

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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JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2022 SERVICE SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan. 1 - 9:00 AM

Friday, Jan. 7 - 4:30 PM

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Friday, Feb. 25 - 5:30 PM

Saturday, Feb. 26 - 9:00 AM

SUNDAY MORNING LEARN-IN WITH RABBI DANIEL



January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

February 6, 13, 20, 27

Bring your own dairy breakfast.

Coffee served.

Religious services conducted in the
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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

7 Facts About the Hebrew Month of Shevat

Jews around the world usher in the new month of Shevat. While not as well known as the Hebrew months of Tishrei or Nissan, when we celebrate the High Holidays and Passover, Shevat is a month rich in symbolism and meaning.

1. It's the Eleventh Month in Torah

The Torah doesn't give names to the months of the year. Instead, it calls Nissan, the month of spring, the first month. Counting from Nissan, then makes Shevat the 11th month.

2. It's All Babylonian to Me

The name first appears in the Book of Zechariah, and is believed to be a loan word from ancient Akkadian. Related to the word lashing, the name refers to the heavy rains of the season as winter draws to a close. Rain, in Jewish tradition, is tied with blessings.

3. The Age of Aquarius

The sign for the month of Shevat is Aquarius, the waterbearer. This further ties Shevat to the rainy season, reflecting the Biblical verse, "Water will flow from his wells."

4. Make Like a Tree

Shevat is well known as the month of Tu B'Shevat, the new years for trees, but according to the Mishnah, there's an opinion that the new year should be celebrated on the first of the month, not the 15th.

5. The King's Speech

The month of Shevat was when Moses prepared for his passing in the following month on 7 Adar. He took the opportunity to rebuke the children of Israel, as recorded in Deuteronomy. Out of honor for the Jewish people, Moses saved these words of rebuke and heartfelt criticism until right before he passed away.

6. How Do You Say Abraham in Chinese?

The Midrash explains that Moses spent the month of Shevat translating the entire Torah into the 70 major languages then spoken. This teaches an incredibly important lesson: Every Jew has a connection to the Torah, even one who cannot read it in its original tongue.

7. A Hidden Message

We don't know who first gave the month this special acrostic, but the word Shevat can stand for the Hebrew express **Shenishma Besurot Tovot**, that we should be blessed to share good tidings. How appropriate in the month that celebrates the blessings of abundance, new life, and importance of the Torah.

Shevat in Jewish history and tradition

1 Shevat – Moses repeats the Torah (Deuteronomy 1:3)

2 Shevat (circa 1628 BCE) – Asher born

24 Shevat (517 BCE) – Zechariah's prophecy (Zechariah 1:7–16)

28 Shevat (circa 134 BCE) – Antiochus V abandoned his siege of Jerusalem and his plans for the city's destruction. This day was observed as a holiday in Hasmonean times. (Megilat Taanit)

Have a wonderful, happy and a healthy 2022!

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8 Things Every Jew Should Know About the Month of Adar

Known as a month of celebration and happiness, the late-winter month of Adar contains the joyous holiday of Purim that takes place mid-month. Purim, however, isn’t the only thing that makes Adar special.

1. Be Happy Now!

The Talmud tells us that “when the month of Adar arrives, we increase in joy” to welcome a season of miracles. Accordingly, the Talmud tells us that this month is fortuitous for the Jewish people.

2. What’s in a name?

The Hebrew name “Adar” is related to the word “*adir*,” which denotes strength and power.

3. Double Your Joy. Double Your Fun.

Adar is the only month in the Jewish calendar that comes back for seconds. The Jewish leap year, or *shannah me’uberet* (literally “pregnant year” in Hebrew), occurs approximately once every three years. In order to assure that the lunar months of the Jewish year stay in sync with the solar calendar, an additional month of Adar is added. Purim is celebrated in the second Adar.

4. Moses Passed Away

Tradition relates that Moses passed away on 7 Adar. The Talmud tells us that when the evil Haman, villain of the Purim story, wished to destroy our nation, he staged a lottery to determine the most opportune date. When the lot (called a *pur*, hence the holiday name of Purim) fell on Adar, he rejoiced. What better month to punish the Jews, he thought, than Adar, when Moses passed away? Surely, no month could be lower for the Jewish people . . .

