

Temple Beth Sholom



The Shofar

Cheshvan/Kislev/Tevet 5781

November/December 2020

What am I Grateful For?
Jo Ann Howard, President

Here we are, the beginning of November, and the title of this article sounds like an assignment a teacher might give for journal writing. However, this is an important question to think about. With all the negativity going on around us regarding just about everything, it's time to take a deep breath, slowly breathe out, and look on a more positive side.

Let's look at some categories and note the difference in being upset and then turning it around to be grateful.

Family Members

Am I happy that I can't be with them or hug them, or celebrate a milestone...no
But I am grateful that we can be in communication through all sorts of social media and I can hear a happy voice, see a smile, notice hair that is longer, and keep up with their daily lives!

Friends

Am I happy that we can't do lots of "in person" activities...no
But I am grateful that we can wear our masks, sit on a porch, on a deck, or in a driveway, as well as being able to call, text, email, or put pictures on Facebook.

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Am I happy that our temple doors remain closed...no
But I am grateful that we have been able to continue to worship together on Zoom as well as continuing to make a difference in our community and the world with tikkun olam projects.

We are in a different time. Yes, we are all under stress and we worry, but sometimes we make our own stress and worry about everything. Keep in mind, "Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles. It takes away today's

peace.” So take a deep breath, breathe out slowly and find something to be grateful for each day.



Yahrzeits

May Their Memories Be a Blessing

November 6-7/19-20 Cheshvan

1 – Samuel Costin
2 – Beatrice Hollins Berman
2 – Milton Greenspon
2 – Stanley Singer
5 – Mollye Harris

November 13-14/26-27 Cheshvan

11 – Mary Halperin
11 – Sidney Kellam
11 – Jennie R. Macht

November 20-21/4-5 Kislev

17 – Simon Goodfriend
18 – Isaac Hollins
21 – Steven Nakdimen

November 27-28/11-12 Kislev

22 – Jacob Silverman
24 – Rabbi Benjamin Kelson
24 – Jean Kushner
27 – Blanche Stern Berman
28 – Irving Melnick

December 4-5/18-19 Kislev

30 – Michael Friedman
2 – Dora Paul Kaplan
2 – Alvin Newman
4 – Esther F. Kahn
4 – Eleanor Sager
5 – Mattie Greenberg

December 11-12/25-26 Kislev

6 – Benjamin Arthur Rippe
6 – Harvey William Sater
9 – Gerald S. Gordon
10 – Dr. Samuel R. Newman
11 – S. Harrison Kahn
12 – Mrs. Louis Kaufman

December 18-19/3-4 Tevet

14 – Sigurd Navell
15 – Fred Feibelman
15 – Hannah H. Schreibfeder
15 – Herschel M. Stendig
15 – Sophie Golub Stendig
16 – Babette K. Hoffman
16 – Nancy Koplen
18 – Florence F. Fuchs
18 – Adolph Kingoff

December 25-26/10-11 Tevet

20 – Isabel Heiner Lipman
23 – Jacob “Jack” Jason
25 – Ellis Halperin

January 1-2/17-18 Tevet

28 – Nathan Lantor
30 – Julius Novakoff
1 – Shirley Levy
1 – Ella Friedman
1 – Jacob Cohen



Temple Beth Shalom Donations

Susan and Hank Dufour – For a good year 5781 to our Temple Beth Shalom family

Sam and Faye Kushner – Remembering our dear Uncle Bob (Dr. Robert L. Kushner), beloved father, Sam Kushner, friends Bessie Klaff, Ernst Wassing, and Leonard Miller (Eileen Stendig's brother); With love and appreciation for Peter and Jo Ann, Ronnie and Steve, and Melanie and Kevin

Charles Silverman – Misheberach for my son Harris Silverman

Bernard and Belinda Baker – In honor of Ronnie Mand for always thinking of us

In Memory of Joan Newman – Bernard and Belinda Baker, Martha and Barry Berlin, Michael and Carol Caplan, Rita Dunkin, Brad and Catherine Greenberg, Mora and Michael Hecht, Jo Ann and Peter Howard, Paul and Ruth Keppler, Kimme and Mark Kittinger, Sam and Faye Kushner, Myron and Lindy Levey, Malcolm and Martha Mallery, Paul and Karen Mandel, Lois and Arnold Masinter, Ronnie and Steve Mand, Marc and Trish Newman, Miles and Cindy Newman, Carol and Bruce Nussbaum, Charles Silverman, Alan and Leslie Weiskopf



Sisterhood Building Fund Contributions

Ronnie Mand, 799-3434

Please remember the Sisterhood Building Fund for Sympathy, Mazel Tov, Thank You, and Speedy Recovery. The list is endless. Your contributions are used to beautify our temple.

