



January 13, 2024
03 Shevat 5784

SCHEDULE

Candle Lighting: Va'eira	1/12	4:49 PM
Shabbat Ends	1/13	5:51 PM
Candle Lighting: Bo	1/19	4:56 PM

SHABBAT SHALOM

A warm welcome to our guests

We welcome you and are pleased that you have joined us to worship. We hope you will feel welcome whenever you are in town. If you are a new resident to our area, please introduce yourself so we can properly welcome you and tell you more about our wonderful congregation and community.

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SHABBAT DAVEN AND DINNER AND 5TH ANNUAL HIAS REFUGEE SHABBAT

Join us for our next Shabbat Daven and Dinner planned for Friday, February 2nd, at 6:00 pm. An uplifting and spiritual service will be followed by a delicious dinner for only \$20.00 per person. Children 13 and under are free! Please make your reservation in the synagogue office by Tuesday, January 30th. congknesethisrael@gmail.com, or call 410-263-3924 x0.

Services all weekend will have an international flavor!

Kneseth Israel will join HIAS and congregations and organizations across the US and the world to recognize the global refugee crisis with 32.5 million refugees struggling to find their place in the world after leaving their home countries to avoid war, discrimination, famine, and other adversities. We also want to remember and honor those refugees who lived through that struggle in the past. At dinner on Erev Shabbat, we will hear stories from our families and members of the community telling of their immigrant and refugee experiences.

Shabbat morning after services, we will have a special presentation from Rabbi Sarah Bassin from HIAS, who will teach us about the mission of HIAS past and present.

We would also like to recognize the stories of refugees that you know or knew personally. They could be family members who came to the US or Israel, friends or acquaintances who made the harrowing journey to a new life whether Jewish or not. If you or someone you know has a story to tell, please send it to Steve Sutton at sjsutton@knesethisrael.org by January 25, 2024. Please limit the story to one page. We will bind these stories into a handout for February 2-3.

VA'EIRA

Torah Portion: Exodus 6:2-9:35
Pages: 232-244

Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25-29:21
Pages: 244-247

The name of the Parshah, "Va'era," means "and I appeared" and it is found in Exodus 6:3.

G-d reveals Himself to Moses. Employing the "four expressions of redemption," take out the Children of Israel from Egypt, deliver them from their enslavement, redeem them, and acquire them as His own chosen people at "Mount Sinai"; He will then bring them to the land He promised to the Patriarchs as their eternal heritage.

Moses and Aaron repeatedly come before Pharaoh to demand in the name of G-d, "Let My people go, so that they may serve Me in the wilderness." Pharaoh repeatedly refuses. Aaron's staff turns into a snake and swallows the magic sticks of the Egyptian sorcerers. G-d then sends a series of plagues upon the Egyptians.

The waters of the Nile turn to blood; swarms of frogs overrun the land; lice infest all men and beasts. Hordes of wild animals invade the cities; a pestilence kills the domestic animals; painful boils afflict the Egyptians. For the seventh plague, fire and ice combine to descend from the skies as a devastating hail. Still, "the heart of Pharaoh was hardened and he would not let the children of Israel go, as G-d had said to Moses."



REFUAH SH'LEIMA (SPEEDY RECOVERY)

Jeffrey Blum, Joyce Ani and Betty Goldstein

May the Holy One, Blessed is He, be filled with compassion for them, to restore their health, to heal them, to strengthen and revivify them. May He send them a speedy and complete recovery from heaven, a recovery of the body and a recovery of the spirit, swiftly and soon. Amen.

If you know of someone who should be mentioned in our weekly *Mi Sheberach*, please contact either the Rabbi or the office. If you have added a name to the list, please keep us apprised of their progress and let us know when, G-d willing, they can be removed from the list.

BIKUR CHOLIM (Visiting the Sick)

When there are members of the Kneseth Israel community who are ill, injured, or hospitalized, we do not always know about it. If you or someone you know would benefit from a call or visit from Rabbi Sislen, please contact him at the synagogue or at ravsislen@gmail.com.

