



# ***Kehilataynu***

**Our Community's  
Monthly Newsletter**

**Kislev - Tevet 5781 / December 2020**

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## **Save the date**

**Sisterhood Shabbat  
January 16 @ 10:00 am  
on Zoom**

## **8 NIGHTS OF HANUKKAH ACROSS NORTHERN WESTCHESTER**

**Ready to celebrate the Festival of Lights?** The Northern Westchester Jewish community brings you many ways to welcome the holiday. There are eight nights of fun-filled events\* — both virtual and in person — to enjoy the spirit of the season.

**<https://tinyurl.com/8nightsofhanukkah>**

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## Synagogue Office Hours

Please consult constant contact or the FHC website calendar at [www.FirstHebrew.org](http://www.FirstHebrew.org).

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First Hebrew Congregation is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, and USY (United Synagogue Youth).

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**FACEBOOK** - Congregation: <http://tinyurl.com/facebookfhc>; Nursery School: [facebook.com/fhnsp](https://www.facebook.com/fhnsp)

***Don't forget to 'like' us to keep up with our latest news and activities!***

**Mission Statement and Purpose** - First Hebrew's mission is to enrich our vibrant egalitarian Jewish Community through education, worship, charity and social interaction, and to support each person in their pursuit of Jewish learning, values and spirituality.

First Hebrew Congregation is a warm and welcoming participatory Jewish community. We celebrate Jewish practices with present-day meaning. Inspired by our heritage, we foster the ideals of contemporary Conservative Judaism through life-long learning, worship, charitable acts and social connection. We are devoted to our community and are committed to building for the future. We welcome all individuals and families, including interfaith families, people of all ages, races, sexual orientation and disabilities.

**If you like to get a hard copy of this Newsletter, please contact the office.**

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## Rabbi's Message

ברוך ה' אלהינו

Dear Members and Friends of First Hebrew:

When the Rabbis first created the ritual of lighting a Hanukkiyah (a menorah specifically designed for Hanukkah with 8 branches and a place for a shamash/helper 'candle') In fact they were not lighting candles at that time, they were lighting oil with a wick.

They asked whether we should light all 8 wicks the first night and reduce by one wick each night. That way is symbolic of the oil that should have extinguished after 1 day but instead reduced in tiny increments so that it lasted for 8. Or, should we begin with one wick and increase one each night until we reach 8? They reasoned that since oil was expensive, we should start with one so people will be encouraged to start, and add one each day 'get into it', building momentum to the 8th day. And that, as you know, is our practice.

This year has been so difficult/weird/ 'unprecedented' that we may not feel like making the effort to even light candles for Hanukkah. It is hard to find the energy to set up the menorah

(maybe it needs to be cleaned from last year?), get your candles out, find the matches. So, we will join together remotely to light on the first night Thursday Dec 10 at 6:00. See [page 6](#) for details.

Now that you have taken one step - here's another: The Northern Westchester UJA community has created a calendar of events for each night of Hanukkah. All are free, open to the public, and most are virtual. See [page 1](#) for all the details. NOTE that Tuesday Dec 15th the Keshet Communities (including FHC) presents Hanukkahpalooza - an online array of events with something for everyone. See [page 7](#) for all the details. Spoiler: I am offering a Hanukkah: True or False game! Don't miss it!

May the light of the Hanukkiyah and the connection to the wider community push back the darkness and the sadness, and bring joy, hope, and miracles large and small for each of us!

Hag Urim Sameach - Happy Hanukkah!!

Rabbi Dana

## Thank you

*To the Board and First Hebrew Family members,*

*From the bottom of my heart I want to thank each and every one of you for your calls, e-mails, cards, donations in memory of my Mom, Rose Vitale. Many of you know my Mom and I were very close, and it was so difficult not being able to see her in the Nursing Home for the last 7 months.*

*Your outpouring of love and words of encouragement will help to get me through this difficult time.*

*Love and thanks,*

*Lisa*

We wish to thank Ted Ruback for his service to FHC on Team Bingo and on the Board of Trustees and as an officer of the congregation. He and his wife Carolyn are moving to New Hampshire to be near family. Ted and Carolyn, we will miss you and we wish you both all the best in this next phase of your lives.

