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Lach L'cha!

By Rabbi Howard Mandell

I was very fortunate that my Rabbinical School, J.T.S., was located across the street from the Manhattan School of Music, Columbia University, and Union Theological Seminary, one of our nation's outstanding Christian seminaries. One of the "perks" that J.T.S. students had been that we could take classes at Union, and in the same way, their students were permitted to take classes at J.T.S.

After taking my first 2 classes at Union, I recall returning excitedly to tell my J.T.S. advisor, who had been the one to suggest I take some classes there, how much I had enjoyed the classes. I also pointed out to him a question, a concern, I had, that being, that I had heard a religious term mentioned repeatedly in my classes at Union that I rarely, if ever, heard spoken in my classes at J.T.S.

More about my advisor's response and this religious term in a moment, but I first want to talk briefly about an article that I recently read, which discussed a book, entitled "Saving Languages," in which the authors, Lenore Grenoble and Linsay J. Whaley, both of whom are linguists, point out that, when a language erodes or disappears, we lose more than just vocabulary, we lose the ethical and cultural worlds that house those words. Using this book as her starting point, the author of the article points out that, because of far fewer people today actively practicing organized religion in our country, we have lost, as a nation, much of the language expressing Judeo-Christian morality. This religious language has been replaced by language, according to the author, reflecting a very different set of values — those of politics, science, psychology, and particularly economics.

Returning now to my conversation with my advisor at J.T.S., he pointed out to me that there was clearly some truth to what I was saying, that when Christianity started applying this religious term to Jesus, we Jews began to refer to this religious term far less frequently.

Pulling out a copy of the *Sim Shalom Siddur*, my advisor went on to note that this word is frequently found in our *siddur* and in our sacred texts. The following excerpts from our own "*Siddur Sim Shalom* for Shabbat and Festivals" and the *Chumash* that we use well prove his point:

Page 65. "May we find grace, love, and compassion, in Your sight and in the sight of all those, who look upon us, this day and every day,"

Page 66. "Master of all worlds. Not upon our merit do we rely in our supplications, but upon your limitless grace [translated "love" in the *Siddur* but the Hebrew word means "grace"].

Page 71. *Kaddish D'Rabbanan*. "Let there be peace, grace, kindness, compassion, and love, for them and for us all."

Page 119. Priestly Blessing. "May Adonai show you favor and be gracious [show 'grace'] unto you."

Yes, the word that was mentioned repeatedly in my classes at Union, rarely spoken in class at J.T.S., yet found repeatedly in our *Siddur* and in the *Torah* and *Tanakh* [The name "Hannah" means "gracious"] is "grace," with the Hebrew word being "cheyn".

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Lach L'cha!

By Rabbi Howard Mandell

Why am I devoting my *Lach Lecha* column this month to the word "grace"? Because as the author of the article points out, and I have noted above, the loss of this religious term has been replaced in our society by such terms as "transactional," "investment and return," "cost benefit analysis," etc. While perhaps appropriate for the world of business and commerce, which worlds focus far more on benefit to oneself, the language of business and commerce is far less helpful in developing, strengthening, and healing personal relationships and bringing people of differing opinions together.

God's grace is in no way transactional or part of a "quid pro quo". It is a gift freely given. As the prayer referred to above, on Page 66 of our *Sim Shalom Siddur*, makes clear, that, while we Jews are called upon to be guided by our *yetzer ha'tov* rather than our *yetzer ha'rah,* our "good inclination" over our "evil inclination," we humans are all finite and imperfect, so despite our best efforts, we are at times going to fall short of, perhaps even totally miss, the mark. So, unlike our having to earn good grades, or the love of some parents, God's love is unconditional.

While the ability to show "grace" may be primarily a divine attribute, our sacred texts call upon us Jews to at least try to emulate the ways of God. We do this, for example, when we are able to forgive another person, even if the person has not asked for our forgiveness.

