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Weekly Torah & Candle Lighting

Parashat Vayechi

Candle lighting: January 6th, 4:23 p.m.

Shabbat ends: January 7th, 5:29 p.m.

Parashat Shemot

Candle lighting: January 13th, 4:31 p.m.

Shabbat ends: January 14th, 5:36 p.m.

Parashat Vaera

Candle lighting: January 20th, 4:39 p.m.

Shabbat ends: January 21st, 5:44 p.m.

Parashat Bo

Candle lighting: January 27th, 4:48 p.m.

Shabbat ends: January 28th, 5:53 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.

Daylight Saving Times

Daylight saving times ends at November 6th, 2022.

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THESE ARE THE WORDS

*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

As I write this, some days ago Argentina became the world champion for the third time in the history of the World Cup of Football (soccer, for some).

There is much joy in my country. There was contentment in the streets and many people came out to celebrate their triumph.

The team has had its ups and downs, but today they put it all together on the field. Above all, they played as a team, taking advantage of each one's abilities.

Of course, I can't stop mentioning the value of Lionel Messi. He is a player that is considered to be the best of all time and has played an incredible game.

Plus, the coach? He had a simple and novel approach. He did not stay with the stars. He looked for the rookies, the potential future stars and made them part of the team, so they could demonstrate what makes them special.

This brings us to the question: what makes a person a champion? What is it that makes a team stand out from all the others? One country above the others?

This is the third World Cup that Argentina has won. It is remarkable. Does it have to do with the country? Does it have to do with Messi, Maradona, the coaches, the whole team, or is there genetics involved?

I think these questions can be answered in a number of ways, depending on the person answering them and this would be repeated with respect to various sports. How many times have you heard the expression Chosen People? I have heard many people say sincerely that the Jewish People are special. That they are the chosen ones of God and that this is why Israel is the way it is. This is why we have so many Nobel Prize winners. The fact that we were designated as the Light of the People puts us in a special situation with respect to the rest of the world.

I do not want to trivialize the history of the People of Israel by comparing them to a soccer game, but believing that we are better for the mere fact of being Jewish is as discriminatory as banning a person of color from a restaurant for the mere fact of being different.

To believe that Messi could be where he is today without having worked as hard as he has is to not understand how a team game develops beyond its abilities.

Believing that the People of Israel have some intrinsic superiority is the same. It is not to understand that the moral and ethical basis of the Torah—the written and the Oral (the Talmud)—have accompanied our people in an exercise of study for millennia. That the state of Israel has made terrible mistakes throughout its history and will continue to make them, but that the basis on which it was founded are inalienable and are always there to measure and indicate where it is necessary to return.

Are we "OR LAGOIM?" The Light for other Peoples? Yes, of course. The Torah teaches us to show an alternative for a better life and coexistence among all—not to hold us above anyone.

Are we the Chosen People? Yes, this is how the scripture teaches us. Chosen for an enormous task that is to be God's partners in Creation, improving this world in His kingdom. Added to this task is to make everyone understand that this is a good path to follow for humanity.

Is it a huge job? Yes. It is.

This is why we pass it on to our children and we keep supporting temples and schools. This is why we keep insisting on reading and studying the Hebrew language and the Torah and all the Sifrei Kodesh, our sacred books that accompany it.

Our children are our future. Between them are those who have the skills to be the champions of tomorrow. The exercise of Hebrew and the Torah is what will keep them close to their history and traditions in the future and they, too, will be able to pass them on to their children in the years to come. The study and exercise of our tradition is our daily training.

Our championship is every day, every year. Every challenge we have is when a temple is empty or a school is full. Just like with every Bar Mitzvah, chupah or Brit Milah that we celebrate.

Someone made a comparison that I find at once funny and worrisome.

The word NES (miracle in Hebrew) is written with the letter NUN and Samach.

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Each letter has a numerical value, and those two letters add up to 110.

The gematria usually compares the numerical values of words to draw conclusions. If we write in Hebrew the last name of the number 10 in Argentina, the one who plays better than anyone else, we would do it with the letters MEM, SAMACH AND YUD, which adds up to...110 as well.

Many people would draw conclusions that I think would be wrong, but I have no doubt for any miracle to happen, it takes more than a single person. A team was always needed.

For the deed of Yetziat Mitzraim, the delivery of the Torah and the entrance to the Promised Land, it was not only because of Moshe: it was because of all those who supported him and the people in general.

Messi did it with the rest of the team and the coach, working together.

We will do it the same way.

May we have a 2023 full of health, moments of happiness and the best for all of us.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

Rabbi Gustavo Geier

Happy 2023!