## *President's Message*

As I write this, our year of challenges persists and the pandemic has again become worse. We managed to get through our Zoom Seders, (mostly) virtual High Holidays, and single household Thanksgiving dinners. We have had socially distanced simchas and Zoom shivas. We shared the news of the passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg z"l and of Great Britain's Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, z"l and as Americans we even managed to go out and vote in an election year like no other.

Here at First Hebrew, we have continued to have our services and programs on-line. These have included life-cycle and ritual events as well as Sisterhood and Men's Club programs. This month, our programming will include a virtual candle-lighting on the first night of Chanukah December 10<sup>th</sup> and a "Hanukkahpalooza" virtual celebration on December 15<sup>th</sup> with other Northern Westchester

congregations. Our Sisterhood, which is part of the Metro-North Region of Women's League for Conservative Judaism will participate in a virtual trip to the Zacharias Frankel College in Potsdam Germany on December 20<sup>th</sup>. This event will include honorees from Sisterhoods in our area and FHC is honoring Shirley Kaplan.

I hope you will join us for one of these on-line events or something else as the secular year winds down. While we as a synagogue community cannot combat the coronavirus, by continuing with virtual programming we are helping to keep our community both connected and safe. I wish you and your loved ones a Happy Chanukah and a healthy New Year!

L'Shalom and wash your hands!

Mindy Steinholz

# TORAH STUDY: BOOKS OF PROPHETS

Thursdays at 10:30 am -  
<https://zoom.us/j/8284049836>

Please check your email for password





## *Sisterhood.....Women Enjoying Jewish Life*

It appears that vaccinations are on the horizon, perhaps even with limited distribution to health care workers this month or next. Hopefully, there is light at the end of the tunnel –and that is what Hanukah is about-bringing light out of the darkness. It has been a long, trying time, and it is not over yet. But Jews have been celebrating Hanukah for millennia and it reminds us that when our lights seem to have died out, the flickering of the Menorah focuses us on the light of our future and calls us to give thanks to all the helpers who continue to relight our flames when they appear to burn out in the dark of winter.

Many people have been telling me they have “zoom fatigue” and are tired of engaging in any more online programs. I am sympathetic and would be very happy to be able to resume our lovely in person programs. Yet we are lucky that we have a method of engagement at all and connecting in any way is another light out of the darkness.

This month Rabbi Rachel Adler will act as a glowing light for us in a rare **Wednesday evening** Sisterhood meeting at 7:00 on December 16. Generally, our meetings are on Sunday mornings, but we are adapting this time to accommodate the

speakers’ schedule. Rabbi Rachel will be speaking about “Tales of the Holy Mysticat”, her recently published book. The Mysticat is an old wise soul with many lifetimes of Jewish wisdom to impart, reincarnated to a higher level in the form of a gray tabby. I suggest that we can all use some sources of wisdom about now –feline or not. The talk should be very interesting, and those of you who are dog people are welcome to ask the author about the possibility of a Holy Mystidog. I hope to see you there.

Also, this month Metronorth Region of Womens League for Conservative Judaism (Sisterhoods umbrella organization) Torah Fund Event will be having their annual event, which will be a virtual visit to the Zacharias Frankel College- the Masorti Rabbinical School in Potsdam Germany. Sisterhood is pleased to honor **Shirley Kaplan** at this event on Sunday December 20th on Zoom 10 AM to 12 Noon. Please watch your Sisterhood emails for the link to RSVP.

A very Happy Hanukah to everyone.

Fran

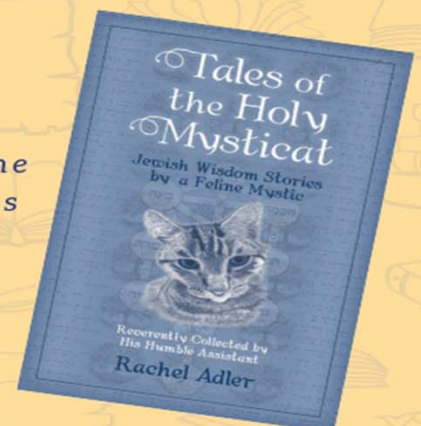
# Sisterhood Meeting

## Rabbi Rachel Adler, Author of “Tales of the Holy Mysticat” will speak about her book

Dec 16 at 7:00 PM

Please RSVP to [sisterhood@firsthebrew.org](mailto:sisterhood@firsthebrew.org) to receive the Zoom link for this program

