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Temple Sha'arey Shalom

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Celebrating Over 60 Years of Reform Jewish Commitment

Worship/Special Events

Friday, January 7 Erev Shabbat Virtual Only	7:00 pm
Friday, January 14 Erev Shabbat Shabbat Shira Virtual Only	7:00 pm
Friday, January 21 Erev Shabbat Tu B'Shevat Virtual Only	7:00 pm
Friday, January 28 Erev Shabbat Virtual Only	7:00 pm

Shabbat Study Minyan Weekly - 11:00 am

From the Rabbi...

"Optimism is the belief that things are going to get better. Hope is the belief that we can make things better ... It takes no courage to be an optimist, but it does need courage to hope."

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, chief rabbi of England 1991–2013

As we enter the year 2022, we will still be facing challenges the like of which our generation has not lived through, it is the Jewish tradition of hope that can get us through such strife. We learn early on that we are commanded to do mitzvot in order to make a better world. That in this world, we must act in order to be the force of hope.

Were we not slaves? Were we not driven out of Spain by Ferdinand and Isabella? Were we not almost wiped out per the vagaries of a mid-20th century despot? Now a virus is coursing through our world, changing the way we live our lives. It is at terrible times such as these that we cling to our faith. That we Jews can turn to Torah for guidance.

As Rabbi Ben Spratt teaches:

"...for each of us, in each place of struggle and trauma, is held the seeds of possibility ... of growing and adapting, and changing ... as

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hope is a function of struggle, it is also the means through which we have the courage to create anew."

Seen through today's lens, Vaclav Havel's vision of hope is a prescription to be *hopeful*. Consider anew what he said, "It's not the conviction that

something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out."

Going through COVID has given us - if we dare to give it a try - a sense of purpose. We keep going, not given any promise of certainty that everything will be okay. But if we just keep going, doing what we must and doing what makes sense, then by this very definition, we have hope.

A perfect example of such thinking is this conjecture put by Rabbi Stephen Lewis Fuchs, "...instead of trying to get back to the old normal, maybe we can embrace the silver lining in the very dark cloud passing over us and create a new and better normal for ourselves...."

No question about it, we are living through a dark cloud. A metaphor that nonetheless contains the simple wisdom to help get us through our difficulties. Because it is the silver lining filled with the good things that have sprung up all around us - neighbors helping neighbors, medical workers going beyond their capacities, the shows of little kindnesses and support - that reminds us we need look no further than Torah itself. As Rabbi Jonathan Sacks puts it, "Judaism is the voice of hope in the conversation of mankind."

Resources:

URJ Blog Post: *Hope: The Silver Lining in a Very Dark Cloud* by Rabbi Stephen Lewis Fuchs

My Jewish Learning: *How the Jewish People Invented Hope* by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

Rabbí Renee





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the Congregation.
You can email the Temple office
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rabbirenee@gmail.com

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Torah Study with Rabbi Renee



Tuesday Mornings, 10:00 am - 11:00 am

January 11, 18, 25

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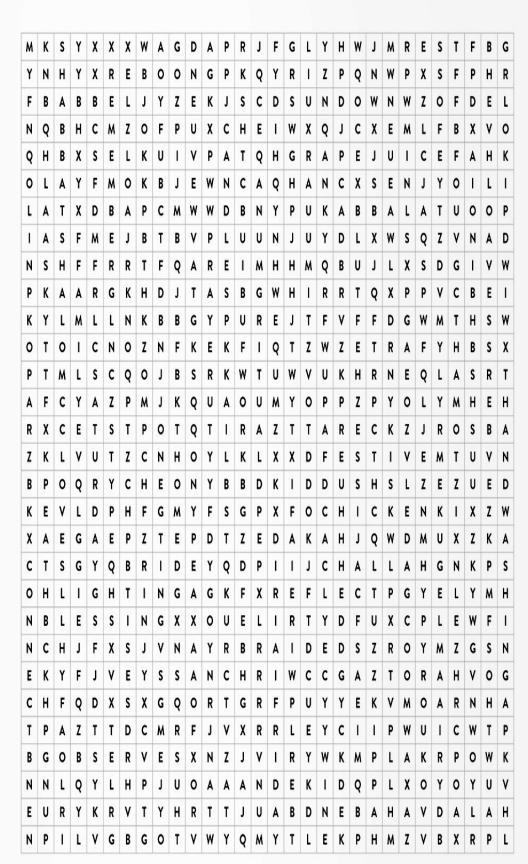
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Cantor's Corner...