I would like to thank Rabbi Geier and Keri Campell as well as the parents of the Bimah Buddies! With our busy lives, it is important to take the time to share knowledge with our future generations. This group has met two times at the JCC and we thank Vic and the Federation for hosting the program. The children are looking forward to the New Year to continue learning our Jewish traditions, history and customs.

I would like to wish everyone a healthy and happy new year!

Shalom,

Marsha

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

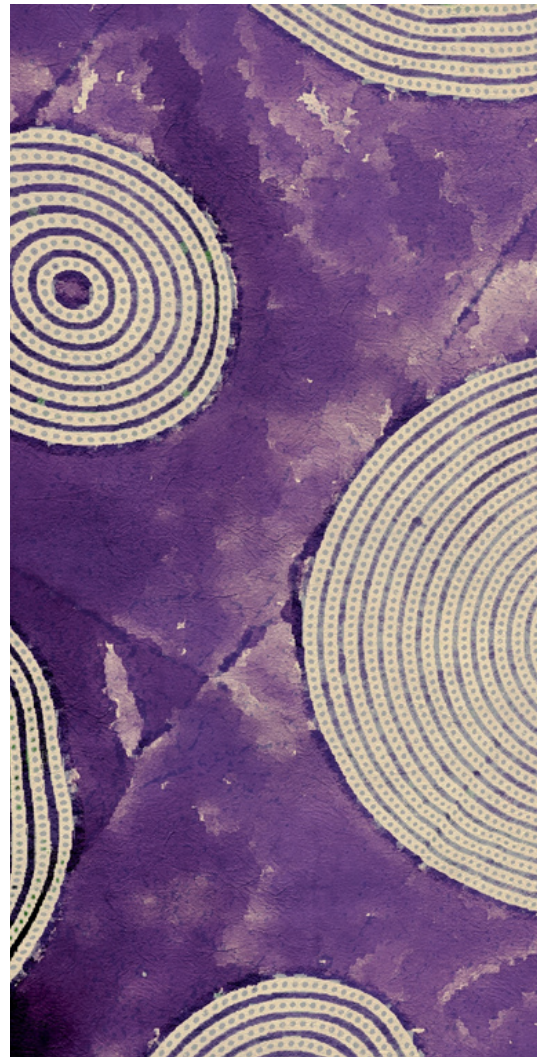
Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe the article is for the January 2023 bulletin. Time seems to move faster than ever. We have celebrated another wonderful new year's.

This has been a good year, we have stayed in the same location, at our original building at 1607 Genesee St. for the last year, it was unexpected, but we feel very much at home.

We say a very sincere mazel tov to our wonderful Rabbi Geier on being our Rabbi for a year, and for receiving his Smicha. It has been quite a year for Rabbi, and we have benefited by his journey and are honored to have shared it with him.

I would like to ask our Temple Community to join us for services on Friday at 5:30 PM and /or Saturday at 9:30 AM by ZOOM or in person. It would be nice if more of us joined Rabbi at Temple, let's try to join in the very nice sanctuary in what was our auditorium in the past. I know we are facing a Utica winter, but weather permitting let's try to get to Temple.



Thank you all for your support this year, let us hope for a happy, healthy, progressive 2023.

Stan joins me in wishing all the Temple Family the best.

Sincerely,

Mundy

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

I was reading an article that came in the mail from Rabbi Dovid Asher. I thought it was so enjoyable and appropriate for this time of year and then I thought "NO" it's not just for now it's for all the days of the year.

A smile costs nothing but gives much.
It enriches those who receive it without making
poorer those who give it.
It takes but a moment, but the memory of it
sometimes lasts forever.
None is so rich or mighty that he can get along
without it, and none is so poor that he can't be
made rich by it.
A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters
goodwill in business, and is the countersign of
friendship.
It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the
discouraged, sunshine to the sad and is nature's
best antidote for trouble.
Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or
stolen, for it is something that is of no value to
anyone until it is given away.
Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give
them one of yours, and none need a smile as much
as he who has no more to give.
Remember, a smile is just a crooked line that sets
it all straight.

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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Evy Damsky

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Warren Manning

*In memory of: Sylvia Hymes*

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SIMCHA GRAMS

Let all that breathes praise the Lord!

Halleluyah!

Tehilim, 150:6

כל הנשמה תהלל יה!

הללויה!