*“Ever wonder what would happen if one of the fiercest feminist Jewish theological minds trained itself on understanding the mystical teachings of the soul of a tzaddik which had manifested itself in this world in her cat? Wonder no more. This piquant, entertaining, yet soulful and spiritual book is the result of that encounter. A book to be savored, like fine chocolate, or catnip.”*





# LET'S LIGHT OUR HANUKKAH MENORAHS TOGETHER!

Join First Hebrew virtually on Thursday,  
December 10th at 6:00 pm as we  
celebrate the 1st night of Hanukkah.  
Bring your menorah and candles and  
share your voice as we chant the  
Hanukkah blessing.

<https://zoom.us/j/8284049836>

Please check your email for password



## Get well

First Hebrew wishes a speedy recovery to: Sandra Glicker Gilmore, Alice Krochmal,  
Paul Schefflein, Carol Schlacter

### Candle Lighting Times/Torah Readings

Fri. Dec. 4.... 5:45 pm	Sat. Dec. 5.. Vayishlach
Fri. Dec. 11.... 4:25 pm	Sat. Dec. 12.. Vayeshev
Fri. Dec. 18.... 4:19 pm	Sat. Dec. 19.. Miketz
Fri. Dec. 25.... 4:13 pm	Sat. Dec. 26.. Vayigash

**Zoom Meeting ID: 828 404 9836; call office for password**

### MODIFIED MINYAN

Thursdays at 9:00am-  
<https://zoom.us/j/8284049836>  
P/W: 177033







# KESHER CONGREGATIONS PRESENTS HANUKKAPALOOZA!

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This online event, put on by the 7 North West Westchester Congregations, has something for everyone! Games and songs for kids plus their own candle lighting ceremony. Learn some of the Hanukkah texts that support (or not!) the popular story of Hanukkah. Then be a contestant in a game show 'Hanukkah: True or False?' You can meditate, hear a debate, just don't be late when we all join in candle lighting and singing!

**Tuesday, December 15, 6:00 to 8:30 pm with  
two tracks + lots of choices!**

To register, email [lauriegold18@yahoo.com](mailto:lauriegold18@yahoo.com) and you will be provided with one zoom link to join. Facilitators will help you enter the break-out room for your session of choice.

# Westchester Jewish Council's "Israel Connection" presents:

## FROM ETHIOPIA TO ISRAEL - ZEHAVA TESFAY'S JOURNEY

**Wednesday, December 9th at noon**

Zehava was born and raised in southern Israel to a family that had made Aliyah from Ethiopia in 1980. For 15 years she has been living in Jerusalem where she earned a BA in Education, Sociology and Anthropology as well as an MA in Nonprofit and Community Organization Management, both from Hebrew University. She is also a graduate of the Maoz Municipal Leadership Program offered by Israel's Ministry of the Interior.

Zehava came to New York to serve as a Jewish Agency emissary and leads the delegation of Shlichim in the UJA-Federation of New York Shlichut Initiative.

Zehava's connection to world Jewry began as a Jewish Agency Summer Camp Shlichah for the Ramah Camps, after which she became involved in the Jewish Agency's admissions and training processes for hundreds of Shlichut candidates. She also volunteers extensively in the areas of employment diversity and women's leadership development.



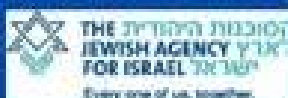
**Please register here -**

**<https://tinyurl.com/IsraelConnection>**

**This event is free and open to all.**

**Israel Connection**, a monthly virtual series of the Westchester Jewish Council, offers presentations and discussions on diverse topics of interest regarding the culture, politics and society of Israel.

