Congregation Shaarai Shomayim





From the Rabbi Jack P. Paskoff

With grateful thanks to all those who made the last four months run smoothly— from ritual to kitchen, Sh'arim to security, administration to community; and took care of all the myriad little details we didn't realize we'd need to take care of ourselves, we welcome Rabbi Paskoff back to Shaarai Shomayim.

Welcome back, Jack!

This column is all yours, again.

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March 28
Torah study & Shabbat service 9 a.m.

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March 29 Sh'arim Yom Choice

Coming in April... save the dates!

Passover begins with 1st night seder on Wednesday, April 8

Brotherhood will host the annual 2nd night seder on the 9th.

The sign up form for 2nd night will be available online; if you need a hard copy, please contact the Temple office.

First day of Pesach Holiday morning service on Thursday, April 9, 10:00.

Last day of Pesach Holiday morning service & Yizkor, Wednesday, April 15, 10:00

THE TEMPLE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED BOTH DAYS.

THERE WILL BE NO SH'ARIM ON WEDNESDAYS April 8 & 15 and SUNDAY APRIL 12.

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Our Temple Family

Important Notification

If you or a member of your family is hospitalized, it may take as long as 48 hours for the Chaplain's office to notify us, especially if it is overnight or a weekend.

You can contact the office, office@shaarai.org or 717-397-5575, or email Rabbi Paskoff directly at jpaskoff@shaarai.org if you hear about a congregant in the hospital.



To Mindy & Dale Rosenberg, grandparents and Ronna & Harvey Rosenberg, great grandparents, on the birth of Madeline Rose Pasake on January 10, 2020. Madeline is the daughter of Meredith & Patrick Pasake.

Todah Rabah!

To all of those who made the Chanukah dinner a success: Sandy Bloom, David Brener, Ryan Caldwell, Keir Dissinger, Jen Finkelstein, Rhonda Kleiman, Karen Kwiat, Kathy Lynch, Linda Novosel, Ellyn Perry, John Perry, Yuri Reingold, Janine Riben, Emily Ritholz, Rachel Rosenzweig, Martha Rowley, Risa Paskoff, Harvey Scolnick, Wendy Sirotkin, Josh Schwartz, Jim Wolman, Matthew York, Amber York, Aaron Zinner, and Gladys Rosario and her team of helpers, and Judy Shenk for her unconditional support, guidance and dedication as well as her energy and attention to details. Thank you all so very much. *Sharon Wolman*

To everyone who took the time to wish me a happy birthday in the beautifully created Uniongram. A landmark birthday that I'm still a little in shock about reaching. You're all so deeply appreciated. All my love and thanks to everyone. Sincerely, *Ellen Wascou*

To Susan Barnes and Natalie Freedman for helping to make the WSS Chanukah boutique such a success! Carol Woodman

Heartfelt thanks to Carli Feldman and to all who signed the lovely Uniongram celebrating our 55th anniversary. We are so grateful to be part of this caring community. *Sandy and Harvey Asher*

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Condolences

Rabbi Paskoff, President Babione, and the Board of Trustees of Congregation Shaarai Shomayim express their condolences to Brian Melamed and family on the passing of mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, Phyllis, on January 30.



THE 2020 TEMPLE DIRECTORY

If you have not received a copy of the newly updated Temple directory, please contact the Temple office, office@shaarai.org

If you need multiple copies, you are welcome to pick them up at the office.

UNIONGRAM CORRECTIONS & ADDITIONS

May 2 — Wedding of Laura Woodman, daughter of Carol Woodman & Jeffrey Woodman, to Justin Price.

May 13 — Ellyn Perry, 55th Birthday

Please contact Carli Feldman, Feldman.carli@pm.me or 717-826-3573, if you wish to be included on these Uniongrams.

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CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS

22nd Annual Purimshpiel presented by the Shaarai Shpielers on Sunday, March 8, at 1:30.



