a week after the attack.

The third piece was forwarded to us by Jacques Hakim and is being shared with permission from its author, Heather Kafetz.

We need to speak out. Hopefully these messages will be seen and heard.

How Can I celebrate?

Today should have been one of the happiest days of our lives, as this morning my Super-wife Shoshana brought a little baby boy into the world.

But how can you celebrate a healthy baby, when in the baby's first hours on earth we're huddled with 20 Post Partem Mothers and wailing newborn babies into this tiny service elevator hall with sirens going off and panic as Rockets are being fired indiscriminately towards Jerusalem?

How can I celebrate our little miracle, when dozens of our Jewish brothers and sisters have been slaughtered today?

How can you celebrate life, when children in the south have seen their families summarily executed and taken by bloodthirsty terrorists into Gaza?

How can you celebrate a baby being born on a festive holiday, when 3 of my brothers, and close friends, are being called to the front line to hold off savage terrorists?

May Hashem protect and give great strength to ALL the soldiers of the IDF, the rapid response forces, the Police, and all those who have fought and are fighting to protect and defend our people. May our captives be saved, and wounded recover speedily.

If you are reading this please pray for Israel and our people today, we need it.

[The family of the baby asks us to continue to support the State of Israel and all the people who live there, including his grandparents, their son, his wife and three children, along with extended family and friends in Jerusalem and throughout Israel and the United States.

FYI -- All are safe and sound. The bris was held and the baby was named in a joyous ceremony.]

AN OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT BIDEN AND MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS

As President of the World Jewish Congress, and on behalf of millions of Jews across the United States and throughout the Diaspora, I want to thank you for your steadfast support in this moment of profound crisis for Israel. These traumatic events have shaken the Jewish world to its core. Each day brings new horrors, carried out by a terror organization bereft of humanity.

We are also grateful to every Republican and Democratic Member of Congress who stood up for Israel through Iron Dome funding support, and via acts of solidarity and resolve. This crisis has forced a clarification of where every leader stands. It is encouraging that the vast majority are squarely in support of the Jewish people and the Jewish homeland in its darkest hour in decades.

And, I say, those who have equivocated, stayed on the sidelines, or cast their lot with terrorists, we see you for who you are.

Mr. President, your moral clarity in the historic and defining speeches you delivered from the White House, and your decisiveness in mandating the United States stands not just with the State of Israel, but with the Jewish people, spoke to a depth of understanding few presidents have ever expressed. The world sees that unequivocal support for the security of Israelis and unambiguous condemnation of terrorism is not a political stance; it is a bedrock of U.S. global leadership. And, along with supportive Republicans and Democrats in Congress and in state capitals and major cities across America, this has ensured that our allies, especially in Europe, follow your lead.

Leaders in Israel have put their political and personal differences aside to form an emergency unity government. This is a significant step, the intent of which must be replicated here. Whether Conservative or progressive, Orthodox or secular, it is imperative to shed those distinctions and stand together in unity. It is not lost in this moment that, to quote President Lincoln, a house divided cannot stand. We have not been in danger of such a fall in over eighty years.

We are comforted that, as Commander in Chief, you and leaders of every political persuasion have made a lasting commitment to the security and safety needs of Israel, whatever they may be, and for as long as it takes, as the Jewish state fights to protect itself at all costs.

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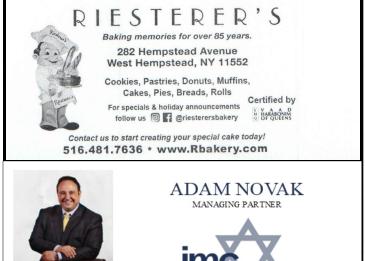
A QUIET AMERICAN JEW

A quiet American Jew. I have always been a quiet American Jew. I am not religious. I am not kosher. My children do not go to a Jewish day school, and I do not go to synagogue on most Shabbats. Instead, I quietly celebrate the high holidays, quietly respond "thank you" when a stranger wishes me a Merry Christmas at Chanukah time, quietly pray to G-d when I am really desperate and quietly thank G-d for all of the blessings in my life. Quietly try to instill a love of Judaism in my children, while quietly hoping that they will gain this love without putting in much effort.

And certainly, I never publicly declare or display my love of Judaism or Israel, because, after all, I am just a quiet American Jew. So why is a quiet American Jew so deeply affected by the atrocities in Israel? Why is the pain of a quiet American Jew so deep? Am I even entitled to feel so heartbroken or to express my anger and frustration when I am just a quiet American Jew? I don't know that I can articulate the answers to these questions, as the answers are deeply rooted in the fabric of every Jew. Of course, as a human being, the horrors committed upon the Jewish people should elicit heartbreak and outrage in any decent person. Surely, if a quiet American Jew can recognize this, everyone should, right?

But, more than outrage and heartbreak from one human being to another, there is something else happening to this quiet American Jew, something so much more. Something has awakened inside of me. A profound love and connection to my people, to my brothers and sisters in Israel, and to the generations who came before me. The knowledge that anti-semitism lives in the loud actions of our enemies, but also in the quiet silence of some neighbors and friends. A deep connection to a strong community coming together in unity, both Jews and non-Jews alike, as my feelings of loneliness turn to solidarity. A bravery and resilience of my people that I had only read about and heard stories of, but now have the honor of witnessing firsthand. And most importantly, I have awakened to the realization that I no longer have the luxury of being a quiet American Jew. None of us do.