**If you would like to make a donation to the Council's Israel Connection Series,  
please click <https://www.wjcouncil.org/donate-now/>.**





# ONEGS

## Friday, December 4

- Barbara Ninos in honor of Kerrigan West's birthday on December 4
- The Schefflein family in honor of their granddaughter Ayelet Asher's birthday on December 6
- Phyllis and Mark Stern in honor of their wedding anniversary on December 8
- The Walker family in honor of Annie's birthday on December 8
- Carol and Harold Schlacter in honor of their grandson Zachary Emmett Schlacter's birthday on December 8

## Friday, December 18

- Amy Burckhard in honor of her son-in-law Peter Braverman's birthday on December 18
- Marilyn and Freemont Reif in honor of their grandson William's birthday on December 18
- Amy Burckhard in honor of her granddaughter Lily Page Braverman's birthday on December 21
- The Colman family in honor of Kathy and Mike's wedding anniversary on December 21
- Jeff and Corrine Blackman in honor of Lori McDonald's birthday on December 22
- Amy Burckhard in honor of Josh and Jess's wedding anniversary on December 23

## Friday, December 25

- Marilyn and Freemont Reif in honor of Karen Reif's birthday on December 27
- Roxann Intriligator in honor of son Daniel's birthday on December 28

## *Donations*

### We thank the following for their kind and generous donations -

**Yahrzeit** – Carol Gold & Wayne Schechter in memory of Joseph Gold, Amy Burckhard in memory of Mary & Irving Blackman

**In memory** – **Rose Vitale** – Barbara Ninos

**Mark Foley** – Barbara Ninos

**Albert Eisenfeld** – FHC Sisterhood

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund** – Kim & Michael Kagan in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Drew.

**In memory of Rena Kasdan** - Mindy Steinholtz, Linda Sindeband, Fran & Ed Olmsted, Rhonda Epstein, Mark & Phyllis Stern.

**Social Action** – Carol Schlacter, Amy Burckhard, Shelley Kessler, Arlene & Mike Kaufman, Mark & Phyllis Stern, Lee Walker, Alice Krochmal, Sharon & Marty Edelstein, Lori King.

## *Condolences*

- To David & Lili Kasdan and family on the loss of David's mother Rena Kasdan.
- To the Richman family on the loss of their beloved father, father-in-law and grandfather Dr. Harry Richman.

HaMakom y'nahem etkhem b'tokh sh'ar avelei Zion viYrushalayim.

May the Holy One comfort you among all the mourners for Zion and Jerusalem.

JOIN METRONORTH REGION OF WLCJ  
FOR A SPECIAL TORAH FUND EVENT

# A VIRTUAL "TOUR" OF ZACHARIAS FRANKEL COLLEGE

Masorti Rabbinical School in Potsdam, Germany

*Sunday, December 20, 2020*  
*10 am - 12 noon ET*

- **MESSAGE FROM JTS CHANCELLOR DR. SHULY RUBIN SCHWARTZ**
- **PRESENTATIONS BY ZACHARIAS FRANKEL RABBINICAL SCHOOL STUDENT AND RECENTLY ORDAINED RABBI**
- **HONORING SPECIAL WOMEN FROM OUR SISTERHOODS**

The honoree from First Hebrew Congregation will be Shirley Kaplan.

Minimum \$18 donation to Torah Fund

RSVP to receive Zoom link





Join the MetroNorth Region of Women's League for Conservative Judaism for a special virtual Torah Fund Event as we take a trip to the Zacharias Frankel College in Potsdam Germany. Hear from special guest speakers. The honoree from First Hebrew Congregation will be Shirley Kaplan.

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## HOW TO RSVP

1. [Register here](#) to receive the Zoom link
2. [Donate online](#) (\$18 minimum) or send a check payable to TORAH FUND to Mindy Steinholz, [91 Coachlight Square, Montrose NY 10548](#). If mailing a check, please download and include the form below.

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## DONATION FORM

**MetroNorth Region of WLCJ – Torah Fund Event December 20, 2020**

**Please make check payable to Torah Fund (\$18 minimum) and mail to:  
Mindy Steinholz, 91 Coachlight Square, Montrose, NY 10548.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sisterhood (or "Individual Member") \_\_\_\_\_

Region (MetroNorth, Garden State, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please contact Mindy at (914) 806-3985.

