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- Services via ZOOM and IN PERSON – Fridays, 5:30 p.m.
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Watch your email for more information and/or an invitation.

If we don't have your email please call the office or email it to beauboxer@aol.com.

Weekly Torah & Candle Lighting

Parshat Vayishlach

Candle lighting: December 1st, 4:09 p.m.
Shabbat ends: December 2nd, 5:14 p.m.

Parshat Vayechi

Candle lighting: December 29th, 4:16 p.m.
Shabbat ends: December 2nd, 5:22 p.m.

Parashat Vayeishev

Candle lighting: December 8th, 4:08 p.m.
Shabbat ends: December 9th, 5:13 p.m.

Parashat Mikeitz

Candle lighting: December 15th, 4:09 p.m.
Shabbat ends: December 16th, 5:14 p.m.

Parashat Vayigash

Candle Lighting: December 22nd, 4:11 p.m.
Shabbat ends: December 23rd, 5:17 p.m.

Address changes

Please notify Temple of any address changes you have for the winter or summer months; we need these address changes if we are to continue sending the bulletin.

Thank you.

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T H E S E A R E T H E W O R D S

*O, Lord! O, Lord!
Compassionate and gracious God,
slow to anger,
abounding in love and faithfulness.
Shemot, 34:6*

יהוה, יהוה,
אל רחום וחנון,
ארך אפיים
ורב חסד ואמת.
שמות לד, ו

Once again, I must begin my article in the Temple Times with images of an event I witnessed, just as it happened with last month's and the one before. What I experienced this week in Washington D.C. was so immensely significant that it will be challenging to describe it solely in written words.

It was a spontaneous gathering, and yet there were over 290,000 people present. This alone could have impressed me positively. However, to this number, which is neither simple nor brief, we must add the fact that the crowd included people from the city of Washington itself, but also from various other cities and states, like us, and even from much farther away.

I still need to add the sense of collective well-being that was felt there, the feeling of being together, Jews and non-Jews sharing outrage but without a hint of violence, sharing the will to stand in the face of pain and loss, and the despair for the hostages still held (hopefully, this situation has improved by the time the Temple Times is published).

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There were Jews of all denominations, even from here, from Utica (although we didn't manage to gather to go there, as was the initial proposal). There were non-Jews of different backgrounds, including Muslims, and I even saw two elderly individuals with a sign saying that Iranians supported the State of Israel.

The support from the entire crowd translated into singing that came straight from the souls present, not only during the Hatikva, the national anthem of the State of Israel but with each of the songs that the artists summoned from Israel and the U.S.A. shared.

The support of politicians and leaders from the Jewish Community and others filled us with hope at a time when it could be easy to lose it. With all this, there was no sense of aggression, no violence. Not a single situation that someone could label as aggressive.

It is clear that we are a peculiar people. We argue a lot. We divide ourselves even more. We disagree and continue to promote the dissent that divides us. When it comes to uniting against an external attack, all these barriers fall. The government of Israel is united in a single bloc until it is possible to dissent again. In front of the Capitol, they were all embraced in a single song, and differences were not noticeable.

In recent days, I had the opportunity to dissent in discussions that wanted to emphasize that the State of Israel and its army, precisely the Israel Defense Forces, should think more about the civilians in Gaza. That it should adhere to a ceasefire for humanitarian reasons.

I understand that there are still people who do not understand or cannot see how much the IDF cares for civilians and how much they are concerned with minimizing casualties in Gaza in a wartime situation. Without going into a deep analysis and repeating words you have already heard, this is a war of defense and survival. I have shared on social media (and will continue to do so) various examples of why it is necessary to eradicate terrorism if Israel wants to survive; and I refer to the State and the People of Israel.

There are still people who do not see. There are still people who do not believe that it is possible for hatred towards the Jewish People to generate in the 21st century the same as we experienced in the last century. The small difference is that even some Nazis felt remorse for what they did and hid it or had to be treated psychologically to bear it. In this century, we see that there is no repentance after barbarism. Furthermore, there is exhibitionism, brutality, and pride in the atrocities committed.

I was really thinking of sharing with you an explanation of this historical conflict seen with the greatest objectivity possible in the face of actions from both sides, the Arab and the Jewish, that have only undermined coexistence, the credibility of one side against the other, and the possibility of fraternal reunion. It will be for the next Temple Times.