תהילים קנ, ו

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Lisa Zeidner_03
 Marsey Rosenblum_07
 Tara Jonas_08
 Roz Lemel_08
 Adam Oster_08
 Charles Manning_13
 Victor Pearlman_16
 Susie Zeidner_16
 Elise Feiner_17
 Jerome Socolof_18
 Shona Rosenblum_19
 Norman Neslin_21
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FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Gary and Lisa Philipson_2/7/1987



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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

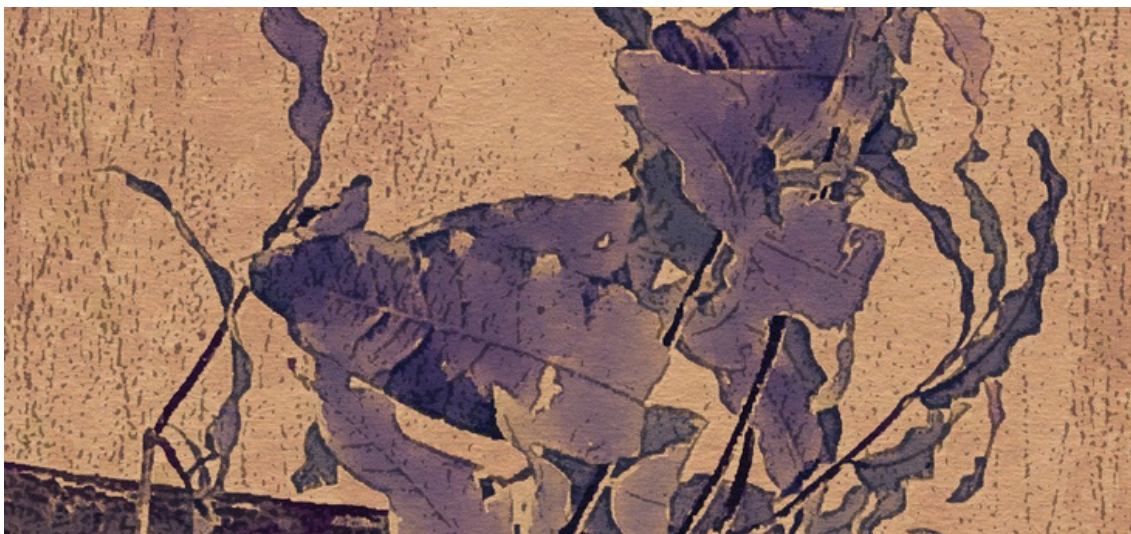
Yahrzeit observed during the week of January 7 to 13, 2023, 14 to 20 Tevet 5783

These will be read from the pulpit on Friday January 6, 2023

Barney Abelson*
 Hyman Freeman*
 Betty Kowalsky*
 Sarah Danzig*
 Arthur S. Bonnett*
 Dorothy Friedlander*
 Judson Leve*
 Hyman Sitrin*
 Reba Abelow*
 Hyman Fialko*
 Sarah R. Nusbaum*
 Sara Smith*
 Barnet Berlin*
 Irving Seldin*
 Pearl G. Nathan*
 Enid Savett
 Joseph Berson

Edward W' Jacobson*
 Esther R. Ornest*
 Barnet Trolin*
 Hattie Bloom
 Hyman L. Jacobson*
 David M. Philipson*
 Lawrence A. Tumposky*
 Robert Ellis*
 Bertha Glick Krohngold*
 Morris Rothenburg*
 Arline (Osna) Trapanick*
 Minnie G. Frank*
 Adrienne Gail Kroll*
 Rabbi S. Jacobs*
 Florence Weitzman*
 Rabbi A H. Dolgoff*
 Bertha Yetra*

*Denotes Memorial Plaque in the Sanctuary



Yahrzeit Observed During the Week of January 14 to 20, 2023, 21 to 27 Tevet 5783

These will be read from the Pulpit on Friday January 13, 2023

David Arlen*
 Anna H. Bernstein*
 Harris Berger*
 Zeld Berkowitz*
 Sarah Berger*
 Samuel L. Baker*
 Mary Sherline Blum
 Jacob Coleman*
 Bella Cramer
 Sara Ida Comins*
 Anna E. Demsky
 Robert Ellis*
 Ella L. Eidelhoch*
 Louis Freedman*
 Jacob Goldstone*
 Myron Leonard Goldstone*
 Flora Glick*
 Anna Sarah Grossman*
 Sara Greenburg
 Joshua M. Kaplan
 Jacob Krohngold*
 Helen Kaminkowitz*

Pearl Kushner
 Jennie Kamino*
 Betty Kamino Kowalsky*
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 Esther Levine
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 Charles Richards
 Jacob Schneider*
 Esther B. Sanzel
 William T. Sitrin
 Dorothy Movsh Smith
 Florence R. Sitrin*
 Karen Silverman*
 Charles Weinstein
 Bernice Weiss*
 Ruth Weitzman*
 Joseph A. Yetra*
 Samuel Zavotsky*

