

REGO PARK JEWISH CENTER BULLETIN

"And let them make for me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them."
EXODUS 25:8

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JAN./FEB. 2021

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2021 SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday, Jan. 1 - 6:00 PM - Webex
Saturday, Jan. 2 - 9:00 AM - RPJC sanctuary & Webex

Friday, Jan. 8 - 6:00 PM - Webex
Saturday, Jan. 9 - 9:00 AM- RPJC sanctuary & Webex

Friday, Jan. 15 - 6:00 PM - Webex
Saturday, Jan. 16- 9:00 AM- RPJC sanctuary & Webex

Friday, Jan. 22 - 6:00 PM - Webex
Saturday, Jan. 23- 9:00 AM- RPJC sanctuary & Webex

Friday, Jan. 29 - 6:00 PM - Webex
Saturday, Jan. 30- 9:00 AM - RPJC sanctuary & Webex

Friday, Feb. 5 - 6:00 PM - Webex
Saturday, Feb. 6 - 9:00 AM- RPJC sanctuary & Webex

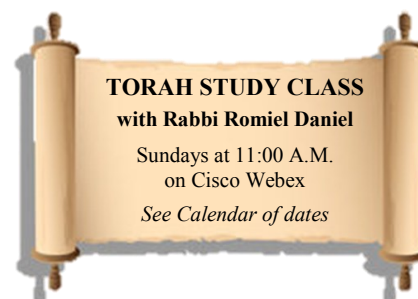
Friday, Feb. 12 - 6:00 PM - Webex
Saturday, Feb. 13 - 9:00 AM- RPJC sanctuary & Webex

Friday, Feb. 19 - 6:00 PM - Webex
Saturday, Feb. 20- 9:00 AM- RPJC sanctuary & Webex

Thursday, Feb. 25 - Purim Megillah reading -
to be announced

Friday, Feb. 26 - 6:00 PM - Webex
Saturday, Feb. 27- 9:00 AM- RPJC sanctuary & Webex

SUNDAY MORNING TORAH STUDY CLASSES WITH RABBI DANIEL



January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

February 7, 14, 21, 28

All classes meet on Webex at 11:00 A.M.

**Please check your email for links
to services & classes on Cisco Webex**

**Please contact our Center office at
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for more information**

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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

This year of 2021 in the first two months, we will be celebrating two festival viz. Tu BiShvat and Purim.

Tu BiShvat appears in the Mishnah in Tractate Rosh Hashanah as one of the four new years in the Jewish calendar. The discussion of when the New Year occurs was a source of debate among the rabbis, who argued:

- The first of Nisan is the "new year for kings and festivals."
- The first of Elul is the "new year for the tithe of cattle"; Rabbi Eleazar and Rabbi Shimon, however, place this on the first of Tishrei.
- The first of Tishrei is the "new year for years" (calculation of the calendar), "for release years" (sabbatical years), jubilees, planting, and for the tithe of vegetables.
- The first of Shevat is the "new year for trees" according to the school of Shammai; the school of Hillel, however, place this on the fifteenth of Shevat.

The rabbis ruled in favor of Hillel on this issue and the 15th of Shevat became the date for calculating the beginning of the agricultural cycle for the purpose of biblical tithes.

This year Tu Bishvat is on January 28, 2021.

In keeping with the idea of Tu BiShvat marking the revival of nature, many of Israel's major institutions have chosen this day for their inauguration. The cornerstone-laying of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem took place on Tu BiShvat 1918; the Technion in Haifa, on Tu BiShvat 1925; and the Knesset, on Tu BiShvat 1949.

Purim is a Jewish holiday which commemorates the saving of the Jewish people from Haman, an Achaemenid Persian Empire official who was planning to kill all the Jews, as recounted in the Book of Esther (מגילת אסתר *Megillat Ester* in Hebrew; usually dated to the 5th century BCE).

Haman was the royal vizier to King Ahasuerus (Xerxes I or Artaxerxes I of Persia), and he planned to kill all the Jews in the empire. His plans were foiled by Mordecai and Esther, his cousin and adopted daughter who had become Queen of Persia. The day of deliverance became a day of feasting and rejoicing.

According to the Scroll of Esther, they should make them days of feasting and gladness, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor." Purim is celebrated among Jews by:

- Exchanging gifts of food and drink known as *mishloach manot*
- Donating charity to the poor known as *mattanot la-eyyonim*
- Eating a celebratory meal known as a se'udat Purim.
- Public recitation ("reading of the megillah") of the Scroll of Esther, known as *kriat ha-megillah*, usually in synagogue
- Reciting additions to the daily prayers and the grace after meals, known as *Al HaNissim*

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Other customs include wearing masks and costumes, public celebrations and parades (Adloyada), and eating hamantaschen ("Haman's pocket"); men are encouraged to drink wine or any other alcoholic beverage.