A classic illustration of human "grace," for me, was the invitation given by Nelson Mandela, who had spent 27 years in prison for opposing Apartheid, to the prosecutor, who had sent him to prison, to have lunch with him. What makes this true act of grace particularly powerful for me, as a Jew, is that the prosecutor was also Jewish, and to show him respect, Mandela arranged for the lunch to be kosher.

While unfortunately never apologizing or taking responsibility for his role in enforcing Apartheid in South Africa and sending Mandela to prison, the prosecutor was able to express gratitude for Mandela's responding with grace and forgiveness and not vengeance and retribution, when Mandela became South Africa's first black President, which vengeance and retribution today unfortunately, has become commonplace by the current leadership in our country.

We read in Psalm 103: "The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love." While I, perhaps you, may never be able to imitate God's ways the way Nelson Mandela was, we can all hopefully be inspired to give it our best shot!

Rabbi Howard Mandell

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

By Jeff Tye

ARE WE IN A "SHALSHELET "MOMENT OR IN A "SENIOR" MOMENT???

At a recent Shabbat morning service, I had the privilege of covering for the Rabbi giving the D'var Torah (discussion/ insight on the Torah parsha of the week or other appropriate topic). The parsha was Vayera (from Bereshit [Genesis]). (If you have any interest in covering and preparing a D'var Torah when the Rabbi is unavailable, please reach out to me or contact Janet and we'll be happy to plug you in to your chosen slot!) As with all Torah readings, and Haftarah portions, you may recall that there is a special cantillation (trope) that is used to chant the reading. It was developed many, many centuries ago but is still in use today in synagogues throughout the world. (There are some minor musical variations in different parts of the world, but the actual notations of this musical chanting are the same, no matter where you go.) They aren't actually written in the Torah, but only in the chumashim and other books that show these markings for study purposes. This assures the Torah passages can be sung the same way wherever you may be. These notations can help guide you in proper pronunciations of the words being chanted or may even provide insights into hidden meanings of the word, which regular musical notes might not be able to give you.

In the above noted parsha, we find a very special Trope mark, known as a Shalshelet. There are only 4 of these in the entire Torah! It looks almost like a corkscrew, and it's sung almost like it looks, wavering up and down "zigzagging like a streak of lightning". Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks in a D'var Torah of his on Parashat Vayera states that it "conveys frozen motion….in which the agent [person] (making the statement over which the Shalshelet resides) is torn by inner conflict. The Shalshelet is the music of ambivalence." (See Genesis19:16, Genesis 24:12, Genesis 39:8, and Vayikra 8:23.)

This past August, your Board of Directors sent a survey questionnaire to approximately 70 recipients, allowing multiple family members at the same address to respond individually to this survey. We chose to do this so that everyone could express their own views as individuals, and not just as couples. At our High Holyday services, I reminded everyone about how important the honest results of this survey will be to the Board as we look to chart our future course. At that time, we had 22 surveys returned. To this date, we have only received 23 responses.

For those of you that have completed and returned your survey questionnaires, you have our sincere thanks! If you have not had the opportunity yet to finish your survey and return it (anonymously if you wish), please think about doing this during the coming week. We can't hold any parlor discussion meetings until we get a meaningfully significant number of returned responses. That will provide us with the raw data needed to start making our decisions for our future.

By the time you read this article, hopefully, Janet will have been able to resend an email version (or another printed version if necessary) of the survey so that you do not feel that you were not able to participate. Finally, regarding the above, if you are experiencing a "Shalshelet" moment about how honestly, you should be answering the questions posed in the survey, please reach out to myself, Jon, or Caren so we can help you clarify your thoughts. This is only the first step in our discussions and not a final determination of decisions that need to be made. On the other hand, if your survey has not been returned to us, because of a "senior" moment(s), please let this article serve as a gentle reminder to make it a priority to send back your surveys as soon as possible. It should take about 10-15 minutes to complete. We really need your help with this and truly value your input!

B'Shalom,

Jeff (for your Board of Directors)

SOCIAL ACTION

The Social Action Committee is coordinating a donation drive for Project Home Again, a local organization that collects gently used household items and gives them to families in need. PHA works closely with social workers and other local agencies to identify households in need.