It will be YOUR "Once a Year Day" when you come to our shpiel, but we can't promise any of the cast will be wearing pajamas...

We can promise the usual cast of king, queens, villains, and hero;

Jews (picketing) and courtiers (inebriated;)

"beauty" contestants, and a factory manager (guess who?)





A comic blending of the 1954 Broadway musical

"The Pajama Game" and Biblical Megillah of Esther, with
minimum wage controversy—what's a shekel worth?,
love interest—who will the king pick to replace Vashti? (duh!),
plotting and politicking and flirting,
and memorable melodies—

"Steam Heat," "Hey There," "Hernando's Hideaway," and more—
with some different lyrics!

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WSS & COMMUNITY EVENTS



Millersville University Holocaust Memorial Days, April 2-3, 2020

Speakers

Igor A. Kotler, President and Executive Director, Museum of Human Rights, Freedom, and Tolerance

Dr. Martin Dean, Member of the Scientific Committee of the Babyn Yar Holocaust Memorial Center (BYHMC), Kiev, Ukraine

Event Organizers

Dr. Victoria Khiterer, History Department

Dr. Robyn Davis, History Department Admin. Assist.: Ms. Maggie Eichler, History Dept

Program

All events will be held in the Ford Atrium, McComsey Hall. All sessions are free and open to the public.

Thursday, April 2

Igor A. Kotler, 11 a.m. - noon
Lecture about the Shoah Foundation

1:10 - 3:10 p.m. Workshop on oral history

Martin Dean, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Lecture *Approaching Babyn Yar*

Friday, April 3

Igor A. Kotler, 10-11 a.m. Origins of anti-Semitism

11a.m. - noon

Lecture on the human rights movement & experience as a refusenik in the SU

1:10 - 2:10 p.m.

Human rights in Russia and the FSU now

THE HOLOCAUST: ANNIHILATION, LIBERATION, RESCUE EXHIBITION

From April 2-30, the exhibition will be open to the public at MU in the Ford Atrium, McComsey Hall.

The exhibition presents the story of Holocaust atrocities committed on the territory of the former Soviet Union, where almost half of all Holocaust victims perished. It also shows the role of the Soviet Army in liberating and rescuing the Jews from Nazi death camps and commemorates the victims and liberators.

The exhibition, prepared by the Russian Research & Educational Holocaust Center, with support of the Russian Jewish Congress, is presented by the Museum of Human Rights, Freedom, and Tolerance.

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ADULT EDUCATION & CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS

Events for March, April and May

Rabbi Paskoff will present five sessions on "What Surprised Me the Most About My Sabbatical" and ends with five sessions of Intro to Judaism.

For more details, please see the Monday Our Voice announcements.



"How and Why to Fall in Love with Modern Jewish Poetry" Sunday, March 1, 2020 at Shaarai Shomayim

Danny Kraft is a writer and Jewish educator. He holds a master's degree from Harvard Divinity School, where he was a Harry Austryn Wolfson Fellow in Jewish Studies, and has held fellowships and residencies with the National Yiddish Book Center, the Harvard Center for the Study of World Religions, and other organizations. His poems and essays have been published nationally in print and online. He works as Director of Education at Beth Sholom Synagogue, Memphis, Tennessee.









The F & M College Klehr Center for Jewish Life Reading Group 2019-20

All readers welcome!

THURSDAYS

7 -8:15 p.m.

We meet in the Klehr Center for Jewish Life living room, 645 College Ave, Lancaster.

Mar. 5- Neighbors, Jan T. Cross

May 14-The Last Watchman of Old Cairo, Michael David Lucas

With the exception of <u>Neighbors</u>, all of the books being read this year are available via the Library System of Lancaster County https://lancasterlibraries.org/ for check out.

*In case of inclement weather, an email will be sent to postpone the book group to the following week.

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TEMPLE & YOUTH EVENTS



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All we ask is:

Please do not be in the building alone after 8 p.m.

Turn off any lights you turned on before you leave.

BE SURE the outside door is securely closed when you leave.