Today, I am left with nothing but pain, anguish, and controlled anger. I added even more pride for my People and for the good people who manage to see the truth even when many strive to hide it.

And that together, we are much more powerful than divided. This applies to this week's rally and to us here in Utica. There is much to work on together. There is much to build together.

May the small or large differences not allow us to divide even more. Have an excellent month and a civil New Year at its best.

For a better 2024, finding us working more united.

Rabbi Gustavo Geier

For those of you who have not heard, Mundy has retired as Temple Beth El's Executive Director. For many years, she has served temple and kept the organization running through many times of joy and sadness, smooth paths and bumpy ones, tumultuous times and quiet ones. Mundy has been a dedicated member as well as the director. We will be honoring her at the Chanukah Dinner so I hope you will attend and offer your congratulations on her new career...retirement!

I would like to wish each and every one a Happy Chanukah! I hope you will join us for the Chanukah dinner on December 10th at the JCC. Please see the flyer in this issue of the Temple Times. Reservations by December 1st is a must since the meat order has to be in. I am sure you do not want to be left out celebrating with your friends and family.

Please join us as we celebrate the Festival of Lights.

This Chanukah we will light our gorgeous new copper menorah in the garden at temple each evening. We would like to extend many thanks and much appreciation to Ed and Steven Kowalsky for helping bring the design of the new menorah to fruition. On December 8th, we will gather to light the second candle before Shabbat Services and follow up with an Oneg. I hope you can make it!!!!

Rabbi Geier's is offering more classes and the number of students is climbing! Everyone is welcome and if you have any questions please call him at (315) 272-1755.

I would like to thank Mary, Melissa, Roseanne, Sara, Jennifer, Wayne, Rabbi Schaktman and Rabbi Gierer for making the trip to Washington DC for the March to support Israel as representatives of the Utica area Jewish Community and special kudos to Vic for arranging the specifics.

Let's all pray for the Israel's victory to end terrorism and the safe return of the hostages.

Am Yisrael Chai,

Marsha

C A M P A I G N S & S U P P O R T

Tell the Israelite people to bring Me gifts; you shall accept gifts for Me from every person whose heart so moves him.

Shemot, 25:2

דבר אל בני ישראל ויקחו לי תרומה מאת כל איש
אשר ידנו לבו, תקחו את תרומתי.
שמות כה, ב

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*Let all that breathes praise the Lord!
Haleluyah!
Tehilim, 150:6*

כל הנשמה תהלל יה!
הללויה!
תהילים קנ, ו

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Ellen Orkin.....05
- Vicki Socolof.....09
- Alan Rosenblum.....12
- Joanne Hirshfeld.....13
- Logan Oster.....14
- Kathy Smith.....17
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- Brian Jonas.....31



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Y A H R Z E I T S & C E M E T E R Y N E W S

*Exalted and sanctified be His great name!
Kaddish*

יתגדל ויתקדש שמה רבא!
קדיש

Yahrzeit observed during the week of December 2 to 8, 2023, 19 to 25 Kislev 5784. These will be read from the pulpit on Friday December 1, 2023.

Jack Abrams*	Esther Simons*
Casper Goldberg*	Minna Cramer*
David E. Rothstein*	Rose. W. Jacobson*
Helen Sperling*	Moe J. Silverman*
Sarah Albert	Ruben VanLeeuwen
Sherry Goldstone	Mayer Cohen*
William D. Ribyat*	Philip Jacobson
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Milton H. Betrkwitz*	Jacob Wishman*
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Israel Rosen*	Clara Kennedy*
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Harry Cummins*	Mary Wasserman*
Marian S. Hoffman*	Jacob Fink*
Ida Rosenthal*	Sidney Lacher*
Nathan D. Savett*	Jacob (Jack) Samuels
David Cramer*	Ida C. Wolfe*
John Stewart Haven*	Leah S. Gilbert*
Frieda Rosenblum*	Anna Newman
Lena Silverstein*	Ruth Treister Schwartz*
Mary Ettl Chait*	Lila P. Weinstein
Leopold & Rose Illfelder Family*	Lenore Kowalsky Greene*
Anna Savett*	William Weiss*