# KABBALAT SHABBAT

A song, a story, a prayer, Mourner's  
Kaddish and lighting Shabbat candles  
together as Shabbat comes in.

**Fridays at 6:00 pm**

**<https://zoom.us/j/8284049836>**

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## *Kehilataynu Editorial Policy and Publishing Information*

The synagogue bulletin is a place not only for news and information about FHC and its members, but also a forum for members to place information that may be of interest to their fellow congregants. We are happy to consider all articles submitted to Kehilataynu; however, we reserve the right to edit for style, and length. In addition, all articles submitted by FHC members are labeled as such and do not reflect the opinion of FHC or the Board of Trustees.

Please keep the following in mind:

- Articles and announcements must be received in the FHC office by the date below.
- Please submit your article or announcement via e-mail to [bulletin@firsthebrew.org](mailto:bulletin@firsthebrew.org). If you do not have a computer, and/or your submission is not available in digital format, you may fax, mail, or deliver your (typed) submission(s) to the temple office.
- Please provide original copies of flyers and photos (faxed copies are not suitable for reproduction) — they will be returned

### **Email List**

If you're interested in getting emails with the weekly announcements, please visit the website at [www.firsthebrew.org](http://www.firsthebrew.org). If you wish to contact the synagogue for any other business, please note that the e-mail address to use is [fhc@firsthebrew.org](mailto:fhc@firsthebrew.org). To email Rabbi Bogatz directly, use [rabbi@firsthebrew.org](mailto:rabbi@firsthebrew.org).

If you change your Internet provider and/or email address, please remember to sign up for the First Hebrew mailing list again at your new address. Email [bill@firsthebrew.org](mailto:bill@firsthebrew.org) with your request to be added to the list.

### **First Hebrew website**

Visit [www.firsthebrew.org](http://www.firsthebrew.org) for synagogue information, articles, plus current and archived issues of the bulletin. The following month's bulletin is posted shortly after it goes to the printer, so you can read it without having to wait for the post office to deliver it! You can even view a printable version of the current month's calendar. Come check it out! If you have any questions or comments, feel free to send email to [bill@firsthebrew.org](mailto:bill@firsthebrew.org).

*Bingo is cancelled until further notice*



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לב שלם  
Siddur  
Lev Shalem  
לשבת ויום טוב  
FOR SHABBAT  
& FESTIVALS

# MODIFIED SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

Includes Torah reading and  
concludes with Mourner's Kaddish.

Saturdays at 10:00 am

<https://zoom.us/j/8284049836>

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## LUNCH & LEARN

Tuesdays at 12:00 pm -  
<https://zoom.us/j/8284049836>

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## SHARE YOUR SIMCHAS BY SPONSORING AN ONEG SHABBAT!

**First Hebrew** invites you to sponsor an Oneg Shabbat in honor of your family and friends. Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, engagements, weddings, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, graduations, and more of friends and loved ones!

**It's a Bargain:** Only \$5 per Oneg!

**It's easy to do:** Just fill out this form and your Simcha will appear in the monthly bulletin, the weekly synagogue emails, and be announced from the Bimah.

Send this page with your check payable to First Hebrew Congregation, c/o Oneg Shabbat ([Onegs@firsthebrew.org](mailto:Onegs@firsthebrew.org)) to First Hebrew Congregation 1821 Main Street Peekskill, NY 10566. Please put "Oneg" in the memo section.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Onegs: \_\_\_\_\_ @\$5\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

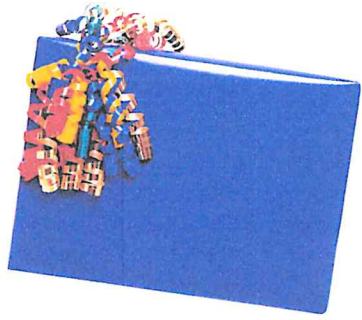
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Sponsor Name(s) to appear as \_\_\_\_\_

Honoree's Name	Occasion	Date of Event
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2. _____		
3. _____		
4. _____		
5. _____		

Please allow 6-8 weeks for publication in the bulletin. You may send in more events at any time on a separate sheet.