If you know you will need entry after regular office hours, we can schedule access in advance at security@shaarai.org



So we really haven't had much winter, yet, (ptui ptui ptui) but here's something to look forward to:

Shaarai Day Camp June 8-12

Please watch for the camp brochure with all the information you need to give your kids one week of super fun Jewishly! Online registration available at www.shaarai.org.



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VOTE

FOR YOUR VOICE IN ISRAEL



You have until March 11 to make your vote count!

Make sure your point of view is represented in the next World Zionist Congress. When you vote, you will be able to choose from over a dozen slates representing diverse political beliefs, religious denominations and cultural traditions.

Those elected from the United States will join delegates from Israel and around the world at the 38th World Zionist Congress in October 2020, the international "parliament of the Jewish people", to make decisions regarding key institutions which allocate nearly a billion dollars annually to support Israel and World Jewry (including the World Zionist Organization, Jewish National Fund and the Jewish Agency for Israel).

Shaarai Shomayim's Israel Committee will be providing more information on this important event. You can also visit https://azm.org/elections for details on who the delegates are, how to vote, and more. Watch for more details in Our Voice!

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Four places of worship. Two & a half weekends. One community.

In times of fracture and isolation, it is good to come together. It is good to know one another - as neighbors, as friends, and as fellow worshippers on different paths.

This month, join the Lancaster Interfaith Coalition for an intentional journey through the sacred spaces and practices of four of Lancaster's distinct faith traditions, over the course of two weekends. Together, we will explore what it means to be good guests and good hosts to our neighbors of different faiths, seeing beauty in our own traditions and others'.

The pilgrimage begins with a getting-to-know-you session and dinner, followed by visits to the worship services of four different faith traditions, with opportunities to share fellowship and curiosity at each stop along the way. We will end with a gathering to reflect and celebrate our journey, featuring the River Crossing Playback Theatre troupe to help us share stories, reflect, and think about the future.

Our pilgrimage will take us to the following sites:

- ·Fri., March 13: Opening Dinner & visit at Shaarai Shomayim, 5:30PM
- ·Sun., March 15: Church of the Apostles, UCC, 10AM
- · Fri., March 27, Islamic Community Center, 12:15PM
- ·Sun., March 29, Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster, 9:30AM
- ·Sat., April 4, Reflection Gathering with River Crossing Playback Theatre, 5PM

Please register in advance through our Eventbrite link (or see Our Voice.) This helps us communicate with you and helps our host congregations know how many to expect. Cost should not be a barrier to participation: for those who can, we encourage a donation of \$40 as you register, or \$25 for those who can only attend one weekend (or two dates).

We look forward to journeying and learning with you.



For more information on this event, please see Our Voice.

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YAHRZEIT

These names are remembered on perpetual memorial plaques displayed permanently or on the appropriate week of their Yahrzeits in our Sanctuary:

March 6

Selma Friedman
Louis Solomon
Ida Sylvia Selfon
Susan R. Baer
Ethel Gittel Rosenzweig
Samuel Schaffer
Bernard Zaritzky
Yetta S. Gilbert
Florence R. Rosenthal
Bella Sussman
Judith Merzer
Eugene Ellis
Stella W. Miller

March 13

Max Rosenbaum
Rebecca Strauss
Carolyn Machles
Dr. Harry A. Elins
Joseph Rabinowitz
Settie Selig
Dr. Donald Berkowitz
Rabbi Samson A. Shain
Frieda N. Strauss
Natalie M. Loss
Cherie A. Lehner
Jennette Strass Silverman
Minnie Lurio
Sarah L. Stein
Max Wolf

Harry M. Cohen Mary A. Halperin Sarah H.C. Rosenstein

March 20

Lily Adler Jacobs
Beatrice Halpern Evers
Stanley Geisenberger
Fannie J. Peitzman
Mildred A. Migdon
Harry Chertcoff
Rebecca Goldring
Paulyne S. Levine
Lev Reingold
Florence E. Ellison
Sydney M. Schwartz
Solomon Enco