Donation dropoff is at CBI through November 30. Please check with Janet before coming to be sure the office is open.

Donations can also be dropped off directly at Project Home Again at 123 Tewksbury Street in Andover. Please consult the PHA website for their hours: www.phama.org.

Small Kitchen Appliances:
- Toasters/toaster ovens,
- Coffee makers
- Blenders
- Air fryers
- Crock pots/slow cookers

Dishes & Cookware:
- Plates, bowls and dishes (no China)
- Drinking glasses
- Silverware
- Pots and pans
- Baking dishes
- Coffee mugs
- Cooking/serving utensils

Linens and towels in good condition:
- Bed sheets (twin, full and queen)
- Comforters/blankets
- Throw blankets
- Towels

Decor:
- Wall art
- Household decor

Furniture:
- Small/medium kitchen tables
- Dining/kitchen chairs
- Dressers (<45" width)
- Lamps
- Coffee tables
- Side tables

If you have questions about donating, please contact Hilary Guida or Ellen Brody.

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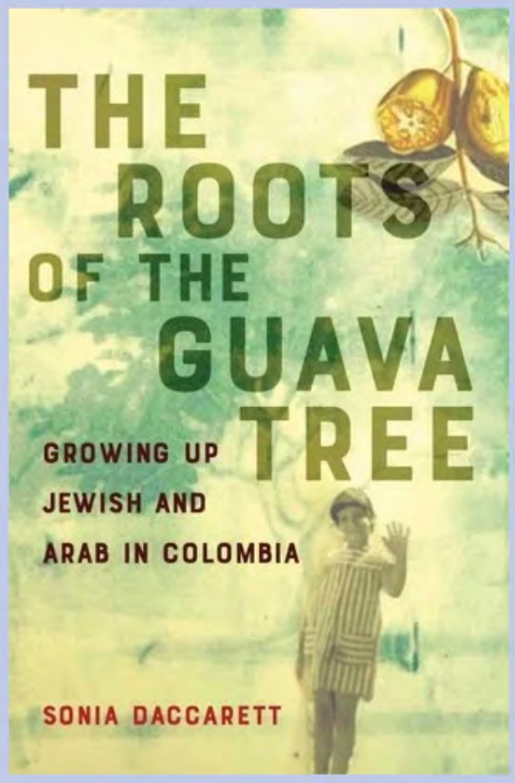
Book Review!



November 12, 2026

7:00 pm

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Let's get reading!

Let's TRAVEL with BASHERT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
CONGREGATION AHAVAS ACHIM
53 ½ WASHINGTON STREET
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SERVICES AT 6:00PM
FOLLOWED BY LASAGNA DINNER

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 11TH

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"The Wedding Entertainer (The Tale of Moishe Badhan)

Director: Gidi Dar
Narrative, 2025, Israel/US, 102 minutes
Hebrew with English subtitles

Film Synopsis:

Moishe, a disgraced Hasidic wedding-comedian, must secure one last gig to raise the $20,000 required to marry off his daugher and reclaim his former glory. When his childhood best friend, Yisroel Bomchik, returns home from his son's wedding, Moishe cnvinces Yisroel to let hm co-host the ceremony alongside a younger and flashier entertainer. The proceedings quickly spiral out of control when the seasoned performers clash.

Followed by a conversation with Actor Malky Goldman, moderated by Dr. Shayna Weiss, Senior Associate Director of the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis Univesity.

NOVEMBER 14TH @ 7:00PM NEWTON JCC
Please RSVP to Caren Jacobson at CarenBlair@aol.com or 978.857.2587

A note from Marilyn Friedman

"I'd like to thank everyone in your congregation for always being so warm and welcoming. You are a very special community and I always appreciate learning, praying, and socializing with all of you."

Warmly,

Marilyn Friedman
Ed Sloan's Fiancee

Legacy Endowment Contributions

We have just kicked off the Legacy Endowment Campaign in December, which included discussions with most of the board and just a few members, and it will continue until we have had the opportunity to meet with all members over the next several months. We expect the following two lists to grow each month as we meet with more members.