Yahrzeit Minyanim

For those desiring a minyan to observe a yahrzeit, please call or write the office at least one week in advance at 410-263-3924 x0 or congknesethisrael@gmail.com. Please make some calls yourself to bring in Jewish adults who can count towards the minyan.

HONORS AND MEMORIALS DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Kneseth Israel offers several opportunities to honor or memorialize family and friends. Please contact Steve Sutton at sjsutton@knesethisrael.org for opportunities and donation amounts. The minimum donations for these most purchased items are as follows: **Memorial Plaque** on a Yahrzeit Board: from \$400 for members; \$500 for non-members. **Leaf on Tree of Life** (Main Foyer) from a minimum of \$250; Stones on the Tree of Life remain a minimum of \$1000. **Simcha Plaques** (Board in Auditorium): Single width plaque from a minimum of \$300; Double width plaque from a minimum of \$600. Consider one of these honor or memorial opportunities or an another donation. Contact Steve Sutton at sjsutton@knesethisrael.org or 410.721.0679.

YEAR-ROUND FOOD DONATIONS

Kneseth Israel is now collecting nonperishable food items year-round for donation to the Anne Arundel County Food Bank, in addition to the special campaigns we highlight several times a year. Please bring your items for donation to shul whenever you come and leave them in the bin by the main entrance.

Yahrzeits for This Week

The following Yahrzeits are being observed during the week of Jan. 13—Jan. 20

Saturday, January 13

Bessie Snyder
Dorothy E. Cohen
Florence Wolfe
Esther Weingarten

Sunday, January 14

Jacob Leibowitz

Monday, January 15

Machla Donner
Joseph Lipman
Benjamin D. Sass

Tuesday, January 16

Charles Mogerman
Goldie Rutman
Jennie Gorelik Kruger
Chana Leonard

Wednesday, January 17

Harry Donoff
Fannie Friedman

Thursday, January 18

Tillie Yaffee Schulman
Samuel M. Hyatt
Dinah Reiter
George Rosenstein
Lena Morgerman
Ruth Jean Robitshek
Ralph Donsky

Friday, January 19

Pinchas Wertenstein
Michelle Lee Frieman
Jennie Kauder
Helen Katcef Zaks
Sylvia Zinnamon

Saturday, January 20

Rose Renbaum Legum
Henry J. Krissoff

CONTRIBUTIONS

Yahrzeit Contributions

In memory of Isidor Salganik by Lenore Lerner
In memory of Teddy Earle by Stephen Earle
In memory of Michelle Lee Frieman by Arnold Frieman
In memory of Karl K. Goldsmith by Amira & Jody Goldsmith

Yahrzeit Notices

If you would prefer getting your yahrzeit notices by email, please call the office to let us know and to make sure we have your email address.

SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP



We have new items featuring designs by our own Ariella Thompson—Happy Challah Days glass plates and neckties with Am Israel Chai imprints in Hebrew, to name a few.

Please contact Laura Sutton at ls217@comcast.net or 410 721-0679 for an appointment!

CONTRIBUTION OPTIONS

If you would like to make a contribution to a specific Fund or Trust, please see the list below. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

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| • Building Fund | • Programming Fund |
| • Cemetery Beautification Fund | • Rabbi's Discretionary Fund |
| • Cemetery Trust | • Rosenblatt Memorial Fund |
| • Endowment Trust | • Sisterhood Fund |
| • Kiddush Fund | • Torah Fund |
| • Kitchen Fund | • Tree of Life & Simcha Fund |
| • PreSchool Fund | • Library Fund |

LATEST AND GREATEST ON LIVESTREAMING SERVICES

We will continue to livestream our services via Zoom. Just so you are aware, you need to continue to call/write the office whenever you want to livestream so you can get the link. Sometimes we will have the service monitored with an operator (thank you Steve Sutton and Walt Beckerman) when the camera will be zoomed and panned for a wonderful experience. Sometimes the camera will be set to just focus on the full bima without zooming/panning when there is no operator - audio will be the usual. Again, the set-up is determined by availability of operators. Anyone who wants to learn how to be an operator (can do from home with your own computer), please let the office know. **If you would like the zoom link for services, please call the office. The link will be for the entire year of 2023.**

PLEASE NOTE

If we have inadvertently omitted your name for any reason, please accept our apologies and please call the office at 410-263-3924 with complete information so we may include your information in the next publication. Please advise the office of any congregant's simchas that you are aware of or if you know of someone who is ill so we may acknowledge it. When calling the office, if you get the answering machine, please leave a message. Someone will return your call.