5. *Spoiler Alert* It was Moses’ Birthday as Well

What Haman did not know was that Moses passed away on the very same day he was born—the 7th of Adar! The day of Moses’ birth, the Talmud relates, helped avert the evil decree.

6. Under the Sea

The zodiacal sign (*mazal*) for Adar is Pisces, or *dagim* in Hebrew. In Jewish tradition, fish are a sign of blessing and fruitfulness. Also, just as fish live in water, the Jewish people thrive when immersed in the Torah, which is compared to life-giving water.

7. Haman Died in . . . Nissan!

Though we celebrate the miraculous events that brought about the holiday of Purim in Adar, Haman was actually hanged in Nissan. Purim commemorates not Haman’s death, but rather the time when our ancestors rested after their miraculous salvation and victory in battle.

8. On the Way Out!

Adar was the last month the Jewish people spent in Egypt before the Exodus. Adar’s joy is so great, in part, because it serves as the opening to an even greater rejoicing: the miracles of Passover.

Have a happy month!

Have a wonderful, happy and a healthy 2022

Rabbi Romiel Daniel

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FORMED

A Nominating Committee has been formed by Rabbi/President Romiel Daniel.

The Nominating Committee will meet on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

As per the by-laws of the Rego Park Jewish Center, the President must appoint “a Nominating Committee for the purpose of preparing a slate of nominees for the office of trustee.”

A member who is interested in serving on the Rego Park Jewish Center’s Board of Trustees should submit a petition according to the following guidelines:

1. He / she must be a member in good standing for one year immediately preceding the election.
2. A member of the Center may be nominated for the office of Trustee by a nominating petition signed by seven members in good standing together with his/her written consent. Such petition should be submitted in person or by registered mail to Ken Sasmor, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Rego Park Jewish Center, 97-30 Queens Blvd., Rego Park, NY 11374.
3. Petitions for nomination will be accepted until 3:00 P.M. on Monday, January 10, 2022.

SUNDAY MORNING LEARN-IN

Despite the need for meeting cancelations, we have enjoyed discussions on a range of topics.

On October 24th Maria Duron, substituting for our Rabbi, introduced us to “Proverbs,” which provide Jewish knowledge and practical rules for living. Everyone participated with reading and discussion.

In November Rabbi Daniel’s topic was “The Cup of Life” and the fallacy of materialism when we ascribe happiness value to the utility value of things.

Prior to the holiday the Rabbi talked about the history and meaning of Chanukah, accompanied by traditional songs.

Hopefully we will be back on schedule soon. Join us.

Elaine Spodick

CHANUKAH CONCERT & CELEBRATION

Rego Park Jewish Center celebrated Chanukah with a concert and celebration on Sunday, December 5, 2021. Our concert featured the very talented group, “Swinging With the Rat Pack”, three skilled New York actors who brought the songs and charisma of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr. back to life. Our audience then enjoyed delicious latkes, applesauce and jelly donuts after the performance. Rabbi Romiel Daniel led us in prayers, songs and the lighting of the menorah on this last night of Chanukah.

We would like to thank the following members of the committee who donated refreshments & decorations and volunteered their time to make this Concert and Chanukah Celebration a success.

Elise Bornstein
Lorraine Carroll
Maria Duron
Rochelle Glick
Harriet Goodman
Sandi Goodman
Bertha Klein
Carol Stoller
Joel Zakoff
Lynne Zakoff

Many thanks to Elise Bornstein and Maria Duron for their generous donations of funds needed to hire police security for the afternoon.