禒 Notes from the Cantor 🐇

Somebody hold me too close/ Somebody hurt me too deep/ Somebody sit in my chair/ And ruin my sleep/And make me aware/ Of being alive, being alive. Isn't it rich?/ Are we

a pair?/ Me here at last on the ground/ You in midair./ Where are the clowns? Sometimes people leave you/ Halfway through the wood/ Others may deceive you/ You decide what's good/ You decide alone/ But no one is alone. Careful the wish you make/ Wishes are children/ Careful the path you take/ Wishes come true.

A little over a month ago, the world of musical theater lost a giant. Stephen Sondheim was a prolific composer and lyricist who revolutionized storytelling through the art form, tackling themes and darker human emotions that previous musicals didn't touch, such as loneliness, despair, ambivalence, the artistic temperament, etc.. More complex themes meant braver and more complex music and lyrics such as those quoted above.

Stephen Sondheim was born on March 22, 1930 in New York City to Etta and Herbert Sondheim. He grew up on the Upper West Side until his parents divorced and then lived on a farm near Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

At some point around the age of ten, he was befriended by James Hammerstein, the son of Oscar Hammerstein II who became a father figure to him and cultivated his love of musical theater. Hammerstein designed a four step course for Stephen while he was in High School: 1. Adapt a play that he admired into a musical. 2. Adapt a flawed play into a musical. 3. Adapt a novel or short story into a musical. 4. Write his own musical.

Sondheim attended Williams College where he

studied music theory, composition, and harmony. He also later continued his composition study with Milton Babbitt. He later told an interviewer, "You think it's a talent, you think you're born with this thing. What I've found outis that everybody's talented. It's just that some people get it developed and some people don't."

Sondheim's first famous musical was his collaboration with Leonard Bernstein on *West Side Story* in 1957, writing lyrics to Bernstein's music.

The other musical in which he only wrote the lyrics was *Gypsy* in 1959 to music by Jule Styne. After that, he became a composer as well as a lyricist.

His famous works also include *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* in 1962, *Company* in 1970, *Follies* in 1971, *A Little Night Music*, in 1973, *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* in 1979, *Merrily We Roll Along* in 1981, *Sunday in the Park with George* in 1984, and *Into the Woods* in 1987.

Prior to his recent death at the age of 91 Sondheim would go on to win eight lifetime Tony awards, more than any other composer, an Academy Award, eight Grammy Awards, a Pulitzer Prize, a Laurence Olivier Award, and a 2015 Presidential Medal of Freedom. He has theaters named for him on Broadway and London's West End. He would mentor such people as Lin-Manuel Miranda, award winning playwright Lynn Nottage, Jonathan Larson, and many unknowns as well. He is survived by his husband, Jeffrey Romley, and his legacy is revered by all who love musical theater.

Cantor Jason Rosenman



Broadway Jewish Composers and Lyricists

Led by Cantor Jason Rosenman

Join Cantor Rosenman for a class that will explore Broadway Jewish Composers, their impact on the legacy of Broadway, and how Jewish culture influenced their work. We will look at the contributions of such people as Oscar Hammerstein II, Leonard Bernstein, Kurt Weill,

Stephen Sondheim, etc.

Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM

February 3, 10, 17, 24

Cantor Jason Rosenman is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Cantor Rosenman's Broadway Jewish Composers Class

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

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From the President...



Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that 2021 went by so fast. We closed on the sale of the Temple building and set up an office

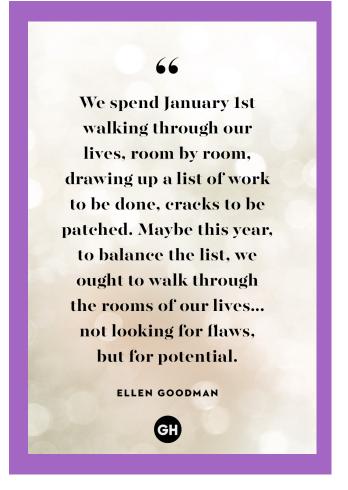
in Short Hills, while Stacie continued her search for our new home. With our fiscal year coming to a close and thinking vaccines were heading back toward normal, we did not want to continue Religious School, Shabbat Services and B'nai Mitzvahs virtually. Stacie was checking all available properties in Springfield and could not find our new home. Thus, we accepted an offer from Congregation B'nai Israel to lease some space. We planned for in-person High Holiday Services only to have the Delta variant throw that plan out. It was great to be in-person for Shabbat services and Onegs plus two B'nai Mitzvah services.