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**Yahrzeit Observed During the Week of January 21 to 27, 2023, 28
Tevet to 5 Shevat 5783**

These will be read from the Pulpit on Friday January 20, 2023

Morris Baker*
 Max Brooks*
 David Berger*
 Henry Berger*
 Leonard Bartnick*
 Frances Winnick Cohen
 Shaina Damsky*
 Sara Gennis*
 Pincus Grossman
 Elaine Goldstone*
 Emma Jacobson*
 Bernard Kowalsky*
 Barnet Kirshtein*
 Nathan Kowalsky*
 Adelaide G. Lumberg*
 Philip A. Lewis*
 Edith Lorig*
 Helen Levy
 Joseph S. Mintzer*
 Milton S. Manning*

Ruth Movsh*
 George Nusbaum*
 Herman Philipson*
 Sophie Rubin
 Milton Richards*
 Alice Levine Rosen
 Edward I. Shapiro*
 Charles Sumberg*
 Edward Smith* Samuel J. Smith*
 Jacob Sitrin*
 Hinda Tumposky*
 Elka Targer*
 Rachel Toffler*
 Louis J. Toffler*
 Samuel Tumposky*
 Yetta Wolfe*
 Morris Woloshin*
 Anna L. Wolfe*
 Sarah Wolf*

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**Yahrzeit Observed During the Week of January 28 to February 3,
2023, 6 to 12 Shavat 5783**

These will be read from the Pulpit on Friday January 27, 2023

Anne Alderman*
 Max Benjamin*
 Beretha Blumberg*
 David L. Cohen*
 Ida Cramer*
 Dorothy Dumain*
 Regina C. Friedlander*
 Charles Finer
 Jewel Friedlander*
 Rachel Goldenson*
 Harry Greene*
 Irving Greenfield*
 David Gross
 Harvey Harris
 Harry Kamino*
 Anna Schneider Kossof*
 Herbert Kopel*
 Fanny Lindey*
 Mary Levenson*

Sarah Levine*
 Samuel Meyers*
 Milton M. Osber*
 Max J. Philipson*
 Ethel G. Philipson*
 Frances Katzman Revitch*
 Lena Rosenthal*
 Saria Singer*
 Anna Schwartz*
 Ben Slater
 Meyer Taylor*
 Anna E. Tumposky*
 Rose Taylor*
 Louis Wineburgh*
 Eliyucum Wineburgh*
 Samuel J. Wolfe*
 Rebecca Weinstein*
 Hyman Wertheim

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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

CLASSES AT TEMPLE

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of the differences**

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*Tuesdays, 11 a.m.
or
Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.*

At Temple or on Zoom

Hebrew Language

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*Mondays, 3:30 p.m.
and
Wednesdays, 3 p.m.*

*At Temple Beth El
(in person only)*

CLASSES AT TEMPLE

Hebrew School

Our Hebrew School aims to introduce our children in the Jewish world through the learning of Hebrew Language, Jewish History and Culture. We also offer an engaging preparation for bar and bat mitzvah—all of them, steps to create a community formed by vibrating Jews.

Thursday, 5:30 p.m.

At Temple

Hebrew Kinder at JCC

Now the littlest ones from the whole Jewish Community of Utica have a new opportunity of starting their first immersion in our culture with this initiative taking place at the Jewish Community Center. Children age 4 and 5-years-old are most welcome!

Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.

At JCC

J A N U A R Y C A L E N D A R

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	2	3	4	5	6 Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 p.m.	7 Shacharit leShabbat 9:30 a.m.
8	9 Course: Hebrew Language 3:30 p.m. (in person only)	10 Course: Genesis 11:00 a.m. Hebrew Kinder 4:30 a.m. (at JCC)	11 Course: Hebrew Language 3:00 p.m. (in person only)	12 Hebrew School 5:30 p.m. (in person only) Course: Genesis 6:30 p.m.	13 Kabbalat Shabbat & Arvit 5:30 p.m.	14 Shacharit leShabbat 9:30 a.m.
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22	23 Rosh Chodesh Shevat Course: Hebrew Language 3:30 p.m. (in person only)	24 Course: Genesis 11:00 a.m. Hebrew Kinder 4:30 a.m. (at JCC)	25 Course: Hebrew Language 3:00 p.m. (in person only)	26 Hebrew School 5:30 p.m. (in person only) Course: Genesis 6:30 p.m.	27 Kabbalat Shabbat & Arvit 5:30 p.m.	28 Shacharit leShabbat 9:30 a.m.
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