

**May 2024
Bulletin**



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**In honor of my granddaughter, Alyse Whitney, having her first book
published in April "Big Dip Energy" by *Ina Bellis***

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Letter from Rabbi Friedman:

As we begin May, it feels clear that our seasons have shifted. In addition to the end of Pesach, the beginning of this month has corresponded with several exceptionally sunny days. I hope that in the weeks to come we will all have many opportunities to absorb the warmth and light of the Springtime.

We ushered in Springtime with robust communal celebrations of Passover! In addition to services on the first morning of the holiday, we gathered a great group to learn and sing ancient Psalms of praise the 7th day of the holiday and then a larger group on the 8th and final day to daven together and to remember our loved ones who have passed on from this world through Yizkor.

Now, we find ourselves in the period of our people's calendar called Sefirat haOmer. For seven weeks from the second day of Passover until the Summer festival of Shavuot, we count each day and we strive to prepare ourselves to be able to receive the Torah anew during Shavuot (this year June 11-13). While the Omer always corresponds with warming weather that naturally warms our hearts, our tradition also teaches that this is a season of mourning.

Almost 2000 years later, we remember a horrific plague which claimed the lives of 24,000 students of Torah who were disciples of the great Rabbi Akiva. It is for this reason that we traditionally do not arrange weddings in this time of the year. This year, my personal sense of mourning was amplified since we lost a member and leader in our community (Moirah Shirvan a"h) over the intermediate days of Passover and laid her to rest the day following.

Of course, my heart is also burdened by the ongoing war in which our people is mired in Gaza and that has become increasingly complicated in this past month due to the attack from Iran, protest movements, and more. I am sure that many of you share in this experience of a heart burdened by the unfolding events in Israel, Gaza, and around the world. May we see soon a peaceful end to this war along with a return of all those being held captive.

Though this entire month to come will be within the period of the Omer, we can look forward to many meaningful and joyous opportunities to gather in community together especially over Shabbat in the weeks to come. I hope this month will provide me with the time to connect with more of you, valued members of our local Jewish community with whom I have yet to grow a relationship. Please, do not hesitate to be in touch with me if you would like to get to know one another or to continue to do so! May this Spring season enable us to see the blooming and blossoming of flowers and relationships alike here in the Southern Tier!

Congregational News

Condolences to:

Ben & Susan Kasper and family on the passing of Ben's brother
Hirschel Kasper

Nancy Wulwick Basmann on the passing of her husband Robert Basmann

To the family and friends of Moira Shirvan on her passing

Get Well Wishes to:

Jeff Shapiro, Ann Spitz, Barbara (Bobbi) Markowitz, Marcia Hofstein,
Damian Osisek

Mazel Tov to:

Ina Bellis on the publishing of her granddaughter Alyse Whitney's
first book *Big Dip Energy*

Jeff & Ruth Shapiro on their son Lee's marriage to Emma Wallace
on May 4th

A message from Moira Shirvan while she was recuperating from her surgery, to the Temple Israel community:

Even though I'm not quite back in the swing of things, I hope to be soon, but I don't want the thanks I owe the Temple Israel community to wait any longer.

Mere words don't even come close to express the gratitude I feel for all the "get well" wishes I've received in all forms.

A special shout out must go to Carol Engel-Mason, Judy Simon and Steve Malkin, all of whom I could not have done without to speed my recovery, while not to discount the importance of everyone that has been there for me.