Still unable to locate an appropriate place for our new home, we set up a committee to work on our plan for the upcoming fiscal year. The committee is composed of members representing all the different groups - families with children in Religious School, families whose children are past confirmation age, couples, seniors and singles. Once the Board reviews the options, we will set up a congregational meeting so you can vote on the choices. We are anticipating the meeting will be scheduled for sometime in February.

I wish all of you a safe and healthy 2022.

Shalom,

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PLEASE NOTE!

The next Scroll will be for
February
THE DEADLINE FOR THE
FEBRUARY SCROLL ARTICLES IS
JANUARY 8, 2022

Temple Events



Jan. 1	Study Minyan	11:00 am
Jan. 3	Board of Trustees	7:00 pm
Jan. 8	Study Minyan	11:00 am
Jan. 10	Sisterhood	7:30 pm
Jan. 11	Rabbi Renee's Bible Study	10:00 am
Jan. 15	Study Minyan	11:00 am
Jan. 17	Office Closed Martin Luther King Remembrance Brotherhood	12:00 pm 7:00 pm
Jan. 18	Rabbi Renee's Bible Study	11:00 am
Jan. 22	Study Minyan	11:00 am
Jan. 24	Executive Board	7:00 pm
Jan. 25	Rabbi Renee's Bible Study	11:00 am
Jan. 29	Study Minyan	11:00 am

Religious School Events



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Jan. 2	No Religious School	
Jan. 6	Hebrew School Keshet at Temple	3:30 pm 5:15 pm
Jan. 9	Religious School Wimpel Workshop	9:30 am
Jan. 13	Hebrew School Keshet at Temple	3:30 pm 5:15 pm
Jan. 16	No Religious School	
Jan. 20	Hebrew School Keshet at Temple	3:30 pm 5:15 pm
Jan. 23	No Religious School	
Jan. 27	Hebrew School Keshet at Temple	3:30 pm 5:15 pm
Jan. 30	Religious School	9:30 am
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News From SISTERHOOD

With all of the holidays now behind us, I hope everyone was able to celebrate with family.

Although we are still not meeting in person, we do try to meet every month. If you are interested in joining one of our meetings, please contact me and I will include you in our zoom. If anyone has any suggestions on something you would like to do with Sisterhood you can also let me know that. Just remember that any programs would have to be able to be done on a zoom meeting.

Sisterhood is here if anyone needs any assistance also. Please just reach out to any of our board members.

Yours in Sisterhood,

Lori Weshnak-Needleman Lwn357@verizon.net 908-578-1720







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to sign up for
Sisterhood/ Brotherhood
Membership







Time to Buy Your New 2022 Mah Jongg Cards!

TSS Sisterhood is taking orders for the new 2022 Official Mah Jongg Card. Price is the same as ordering directly from the National Mah Jongg League -- \$9 for the standard card. \$10 for the large print edition. Please place your orders by Friday, January 14, 2022 and make checks payable to TSS Sisterhood.

Sorry, no late orders will be accepted! Cards will be available in mid-April 2022.

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News From SISTERHOOD

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News From BROTHERHOOD

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Beverly Lerner

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Julio Russ

Samuel Salerno

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Adrienne Sklar

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Jennifer Weberman

JANUARY

Pamela & Marc Bain







YAHRZEITS - We remember our family and friends

January 7, 2022

George Applebaum, father of Stuart Applebaum

Eleanor Bernstein, mother Robert Bernstein

Ira Cohen, cousin of Muriel Klinger **Leo Eaker**, father of Cindy Broderick **Barbara Gordon**, mother of Karen Knapp

Paula Gornstein, mother-in-law of Shelley Gornstein

Harold Greenblatt, uncle of Sandra Eberle

Alex Kaplan, father of Ellen Cohen **Samuel Kaplan**, father of Judith Tornick

Stefan Kun

Beverly Wolfe Levy, friend of Pamela Bain

Beth Joy Rappoport, sister of Hank Rottenberg

Sadie Rosenman

Daniel Schlosser, brother of Melvyn Schlosser

Jacob Smith, father of Diane Gianas **Enid Steir**, mother of Michelle Tempkin

Jack Zucker, brother-in-law of Pamela Bain

Larry Zwillman, father of Jani Jonas

January 14, 2022

Meyer Bromberg, father of Charles
Bromberg

Herbert Brown, father of Ilene Gerstenfeld

Harriette Eaker, mother of Cindy Broderick

Henrietta Fabricant, mother-in-law of Marian Fabricant

Mary Hirsch, mother-in-law of Sydelle Hirsch Miriam Kabot, mother of Irene Bolton

