

Temple Beth Sholom



The Shofar

Cheshvan/Kislev/Tevev 5786

November/December 2025

A Prayer with Hope for Tomorrow

Shared by Jo Ann Howard, President

Every Shabbat that we worship together we recite the prayer below. May we each do our part to make this prayer a reality in whatever ways we can. Let us make our voices heard not only in prayer, whether in letters, rallies, or small group discussions.

GRANT US PEACE, Your most precious gift,

O Eternal Source of peace.

And give us the will to proclaim its message
to all the peoples of the earth.

Bless our country as a safeguard of peace,
its advocate among the nations.

May contentment reign within our borders,
health and happiness within our home.

Strengthen the bonds of friendship and fellowship
among all the inhabitants of every land.

Plant virtue in every soul,
and may the love of Your Name hallow every home and every heart.
Praised are You, Eternal One, who blesses our people with bless.

Amen and Amen

Yahrzeits

May Their Memories Be a Blessing

November 7-8/16-17 Cheshvan

1 – Samuel Costin

2 – Beatrice Hollins Berman

2 – Milton Greenspon

2 – Stanley Singer

5 – Mollye L. Harris

16 Cheshvan – Milton Eisner

November 14-15/23-24 Cheshvan

11 – Mary Halperin

11 – Sidney Kellam

11 – Jennie R. Macht

November 21-22/1-2 Kislev

17 – Simon Goodfriend

18 – Isaac Hollins

21 – Steven Nakdimen

22 – Jacob Silverman

November 28-29/8-9 Kislev

24 – Rabbi Benjamin Kelson

24 – Jean Kushner

27 – Blanche Stern Bermann

27 – Azriel Mayer Kurtz

28 – Irving Melnick

December 5-6/15-16 Kislev

30 – Michael Friedman

2 – Dora Paul Kaplan

2 – Alvin Newman

4 – Esther F. Kahn

4 – Eleanor Sager

5 – Mattie Greenberg

6 – Benjamin Arthur Rippe

6 – Harvey William Sater

December 12-13/22-23 Kislev

9 – Gerald S. Gordon

10 – Dr. Samuel R. Newman

11 – S. Harrison Kahn

12 – Mrs. Louis Kaufman

December 19-20/29-30 Kislev

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 (Fox)

18 – Adolph Kingoff

20 – Isabel Heiner Lipman

December 26-27/5-7 Tevet

23 – Jacob Jason

25 – Ellis Halperin

January 2-3/13-14 Tevet

28 – Nathan Lantor

30 – Julius Novakoff

When lighting the Yahrzeit candle, you can recite the following prayer:

The human soul is a light from God.

**May it be your will that the soul of (insert name) enjoy eternal life,
along with the souls of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah,
and the rest of the righteous that are in Gan Eden. Amen**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Let's welcome Shabbat together in the chapel at First Presbyterian Church

NOVEMBER

Friday, 7 th	Shabbat Service not scheduled	
Friday, 14 th	7:30 pm	Shabbat Service
Friday, 21 st	7:30 pm	Shabbat Service
Friday, 28 th	Shabbat Service not scheduled Enjoy your Thanksgiving weekend with family and friends!	



DECEMBER

Friday, 5 th	7:30 pm	Shabbat Service
Friday 12 th	7:30 pm	Shabbat Service
Sunday 14 th	First night of Chanukah at the Howard's Flyer to be sent out	
Friday, 19 th	Shabbat Service not scheduled	
Friday 26 th	Shabbat Service not scheduled	





WITH OUR CONGREGATION

(If you would like information printed in this section, please let Jo Ann know.)

Our wishes for good health are extended to **Bernard Baker, Mira Becher, Carol Caplan, Joe Eisenberg, Eddy Fraifeld, Larry Golsen, Faye Kushner, Melissa Laverack, Ronnie Mand, Don Loper, Debbie Rippe, and Kathy Sahale.**



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Yom Huledet Sameach/Yom Nisui Sameach – Happy Birthday/Happy Anniversary to you:

November Birthdays: 1 – Dovie Melnick; 8– Samantha Wills; 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; 26 – Karen Harris;
29 – Jo Ann Howard; 30 – Alyssa Stanley

December Anniversary: 26 – Faye and Sam Kushner



“Attention is the rarest and purest form of generosity.”

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



Temple Beth Shalom Donations

Please remember the Building Fund for such things as Sympathy, Mazel Tov, Thank You, and Speedy Recovery. The list is endless. Your contribution will brighten someone's day and help support **YOUR** temple at the same time!