In Memory of Joan Newman – Bernard and Belinda Baker, Barry Koplen, Julian Koplen, Melanie and Kevin Vaughan

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**Let's welcome Shabbat together..
Watch for your weekly invitation for Zoom.**

NOVEMBER

Friday, 6 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service – Peter Howard, Torah
Friday, 13 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service – Jo Ann Howard, Torah
Friday, 20 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service
Friday, 27 th	No Service	Happy Thanksgiving Weekend



DECEMBER

Friday, 4 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service
Friday, 11 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat/Chanukah Service
Friday, 18 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service
Friday 25 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service



WHAT'S HAPPENING in NOVEMBER and DECEMBER



Peter and Jo Ann will continue to host Shabbat services on Zoom during the months of November and December. We have a small group and hope more of you will join us on your computer, laptop, or phone. It has been exciting to have participants volunteer to do readings or lead some of the singing. And now we even have some of our congregants offering to read a few lines of Torah or present the D'var Torah. In December we'll have a Shabbat/Chanukah service. Have your Chanukah menorah ready to light! If you need a prayer book just let us know. You will receive an invitation each week in order to join the session.



Uplift another congregant's spirits by giving them a call! It only takes a few minutes and it will make a big difference in their day and yours!



Tikkun Olam: In Jewish teachings, any activity that improves the world, bringing it closer to the harmonious state for which it was created. Tikkun olam implies that while the world is innately good, Adonai purposely left room for us to improve it.. All human activities are opportunities to fulfill this mission, and every human being can be involved in tikkun olam—child or adult, student or entrepreneur, industrialist or artist, caregiver or salesperson, political activist or environmentalist, or just another one of us struggling to keep afloat.

What can we do now that we need to basically stay at home? Here are two perfect opportunities:

- **God's Storehouse** is again collaborating with Commonwealth Document Management to **Shred Out Hunger** in the Dan River Region. On Saturday, November 7, from 9 a.m. until noon, community members are invited to bring their personal documents to be shredded in exchange for donations of non-perishable canned goods at **God's Storehouse**, located at 750 Memorial Drive in Danville.

- You recently received an email from Ronnie Mand asking you to donate your gently worn, used and new shoes to the **Danville-Pittsylvania Cancer Association**. These include men's, women's and children's shoes...any style, any season. The shoes cannot have holes, stains, or be damaged in any way. They must be in resalable condition. Why? This project will not only raise funds for this vital organization, but will also support micro-enterprises which are small businesses in developing countries. They are typically operated by one person or family and friends, depending on size. Give Ronnie a call and find out when a good time would be to drop your shoes off on her front porch. Shoes should be in a bag (no boxes).



WHAT WE DID in SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER

The Fall Holidays were certainly different this year. Despite the fact that we were unable to all be together, there were services for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Simchat Torah on Zoom and YouTube to give us a little "normalcy" as we began 5781.

We hope the booklet for Yizkor was a comfort to you. Hopefully the prayers that were included were meaningful for you and allowed you to spend some quiet time thinking of family and friends.

We were able to have an outdoor Shabbat/Sukkot service on Zoom and a couple of families came to the Howard's sukkah during the week to say prayers, smell the delicious aroma of the etrog and wave the lulav.

The Torah cycle began again the weekend of October 16th. Our services have had a special touch and I would like to thank Paul Mandel for chanting from Bereshit and Gail Fisher for chanting from Noach. I enjoyed learning to chant the first two sentences from Lech Lecha!

Thank you to the ten families who contributed to our fall tzedakah project for the Boys and Girls Club. We will present them with \$697! One or two families had already made contributions prior to receiving the flyer. We thank you also for your support.



WITH OUR CONGREGATION

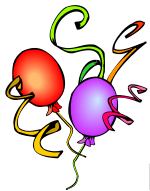
We are all saddened by the recent death of **Joan Newman**. She always loved our temple, participating in activities, coming to services (when there wasn't a Duke game, and keeping track of how everyone was doing.