Congratulations of our April lottery fundraiser winner

**Mary Ann Ondrako, Bonnie Brown,
Darcy Paul, Diana Weiss**

		May		2024			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			1	2	3	4	
				Yom Hashoah program at TI 6:30pm	Happy Birthday Sivan Bock Services 5:30pm Light candle 7:48pm	Happy Anniversary Jeff & Robin Greenblott Happy Birthday Jay Green Alex Kaminsky Shabbat services 9:30am Havdalah 9:00pm	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Happy Birthday Marilyn Kent-Cohen	Tammy vacation Office hours 2-4pm	Tammy vacation Happy Birthday Jonathan Weiss minyan 5:30pm Executive Board meeting 7pm	Tammy vacation Happy Birthday Judy Simon	Tammy vacation Office hours 2-4pm Happy Birthday Emma Goldberg Hannah Goldberg	Tammy vacation Happy Birthday Rabbi Geoffrey Brown Services 5:30pm Light candle 7:55pm	Shabbat services 9:30am Havdalah 9:15pm	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Mother's Day Happy Birthday Bill Weber	Tammy vacation Office hours 2-4pm Happy Birthday Charlie Pladek	Happy Birthday Len Feld Jerry Heller minyan 5:30pm Prayers Discussion Group 6pm	Ritual Committee mtg 10am	Happy Anniversary Loren & Marlene Wolsh	Happy Anniversary Howard & Betty Warner Services 5:30pm Light candle 8:03pm	Happy Anniversary Michael & Wendy Wolff Shabbat services 9:30am Havdalah 9:15pm	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
Happy Birthday Dorie Osisek Roy Paston	Happy Anniversary Ron & Linda Sambursky	Happy Birthday Diana Weiss minyan 5:30pm Board of Trustees meeting 7pm	Happy Birthday Edyce Wyman	Happy Birthday Jeff Feinberg Rochelle Goldberg	Services 5:30pm Light candle 8:09pm	Happy Anniversary Jason & Kim Weinstein Shabbat services 9:30am Havdalah 9:30pm	
26	27	28	29	30	31		
	Memorial Day Office closed Happy Anniversary Damian & Dorie Osisek	Happy Anniversary Hadassah & Jeffrey Mativetsky minyan 5:30pm		Happy Anniversary Jonathan & Kerri Weinstein Happy Birthday Meg Leja Art Siegel	Happy Birthday Kathy Hurwitz Dave Tanenhaus Sisterhood Shabbat Services 5:30pm Light candle 8:15pm		

Contributions

General Fund

For the Yahrzeit of...

Barbara Bograd by Marilyn Bell
Celia Pearis by Herbert Kline
Burton Blazar by Jennifer & Jim Schutzer
Zelda Lowy by Ann Spitz & Charlie Pladek
Sarah Flaggman by Marcia Brown
Sarah E. Bronsky by Shirley Bronsky, Edwin Bronsky
Donald Bronsky by Edwin Bronsky
Morris I. Bronsky by Edwin Bronsky
Anna Kurson by Roy & Sandra Paston
Gerald Paston by Roy & Sandra Paston

In memory of...

Barbara Schapiro by Joyce Sambursky, Dick & Lori Lewis, Don & Barbara Zelter, Sandy Shapiro
Hirschel Kasper by Alan & Julie Piaker, Mark & Shelley Hubal, Len & Naoma Feld, Howard & Bonnie Brown, Art & Suzanne Siegel, Larry & Kathy Hurwitz, Marilyn Bell, Ilene Pinsker & Ron Sacks, Lynne Green, Anonymous, Dick & Lori Lewis, Jim & Beverly Novak
Celia Goldstein by David & Larry Goldstein
Esther Marcovski Channin by David Channin
Robert Basmann by Anonymous
Moira Shirvan by Fred & Sandra Weitsman, Roy & Sandra Paston, Lynne Green, Jeff & Ruth Shapiro, Anonymous

In honor of...

Neil & Sima Auerbach's 60th anniversary by Alan & Julie Piaker
Don & Barbara Zelter's new home by Len & Naoma Feld
Dick Lewis by Roy & Sandra Paston

Robin & Jeff Greenblott's anniversary by Marlene & Steven Resnick
Charles & Susan Gilinsky's birthdays by Marilyn Bell
Don Zelter's special birthday by Marcy Cohen, Mimi & Dan Bartschi, Joel & Heidi Thirer, Roy & Sandra Paston

Speedy recovery to...

Marcia Hofstein by Marilyn Bell, Roy & Sandra Paston
Damian Osisek by Marilyn Bell

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of...

Barbara Schapiro by Julie Dragat
Hirschel Kasper by Steve & Sandra Malkin, Judy & Irwin Simon

For the Yahrzeit of...

Jerome Seidel by Fran & Joseph Newmark

In honor of...