Jack and Lynn Silverman – In memory of Mildred Barth

Lisa and Dan Barzel – In memory of Mildred Barth

Joan and Eddy Fraifeld – In memory of Mildred Barth; In appreciation of the donations and well wishes for Eddy's recovery

Sam and Faye Kushner – We wish to commemorate the yahrzeits of the following friends and family: Beloved Aunt Louise Kushner, and Uncle Robert L. Kushner; Dear friends Joel Singer and Joan Newman; Beloved father, Sam Kushner

Tom Belles – a gift for the Sanctuary Fund

Bernard and Belinda Baker – Thank you to the choir for their beautiful music during the High Holy Days – very moving and deeply appreciated

Eddy Fraifeld – Thank you to all who wrote such nice notes or made calls of support

Cherson and Kaplan Family – In memory of Mildred Barth

Janet and Richard Livingston – In memory of Mildred Barth

A Little Humor is Good for the Soul!

So...here are some laughs for Chanukah

A survey was carried out to find what percentage of people celebrate
Chanukah!
It turns out its a small Menorah-ty.

What do you call a menorah in armor?
A knight-light.

What's the best thing to put into the sufganiyot?
Your teeth.

Nathan begs his father, "Daddy, can we get a Hanukkah bush?" after admiring
the Christmas trees displayed in his neighbors' windows.

"What? Of course not," his father responds.

"Why not?" Nathan asks again.

A little agitated, his father replies, "Well, Nathan, the last time we had
dealings with a bush that was lit up, we spent 40 years in the wilderness."

How do you drive a Chanu-car?
Easy, just start out with the lat-keys.

Last, but not least, an all time favorite:

A Jewish man and a Chinese man were chatting.

The Jewish man commented on what a wise people the Chinese are. "Yes, our
culture is over 4,000 years old. But you Jews are a very wise people, too." The
Jewish man replied, "Yes, our culture is over 5,000 years old." The Chinese man
couldn't believe it. "That's impossible," he replied. "Where did your people eat
for a thousand years?"



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Editor's Note: I am sorry for the delay in sending out this newsletter.

Martha sent this article on time. Jo Ann Howard

As I am writing this message in the first week of November, the period of the Jewish holidays from Rosh Hashanah to Simchat Torah is in the rearview mirror. Speeding toward us are the civil/Jewish/Christian holidays: Thanksgiving, Chanukah (my preferred spelling), Christmas, and the New Year of 2026. Wasn't it just yesterday that we ushered in 2025? It's enough to make your head spin!

As I take note of these celebrations, I am aware that there may be little to gladden our hearts in terms of what's happening in our own country and the status of the Israeli – Gaza conflict. The rise of antisemitism and a shift towards autocracy, in the U.S. and elsewhere, are more than troubling. And the news from the Middle East can induce whiplash: some good news like the release of hostages who are still alive and the (admittedly fragile) ceasefire alternating with ongoing reports of violence and searching for the bodies of dead hostages.

To quote our *fearless leaders "the cure is (Hadassah) action"! And our small but mighty chapter has continued to shine in terms of programming and fundraising. Our well-known Angels of Mercy campaign is coming to a close and we are on track to exceed our goal of \$14,000. This fundraiser stands out in Hadassah as one of the few where the donations come primarily from the non-Jewish population. As a consequence, not only does the Hadassah Medical Organization receive needed support, but we raise awareness in our wider community of the good work that is done there.

You should by now have received your invitation to participate in our birthday/anniversary card project that benefits Hadassah's Youth Aliyah villages, Neurim and Meir Shfeyah. Please be timely in filling out the form and returning it to Dawne Howard Lucas, our Youth Aliyah chair. The Youth Aliyah villages provide essential services to at-risk children so that they can thrive, and they need our support. Be generous!

Of course, it's not all about fundraising. The Danville board recently developed a preliminary plan for our chapter activities in 2026. The first trimester focuses on empowerment and will include Day on the Hill activities when our members speak with legislators and their staff about issues of particular concern to Hadassah, so stay tuned for more advocacy programming. The second trimester focuses on pride and celebration, and we hope to provide some opportunities for exploring the many aspects of Jewish identity. Finally, the third trimester emphasizes reflection and renewal, and we look forward to the High Holy Days of 5787, and the 76th year of our Angels of Mercy campaign. If you have any suggestions for Hadassah Zoom programs that you would be interested in, please send them to me at rfbmmw@comcast.net.