The following people have made generous contributions to help kick off the Legacy Endowment Fund. We thank them for their support in establishing this fund and immediately impacting our ongoing operational deficit.

Sarah Blumenstock and Kris Girrell
Jon and Ellen Brody
Chris Cook & Ellen Rothstein
Alan and Debbie Friedman
Merle & Mike Roesler
Caren Jacobson and Blair Roberts
Rabbi Howard Mandell
Judy Mizner
Rick and Robin Pike
Les Tye
Bill Shek
Richard Soll
Jeff and Gayle Tye
Elaine Winic

The following people have notified us that they have designated funds to CBI at a future date. We thank them for their support and commitment to help grow the Endowment in the future.

Jon and Ellen Brody
Peter and Beth Edelstein
Elaine Winic
Bob and Barbara Moverman

KIDDUSH SPONSORS NEEDED

We have a few dates still available for the remainder of the year. Do you have a Yahrzeit coming up? Special Birthday? How about just because?

We can do the shopping and setup for a small fee of $75.

The following date are available:

- ✡ January 2
- ✡ January 9
- ✡ January 16
- ✡ January 23
- ✡ January 30
- ✡ February 6
- ✡ February 13
- ✡ February 27

Please contact Janet at office @bethisraelmv.org or at 978.474.0540.

CBI Cares

CBI Cares is here for you.

Please notify Rebecca Fishbein at rfg013@gmail.com or Janet at office@bethisraelmv.org if you know of someone could use a meal or support of any kind.

We are here for you.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS!

✡ **November 8**	**Memorial Scrolls Trust Torah Reunion**
✡ **November 12**	**Book Review "The Roots of the Guava Tree: Growing up Jewish and Arab in Colombia" by Sonnia Daccarett**
✡ **November 13**	**Bashert at Congragation Ahavas Achim**
✡ **November 14**	**Boston Jewish Film Festival "The Wedding Entertainer"**
✡ **November 26**	**Thanksgiving**
✡ **December 4**	**Shabbat Chai**
✡ **December 6**	**Lots of Latkas**
✡ **December 13**	**"Book of Esther in the Age of Rembrandt" at the Isabella Stuart Museum followed by lunch**

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Consider making a donation to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund which gives Rabbi Mandell the ability to purchase or fund items that benefit the synagogue, our members, and our neighbors in need. Kindly send your donation to Janet in the CBI office, ***check made out to CBI, including the notation "RDF"***, and it will be credited accordingly.

Thank you for your generosity!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The CBI Board of Directors will meet on Monday, November 16 at 7:15pm on Zoom for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

All Board Meetings are open to the membership. If you would like to attend, please RSVP no later than November 13 to Janet at 978.474.0540 or **office@BethIsraelMV.org** and the Zoom link will be provided, along with an agenda.

The December 2026
Bulletin deadline is
Friday, November 27, 2026

Send your articles to
Newsletter@BethIsraelMV.org with
"December Newsletter"

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES NOVEMBER 2026

NOVEMBER HAPPY BIRTHDAY
יום הולדת שמח

Alysa Dudley	November	1
Ilana Pike	November	6
Rachel Abbott	November	10
Alissa Onigman	November	10
Ellen Rothstein	November	20
Susannah Abbott	November	26
Ethel Somers	November	27
Rachel Sharpe	November	27

Join us for Kiddush Luncheon following Shabbat Morning Services!

THANK YOU TO OUR SEPTEMBER

KIDDUSH / ONEG / SPECIAL EVENT SPONSORS

Sponsor	Date	Occasion
Janet Damelin	October 3	In memory of her beloved grandfather, Louis Damelin
Ken Zeller	October 10	In memory of his beloved uncle, Nathan Zeller
Ann Macklin	October 24	In honor of Ruby's 16th Birthday!
Ed Sloan	October 24	In memory of his beloved mother, Ruth Sloan
Elaine Winic	October 31	In memory of her parents, Sam and Edna Winic and her grandmother, Ida Winic

Donations to the Kiddush Fund are always gratefully accepted.