Evelyn Kaplan, mother of Lawrence

Lerner

Abraham Lederman

Marion Pasternak, mother of Marcy Pasternak

Florence Ravitz, mother of Matthew Ravitz

Sol Schack, father of Toby Sperber
Lilly Scherb, mother of Marvin Scherb
Elinor Schnell, mother of Amy Cohen
Marylin Shrensel, aunt of Barbara
Goldstein

Jordan Stewart, nephew of Risa Yesowitz **Al Tenzer**, father of Risa Yesowitz

January 21, 2022

Morton Bratter, husband of Sherry

Bratter
father of Paul Bratter

Alezah Eisenstein, mother of Amy Daniels

David Feldman

Rose Fielo, mother of Joan Baumgarten **Harry Goldman**, grandfather of Jodi

Silverstein

Barbara Graulich, aunt of Andrew Graulich

Lee Kornbluth, aunt of Michael and Maria Sklar

Howard Lake

Lillian Mardenfeld, mother of Sheldon

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Saul Mardenfeld, father of Sheldon

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Selma Ross, mother of Karen Kerstein **Joyce Schmidt**, mother of Roxanne Eisen

January 28, 2022

Florence Feinstein, aunt of Goldye Grossman

Florence Gross, mother of Lynne Bell Bruce Kahn, cousin of Pamela Bain Barbara Karp, wife of Leonard Karp Paul Kiesel, father-in-law of Audree Kiesel

Myron Krop, husband of Marion Krop

Bessie Kurs

Henry Loeshelle, father of Harold Loeshelle

Isadore Marcovitch, father of Elaine Eisenstein

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Samuel Monastersky, husband of Danise Monastersky

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Kleinman

Roland H. Shaul

Hortense Shider

Florence Tempkin, mother of Michelle
Tempkin

Evelyn Zucker, mother of Marcia Bright mother-in-law of Leslie Zucker



YAHRZEITS

We remember our family and friends
We gratefully thank you for these Gifts and Donations

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To Robert Cohen, in honor of his 95th birthday, from Bill Stromeyer and Racquel Aneckstein

To Vivienne and Bob Cohen, in honor of their 73rd wedding anniversary, from Bill Stromeyer and Racquel Aneckstein

To Elliot Friedman, in memory and sympathy of your aunt, Jean Stein, from Ricki and Arthur Sacks

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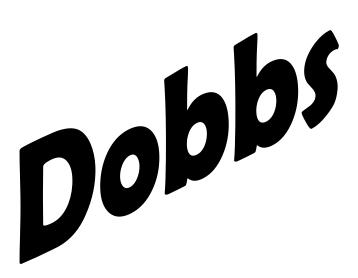
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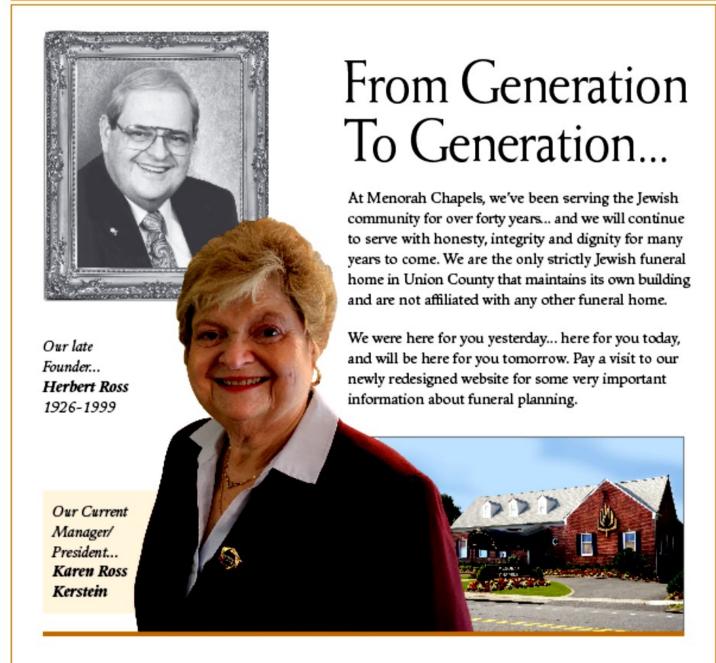
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