Many thanks for all you do to support Hadassah and our chapter! Wishing you a happy Thanksgiving and happy Chanukah as well –

Martha Woody, President
Hadassah Danville

*Gail Moskowitz and Sharon Goretsky



After Hurricane Melissa, Israeli Crisis Response Team Saves Children's Lives in Jamaica

To help Jamaica in the aftermath of Hurricane Melissa — the most severe storm ever to hit the Caribbean island — the Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) sent a pediatric emergency team to Jamaica. Dr. Lea Sarna Cahan, a senior physician in the Pediatric ER at Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem, and Nurse Mor Ben-Simon from the HMO pediatric department, joined the Israeli delegation organized by Israel's Ministry of Health and the Government of Israel. "When two Jamaican hospitals collapsed, emergency patients were redirected to the hospitals that remained operational. The HMO team worked shoulder-to-shoulder with doctors and staff in the ER," said Dr. Sarna Cahan. "Each of us is, in a way, a goodwill ambassador from Israel, and it's a great privilege to take part in such meaningful humanitarian work in a country that has just experienced such a devastating disaster."

Dr. Cahan also shared details about one patient, a young girl who arrived in the ER in severe abdominal distress. "She was quickly diagnosed and stabilized," she said, "thanks in part to the ultrasound device we brought from Hadassah to Jamaica."

"The workload is immense, and it was extremely difficult for them to manage on their own," said Ben-Simon. "We're working around the clock- but it's worth every minute."

Dr. Cahan highlights the connection that quickly formed with patients — not just to the medical team but to Israel: "It's incredibly moving when patients I've treated and discharged — who can't remember my name — come back to say, 'Hey Israel, thank you!' before leaving the ER with a smile."

Hadassah Statement on Anti-Israel Resolution Before Congress

New

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

NEW YORK, NY — Carol Ann Schwartz, National President of **Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America**, made the following statement in response to the introduction of H.Res.876, "Recognizing the Genocide of the Palestinian People in Gaza," by Representative Rashida Tlaib on November 14:

"Hadassah is concerned by Representative Rashida Tlaib's newly-introduced resolution, which perpetuates dangerous lies about Israel, citing reports from the biased UN Commission of Inquiry, whose leaders have repeatedly trafficked in antisemitic statements and falsehoods.

"This irresponsible and dangerous resolution seeks to blame and delegitimize Israel without once mentioning that the Jewish state was forced to defend itself from Hamas after the brutal attack of October 7, 2023, when terrorists murdered Israeli civilians, weaponized sexual violence, and kidnapped 250 hostages many of whom were sexually abused, tortured and killed. The resolution fails to mention that Hamas terrorists repeatedly used Gazan civilians as human shields, stole aid meant for civilians and hid weapons and even terrorists in civilian buildings, including schools and hospitals.

"We call on members of Congress from both sides of the aisle to oppose this grossly misleading resolution and continue to speak out against this blatantly biased and false narrative at a time when the Jewish community faces a continuing escalation in antisemitism and violence."

**This is a time we should also make our voices
heard!**

Hadassah Danville's Year-end Projects



Angels of Mercy – Our 75th Angels of Mercy campaign is coming to an end.

We have surpassed our goal and the actual total will be celebrated in our next newsletter. Our chapter's fundraising efforts have certainly made a difference in the lives of so many patients...whether it's through excellent patient care or the research of our dedicated doctors, nurses, and scientists. Thank you to all of you who have supported our Angels of Mercy project. If you haven't sent a check, do so **today** and it will be counted on our 2025 contributions!



Birthday/Anniversary Cards –What a wonderful way to remember family

and friends on their anniversaries and/or birthdays and at the same time support our two Youth Aliyah villages in Israel. You should have your card list by now, so if you haven't returned it yet, please take time and do it **today**.

Remember, it's just \$1.00 for each name you select, and if you choose less than 18, we ask for a minimum donation of \$18.00. For those of you who don't like to write checks, there is a code on the letter Dawne sent to you.

Meet Sergei

Sergei started 9th grade at Hadassah Neurim soon after arriving from Moscow. He described himself as an "uninhibited boy" who had not attended school nor learned the most basic skills. Although clearly a smart kid, his integration into the village was not easy. Sergei was constantly engaging in risky behavior, including the use of dangerous substances. Then, at the beginning of 10th grade, Sergei began taking part in Neurim programs — surfing, art and a theater group. Soon he began putting real effort into his studies and began to excel.

Last year, he began exercising in the gym, in large part so he'll be in good shape for his upcoming military service — he hopes to volunteer for an elite IDF unit. In his final year at Neurim, Sergei plans to study in the pre-military preparatory course "Lachish-Strings," as well as volunteer on the village animal farm.