

## Yahrzeits this week

### Jan 16 - 3 Shevat

Harvey Ellis  
Berebitsky  
Sam Bubman  
Syra Cohn  
Francis Garlin  
Dorothy Isaacson  
Philip Meltzer  
Faye Menzer  
Henry J. Newman  
Rose Pinchouck  
Irene Schneider  
Rose Shane  
Lena Shapiro  
Clarence Spitzer  
Joan Starkston  
Frieda Tecktiel  
David Telpner  
Corrine Wolff  
Jerome B. Wulfsohn  
Mollie Zelkowitz

### Jan 17 - 4 Shevat

Sam Abrams  
Jeanette Donn  
Harold Golden  
Ruth Milstein  
Philip Schoeneman  
Harold Tecktiel

### Jan 18 - 5 Shevat

Sylvia Billowitz  
Arlene Bizar  
Steven Doroff  
Edith Goobler

David Goodman  
Harry Heftman  
Abraham Kaplan  
Wolf Laznowski  
Sherwin Malkin  
Bessie Modneck  
Martin Prager  
Joseph "Jo Jo"  
Solomon  
Edna Speaker  
Izak Taksin  
Fred Wertheimer

### Jan 19 - 6 Shevat

Dr. Jerome E.  
Abrahams  
Louis Cohen  
Irving Cowan  
Fred F. Drucker  
Sam Goldman  
Ethel Israel  
Arnold Levy  
Pauline Rosenthal  
Fay Steinberg

### Jan 20 - 7 Shevat

Irwin Cohen  
Herman D. Friedman  
Jacqueline "Jacki"  
Futterman  
Edward Nudelman  
Guy Sachar  
George Slan  
Ruben Spivak  
Sam Wolfson

### Jan 21 - 8 Shevat

Michael Bosse  
Hillard Crost  
Max Gotteiner  
Harry M. Greenberg  
Stuart Letwat  
Ida Rabin  
Eleanor Roth  
Julius Sklair  
Richard Sloan  
Oscar Wasserman

### Jan 22 - 9 Shevat

Ruth Baker  
George Blum  
Reuben Brookstone  
Sue Chunowitz  
Carol Gene Cohen  
Dave Ein  
Bruno Fischer  
Shirley Jacob  
Jerome Natenberg  
William David  
Resnick  
June Sabin  
James L. Schwartz  
Marshall Smulson  
Mollie Spector  
Regina Herz  
Twersky  
Sophie Wadler  
Albert Weinstein

January 16, 2021

3 Shevat



CONGREGATION  
BETH SHALOM

Shabbat

Va'era

## Shabbat Shalom and Welcome to Congregation Beth Shalom!

We seek to enrich the lives of our congregation through ever-evolving ideals of observance, life-long learning, and acts of kindness from this generation to the next. We are committed to meeting the spiritual, educational and social needs of our members through the practice of Conservative Judaism in an all-inclusive manner. We seek to encourage involvement and create a sense of belonging by serving our community, the Jewish people, and the State of Israel.

We hope you enjoy worshiping with us. Following services, please join us for kiddush luncheon and introduce yourself so we may personally greet you.

**Rabbi Aaron Melman • Cantor Steven Stoehr • Rabbi Warner Ferratier**  
**Tanya Solomon, President • Rabbi Carl Wolkin, Emeritus**

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If you are interested in being a part of our community, please contact Susan Karlinsky, Executive Director.



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## Mark Your Calendars

### Thought to Ponder:

Moses worries that he will not be able to convince Pharaoh because he can't convince the Israelites.

Why is sometimes harder to convince our own people to follow us than it is to convince strangers?

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### Schedule of Online

#### Daily Minyanim

Sunday & secular holidays @ 8:45 AM

Monday - Friday @ 7:45 AM

Sunday-Thursday @ 7:45 PM

## Congregational Gifts for S'machot

B'nai Mitzvah receive gifts from the congregation, Sisterhood, Men's Club, JUF, the Youth Commission and Rochelle Zell Jewish High School.

Gifts presented to those celebrating aufrufs and babynamings are provided by the Zaransky Family Ticktin Jewish Community Memorial Fund.

## Synagogue Etiquette

*In keeping with the spirit of Shabbat and to respect your fellow worshipers, please refrain from taking photographs, smoking and writing. If you must be accessible, please set your phone on silent. Please do not use your cell phone anywhere inside the building.*

**If you have any questions, please see one of our volunteer Shabbat Ambassadors or Greeters.**

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## This Week's Parashah

"I have heard the cries of the Israelites," says God, "and I will now fulfill my promise to them, redeeming them from slavery and bringing them into the land which I promised to their ancestors." Moses relates God's words, but the Israelites refuse to listen. God instructs an unwilling Moses to speak to Pharaoh. How can he convince Pharaoh, Moses wonders, if even the Israelites will not listen to him? God tells Moses to have Aaron accompany him as spokesman. When Pharaoh refuses to allow the Israelites to journey into the wilderness to worship God, the plagues begin. First, the Nile river and all the water in Egypt turn to blood. This is followed by an infestation of frogs. However, Pharaoh's magicians are able to duplicate these calamities. When the plague of lice afflicts the land, the magicians tell Pharaoh that it is the finger of God. Only when God afflicts Egypt with the fourth plague, wild beasts, does Pharaoh begin to soften, offering, finally, to allow the Israelites to go. Once the plague is removed, Pharaoh changes his mind. The fifth plague (cattle disease), the sixth plague (boils), and seventh plague (fiery hail) torment the Egyptians, and Pharaoh is once again forced to give in. But as soon as the hail ceases, Pharaoh's heart is hardened and he refuses to release the Children of Israel. Moses and Aaron go to Pharaoh demanding in the name of God that the Israelites be permitted to leave Egypt to worship God in the wilderness, but Pharaoh refuses to agree to their plea.

## Today's Haftarah

Ezekiel lived in Babylon during the days of the exile, and was a master of mystic dreams and visions. Like Jeremiah and Isaiah, he fortified his people's faith in God's forgiveness, but unlike them he stressed the great need for structured ritual as a basis for a religious revival. The haftarah begins with a scene of Israel restored to its land from exile. Then Ezekiel turns to Egypt with a fury. He compares Pharaoh and his nation to a sea monster whom God will feed to the beasts and the birds. Egypt will be made desolate by God and its people will be dispersed. Eventually, the Egyptian people will be restored to their land, but this nation, which subjugated the Children of Israel, will be humbled, and Israel will have been strengthened.