According to the Hebrew calendar, Purim is celebrated annually on the 14th day of the Hebrew month of Adar, this year February 26, 2021 (and it is celebrated on Adar II in Hebrew leap years which occur every two to three years), the day following the victory of the Jews over their enemies. In cities that were protected by a surrounding wall at the time of Joshua, Purim was celebrated on the 15th of the month of Adar on what is known as *Shushan Purim*, since fighting in the walled city of Shushan continued through the 14th day of Adar. Today, only Jerusalem and a few other cities celebrate Purim on the 15th of Adar.

We will try our best to celebrate Purim by reading the Megillat Esther on February 25th, 2021 and celebrate Purim on the 26th of February. Of course this all depends on what the city and the governor of New York decide regarding steps taken to contain Covid 19.

Rabbi Romiel Daniel

FOCUS ON SISTERHOOD

As I write this on the last day of Chanukah, we look back to our post High Holy Days discussions and plans for our future, and we now realize they were completely up in the air and unworkable. Thank goodness for our faith in G-d who continues to guide and lead us in our prayers which are conducted, led and explained by our Rabbi Romiel Daniel in such a way that they provided us with spiritual renewal and renewal of our faith. In addition, we were so very fortunate to have Lynne Goldwaser and Robin Basdeo as the invaluable stewards of our shul. What does all this mean for us now? Just small talk. No! This is the time when we can and must embrace our community but at the same time keep our identity - as Sisterhood of R.P.J.C. - which has been the backbone of our congregation.

We want to plan, with the help of Ed Starer, a short entertaining program on Webex. We hope to give you a realistic date shortly - it will be a first for Sisterhood and all are invited and gentlemen also. Of course you will receive all the necessary instructions and help for this newest technology. No one will be left out! So, just join.

In addition, we have a gift for you. We are an integral part of W.L.C.J. (& Torah Fund) and we want to and must continue to be and play an important role in this tradition. For this time only, your Sisterhood dues will be reduced to \$15.00 and Sisterhood will absorb and pay to WLCJ the mandatory \$10.00 per capita dues. We have to join to enable Women's League to serve us and provide us with what we need for our Jewish as well as secular - United States of America and worldwide information.

So please join with us and become a part of this active & important group of Rego Park Jewish Center.

Ruth Loewenstein

AND THE BUSH WAS NOT CONSUMED



AND SISTERHOOD WILL NOT BE CONSUMED!

January 2021

TEVET / SHEVAT 5781

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
C.L. = CANDLE LIGHTING E.S. = EVENING SERVICE M.S. = MORNING SERVICE N.T.S. = NO TORAH STUDY CLASS						
					1 17 TEVET E.S. 6:00 P.M. ON WEBEX C.L. 4:21 P.M. NEW YEAR'S DAY	
					2 18 TEVET M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANCTUARY & WEBEX S.E. 5:25 P.M. "VAYECHI"	
3 19 TEVET T.S. 11:00 A.M. ON WEBEX	4 20 TEVET	5 21 TEVET	6 22 TEVET	7 23 TEVET	8 24 TEVET E.S. 6:00 P.M. ON WEBEX C.L. 4:28 P.M.	9 25 TEVET M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANCTUARY & WEBEX S.E. 5:32 P.M. "SHEMOT"
10 26 TEVET T.S. 11:00 A.M. ON WEBEX	11 27 TEVET	12 28 TEVET	13 29 TEVET	14 1 SHEVAT ROSH CHODESH	15 2 SHEVAT E.S. 6:00 P.M. ON WEBEX C.L. 4:35 P.M.	16 3 SHEVAT M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANCTUARY & WEBEX S.E. 5:39 P.M. "VAERA"
17 4 SHEVAT T.S. 11:00 A.M. ON WEBEX	18 5 SHEVAT MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	19 6 SHEVAT	20 7 SHEVAT	21 8 SHEVAT	22 9 SHEVAT E.S. 6:00 P.M. ON WEBEX C.L. 4:44 P.M.	23 10 SHEVAT M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANCTUARY & WEBEX S.E. 5:46 P.M. "BO"
24 11 SHEVAT T.S. 11:00 A.M. ON WEBEX	25 12 SHEVAT	26 13 SHEVAT	27 14 SHEVAT	28 15 SHEVAT TU B'SHEVAT	29 16 SHEVAT E.S. 6:00 P.M. ON WEBEX C.L. 4:52 P.M.	30 17 SHEVAT M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANCTUARY & WEBEX S.E. 5:54 P.M. "BESHALACH"
31 18 SHEVAT T.S. 11:00 A.M. ON WEBEX						