Upcoming dates are available to honor / remember loved ones and / or special events / holidays.

Contact Janet for more information on Kiddush sponsorships.

October Kind & Generous Donations

TEMPLE FUND

FROM	TO	OCCASION
Barbara & Bob Moverman	Beth Edelstein	In memory of your beloved husband and father, Peter Edelstein
Rebecca Fishbein & Mitch Guttentag	Beth Edelstein	In memory of your beloved husband and father, Peter Edelstein
Rebecca Fishbein & Mitch Guttentag	Philip & Alissa Onigman	Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter, Thea
Rebecca Fishbein & Mitch Guttentag	Alan Friedman & Hilary Guida	For chanting Haftorah so beautifully
Rebecca Fishbein & Mitch Guttentag	Elaine Winic, Jeff Tye, & Janet Damelin	Thank you for coordinating and and preparing the High Holiday Services
Rebecca Fishbein & Mitch Guttentag	Elaine Winic, Merle & Mike Roesler, Moverman & Jeremy Finkle	For the beautiful music during the High Holiday Services
Rebecca Fishbein & Mitch Guttentag	Tanya Gould	Rufuah Sh'lemah, wishing you a full and complete healing
Rebecca Fishbein & Mitch Guttentag	Amy Sherr	On the celebration of your special birthday
Susannah & Rob Abbott	Philip & Alissa Onigman	Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter, Thea
Susannah & Rob Abbott	Beth Edelstein	In memory of your beloved husband and father, Peter Edelstein
Cindy & Burt Ochs	Beth Edelstein	In memory of your beloved husband and father, Peter Edelstein
Cindy & Burt Ochs	Robin & Mike Rose	Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Hunter Jackson Stewart!
Caren Jacobson & Blair Roberts	Robin & Mike Rose	Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Hunter Jackson Stewart!
Caren Jacobson & Blair Roberts	Cindy & Burt Ochs	Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter, Madison, "Maddy" Ruth Sharpe!
Caren Jacobson & Blair Roberts	Jamie Brown	In memory of her beloved father, Dr. Alan Josephson
Leslie & David Silverstein	Beth Edelstein	In memory of your beloved husband and father, Peter Edelstein
Jerry Golner	Les Tye	Wishing you a Happy 97th Birthday!
Leslie & David Silverstein	Cindy & Burt Ochs	Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter, Madison, "Maddy" Ruth Sharpe!
Leslie & David Silverstein	Robin & Mike Rose	Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Hunter Jackson Stewart!
Ellen & Jon Brody	Robin & Mike Rose	Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson, Hunter Jackson Stewart!

We appreciate and accept all donations for various funds for recognition purposes, however all donations are used for general operating expenses except those to the Rabbi Discretionary Fund and the Leonard C. Mandell Legacy Fund / May Their Memory Always be for a Blessing .

October Kind & Generous Donations

TEMPLE FUND

FROM	TO	OCCASION
Ellen & Jon Brody	Cindy & Burt Ochs	Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter, Madison, "Maddy" Ruth Sharpe!
Kathleen Brady	Beth Edelstein	In memory of your beloved husband and father, Peter Edelstein
Anita & Ken Adams	Beth Edelstein	In memory of your beloved husband and father, Peter Edelstein
Marilyn Friedman		For being so warm and welcoming
Natalie Greenblatt	Les Tye	Wishing you a Happy 97th Birthday!
Elaine Goodman	Ethel Somers	In honor of Ethel's 103rd Birthday!