January 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>C.L. = CANDLE LIGHTING E.S. = EVENING SERVICE M.S. = MORNING SERVICE N.E.S. = NO EVENING SERVICE</p> <p style="text-align: right;">N.M.S. = NO MORNING SERVICE S.E. = SHABBAT ENDS SIST. = SISTERHOOD MEETING</p>						<p>1 28 TEVET</p> <p>M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX S.E. 5:24 P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"VAERA"</p>
<p>2 29 TEVET</p> <p>LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.</p>	<p>3 1 SHEVAT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROSH CHODESH</p>	<p>4 2 SHEVAT</p>	<p>5 3 SHEVAT</p>	<p>6 4 SHEVAT</p>	<p>7 5 SHEVAT</p> <p>E.S. 4:30 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON WEBEX C.L. 4:27 P.M.</p>	<p>8 6 SHEVAT</p> <p>M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX S.E. 5:30 P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"BO"</p>
<p>9 7 SHEVAT</p> <p>LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.</p>	<p>10 8 SHEVAT</p>	<p>11 9 SHEVAT</p>	<p>12 10 SHEVAT</p>	<p>13 11 SHEVAT</p>	<p>14 12 SHEVAT</p> <p>E.S. 5:00 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON WEBEX C.L. 4:34 P.M.</p>	<p>15 13 SHEVAT</p> <p>M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX S.E. 5:37 P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"BESHALACH"</p>
<p>16 14 SHEVAT</p> <p>LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.</p>	<p>17 15 SHEVAT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TU B'SHEVAT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY</p>	<p>18 16 SHEVAT</p>	<p>19 17 SHEVAT</p>	<p>20 18 SHEVAT</p>	<p>21 19 SHEVAT</p> <p>E.S. 5:00 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON WEBEX C.L. 4:42 P.M.</p>	<p>22 20 SHEVAT</p> <p>M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX S.E. 5:45 P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"YITRO"</p>
<p>23 21 SHEVAT</p> <p>LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.</p>	<p>24 22 SHEVAT</p>	<p>25 23 SHEVAT</p>	<p>26 24 SHEVAT</p>	<p>27 25 SHEVAT</p>	<p>28 26 SHEVAT</p> <p>E.S. 5:00 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON WEBEX C.L. 4:51 P.M.</p>	<p>29 27 SHEVAT</p> <p>M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX S.E. 5:53 P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"MISHPATIM"</p>
<p>30 28 SHEVAT</p> <p>LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.</p>	<p>31 29 SHEVAT</p>					

February 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 30 SHEVAT	2 1 ADAR I	3 2 ADAR I	4 3 ADAR I E.S. 5:15 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON WEBEX C.L. 4:59 P.M.	5 4 ADAR I M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX S.E. 6:01 P.M. "TERUMAH"
ROSH CHODESH						
6 5 ADAR I LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	7 6 ADAR I	8 7 ADAR I	9 8 ADAR I	10 9 ADAR I	11 10 ADAR I E.S. 5:15 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON WEBEX C.L. 5:08 P.M.	12 11 ADAR I M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX S.E. 6:09 P.M. "TETZAVEH"
13 12 ADAR I LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	14 13 ADAR I	15 14 ADAR I	16 15 ADAR I	17 16 ADAR I	18 17 ADAR I E.S. 5:30 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON WEBEX C.L. 5:16 P.M.	19 18 ADAR I M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX S.E. 6:17 P.M. "KI TISSA"
20 19 ADAR I LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	21 20 ADAR I	22 21 ADAR I	23 22 ADAR I	24 23 ADAR I	25 24 ADAR I E.S. 5:30 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON WEBEX C.L. 5:24 P.M.	26 25 ADAR I M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX S.E. 6:25 P.M. "VAYAKHEL"
27 26 ADAR I LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	28 27 ADAR I	<p>C.L. = CANDLE LIGHTING E.S. = EVENING SERVICE M.S. = MORNING SERVICE N.E.S. = NO EVENING SERVICE</p> <p>N.M.S. = NO MORNING SERVICE S.E. = SHABBAT ENDS SIST. = SISTERHOOD MEETING</p>				

MAZAL TOV

Mazal Tov to Agnes Posner on the birth of her great granddaughter Hailey Elizabeth Szpigiel on November 17, 2021. Hailey is the daughter of Sarah Reiss and Yossi Szpigiel and the granddaughter of Eva and Howard Reiss. Hailey was given the Hebrew name Yael Itta.

REFUAH SHELEIMAH

Roslyn Hochman
Agnes Posner
Sonia Siegel

LOSS OF MEMBER

Jack Siegel

*We extend our deepest condolences
to Sonia and family*

Thank you to all the members, friends and acquaintances who were kind enough to make donations to the Rego Park Jewish Center in memory of Jack Siegel and get well wishes for Sonia Siegel.