Donald A. & Shirley L. Bronsky by Nancy Schnur

Kiddush Fund

Speedy recovery to...

Jeff Shapiro by Jim Mason & Carol Engel-Mason
Ann Spitz by Jim Mason & Carol Engel-Mason
Moira Shirvan by Jim Mason & Carol Engel-Mason

In memory of...

Hirschel Kasper by Debra Martinez

In honor of...

Rabbi Friedman's birthday by Jim Mason & Carol Engel-Mason

For the Yahrzeit of...

Richard Mendelson by Sue Austenfeld

Mitzvah Corps

For the Yahrzeit of...

Doris Engel by Jim Mason & Carol Engel-Mason
Gregorita Martinez by Debra Martinez
Leon Weisslender by Ruth & Jeff Shapiro
Jerome Seidel by Fran & Joseph Newmark

Landscaping Fund

In honor of...

Don Zelter's special birthday by Arlene Osber & Matty Epstein
Fern Sternberg's special birthday by Dave & Teri Tanenhaus and family

In memory of...

Hirschel Kasper by Al Lavker, Hersh & Beverly Rozen
Moira Shirvan by Arlene Osber, Hersh & Beverly Rozen, Al Lavker

Speedy recovery to...

Marcia Hofstein by Arlene Osber

Rabbi Hurwitz Fund

For the Yahrzeit of...

Michele Turnbull by Tony Turnbull

Adult Library

In memory of...

Hirschel Kasper by Ann Cohen

Children's Library

For the Yahrzeit of...

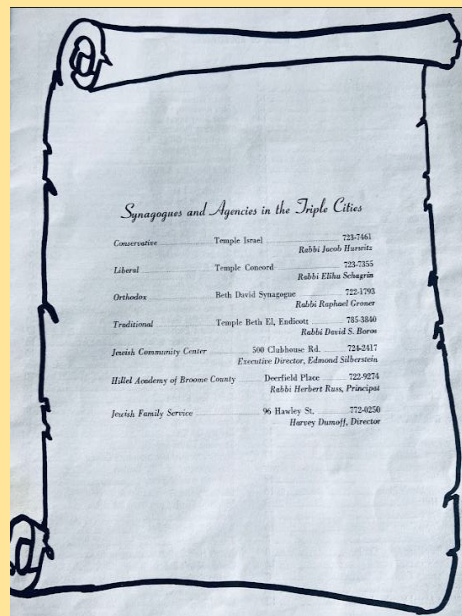
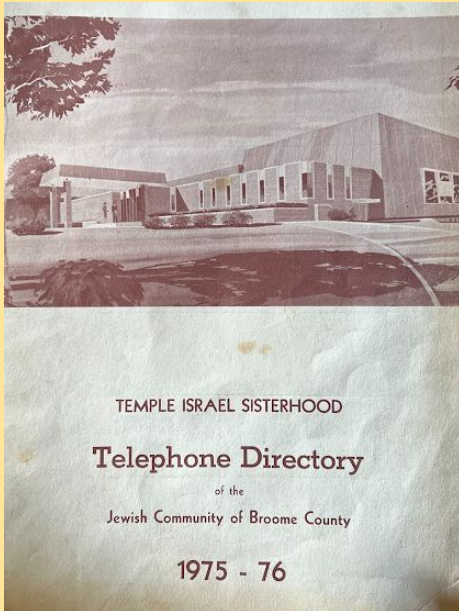
Neil Gabay by Sima & Neil Auerbach



Steve Gilbert: From the Temple Israel Archives

If you were a Jew moving to Greater Binghamton, say in 1975, you would soon learn about the Telephone Directory of the Jewish Community of Broome County, painstakingly compiled by the Temple Israel Sisterhood, and published by Temple Israel. It included a complete listing of names, addresses, and phone numbers of known Jewish residents of our area, listings for all of the synagogues and Jewish agencies, and a plethora of sponsored advertisements from local businesses and institutions. The latest, and almost certainly last edition of the Telephone Directory was published in 2013, when cell phones--whose numbers most people do not wish to be published--had already supplanted traditional telephones for many people. That trend, of course, is today nearly complete.

