

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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TEVET / SHEVAT / ADAR 5783

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JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2023 **SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Friday, January 6 - 5:00 PM
Saturday, January 7 - 9:00 AM

Friday, January 13 - 5:00 PM
Saturday, January 14 - 9:00 AM

Friday, January 20 - 5:00 PM
Saturday, January 21 - 9:00 AM

Friday, January 27 - 5:00 PM
Saturday, January 28 - 9:00 AM

Friday, February 3 - 5:30 PM
Saturday, February 4 - 9:00 AM

Friday, February 10 - 5:30 PM
Saturday, February 11 - 9:00 AM

Friday, February 17 - 5:30 PM
Saturday, February 18 - 9:00 AM

Friday, February 24 - 5:30 PM
Saturday, February 25 - 9:00 AM

PARASHAT CLUB

Shabbat, January 28, 2023

Shabbat, February 18, 2023

12:30 P.M. after Shabbat services

Presented by Rabbi Romiel Daniel

SUNDAY MORNING LEARN-IN WITH RABBI DANIEL



January 8, 29

February 5, 12, 19, 26

Bring your own dairy breakfast.

Coffee served.

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

TEVET

Chanukah begins on 25 Kislev and continues for 8 days. This means that the final few days of Chanukah extend into Tevet, an otherwise dreary and ordinary month.

In the book of Esther we read that Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus's palace "in the 10th month, which is the month of Tevet. "In the 10th month, on the 10th of the month, Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylonia, came - he and his entire army - against Jerusalem, and encamped against it, and they built siege works around it." On this day Jewish people mourn the destruction of Jerusalem, the result of the siege which began on that day. From daybreak to nightfall no food or drink is consumed, and extra prayers are recited.

On 8 Tevet, at the behest of Ptolemy of Egypt, the Torah was translated into Greek, marking a sharp decline of Jewish spirituality,

Tevet is the *yahrtzeit* of Ezra the Scribe, the spiritual leader of the Jews who returned to the Land of Israel from Babylonia and rebuilt the Temple in Jerusalem.

Holidays in Tevet

- **25 Kislev – 2 Tevet** – Hanukkah (or 3 Tevet if Kislev is short)
- **10 Tevet** – Tenth of Tevet (Asara beTevet), a fast day

Tevet in Jewish history and tradition

- **1 Tevet** (circa 479 BCE) – Esther was taken to King Achashverosh's palace, leading to her becoming queen (Book of Esther 2:16-17).
- **10 Tevet** (588 BCE) – Nebuchadnezzar II's armies besiege Jerusalem; now commemorated as a fast day.
- **10 Tevet** (479 BCE) – Esther appears before Achashverosh for the first time and is chosen by him to be the queen.
- **11 Tevet** (1668) – Jews were expelled from Vienna, Austria, during the reign of Holy Roman Emperor Leopold the First.
- **17 Tevet** (1728) – Shearith Israel, the first New York synagogue, erects its first building in Lower Manhattan.
- **20 Tevet** (1483) – The first volume of the Babylonian Talmud, the tractate Berachot, is printed in Soncino, Italy.
- **22 Tevet** (1496) – Expulsion of Jews from Portugal, four years after the expulsion from Spain.
- **25 Tevet** (circa 332 BCE) – Alexander the Great met the high priest after the Samaritans said the Jews intended to betray him.

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SHEVAT

Shevat is the 11th month on the Jewish calendar counting from Nissan. The high point of the month is the holiday of 15 Shevat, known as the “New Year for Trees.” This is the day when the sap begins to rise in the fruit trees in Israel—the start of a new growing season. We mark the day by eating fruit, particularly from the “Seven Kinds” with which Israel is blessed (wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates). On this day, we remember that “Man is a tree of the field” and reflect on the lessons we can derive from our botanical analogue.

Holidays in Shevat

15 Shevat – Tu B’shvat

Shevat in Jewish history and tradition

- **1 Shevat** – Moses repeats the Torah (Deuteronomy 1:3)
- **2 Shevat** (circa 1628 BCE) – Asher born
- **15 Shevat - New Year of Trees**
- **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)

Rabbi Romiel Daniel

Religious services conducted in the
Main Sanctuary & Chapel
are also available for viewing on Cisco Webex.