Melanie and Kevin Vaughan are getting ready to start another chapter of their life by making their home in Georgia. They will be closer to family and we can all appreciate how important that can be. They will certainly be missed.

Please keep **Joe Eisenberg** in your prayers. Before he and Melissa move into their home in Danville, Joe will have heart surgery at Duke on November 11th.

Our wishes for good health are extended to **Belinda Baker, Carol Caplan, Joe Eisenberg, Faye Kushner, Lynne Loper** and **Charles Silverman**.

We know that some of our congregants become ill, have surgery, or suffer an injury between The Shofar publications, so please know that we extend a prayer of comfort and continued recovery to those who are not specifically named.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

November Birthdays: 1 – Dovie Melnick; 6 – Samantha Wills; 9 – Asher Caplan;
25 – Joan Fraifeld

November Anniversaries: 1 – Harriette and Erwin Will; 5 – Susan and Hank Dufour;
18 – Melanie and Kevin Vaughan; 18 – Michelle and Robert Fryman;
21 – Bonnie and George Brumfield; 27 – Elisabeth and Mark Stanley

December Birthdays: 16 – Steve Mand; 19 – Melissa Laverack; 21 – Charles Silverman;
23 – Danny Jason; 26 – Karen Harris; 28 – Lynne Loper; 29 – Jo Ann Howard; 30 – Alyssa Stanley

December Anniversary: Faye and Sam Kushner



Message from Ronnie Mand, Sisterhood President



As we continue into this unprecedented pandemic, I hope this finds all of you coping as well as possible and remaining safe and healthy.

Even though Sisterhood is still unable to meet, our enthusiasm for supporting our beloved temple remains steadfast.

More than ever, I encourage our members and those committed congregants to continue dropping coins in your Silver for Sisterhood box. When full (or almost), either take your coins to Jo Ann or call me or the Howards if a pick up is necessary.

Missing all of you and hoping we'll be together in the not too distant future.





Chanukah 5781/2020

The first candle is lit on December 10

Candles are added to the *hanukkiyah* (menorah) from right to left but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first. (On the Shabbat of Hanukkah, kindle the Hanukkah lights first and then the Shabbat candles.) Light the *shamash* (the helper candle) first, using it to kindle the rest of the Hanukkah lights. As you do, say or sing

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah. Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with *mitzvot*, commanding us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שְׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ
בְּיָמִים הָהֵם בְּזַמַּן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim hahaeim baz'man hazeh. Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

FOR FIRST NIGHT ONLY:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֲחַיֵּנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזַמַּן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higiyanu laz'man hazeh. Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.



HOLIDAY HUMOR



People who think "Hanukkah" is hard to spell have never seen "yarmulke" written down.



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NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2020

Danville

Martha Woody, President

Here we are, finally, with the election just days ahead. Hadassah continues its focus on civic engagement as a way to celebrate 100 years of women's suffrage, and continues its commitment to ensure that each eligible person can vote safely and without impediments. Whatever the results of this election, we will continue our efforts at tikkun olam by advocating for a fairer and more just society.

The Virginia members of the Southern Seaboard Region, along with Virginia members of the Greater Washington DC Region, planned and implemented a Zoom webinar on September 23rd with Senator Tim Kaine. Senator Kaine shared his views on US – Israel collaboration, access to health care, and anti-Semitism, among others. The Senator's staff was most helpful in pulling this effort together and it was a tremendous success! Hopefully we can establish more webinars with our other senators (both in Virginia and in North Carolina) in 2021.

These are challenging times for many reasons and most of us need a break from our pandemic predicaments. Here's something that can reenergize you for civic engagement while learning and having fun too. Here's what to do:

- Go to #HadassahVotes in your browser and register with the Hadassah Voting Team to support Hadassah's participation in Vision2020Votes, a national nonpartisan effort to encourage women's participation in this year's election. You will be assigned to the Southern Seaboard Region.
- Once registered, there are many easy and quick actions that you can take to earn points for the Southern Seaboard Region. Examples are promoting #HadassahVotes on social media and checking out your BallotGuide.
- The Southern Seaboard is currently in 3rd place among all the regions in the country in number of participants and actions taken. With a few more points we can overtake the Southern Region, currently in 2nd place. Get your competitive juices flowing and let all of Hadassah know that the Southern Seaboard Region is small but mighty!