Below are the cover and first page of the 1975 edition of the Telephone Directory found in our Archives Room.



Conservative	Temple Israel	723-7461
	Rabbi Jacob Hurwitz	
Liberal	Temple Concord	723-7355
	Rabbi Elihu Schagrin	
Orthodox	Beth David Synagogue	722-1793
	Rabbi Raphael Groner	
Traditional	Temple Beth El, Endicott	785-3840
	Rabbi David S. Boros	
Jewish Community Center	500 Clubhouse Rd.	724-2417
	Executive Director, Edmond Silberstein	
Hillel Academy of Broome County	Deerfield Place	722-9274
	Rabbi Herbert Russ, Principal	
Jewish Family Service	96 Hawley St.	772-0250
	Harvey Dumoff, Director	

The Caring Community

Please inform the Rabbi:

If your health condition changes, you undergo a medical procedure, are hospitalized, you move to an assisted living facility or rehab, or if you are aware of anyone in our congregation who needs attention.

MAY 2024 YAHRZEITS

May 1 - 7

Natalie Grumet observed by *Lori Schapiro*
Sarah Bronsky* observed by *Shirley Bronsky*
Esther Marcovski Channin observed by *David Channin*
Bob Tobias observed by *Andrea Tobias Kostick*
Harry Wische observed by *Elliot Brodsky*
Anna Kurson* observed by *Sandra Paston*
Marjorie Weiss* observed by *Jonathan Weiss*
William Joseph Sorkin observed by *Sharon Sorkin*
Erna Maas observed by *Jane Maas*
Sylvia Mirvis* observed by *Robin Greenblott*
Ronald Aigen observed by *Marilyn Aigen*
Samuel L. Kasper observed by *Ben Kasper*
Shepard Warner observed by *Howard Warner*

May 8 - 16

Anne Brown observed by *Howard Brown*
Donald Roberts observed by *Barbara Roberts*
Herb Hotchner observed by *Elissa Brown*
Pamela Lavker observed by *Al Lavker*
Jose Martinez observed by *Debra Martinez & Michael Martinez*
Celia Pearis* observed by *Herbert Kline*
Samuel Green observed by *Lynne Green, Stuart Green*
Nathalie Kaufer observed by *Naoma Feld*
Leonard Cohen* observed by *Ann Cohen*
Florence Drazen observed by *Shelley Drazen*
Alexander Schweiger* observed by *Arlene Osber*

May 17 - 23

Marvin Tanenhaus* observed by *David Tanenhaus*
Edith Feinberg* observed by *Jeffrey Feinberg*
Vivian Sall observed by *Ron Sall*
Craig Seitel observed by *Kathy Seitel West*
Ana Rubin observed by *Hyman Rubin*
Ida Shapiro* observed by *Sandy Shapiro*
Henrietta Kletsky observed by *Debra Martinez*
Sylvia Kostick observed by *Richard Kostick*
Michael Robert Weissberg observed by *Jonathan Weissberg*
Ida Epstein observed by *Marvin Easton, Ivy Oretskin*
Rona Loiederman observed by *Barbara Roberts*
Maurice Sall observed by *Ron Sall*

May 24-31

Milton Bronsky* observed by *Judy Agata, Gary Kaganowich*
Dr. Stewart Bauman observed by *David Tanenhaus*
David Guter* observed by *Marvin Guter*
Frances Hofstein observed by *Marcia Hofstein*
Jay Levitt* observed by *Susan Levitt*
Steven Stein observed by *Francine Stein*
Beatrice Beilin observed by *Marcy Cohen*
Harry Weintraub* observed by *David Weintraub*
Shyndell Hana Weisner observed by *Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu*
Samuel Cohen* observed by *Marcy Cohen*
Samuel Levine observed by *Sue Austenfeld*

An asterisk(*) indicates that the name has a memorial plaque in the Sanctuary.

If you wish to recite Mourner's Kaddish during a weekday service, other than Tuesday or Friday, please contact the Temple Israel office. A notice will be sent to the congregation to make up a Minyan. It would be helpful if you contact us two weeks prior to the date.