# Buy Scrip - Take The Stress Out of Shopping Make Your Life Easier - Make Someone Happy

**Want to bring a smile to someone's face - give them a gift card.**

This way you don't stress over what to buy them and they get what they want!!! They will thank you for it! Everyone goes food shopping! We have scrip for all local food stores available as well as CVS, Dunkin Donuts, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Walmart, Panera, Starbucks, Visa cards (with no \$5 activation fee), Shell & Gulf gas cards, call the office and if we don't have what you want in stock, we will do our best to get it for you!

They make great gifts for birthdays, showers, weddings or just to say thank you to someone!

**\*\*\* We always have Scrip on hand \*\*\***

Deadline for ordering is the last day of the month!



# Family Order Forms

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## First Hebrew Congregation of Peekskill

ORDERS DUE: Last Day of the Month

PHONE #:

E-MAIL (Please include!):

REMEMBER- BIRTHDAYS AND HOLIDAYS!!!

## SCRIP Order Form

Name				Customer #			
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Apparel & Accessories			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Aeropostale \$25	7.00%		\$
American Eagle Outfitters \$25	10.00%		\$
Brooks Brothers \$25	16.00%		\$
Claire's \$10	9.00%		\$
Foot Locker \$25	9.00%		\$
Gap/Banana Republic/Old Navy Options \$25	**14.00%		\$
Gymboree \$25	13.00%		\$
H&M \$25	5.00%		\$
Lands' End \$25	16.00%		\$
Payless Shoes \$20	13.00%		\$
The Children's Place \$25	12.00%		\$
TJ Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods \$25	7.00%		\$

Department Store			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Bloomingdale's \$25	12.00%		\$
Kohl's \$25	4.00%		\$
Lord & Taylor \$25	8.00%		\$
Macy's \$25	10.00%		\$
Macy's \$100	10.00%		\$
Sears \$25	4.00%		\$

Dining - Casual			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Applebee's \$25	8.00%		\$
Boston Market \$10	12.00%		\$
California Pizza Kitchen \$10	4.00%		\$
Cheesecake Factory \$25	5.00%		\$
Chili's \$25	9.00%		\$

Dining - On The Go			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Baskin Robbins \$2	9.00%		\$
Burger King \$10	4.00%		\$
Cold Stone Creamery \$10	8.00%		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$10	4.00%		\$
KFC \$5	8.00%		\$
Panera Bread \$10	9.00%		\$
Panera Bread \$25	9.00%		\$
Starbucks \$10	7.00%		\$
Starbucks \$25	7.00%		\$
Subway \$10	3.00%		\$
Wendy's \$10	4.00%		\$

Discount Store			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Target GiftCard \$25	2.00%		\$
Target GiftCard \$100	2.00%		\$
Walmart/Sam's Club \$25	2.00%		\$
Walmart/Sam's Club \$100	2.00%		\$

Electronics & Office			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Best Buy \$25	3.00%		\$
Office Max \$25	5.00%		\$
Staples \$25	5.00%		\$
Staples \$100	5.00%		\$

Entertainment			
Product	%	QTY	Total
AMC Theatres/Loews Cineplex \$25	7.00%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10	9.00%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25	9.00%		\$
Regal/United Artist/Edwards Theatres \$25	8.00%		\$

Grocery			
Product	%	QTY	Total
ShopRite \$25	4.00%		\$
ShopRite \$100	4.00%		\$
Stop & Shop/Giant Foods \$25 (NOT TOPS)	4.00%		\$
Stop & Shop/Giant Foods \$100 (NOT TOPS)	4.00%		\$

Home Decor			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25	7.00%		\$
Pier 1 \$25	9.00%		\$

Home Improvement			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Home Depot \$25	4.00%		\$
Home Depot \$100	4.00%		\$

Online & Mail Order			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Amazon.com \$25	4.00%		\$
iTunes \$15	5.00%		\$
L.L.Bean \$25	15.00%		\$

Specialty Retailer			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Bath & Body Works \$10	13.00%		\$
CVS/pharmacy \$25 (Not online)	6.00%		\$
CVS/pharmacy \$100 (Not online)	6.00%		\$
Hallmark \$25	4.00%		\$
The Container Store \$25	9.00%		\$
Walgreens \$25	6.00%		\$

Make Checks Payable To: *FHC, 1821 E. Main St, Peekskill, NY 10566*

Total Due All Columns:

\$

**\*\*Limited time bonus offer. Participating retailers and products are subject to change without notice.**



# First Hebrew Congregation

## "Opportunities for Giving"

### Yahrzeit Plaques

(memorial)

In memory of a member..... \$200

In memory of a non-member..... \$300

In memory of and purchased by a non-member... \$500

### Tree of Life

(in honor of a birth, Bar or Bat Mitzvah, wedding, special anniversaries, life events, in memoriam, etc.)