*Denotes Memorial Plaque in the Sanctuary

**YAHREZIT OBSERVED DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 9 TO 15, 2023, 26
KISLEV TO 3 TEVET 5784 . THESE WILL BE READ FROM THE PULPIT ON
FRIDAY DECEMBER 8, 2023 .**

Bessie Arlen*	Benjamin Philipson*
Harris Goldstein*	Lily Socofsky
Andrew W. Kates*	Nathan Brooks*
Miriam Smith*	Solomon Harris*
Samuel Berman*	Sylvia G. Philipson*
Dorothy Goldstone*	Herman Sonneborne*
Rachel Lewis*	Daniel J. Blaugrund
Chema Saltzburg*	Harry L. Freeman*
Joseph D. Braverman*	Rose R. Rizika*
Rose Goldstein*	Murray Schor*
Helen Meyer*	Moses A. Cohen*
Abraham B. Singer*	Sylvia Hymes*
Theodore Berkeley	Sadie Rogow*
William R. Goldbas*	Dorothy Weitzman Seely*
Meyer Philipson	Rene Cominsky
Hannah D. Sitrin*	Stuart Herzog
Rose Berkowitz*	Sarah Rockford*
Sadie Goldstone*	Harry Weiss*
Irving S. Rokeach*	Hyman Feldman*
Dr. Joseph Wolhandler*	Anna Krohn*
Ruth Feldman*	Anna W. Weiss*
Ruth B. Klein	Sidney I. Friedlander*
Jerry Rosenblum*	

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Yahrzeit observed during the week of December 16 to 22, 2023, 4 to 10 Tevet 5784. These will be read from the pulpit on Friday December 15, 2023.

Meir Abelow Family*
 Howard Feiner
 Eunice G. Kahn*
 Dorothy E. Smith*
 Augusta Abelow*
 Abraham S. Goldman*
 Sina Kowalsky
 Samuel Silverman*
 Sarah Boyer*
 Harriet Goldberg*
 Harris Lazarus*
 Sol Schneider*
 Max W. Caplan*
 Gerald Leonard Richelson*
 Anne Whitestone*
 Eli Freeman*
 Ethel S. Kowalsky*
 A. Philip Rosen*

Jennie Goldstone*
 Leopold Lewis*
 Harold Schechter*
 Meyer J. Cohen*
 Helen K. Jacobs*
 Hannah Leah Lyons*
 Charles Schechter
 Sylvia M. Cone*
 Barney Krohn*
 Faye Norwalk*
 Raymond Wolfe*
 Jacob H. Ekstein*
 Sarah R. Kowalsky*
 Sylvia B. Philipson*
 David Whitestone*
 Rebecca C Friedlander*
 Bella Kohn*
 Morris Zavotsky

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Yahrzeit observed during the week of December 23 to 29, 2023, 11 to 17 Tevet 5784. These will be read from the pulpit on Friday December 22, 2023.

Barney Abelson*
 Minnie Gusoff*
 Robert Markson
 Hyman Sitrin*
 Arthur S. Bonnett*
 Stuart Greene*
 Max Nozik
 Enid Savett
 Reba Abelow*
 Hyman Fialko*
 Eva Pollicove
 Benjamin Targer*
 Louis Cramer*
 Irving Seldin*
 Morris Rothenburg*
 Barnet Trolin*
 Samuel Cohen*
 Julia Yust*

Edward F. Jacobson*
 Rabbi S. Jacobs*
 Lawrence A. Tumposky*
 Robert Ellis*
 Bertha Glick Krohngold*
 Rabbi A H. Dolgoff*
 Arline (Osna) Trapanick*
 Else Elias
 Betty Kowalsky*
 Sarah Danzig*
 Florence Weitzman*
 Dorothy Friedlander*
 Israel Levinson*
 Jeanette Weiss Schwartz*
 Bertha Yetra*
 Joseph Galinsky*
 Esther Myers
 Harry Schnier*

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YAHREZIT OBSERVED DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 30, 2023 TO JANUARY 5, 2024, 18 TO 24 TEVET 5784. THESE WILL BE READ FROM THE PULPIT ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 29, 2023.

