



kehillath shalom newsletter

קהילת שלום

March 2024
Adar I/Adar II 5784

**RECONSTRUCTING
JUDAISM**
Deeply rooted. Boldly relevant.

UPDATE FROM MOSHAV GE'A

BY JUDY DAVIS

I have asked Omer Gil who spoke to us about his moshav in December to update us about how the community continues to cope.

Before you read what he wrote, *please turn to page 3* and take note of the list of items badly needed to defend the moshav.

Dalia Rosenthal will be going on a JNF mission to Israel leaving March 3, 2024. She has arranged with Omer to meet him in Israel and bring these items. They can be ordered from Amazon, using the links. However, please **remember to send the items to:**

Dalia Rosenthal
8996 Bernini Place
Sarasota FL 34240-2507

If you wish to make a cash donation directly to the moshav: <https://tinyurl.com/IsraeliDefenseNow>

Here is what Omer wrote to me:

Our last weeks in the Moshav started to look more normal, if you can call them that.

Our kids started to go to their after school activities (*Hugim*).

My big daughter is going to Ceramic class and maybe she will start Dog training class next

week. I am so excited to know that she can do things like people that live in other parts of the country.

Last week we had a special guest in the Moshav, Harvey Finklestein, the new head of Dix Hills Jewish Center. He came with a JNF group after my lecture on January 7th and we spent the day together. We drove through and around the Moshav.

We had a rainy day here and our Tu Bishvat tree planting event in Gea was delayed, but me and Harvey got to plant a grapefruit tree in front of our synagogue.

We also saw our new addition to the Moshav – a gate at our west entrance. Sadly at the same day the gate was broken and that night thieves got to our neighbor Moshav and our gate lock has been cut...

This highlights our main problem that we have in the Moshav on our everyday life – lack of monitoring, and

people around us that are trying to harm us.

As a part of our First Response Team I am studying to get a drone flying licence. This is a needed procedure for flying a drone during a time of war and for the collaboration between the



IDF vehicles at Moshav Ge'a

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One link, One Meeting ID#, for MOST KSS meetings!

Meeting ID#: 882 6522 6225

Password: 046 425

By Phone: 1 646 558 8656

or click this link:

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UPDATE FROM MOSHAV GE'A

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military and the citizens.

I am taking evening classes and eventually I will take theory and practical tests.

I want to thank everyone in the community for having me on the Zoom session and for helping our Moshav.

Will send an update soon.

With great respect,

Omer Gil



IDF gift to Moshav Ge'a, thanking the "dear residents for their hospitality, caring and pampering during their wartime stay" (rough translation thanks to Judy Davis)



Dix Hills JC Pres. Harvey Finkelstein and Omer Gil with the grapefruit tree they planted for Tu Bishvat



IDF soldiers and Moshav Ge'a residents at farewell gathering.

(Jewish National Fund) mission with the rabbi, his wife, and 7 other members. We will be joining other JNF volunteers, taking on jobs necessary to fill the void of the over 350,000 Israelis serving in the IDF and reserves. I am hoping to visit with Omer and bring him some of the needed supplies he requested.

עם ישראל חי Kol Toov Am Israel Hai

Caring & Sharing

Our community mourns the loss of two extraordinary women in the past month.

We extend our deepest condolences to RABBI LINA and DINAH, to SARAH, LIORA, YAEL, to Lina's Dad, DON, and to Lina's brother, JOHN, on the loss of their beloved mother, wife, grandmother, and mother-in-law, MARYLYN ZERBARINI. A true אִשֶּׁת חַיִּיל *aishet chayil* (woman of valor), deeply faithful, she worked within the Church as a social activist, ministered to young and old in various capacities, and sang in the choir and at weddings and funerals. May her memory be for a blessing.

We also mourn the loss of another אִשֶּׁת חַיִּיל, longtime KSS member MILLIE WILLEN, and extend our deepest condolences to MORT, to LIZ, JOE, AMY, and all the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In addition to helping countless people in her therapeutic practice, Millie was involved in numerous community affairs, from civil rights to voter registration to affordable housing. She also generously opened her beautiful Victorian home on Northport Harbor to Kehillath Shalom for cocktail and pool parties. Always with a smile and something to read, may her memory be for a blessing. ❖

In a subsequent message, Omer added:

I would also add a sentence about the 200 soldiers that we hosted in our Moshav.

Three weeks ago they left and were discharged from the army as reserved. They spent the last 4 months in the Moshav as our guests.

They went in and out from Gaza, and always got our treatment as we had a list of people making them Shakshuka every morning and a list of people making them all the other meals, laundry, shower and anything they needed.

I am adding some pictures from the night they left and had a presentation for us, and gave us a present to show their gratitude.

And a note from Dalia:

Shalom to everyone from Dalia.