Leaf..... \$150

Rock..... \$250

Root..... \$350

Memorial Plate. \$500

### Books

(plate on inside cover recognizes your gift and names those you wish to honor)

Eit Ratzon..... \$40

Lev Shalem.... \$50

Mahzorim..... \$25

Chumashim..... \$54

### Brick Garden

A wonderful way to memorialize or honor a loved one

One brick (with inscription)..... \$150

Two bricks..... \$275

### Library Fund

General Fund Gifts (i.e., purchases at library discretion)

Specific Purchase Gifts (i.e. book series or encyclopedia)

### Other Donation Ideas

Gifts of highly appreciated stock or real estate—save on income tax while avoiding capital gains taxes!

Scholarships - for youth programs and camps and travel to Israel.

### Sisterhood Social Action

#### Project

**Non-perishable food items for Fred's Pantry in Peekskill**

**This will be an ongoing project for the entire FHC community; bring your donations to our box in the upstairs coat closet**

**Torah Fund CARDS for ALL OCCASIONS are available through Sisterhood!**

**These cards help raise scholarship funds for the Jewish Theological Seminary and other Conservative Movement educational institutions.**

**The cards are on display in the FHC library and on a flyer in this bulletin.**

**\$5 per card w/envelope**

**\$25 per 6 cards w/envelopes**

**Call or email to have cards sent**

**Torah Fund Chairperson - Danielle Calo**

**914-646-2235; divergirl26@gmail.com**

Note: Recognition for all gifts will be provided in the Newsletter (as well as on the particular item if warranted).

All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please consult your tax advisor for specific advice on tax savings through charitable gifts.



A JEWISH RESPONSE TO HUNGER

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Los Angeles, CA 90025  
Tel 310.442.0020/800.813.0557  
Fax 310.442.0030  
mazon.org | mazonmail@mazon.org

**YES, I (we) will partner with MAZON to honor our tradition of providing nourishment to those who are hungry.**

Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation.

☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \$2500 ☐ \$1000 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$36 ☐ \$18

☐ A check payable to MAZON is enclosed

☐ Please charge my credit card \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number

Expiration Date

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Congregation, City, State \_\_\_\_\_

You can also donate online at <http://mazon.org> or by phone.

# Kislev-Teveveth 5781 / December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div></div>	<div>ALL EVENTS ARE ON ZOOM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED</div>	12 noon 1 Lunch & Learn 7:00 pm BOT Meeting 15 Kislev	2 7am Office Open  16 Kislev	3 7am Office Open 9:00 am Minyan 10:30 Torah Study 17 Kislev	4 Candles - 4:10 6:00 Kabbalat Shabbat Service & BYO Shabbat Dinner 18 Kislev	5 10:00 Shabbat Service <b>VAYISHLACH</b> 19 Kislev
6 9:30 Men's Club Meeting  20 Kislev	7 7am Office Open  21 Kislev	8 12 noon Lunch & Learn  22 Kislev	9 7am Office Open  23 Kislev	10 9:00 am Minyan 10:30 Torah Study 1st Night Hanukkah Light the Menorah together via zoom 6pm	11 Candles 4:10 Light Menorah before Shabbat Candles 6:00 Kabbalat Service & BYO Dinner 25 Kislev	12 10:00 Shabbat Service <b>VAYESHEV</b> Light Menorah after Shabbat ends
13 10:00 Sisterhood Meeting  27 Kislev	14 7am Office Open  28 Kislev	15 12 noon Lunch & Learn <b>6pm HANUKKAH PALOOZA</b> 29 Kislev	16 7am Office Open 7pm Sisterhood Meeting 1 Teveth	17 7am Office Open 9:00 am Minyan 10:30 Torah Study 2 Teveth	18 Candles 4:12 6:00 Kabbalat Shabbat Service & BYO Shabbat Dinner 3 Teveth	19 10:00 Shabbat Service <b>MIKETZ</b> 4 Teveth
20  5 Teveth	21 7am Office Open  6 Teveth	22 7 am Office Open 12 noon Lunch & Learn 7 Teveth	23 7am Office Open  8 Teveth	24 Office Closed 9:00 am Minyan 10:30 Torah Study 9 Teveth	25 Candles 4:15 6:00 Kabbalat Shabbat Service & BYO Shabbat Dinner Fast of the 10th Teveth	26 10:00 Shabbat Service <b>VAYIGASH</b> 11 Teveth
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Wishing everyone a 2021 filled with health, peace and much happiness from our FHC family to you and yours.