Your board members are currently working on our chapter's annual plan for 2021. If you have suggestions for virtual programs or other activities for the coming year, please contact one of us and let us know. As always, thank you for the many ways that you support Hadassah through "the power of women who do"!

What's Happening in our Danville Chapter



Angels of Mercy – This year’s campaign is well underway and we will be putting the Thanksgiving Day thank you ad together very soon. If you have not already sent in your contribution, please let us know **immediately** via this email that your check is on the way so that we will not miss listing your name. If you lost your envelope, send your check, payable to Hadassah, to Ronnie Mand, 235 Brandon Court, Danville, VA 24541. Remember, if you haven’t given in the past, this is a perfect time to become an integral part of the incredible efforts Danville Handassah makes through their fundraising efforts to contribute to the health and welfare of people worldwide. Thank you in advance for your support!



Birthday/Anniversary Cards –What a wonderful way to remember family and friends on their anniversaries and/or birthdays and at the same time support the Youth Aliyah villages. Chairman Dawne Lucas has sent out the information which you should receive any day now. Be sure to complete both sides of the form and send it along with your check (made payable to Hadassah) to Dawne no later than December 4th so that the January cards can be sent out on time.



New Year Card 5781 – This was a wonderful way to remember Hadassah family and friends. Our numbers increased this year and we surpassed our goal for Young Judaea scholarships! Thank you to Carol Caplan for chairing this project and thank you to the 39 families that welcomed 5781 by participating.

Rays of Hope and Celebration



Our Danville members continue to “light” menorahs and share their sentiments. You too can participate throughout the year when you would like to share your feelings, events taking place, or just because. Each menorah is just \$18. Make your check payable to Hadassah and mail along with your sentiments, to Jo Ann Howard, 326 Rosemary Lane, Danville, VA 24541. Looking forward to hearing from you!



Ronnie Mand

I light this entire menorah in honor of Lindy Levey's 70th birthday
7 candles – one for each decade
1 candle – for being the best sister ever
1 candle – for many, many more happy and healthy birthdays



Jo Ann Howard

I light this entire menorah in honor and in memory of Deborah Roseman
For her ultimate compassion for others
For her unending desire to repair the world
For her work for equality for all in every aspect you can imagine
For her love of friends and family
For teaching her children to think of something to be grateful for each day
For her laugh...one you can never forget
For the way she could just be herself and enjoy life
For her young life of 43 years which was taken much too soon

Let's be reminded about what makes Hadassah so special

An Oasis of Peace

By Ellen Hershkin, Past National Hadassah President



To many, the term “Middle East peace” represents the impossible dream, if not the ultimate contradiction in terms. But there is a place in the region where Jews, Muslims and Christians meet peacefully every day on the basis of shared concerns and a sense of humanity.

It’s not a country, though it is older than many of the nations in the vicinity. Nor is it a mirage, though the desert is within view.

It’s the Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem... In the corridors, waiting areas, operating theaters, examination rooms, gardens and cafeterias of the center’s two hospital campuses, doctors, nurses and technicians of different faiths and ethnicities work together. Patients and visiting families reflecting the same diversity rub shoulders, speak with sympathy, and often celebrate, pray or mourn side by side.

For Hadassah, The Women’s Zionist Organization of America, Inc. (HWZOA), which founded the medical center in 1918, equal treatment for all is an expression of Jewish ethics. But it’s not an exclusively Jewish value. “It’s an oath between me and God, that I’m going to help anyone, with no bias, not race, gender or religion, just as a human,” says Dr. Shaden Salameh, head of the emergency room at Hadassah’s Mount Scopus hospital campus—the first Arab woman to hold such a position in Israel.

Peaceful coexistence is practical as well as moral. “Israel has a lot of tension and when you present a [medical] team that has people from all walks of life it calms things down,” observes Dr. Hadar Merhav, director of the transplantation unit at the medical center’s Ein Kerem hospital campus and a Jewish native of Jerusalem. Dr. Merhav routinely works with Dr. Abed Khalaileh, director of kidney transplantation and a Palestinian native of the city. Last year NBC News reported on a liver transplant the physicians performed together involving a Jewish donor and an Arab recipient.