YAHRZEITS

MOURNER	IN MEMORY OF
Lee, Joel, & Melissa Bishoff & Fredalyn Halvorsen	Shirley Bishoff, Mother
Stephen Cohen & Esther Barmak	Harriet & Benjamin Cohen. Mother and Father
Susan Neyman & Family	Anna Bloom, Mother and Grandmother
Lawrence & Zoila Feldman	Polly Feldman, Aunt
Lawrence & Zoila Feldman	Fannie Moore, Aunt
Jill A. Kaplan Brown	David Kaplan, Brother
Jill A. Kaplan Brown	Elaine Kaplan, Mother
Jill A. Kaplan Brown	Craig Kaplan, Brother
Gary Mauser	Herman Mauser. Father
Bonnie Heines	Leonore Rambach, Mother
Natalie Greenblatt	Dora Serkman, Mother
Chris Cook	Olav Cook, Father
Philip Onigman	Marc Onigman, Brother
Philip Onigman	Murray Onigman, Father
Alissa Onigman	Gloria Levenstein, Mother
Ruth White	A. Melvin Glazer, Father
Susan Neyman & Family	Sylvia Neyman, Mother-in -law

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

FROM	TO	OCCASION
Rebecca Fishbein & Mitch Guttentag	Rabbi Mandell, Jeff Tye, Cantor Harris & Terry Fetters	For leading beautiful High Holiday Services
Suzanne & Ron Grosz	Rabbi Mandell	
Barbara & Bob Moverman	Rabbi Mandell	
Caren Jacobson & Blair Roberts	Rabbi Mandell	For leading beautiful High Holiday Services

The following names will be read, and people remembered at *Yahrzeit*, on Shabbat Morning

November 7-13
27 Cheshvan-3 Kislev

Saul Arkin
Yankiv Laeb Auslander
Abraham Bain
Herman Bell
Myer P. Bernstein
Samuel Blotner
Louis Bord
Elizabeth H. Cohen
Olav Cook
Harry H. Friedman
Samuel Gilboard
Fannie Goldblith
Harry S. Goldman
Lee Gould
Rose Lightman
Aleck Loftus
Louis J. Loftus
Herman Mauser
Max Newman
Sylvia Neyman
Ray Niedergang
Jessie Risman
Anna Rostler
Irving Rubinstein
Sidney Slavin
Lena Swartz
M. Michael Weinberg
Goldie Weisberg
Philip Winer
Fannie Winner
Lena Witznudel
Abraham Wolff
Max Wolff

November 14-20
4-10 Kislev

Bernice S. Abramson
Arnold Bacon
Bertha Bacon
Annie Bass
Jennie Berman
Marica Berns
Marilyn Lee Block
A. Albert Broad
Minnie Doppelt
Hilda Entes
Flora L. Faber
Rose (Zelinsky) Fagerson
Lena Gerson
Susan Krevlin Gleicher
Bessie Goldberg
Jerry Goldman
Lee Greenberg
Mae Feldman Kahn
Jennie Kallman
Ida Kaplan
Stephan P. Karp
Eliot Kates
Sidney Kutel
Alvin Lebowitz
Lena Levin
Irving Lieberman
Nathan Livine
Marcia Lovitt
Lena Marmer
David M. Meyers
Morris Muscovitz
Leo H. Penn
Jacob Posternak
Mildred Rainen
Bennett Rogers
Nathan Rogers
Chester Rosoff
Frances Sadow
Mrs. David Salovitch
Manuel Segal
Bertha Rifkin Shapiro
Rebecca Shapiro
Joseph Shyavitz
Melvin R. Silver
Dr. Maurice J. Silverman
Hilda Smith
Mildred C. Spector
Samuel Swartz
Oscar Tenenbaum
Gertrude Tessler
Nathan Tucker
Harry Zeller
Miles Zubick

November 21-27
11-17 Kislev

Fred Bachner
Paul Bain
Pearl Benson
Judith Bernstein
Benjamin Chalin
Harriet Cohen
Murray Cohen
Max Farman
Beatrice (Betty) Feldbin
Abraham B. Franks
Rose Gass
A. Melvin Glazer
Lena Pessia Goldberg
Jay J. Goodman
Murray Green
Elizabeth H. Greenglass
Joseph Halpern
George Hantgan
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Marc Onigman
Leo Pepper
Salleigh Peterson
Samuel Poulten
Jacob Primak
Abraham Rick
Sanford Roomberg
Samuel Rostler
Chester R. Schneider
Pearl Schwartz
Hena Shupak
Phillip Snyder
Lena Spector
Morris Spector
Minnie Stein
Dora Vinecour