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1821 Main Street \* Peekskill, NY 10566

## ***Yahrzeits***

*The following Yahrzeits will be observed during the months of December as noted on the memorial plaque in our sanctuary:*

Benjamin H. Halper.....	Kislev	15 ( 1-Dec )	Louise Hersh.....	Tevet	2 ( 17-Dec )
Joseph Gold.....	Kislev	16 ( 2-Dec )	Lena Poritsky.....	Tevet	3 ( 18-Dec )
Sadie Trager.....	Kislev	16 ( 2-Dec )	Raymond Smalheiser....	Tevet	3 ( 18-Dec )
Elliot Iberman.....	Kislev	18 ( 4-Dec )	Helen Chervin.....	Tevet	5 ( 20-Dec )
Joseph M. Marder.....	Kislev	18 ( 4-Dec )	Samuel Liebowitz.....	Tevet	5 ( 20-Dec )
Gerda Leah Gottfried.....	Kislev	19 ( 5-Dec )	Lena Fleischer.....	Tevet	6 ( 21-Dec )
Josephine Nonna Minelli.	Kislev	19 ( 5-Dec )	Agatha Alterman.....	Tevet	8 ( 23-Dec )
Sarah Schlosberg.....	Kislev	22 ( 8-Dec )	Bessie Bergman.....	Tevet	8 ( 23-Dec )
Grace Ruth Dabrusin....	Kislev	23 ( 9-Dec )	Betty Asen.....	Tevet	9 ( 24-Dec )
Dr. Cyrus I. Lack.....	Kislev	23 ( 9-Dec )	Jacob Schragis.....	Tevet	9 ( 24-Dec )
David B. Treiber.....	Kislev	23 ( 9-Dec )	Bernard Gerber.....	Tevet	10 ( 25-Dec )
Irwin Heck.....	Kislev	24 ( 10-Dec )	Bella Goldstein.....	Tevet	11 ( 26-Dec )
Ben Poritsky.....	Kislev	24 ( 10-Dec )	Jerome Silverstein.....	Tevet	11 ( 26-Dec )
Ben Richman.....	Kislev	27 ( 13-Dec )	Dina Herschorn.....	Tevet	12 ( 27-Dec )
Samuel Kahn, M.D.....	Kislev	28 ( 14-Dec )	Harry Ruback.....	Tevet	12 ( 27-Dec )
Celia Friedberg.....	Kislev	29 ( 15-Dec )	Mollie Ephraim.....	Tevet	13 ( 28-Dec )
Myrtle Gaffen.....	Kislev	29 ( 15-Dec )	Bessie Levine.....	Tevet	14 ( 29-Dec )
Anna Eisenberg.....	Kislev	30 ( 15-Dec )	Samuel Ephraim.....	Tevet	15 ( 30-Dec )
Eric Hillel Hersh.....	Tevet	1 ( 16-Dec )	Yitzhak Czigler.....	Tevet	16 ( 31-Dec )
Nancy L. Pines.....	Tevet	1 ( 16-Dec )			

**May their memory be a blessing to all**

||| Please check the online calendar and weekly  
||| emails for the latest schedule updates. |||

# ***Happy New Year***

! Articles for the January Newsletter are due Sunday, Dec. 27. !