Please check your email
for links to Cisco Webex.

Contact our Center office at
office@rpjc.org
for more information.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE FORMED

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

The Nominating Committee will meet on Thursday, January 5, 2023 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 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 Thursday, January 5, 2023.

SISTERHOOD MEETING

**Tuesday, January 10, 2023
at 2:00 P.M.**

Sisterhood will be showing the film

“TANGO SHALOM”

A short discussion will follow
after the film.

**Refreshments Provided
Everyone is Welcome**

***Note: No Sisterhood meetings will
be held in February.***

SUNDAY MORNING LEARN-IN

During the past two months of get-togethers, Rabbi Daniel presented us with stimulating, thought-provoking and unexpected topics for discussion:

- Spiritual wellness.
- Do Jews believe in angels?
- Is there a G-d?
- Dreams in the Torah
- The power of bold prayer

Our Sunday meetings are fun, educational and a gateway to better understanding of our biblical roots.

Don’t miss out! Join us.

Elaine Spodick

January 2023

TEVET / SHEVAT 5783

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 8 TEVET N.L.I.	2 9 TEVET	3 10 TEVET	4 11 TEVET	5 12 TEVET	6 13 TEVET E.S. 5:00 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON WEBEX C.L. 4:25 P.M.	7 14 TEVET M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX S.E. 5:29 P.M. "VAYECHI"	
8 15 TEVET LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	9 16 TEVET	10 17 TEVET SIST. 2:00 P.M.	11 18 TEVET	12 19 TEVET	13 20 TEVET E.S. 5:00 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON WEBEX C.L. 4:33 P.M.	14 21 TEVET M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX S.E. 5:36 P.M. "SHEMOT"	
15 22 TEVET N.L.I.	16 23 TEVET MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	17 24 TEVET	18 25 TEVET	19 26 TEVET	20 27 TEVET E.S. 5:00 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON WEBEX C.L. 4:41 P.M.	21 28 TEVET M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX S.E. 5:44 P.M. "VAERA"	
22 29 TEVET N.L.I.	23 1 SHEVAT ROSH CHODESH	24 2 SHEVAT	25 3 SHEVAT	26 4 SHEVAT	27 5 SHEVAT E.S. 5:00 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON WEBEX C.L. 4:49 P.M.	28 6 SHEVAT M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX P.C. 12:30 P.M. S.E. 5:51 P.M. "BO"	
29 7 SHEVAT LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	30 8 SHEVAT	31 9 SHEVAT	C.L. = CANDLE LIGHTING E.S. = EVENING SERVICE M.S. = MORNING SERVICE N.E.S. = NO EVENING SERVICE N.L.I. = NO LEARN-IN				N.M.S. = NO MORNING SERVICE P.C. = PARASHAT CLUB S.E. = SHABBAT ENDS SIST. = SISTERHOOD MEETING

February 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 10 SHEVAT	2 11 SHEVAT	3 12 SHEVAT E.S. 5:30 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON WEBEX C.L. 4:58 P.M.	4 13 SHEVAT M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX S.E. 5:59 P.M. "BESHALACH"	
5 14 SHEVAT LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	6 15 SHEVAT TU B'SHEVAT	7 16 SHEVAT	8 17 SHEVAT	9 18 SHEVAT	10 19 SHEVAT E.S. 5:30 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON WEBEX C.L. 5:06 P.M.	11 20 SHEVAT M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX S.E. 6:07 P.M. "YITRO"	
12 21 SHEVAT LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	13 22 SHEVAT	14 23 SHEVAT	15 24 SHEVAT	16 25 SHEVAT	17 26 SHEVAT E.S. 5:30 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON WEBEX C.L. 5:15 P.M.	18 27 SHEVAT M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX P.C. 12:30 P.M. S.E. 6:15 P.M. "MISHPATIM"	
19 28 SHEVAT LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	20 29 SHEVAT PRESIDENTS DAY	21 30 SHEVAT	22 1 ADAR	23 2 ADAR	24 3 ADAR E.S. 5:30 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON WEBEX C.L. 5:23 P.M.	25 4 ADAR M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX S.E. 6:23 P.M. "TERUMAH"	
26 5 ADAR LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	27 6 ADAR	28 7 ADAR	C.L. = CANDLE LIGHTING E.S. = EVENING SERVICE M.S. = MORNING SERVICE N.E.S. = NO EVENING SERVICE				N.M.S. = NO MORNING SERVICE P.C. = PARASHAT CLUB S.E. = SHABBAT ENDS SIST. = SISTERHOOD MEETING

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



MANY THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR SPONSORING A CONGREGATIONAL KIDDUSH

Thank you to Gary Fishman, who sponsored a congregational kiddush in December

Thank you to Martin Cantor, who sponsored the Parashat Club in December.