November 28-December 4
18-24 Kislev

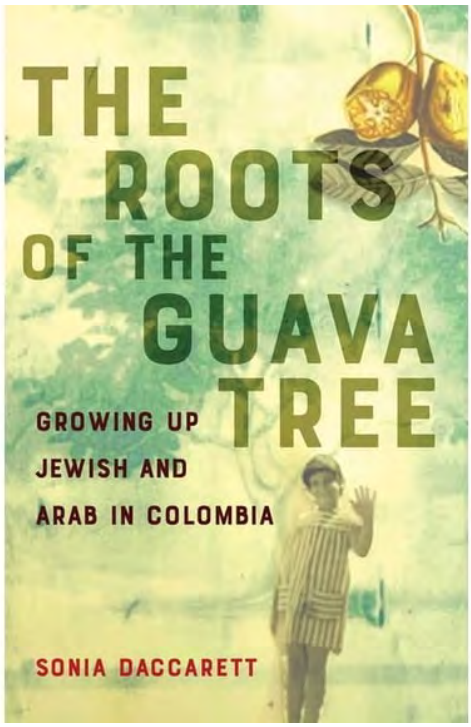
Sylvia Abramson
Fannie Artenstein
Sarah Freda Bishoff
Jennie Brindis
Ruth Coggan
Samuel Cohen
Rabbi Abraham
Isaac Feldbin
Kaity Gedansky
Henrietta Gerstein
Samuel Goldberg
Samuel Goldberg
Max Greenberg
Ina B. Greenblatt
Sadye (Ostro) Grossman
Suzanne Grosz
Abraham Gustat
Irwin Hammer
Ida "Hon" Sarah Hantgan
Aaron J. Harris
Herbert Harris
Jennie Eva Hoffman
Richard Holzman
Irving S. Horowitz
Dr. Max Hymen
Frances Issenberg
David Kaplan
Leah Freda Kaplan
Etta K. Karp
Leo Katze
Benjamin Kazer
Janice Kornfeld
Benjamin Kroll
Harry Lovitt
Emily Platt Mcdaniel
Max Rosengard
A. Sidney Roth
Lillian Schacter
Esther Schub
Morris J. Shapiro
Benjamin Shuman
Howard M. Siegel
Jacob Sigal
Maurice Lewis Silverman
Fannie Silverwatch
Hilda S. Steinberg
Celia Tinter
Rebecca Weinstein
Samuel Weisberg
Sarah Wolff

Book Selections for 2026-2027

- ✡ **"The Roots of the Guava Tree: Growing up Jewish and Arab in Columbia" by Sonia Daccarett**
- ✡ **"Always Carry Salt: A Memoir of Preserving Language and Culture" by Samantha Ellis**
- ✡ **"The Last Dekrepitzer" by Howard Langer**
- ✡ **"Memories After My Death" by Yair Lapid**

"The Roots of the Guava Tree: Growing up Jewish and Arab in Colombia" by Sonia Daccarett

Our first book review will be on November 12th at 7:00pm. This will be a hybrid event.



High Holiday Thank You's

ALIYOT, TORAH, AND HAFTORAH READERS COORDINATOR

- Elaine Winic

TORAH AND HAFTORAH READERS

- Jon Brody
- Alan Friedman
- Jeremy Finkle
- Hilary Guida
- Judy Mizner
- Hannah Moverman
- Bill Shek
- Adelle Stavis
- Jeff Tye
- Elaine Winic

LAY SERVICE LEADERS

- Terry Fetters
- Elaine Winic

GABBAIM & TORAH POINTERS

- Jon Brody
- Hilary Guida
- Bill Shek
- Jeff Tye
- Elaine Winic

SPEAKERS

- Rebecca Fishbein
- Jerry Golner
- Caren Jacobson
- Jeff Tye

SHOFAR BLOWER

- Jon Brody
- Ann Macklin
- Rabbi Mandell
- Sam Poulten
- David Tye

If we inadvertently omitted your name, please forgive us. Please let us know and we will acknowledge you in the next bulletin. Thank you.