Harris Berger*	Roseleine Levine
Ella L. Eidelhoch*	William T. Sitrin
Adrienne Gail Kroll*	Samuel L. Baker*
Esther R. Ornest*	Ronald Grossman
Barnet Berlin*	Judson Leve*
Minnie G. Frank*	Dorothy Movsh Smith
Jennie Kamino*	Bella Cramer
David M. Philipson*	Edward W' Jacobson*
Zeld Berkowitz*	Esther Levine
Hyman Freeman*	Sara Smith*
Betty Kamino Kowalsky*	Sara Ida Comins*
Moses Rosenthal*	Hyman L. Jacobson*
Sarah Berger*	Sarah R. Nusbaum*
Jacob Goldstone*	Ruth Weitzman*
Leo Lenchner*	Anna E. Demsky
Jacob Schneider*	Pearl Kushner
Joseph Berson	Pearl G. Nathan*
Flora Glick*	Samuel Zavotsky*
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Esther B. Sanzel	Sara Greenburg

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Annual Meeting

December 6, 2023 at 4pm

1607 Genesee St, Utica, NY

Everyone is welcome!



NEWS, CLASSES, EVENTS & CALENDAR

*How good and how pleasant it is
that brothers dwell together.*

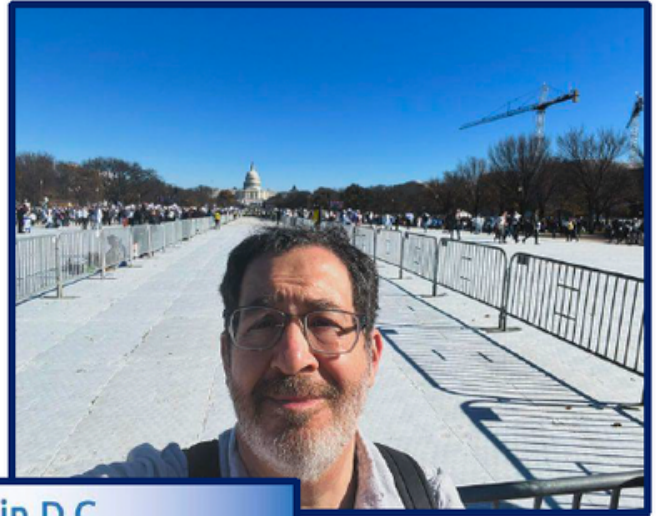
Tehilim, 133:1

הנה מה טוב ומה נעים

שבת אחים גם יחד!

תהילים קלג, א

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DECEMBER CALENDAR

All our religious services are held in person and on Zoom, except for High Holiday services (in person only)

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1 Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 p.m.	2 Shacharit leShabbat 9:30 a.m.
3	4	5 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	6 Religious School 4:15 p.m.	7 CHANUKAH 1	8 Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 p.m. Menorah Lighting CHANUKAH 2	9 Shacharit leShabbat 9:30 a.m. CHANUKAH 3
10 JCC Chanukah Dinner 5:30 a.m. CHANUKAH 4	11 CHANUKAH 5	12 CHANUKAH 6	13 CHANUKAH 7	14 CHANUKAH 8	15 Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 p.m.	16 Zoom Shacharit leShabbat 9:30 a.m.
17	18	19	20	21	22 Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 p.m.	23 Zoom Shacharit leShabbat 9:30 a.m.
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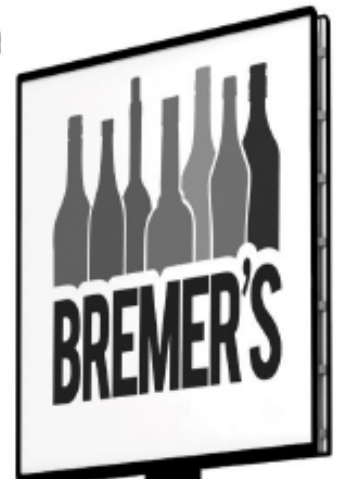
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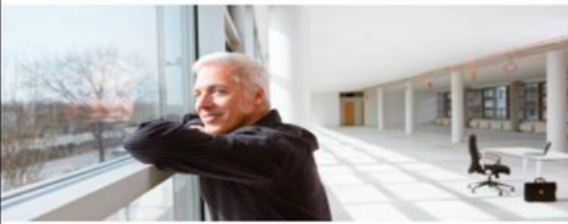
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