Joy Siegel Zucker & Family
Dawn Siegel Stark & Family

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Noreen Daniel
Harriet Goodman
Selina Modak
Jeffrey Novzen
Martin Novzen
Sandy Novzen
Edward Starer



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Lynne & Joel Zakoff

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Lorraine Carroll
Meryl Colman
Lynne Zakoff

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Toby & Herb Usenheimer



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Selina Modak

MANY THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR SPONSORING A CONGREGATIONAL KIDDUSH

Thank you to Sandi Goodman and Harriet Goodman, who sponsored the congregational kiddush on December 4th.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

REFUAH SHELEIMAH

Mollie & Jack Alkana, with wishes for the good health of Joyce Fefferman.

Mollie & Jack Alkana, with wishes for the good health of Pnina Lanxner.

Mollie & Jack Alkana, with wishes for the good health of Ruth Loewenstein.

Mollie & Jack Alkana, with wishes for the good health of Lee Lobel-Zwang.

Zulma Bogen, for the recovery of Mark Hochberg.

Susan Goldschmidt, with wishes for the good health of Ruth Kaplan.

Susan Goldschmidt, for the recovery of Joe Farber.

Robin & Mark Hochberg, with refuah sheleimah wishes for Rego Park Jewish Center members.

Rachel Kacelenbogen, for the recovery of Efraim Kacelenbogen.

Sandy & Martin Novzen, with wishes for the recovery and good health of Ruth Loewenstein.

Ray & Ed Starer, with wishes for the recovery and good health of Sonia Siegel.

Ray & Ed Starer, with wishes for the recovery and good health of Agnes Posner.

Ray & Ed Starer, for the full and speedy recovery of Roz Hochman.

HIGH HOLIDAY DONATIONS

Beverly & Steven Haffner

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Mollie & Jack Alkana, in memory of Jack Siegel.

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Jennifer Khoda & family, in memory of Jack Siegel.

Pnina Lanxner, in memory of Jack Siegel.

Ruth Loewenstein, in memory of Jack Siegel.

Jeanette Mildner, in memory of Jack Siegel.

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Cindy Sigadel, in memory of Jack Siegel.

Elaine Spodick, in memory of Jack Siegel.

Ray & Ed Starer, in memory of Jack Siegel.

Barry Stark, in memory of Jack Siegel.

Dawn Stark, in memory of her father Jack Siegel.

Jeffrey Stark, in memory of Jack Siegel.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Donations received after December 22nd will be listed in the March/April bulletin.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GENERAL DONATIONS

Zipora & William Auerbach, in honor of Pnina Lanxner.

Elise Bornstein, in honor of Rosh Chodesh Kislev and Chanukah.

Lorraine Carroll, in honor of reading prayer on Shabbat.

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

Maria Duron, in honor of Rosh Chodesh Kislev and Chanukah.

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

Mikhail Gelfer

Susan Goldschmidt, in honor of reading prayer on Shabbat.

Mark Hochberg, in honor of various aliyot.

Robin Hochberg, in honor of reading prayer on Shabbat.

Aida & Menashe Ovadia, in honor of Chanukah.

Paramdeo Patraj

Arthur Schwartz, in honor of aliyah on Oct. 23, 2021

Arthur Schwartz, in honor of his birthday.

Yahrzeit Fund

Max Amper, in memory of wife Zona Amper.

Robert Begleiter, in memory of parents Fanny & Sidney Begleiter.

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Gail Edelstein, in memory of mother Rosalind Edelstein.

Joel Herbst, in memory of mother Sarah Herbst.

Robin Hochberg, in memory of father Mark.

Rachel Kacenenbogen, in memory of husband Abraham Kacenenbogen.

Rachel Kacenenbogen, in memory of aunt Rebecca Bella.

Ruth Kaplan, in memory of father Mordechai.

William Katz, in memory of father Morris Katz.

Pnina Lanxner, in memory of father Chaim.

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Julie Mikelberg, in memory of mother Veronica.

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Agnes Posner, in memory of brother Avraham.

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Ken Sasmor, in memory of mother Martha Sasmor.

Sheila Sasmor, in memory of mother Clara.

Elaine Spodick, in memory of mother Perel Nachama.

Ed Starer, in memory of grandfather Shmuel.

Rochelle Wasserman, in memory of mother Hannah Wasserman.

Jacqueline Weiss, in memory of father Morris Weiss.

Jacqueline Weiss, in memory of grandmother Mollie Weiss.

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