QUEENS COMMUNITY HOUSE

REGO PARK OLDER ADULT CENTER

The Rego Park Older Adult Center has been meeting in the lower level of Rego Park Jewish Center since July, 2022. They offer a wide range of activities open to adults in the community age 60+. We hope our RPJC members and friends come and join them in their daily activities.

The Rego Park Older Adult Center provides a culturally-rich environment where older adults can engage with peers, make new friends, enjoy a nutritious, hot kosher meal, and share existing skills and talents & develop new ones through a variety of arts, language and special interest classes. They offer a wide variety of physical activities for older adults looking to maintain their health.

Hours of operation are Monday - Friday from 9 AM to 4 PM. Lunch is served daily at 12:00 PM. The suggested voluntary contribution for lunch is \$2.00.

NYC DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING



REGO PARK

OLDER ADULT CENTER

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9AM - 4PM
FOR APPOINTMENTS (718) 896-8511

LUNCH WITH US



HOT KOSHER MEALS 12PM - 1PM

Queens Community House Older Adult Center
Is located on the Lower Level of Rego Park Jewish Center

97-30 QUEENS BLVD., REGO PARK, NY

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Yahrzeit Fund

Mollie Alkana, in memory of sister Sylvia.
Max Amper, in memory of wife Zona Amper.
Ruth Kaplan, in memory of father Mordechai.
Ruth Kaplan, in memory of brother Icheskel.
Pnina Lanxner, in memory of father Chaim.
Florence Legler, in memory of mother Sarah Pearl.
Julie Mikelberg, in memory of mother Veronica.
Agnes Posner, in memory of father Elyakim.
Agnes Posner, in memory of brother Avraham.
Ken Sasmor, in memory of father James Sasmor.
Sheila Sasmor, in memory of mother Clara.
Sonia Siegel, in memory of husband Jack Siegel.
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.
Jacqueline Weiss, in memory of father Morris.
Jacqueline Weiss, in memory of grandfather Isaac.
Ira Werner, in memory of grandfather Isadore Werner.

Commemorative Fund

Elaine Spodick, with appreciation of the thoughtfulness of Noreen Daniel and Rabbi Romiel Daniel.

Misheberach Fund

Rabbi Romiel & Noreen Daniel, for the recovery of Jonathan Solomon.
Susan Goldschmidt, for her brother's recovery.
Susan Goldschmidt, for her brother's good health news.
Susan Goldschmidt, for Ruth Kaplan's good health.
Pnina Lanxner, for Ruth Kaplan's good health.
Elliott Zakoff, for Mollie & Jack Alkana's good health.

General Donations

Elise Bornstein, in honor of Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan.
Maria Duron, in honor of Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan.
Mikhail Gelfer
Susan Goldschmidt, in honor of reading prayers on Shabbat.
Susan Goldschmidt, in honor of opening the ark on Shabbat.
Reina Goodman, in honor of opening the ark on Shabbat.
Ida & Arthur Schwartz, in honor of Arthur's birthday.
Ray & Ed Starer, for various aliyot.

High Holiday & Sukkot Donations

Mollie & Jack Alkana	Jeanette Mildner
Susan Fischer	Ellen Offen
Robin Gordon	Paramdeo Patraj
Richard Hall	Michal Sonnenthal
Charlotte Halpern	Lynne & Joel Zakoff
Lisa Katz	

High Holiday Honors

Carol Stoller, in honor of reading prayer on Rosh Hashanah.
Lynne & Joel Zakoff, for High Holiday honors.

Chanukah Donations

Rabbi Romiel and Noreen Daniel

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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

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