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KI FACEBOOK PAGE

We are putting in positive thoughts for members of the congregation on our Kneseth Israel Facebook page. If you would like to contribute, please feel free to participate.

MOTI'S MARKET



Kneseth Israel receives regular deliveries from Moti's Market. If we order a kiddush lunch, or if the amount of any order meets the threshold for free delivery, your personal order of groceries, deli, or meat, will be delivered to the shul on Friday morning. You can order on their website and pick up at the shul. Please let the office know if you are placing a personal order (410.263.3924 X0 or email congknesethisrael@gmail.com).

YAHREZEITS OBSERVED

January 2024

Elaine Friedlander
Louis Hillman
Bertram Alper
Reba Axelrod
Samuel Deckelbaum
Katie Fine
Gilbert Kozak
Eva Legum
Jason David Schwartz
Leonard Finkelstein
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Isadore Stein
Herman Zeller
Theodore Earle
Edward Marcus
Jerome Brilliant
Sylvia Brooks Katcef
Murray N. Cohen
Dorothy S. Coonin
Ida Hoffman
Isidor Salganik
Dorothy E. Cohen
Bessie Snyder
Esther Weingarten
Florence Wolfe
Jacob Leibowitz
Machla Donner
Joseph Lipman
Benjamin D. Sass
Jennie Gorelik Kruger
Chana Leonard
Charles Mogerman
Goldie Rutman
Harry Donoff
Fannie Friedman
Ralph Donsky
Samuel M. Hyatt
Lena Mogerman
Dinah Reiter
Ruth Jean Robitshek
George Rosenstein
Tillie Yaffee Schulman
Michelle Lee Frieman
Jennie Kauder
Pinchas Wertenstein

Helen Katcef Zaks
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Rose Renbaum Legum
Tillie M. Aronson
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Ralph Chep
Hilda A. Goodman
Erwin A. Greenfield
Ida Greiff
Harry Messinger
Jack Cohen
Mary Deckelbaum
Benjamin Greenberg
Julius Rosenberg
Irving Berman
Ruth Frishman
Esther Finkelstein
Ann Ossry
Harry Green
Harry H. Thiman
Joseph David Weiner
Joseph David Weiner
Anna Pasternak
Howard Samuel Pinskey
Donald Aronson
Stanley Berman
Sidney Feinstein
Irving Mantel
Hannah J. Mild
Wilhelm Morgenstern
Jack Shaer
Fred Simon
Charles Snyder
Karl K. Goldsmith
Arthur Hecht
Roy R. Michaelson
Thelma Levynson Stein
Rebecca Cooper
Tillie Ivrey Rosenstein
Ella Thiman

February 2024

Charles L. Manck
Rachel Freeda Green
Celia Nadich Singerman
Thea B. Pinskey
Thomas Shepler
Fannie Schenker
Murray Joel Rosenberg
Louis Renbaum
Fannie Blum Katcef
Gretel Hollander
Dora Auslander
Jacob Needle
Leonard Berman
William L. Kafenbaum
Mary Walder
Belle Loox Carter
Lillian H. Parks
Meyer Wolpert
Stella Klawans
Samuel Kirson
Abraham Cohn
Dr. Samuel Elihu Kaplan
Wolf Edward Klawans
Mary Sliom
Barbara Warren

Bernard I. Roth
Bertram Kraus
Morris George Feldman
Belle Lavy Feldman
Moses E. Katcef
Simon Greengold
David Zall
Nathan Schwartz
Florence Greenfield
Lois J. Plizga
Michael Silverstein
Roslyn Brown Sackler
Hannah Kotzin
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Hilda Mild
Lena Mankowitz
Emanuel Klawans
Irene Lindeman
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