February 2021

SHEVAT / ADAR 5781

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 19 SHEVAT	2 20 SHEVAT	3 21 SHEVAT	4 22 SHEVAT	5 23 SHEVAT E.S. 6:00 P.M. ON WEBEX C.L. 5:01 P.M.	6 24 SHEVAT M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANCTUARY & WEBEX S.E. 6:02 P.M. "YITRO"
7 25 SHEVAT T.S. 11:00 A.M. ON WEBEX	8 26 SHEVAT	9 27 SHEVAT	10 28 SHEVAT	11 29 SHEVAT	12 30 SHEVAT E.S. 6:00 P.M. ON WEBEX C.L. 5:09 P.M.	13 1 ADAR M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANCTUARY & WEBEX S.E. 6:10 P.M. "MISHPATIM" <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">ROSH CHODESH</div>
14 2 ADAR T.S. 11:00 A.M. ON WEBEX	15 3 ADAR PRESIDENT'S DAY	16 4 ADAR	17 5 ADAR	18 6 ADAR	19 7 ADAR E.S. 6:00 P.M. ON WEBEX C.L. 5:18 P.M.	20 8 ADAR M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANCTUARY & WEBEX S.E. 6:18 P.M. "TERUMAH"
21 9 ADAR T.S. 11:00 A.M. ON WEBEX	22 10 ADAR	23 11 ADAR	24 12 ADAR	25 13 ADAR EREV PURIM	26 14 ADAR E.S. 6:00 P.M. ON WEBEX C.L. 5:26 P.M. PURIM	27 15 ADAR M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANCTUARY & WEBEX S.E. 6:26 P.M. "TETZAVEH"
28 16 ADAR T.S. 11:00 A.M. ON WEBEX	C.L. = CANDLE LIGHTING E.S. = EVENING SERVICE M.S. = MORNING SERVICE N.T.S. = NO TORAH STUDY CLASS S.E. = SHABBAT ENDS T.S. = TORAH STUDY CLASS					

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Noreen Daniel
Harriet Goodman
Jeffrey Novzen
Martin Novzen
Sandy Novzen
Ed Starer



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Lynne & Joel Zakoff

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Lorraine Carroll
Meryl Colman
Lynne Zakoff

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Toby & Herb Usenheimer



THANK YOU

Rego Park Jewish Center thanks Rabbi Romiel Daniel for his very generous donation of \$15,235.

MAZAL TOV

Mazal Tov to Mark and Robin Hochberg on the engagement of their daughter Shari Hochberg to Steve Metzger on Chanukah, 29 Kislev 5781, December 15, 2020. Steve is the son of Adrienne and Martin Metzger.

REFUAH SHELEIMAH

Jack Alkana
Ruth Loewenstein
Jack Siegel

WE MOURN THE LOSS OF CENTER MEMBER

Edward Finfer

*We extend our sincere condolences to
Linda Faulhaber and family.*

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Donations received after December 23rd will be listed in the March/April bulletin.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Yahrzeit Fund

Shirley Decker, in memory of husband Murray Decker.

Shirley Decker, in memory of brother Sol.

Rachel Kacenenbogen, in memory of husband Abraham Kacenenbogen.

Rachel Kacenenbogen, in memory of aunt Rebecca.

Pnina Lanxner, in memory of husband Meir Lanxner.

Agnes Posner, in memory of father Elyakim.

Agnes Posner, in memory of brother Avraham.

Ken Sasmor, in memory of father James Sasmor.

Ken Sasmor, in memory of mother Martha Sasmor.

Sheila Sasmor, in memory of mother Clara.

Jenny Sill & Sara Sill, in memory of husband & father Sol Sill.

Elaine Spodick, in memory of mother Perel Nachama.

Ed Starer, in memory of grandfather Shmuel.

Ruthe Unger, in memory of mother Pauline.

Ava Wand, in memory of father Leon.

Rochelle Wasserman, in memory of mother Hannah Wasserman.

Jacqueline Weiss, in memory of father Morris Weiss.

Jacqueline Weiss, in memory of grandfather Isaac Weiss.

Ira Werner, in memory of grandfather Isidore Werner.

Memorial Fund

Sandy & Martin Novzen, in memory of Stuart Hess.

Sandy & Martin Novzen, in memory of Hilda Kalfus.

Sandy & Martin Novzen, in memory of Sol Leibowitz.

Sandy & Martin Novzen, in memory of Bernice Mandell.

Sandy & Martin Novzen, in memory of Mildred Pelton.

Sandy & Martin Novzen, in memory of Anne Spiegel.

Sandy & Martin Novzen, in memory of Rabbi Donald Weinberg.

General Donations

Elise Bornstein, in honor of the month of Kislev.

Noreen Daniel, in honor of opening the ark on Shabbat.

Scott, Zabrina, Jason, Lindsay, Aaron & Caden Decker, in honor of Shirley Decker, with wishes for a Happy Chanukah.

Maria Duron, in honor of the month of Kislev.

Mark & Robin Hochberg, in honor of the engagement of their daughter Shari Hochberg to Steve Metzger.

Paramdeo Patraj

Ida & Arthur Schwartz, in celebration of Arthur's 90th birthday.

Refuah Sheleimah

Rabbi Romiel & Noreen Daniel, for the recovery of Joyce Fefferman.

Rabbi Romiel & Noreen Daniel, for the recovery of Ruth Loewenstein.

Shirley Decker, for the recovery of Jack Alkana.

Shirley Decker, for the recovery of Ruth Loewenstein.

Susan Goldschmidt, for the recovery of Joseph Farber.

Rachel Kacenenbogen, for the recovery of Efraim & Serena Kacenenbogen.

Pnina Lanxner, for the recovery of Joseph Farber.

High Holiday & Sukkot Donations

Estelle Bolofsky

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Ida & Arthur Schwartz

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