Rosalind Geisenberger Nathan Smiga

March 27

Henriette Aronsohn
Irving Elins
Alvin Pellis
Hannah Hurwitz
Moses Lurio
Rabbi Isidore Rosenthal
Melvin Morris Wolfe
Stephanie G. Dubroff
Herbert Beeders
Louis Lyons
June S. Dubroff
Alexander T. Stein

If you would like to have any names added to the Kaddish list, please notify the Temple office, 717-397-5575 or office@shaarai.org by Wednesday of the week you would like those additions read.



WSS



Deborah's Circle is a group of women who provide financial grants to non-profit organizations serving women and/or children in Lancaster County.

Deborah's Circle is WSS's new collective giving initiative. Collective giving is a rapidly growing, grassroots, philanthropic movement that empowers women to join together and invest their financial resources to strengthen their local communities. This collaborative and democratic form of philanthropy builds a pooled fund made up of members' equal contributions collected annually. Circle members will develop a decision-making process that includes voting by the membership to select annual grant recipients.

Next Meeting: March 26, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

Congregation Shaarai Shomayim, 75 East James St.

The annual minimum contribution to participate in Deborah's Circle is \$120. This contribution can be paid in monthly, quarterly, or annual installments. Join Deborah's Circle to increase your giving power!

Together we can do more.

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The Mitzvah of Tzedakah

Over the years, various funds have been set up by individuals, WSS, the Temple, and Brotherhood for the benefit of Congregation Shaarai Shomayim, its members, and the community. A donation to any of these funds serves a three-fold purpose:

☼ It benefits the purpose for which the fund was established. ☼ It benefits the one for whom you are donating.
☼ It benefits you by giving you the opportunity to fulfill the Mitzvah of Tzedakah.

Contributions are welcome in honor or memory of any person or event, Jewish or non-Jewish, local or not.

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WOMEN OF SHAARAI SHOMAYIM

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❖Sisterhood Improvement Fund

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<u>Uniongrams,</u> chaired by **Carli Feldman**,570-234-5485. \$2 per name.

<u>Flowers</u>, chaired by **Beth Deliver**, **717-481-9919**. Please check with Beth about the cost of a flower arrangement.

Donations to any WSS Fund can be charged directly to them at www.squareup.com/store/WSSdonations



BROTHERHOOD

Please send donations to Bobby Dickman, 23 Spring Hill La, Mountville 17554

Dr. Bob Steinman Israel Scholarship Fund

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The reason for the donation.

The fund to which you wish your donation to be credited.

Donations are requested by mail, regular or e.

All of our donations chairs are volunteers. Some of them have been doing this for years, some of them are new. Whether you have been donating for years, or this is the first time, please do not assume that the chairs know who you are, to whom you are related, or what your wishes are.

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Sending your donation to the correct person will facilitate timely acknowledgment.

If you would like more information about any of these funds, please contact the chairpersons listed.

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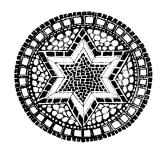
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AJG Sh'arim 9:15-noon Rabbi returns	Adult Jewish Growth see p 6 Deadline for all material for the April Bulletin		Minyan 8 a.m. Sh'arim 4:30-6 p.m.	WSS Board meets	1st Friday Erev Shabbat 6 p.m.	Torah study 9 a.m. Shabbat morning service & Bar Mitzvah of Matt Lubin 10:30 Tetzaveh
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Sh'arim 9:15-noon Shaarai Mitzvot Fam. Ed. PJ Library event See back page	Adult Jewish Growth see p 6	Temple Board committees meet, please see your chair for time & place	Minyan 8 a.m. Sh'arim 4:30-6 p.m.		Erev Shabbat service 7 p.m.	Torah study 9 a.m. Shabbat morning service & Bat Mitzvah of Logann Scolnick Vayakhel-Pekudei
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