--Heather Kafetz



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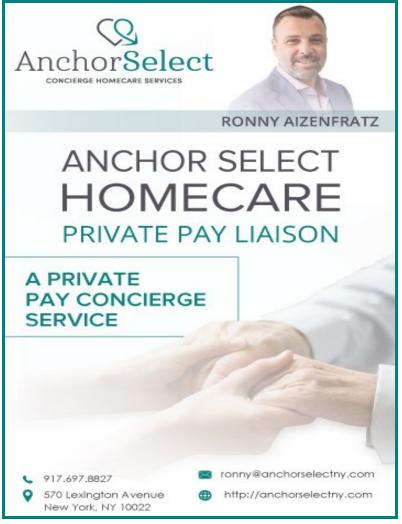
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			1 17 Cheshvan	2 18 Cheshvan	3 19 Cheshvan Services 5:00p 5:30p	4 20 Cheshvan 6:30 p Parashat Vayera
5 21 Cheshvan	6 22 Cheshvan	7 23 Cheshvan Election Day	8 24 Cheshvan Executive Board Meeting 7:30p	9 25 Cheshvan	10 26 Cheshvan Services 3:45p 4:23p	11 27 Cheshvan Veterans'Day 5:23 p Parashat Chayei Sara
12 28 Cheshvan	13 29 Cheshvan	14 1 Kislev Rosh Chodesh Kislev	15 2 Kislev	16 3 Kislev	17 4 Kislev Services 3:45p 4:17p	18 5 Kislev 5:18 p Parashat Toldot
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During the month of November 2023, the following yahrzeiten will be observed:

Nov.	Cheshvan		Nov.			Nov.		
1	17	Corona Frankel	12	28	Lena Fishman	21	8	Morris Wolinsky
		Dora Rappaport			Mitchel Loeb	22	9	Abraham Levit
2	18	Hannah Friedman			Ida Pollack			Rae Plaut
		Robert Goldsmith			Nathan Tamarkin			Benjamin Teitelbaum
		Beckie Markowitz	13	29	Irving Karpel			Clara Weidberg
		Max Mosner			Benjamin Lowenberg	23	10	Etka Jacobs
		Regina Rosenfeld		Kislev				Benjamin Lerner
		Lena Rothstein	14	1	Rose Berger			Abrahm Shapiro
		Allan Schwarz			Joseph Lazofsky			Belle Stein
3	19	Nathan Gran			Samuel Garfinkel	24	11	Jack Abramson
		Berte Kessler			Susan Barbara Goldberg			Shirley Berger
4	20	Rose Greenberg Gross			Morris D. Markowitz			Molly Gewirtzman
		Rose Mednick	15	2	Morris Blumberg			Tillie Horowitz
5	21	Michael Max Reich			David Browner			Abraham Sokolofsky
6	22	Rose Barkas			Louis Hillman			Harold Steinberg
		Meyer Bauman			Harry Rubinstein			Sylvia Weiss
		Pauline Pearl Gulkin			Howard Siegel	25	12	Mae Maslin Fishman
		Barbara G. Kleidman			Sarah Steckler			Harry Harris
		Jerome Melaver	16	3	Harry Geduld	26	13	Celia Koch
7	23	Philip Blutman			Selma Kahn			Samuel M. Nachmias
		Dr. Harold Kirschner			Herbert M. Rader			Jacob Shleifer
8	24	Lena Melaver	17	4	Ida Barkan			Eleanor Witchel
9	25	Yolindo Capilupi			Max Goldstein	27	14	Annie Brandt
		Nathan Frank			Bernard Israel Shultz			Sylvia D. Gootman
		Fannie Lazarow	18	5	Esther Bober			Louis P. Greenberg
		Diana M. Weil			Jack Glucksman			Tobin Greenfield
10	26	Frank Berkowitz			Sylvia Goldsmith			Abraham Klorman
		Steve Grant			Rosa Spielman	28	15	Esther Bober
		Regina Lazarow	19	6	Joseph Barkan			Hyman Markowitz
		Becki Lusthaus			Melvin M. Greenberg			Toby Wexler
		Esther Marcus			Isidore Litkofsky			Goldie Wilkenfeld
		Jennie Sussman			Nat M. Tollner	29	16	Rebecca Barkan
11	27	Max Leon Cohen	20	7	Floyd Ascher			Rose H. Greenberg
		Leah Don			Bessie Gottlieb			Harry Klinger
		Zipporah Glucksman			Ruth Tessie Landress			Joseph Stehr
12	28	Rose Chernok			Judith Wachtel			Rose Weinreb
		Harold Drooks	21	8	Leo Kessler	30	17	Celia Farber

During the month of November 2023, the following yahrzeiten will be observed:

November	Kislev		
30	17	Harry Jackter	
		Isidore Kaplan	
		Nellie D. Kohn	
		Louis Solof	

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