SANCTUARY PREPARATIONS

- Saturday Morning Minyanaires
- Janet Damelin

BASHERT

- Jeremy Finkle
- Bob Moverman
- Merle Roesler
- Mike Roesler
- Elaine Winic

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- Basha Brody
- Chris Cook
- Janet Damelin
- Terry Fetters
- Hilary Guida
- Judy Mizner
- Jeff Tye

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- Jon Brody
- Rick Pike

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- Janet Damelin
- Hilary Guida

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- Rabbi Howard Mandell
- Cantor Mindy Harris
- Janet Damelin
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- All who were able to accept honors throughout our High Holy Day Services

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Rick Pike for purchasing the electronic sensors for the freezers and refrigerator.

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Cindy & Burt Ochs on the birth of their granddaughter,
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Thursday, November 5 & 19 @ 7:00pm

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CHESHVAN/KISLEV 5787

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 21 Cheshvan	2 22 Cheshvan	3 23 Cheshvan	4 24 Cheshvan	5 26 Cheshvan MINYAN	**6 27 Cheshvan** 4:13pm Candle Lighting	7 27 Cheshvan Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Mevorchim Chodesh Kislev Havdalah 5:14pm
8 28 Cheshvan MEMORIAL SCROLLS TRUST TORAH REUNION	9 29 Cheshvan BOARD MEETING @ 7:15	10 30 Cheshvan	11 1 Kislev Rosh Chodesh Kislev	12 2 Kislev BOOK REVIEW @ 7:00PM	13 3 Kislev 4:05pm Candle Lighting BASHERT AT CONGREGATION AHAVAS ACHIM NEWBURYPORT 6:00	14 4 Kislev Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Havdalah 5:07pm JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL **"THE WEDDING ENTERTAINER"**
15 5 Kislev	16 6 Kislev	17 7 Kislev	18 8 Kislev	19 9 Kislev MINYAN	20 10 Kislev 3:59pm Candle Lighting	21 11 Kislev Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Havdalah 5:02pm
22 12 Kislev	23 13 Kislev	24 14 Kislev	25 15 Kislev	26 16 Kislev THANKSGVIING OFFICE CLOSED	27 17 Kislev 3:55pm Candle Lighting	28 18 Kislev Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Havdalah 4:59pm
29 19 Kislev	30 20 Kislev					

DECEMBER 2026

KISLEV/TEVET 5787

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 21 Kislev	2 22 Kislev	3 23 Kislev MINYAN	**4 24 Kislev** 1st night of Chanukah light 1 Candle at 3:53pm 3:53pm Candle Lighting SHABBAT CHAI	5 25 Kislev Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Mevorchim Chodesh Tevet Havdalah 4:59pm Light 2 Candles 4:59pm
6 26 Kislev Light 3 Candles 4:36pm LOTS OF LATKAS	7 27 Kislev Light 4 Candles 4:36pm	8 28 Kislev Light 5 Candles 4:36pm	9 29 Kislev Light 6 Candles 4:36pm	10 30 Kislev Chag HaBanot Light 7 Candles 4:36pm Rosh Chodesh Tevet	**11 1 Tevet** Light 8 Candles at 3:53pm Rosh Chodesh Tevet 3:53pm Candle Lighting	12 2 Tevet Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Havdalah 4:58pm
13 3 Tevet	14 4 Tevet BOARD MEETING @ 7:15	15 5 Tevet	16 6 Tevet	17 7 Tevet MINYAN	18 8 Tevet 3:54pm Candle Lighting	19 9 Tevet Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Havdalah 5:00pm
20 10 Tevet 5:41am Fast begins **Asara B'Tevet** 4:52pm Fast ends	21 11 Tevet	22 12 Tevet	23 13 Tevet	24 14 Tevet	25 15 Tevet 3:58pm Candle Lighting	26 16 Tevet Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Havdalah 5:04pm
27 17 Tevet	28 18 Tevet	29 19 Tevet	30 20 Tevet	31 21 Tevet		