I am happy to share with you that I will be going to Israel with Temple Emanu-El — Sarasota on a JNF

DONATION LIST FOR GEA'S FIRST RESPONSE TEAM

Number of Units	Equipment	Model	Unit Cost	Total cost	Link for buying
10	Compact binoculars	Occer 12x25	\$30.59	\$305.90	https://www.amazon.com/Binoculars-Waterproof-Binocular-Traveling-Sightseeing/dp/B0756BXDTX/ref=sr_1_3?crid=D8LKLWVOWYNV6&keywords=combat%2Bbinoculars&qid=1707114626&prefix=Combat%2Bbin%2Caps%2C630&sr=8-3&th=1
20	Light mounts	IWC TMC	\$39.95	\$799.00	https://www.mountsplus.com/iwc-scurefire-scout-a2-handguard-light-mount.html
20	Tactical Flashlight	Feyachi FL22-MB	\$39.98	\$799.60	https://www.amazon.com/Feyachi-FL22-MB-Tactical-Flashlight-Batteries/dp/B08771WZBY/ref=sr_1_10?crid=2MO9WWOTGXHB5&keywords=m4+rifle+accessories&qid=17071144402&prefix=m4+rifle+flash%2Caps%2C421&sr=8-10
20	Combat Knee and Elbow Protective Pads Set	Ever Fairy	\$20.99	\$419.80	https://www.amazon.com/Ever-Fairy-Tactical-Military-Protection/dp/B076MQ75J4/ref=sr_1_6?keywords=knee%2Bprotect%2Barmy&qid=1707114495&sr=8-6&th=1
10	Memory card	SanDisk 128GB Extreme microSDXC	\$18.50	\$185.00	https://www.amazon.com/SanDisk-Extreme-microSDXC-Memory-Adapter/dp/B09X7BK27V/ref=mp_s_a_1_3?crid=2CUW86GIO51IW&keywords=128+gb+micro+sd+card&qid=1707260205&prefix=128+gb%2Caps%2C256&sr=8-3
2	Binoculars infrared nightvision	NV 800	\$229.00	\$458.00	https://www.amazon.com/ZIYOUHU-Binoculars-Recording-Infrared-Surveillance/dp/B0BRKWJ4P/ref=sr_1_8?crid=19I8HHM7DP7UI&keywords=night+vision+goggles&qid=1707115132&prefix=night++vision%2Caps%2C454&sr=8-8
2	Binoculars infrared nightvision	68-80	\$279.00	\$558.00	https://www.amazon.com/ZIYOUHU-Binoculars-Recording-Infrared-Surveillance/dp/B0BRKYNF8P/ref=sr_1_8?crid=19I8HHM7DP7UI&keywords=night%2Bvision%2Bgoggles&qid=1707115132&prefix=night%2B%2Bvision%2Caps%2C454&sr=8-8&th=1&psc=1
4	Thermal binoculars	ATN BinoX-4T 384-4.5-18x	\$3,999.00	\$15,996.00	https://www.amazon.com/ATN-384x288-Binoculars-RangeFinder-Compass/dp/B07NHKPTPF?ref=ast_sto_dp&th=1&psc=1
1	Thermal drone	Matrice 30T Worry-Free Plus Combo	\$10,587.00	\$10,587.00	https://store.dji.com/product/m30t-and-dji-care-enterprise-plus-m30t?vid=112971&startPoint=325
Total				\$30,108.30	

Isabel's Interviews: [Behind the Scenes]

I have no excuse. The month slipped away from me without an interview. I'm going to take this space to explain how I choose congregants for an interview and as an invitation for *you* to be interviewed. However, I don't really have a set strategy. Sometimes, I open the Membership Phonebook and randomly turn to a page and select a person I'd like to know better. Because selection can sometimes be a bit of a challenge, I'll probably contact a person on that page who I've previously met at a function.

This role as an interviewer is forcing me to come out of my shell. I didn't realize how difficult it would be to persuade people into understanding that others really do want to read about them. I've gotten really good feedback and have been asked to continue the column.

Reading an interview about a new member or an old friend can be quite enlightening. I would love to interview our new members. This is a wonderful opportunity for our congregants to get to know you. But even if you've belonged to KSS for ages, I'm sure the entire congregation would also

like to hear more about your talents, family, and anything you'd like people to know about you. Readers have made comments such as these: "I've known her/him for such a long time, but never did I know about..." and "I now know something new to talk about."

So, please pick up your phone and call me at 516-353-6554 or email me at iszinmankss@gmail.com to accept my invitation. In case you delete this newsletter*, my contact information is quite easy to find. I'm the only congregant listed on page 8 of the phonebook. [There are advantages to being last!]

The entire interview only takes about 30 to 40 minutes. We can Zoom or have a phone conversation. You don't even have to leave the house.

In the meantime, I'll flip a page and randomly choose someone for the April issue. However, wouldn't it be great if a line of potential interviewees formed? ❖

*Back newsletters are available on our website, kehillathshalomsynagogue.org.

Torah Study & Luncheon

Saturday, March 9@10am

Join us for study of wise King Solomon.

Join us for Shabbat lunch. Bring the food of your people — whatever that means to you!

No Shabbat service.

We'll enjoy each other's company and conversation and maybe even sing some Shabbat table songs.

RSVP to Rabbi Lina by March 7

Kehillath Shalom Synagogue

Rosh Chodesh Group

Welcome the new month of Adar II through connection and mutual support and explore the strength of our ancestors to triumph over evil

March 10@10 am

A Movies & Munchies Special Event!

The Jewish Cardinal

Sunday, March 3 @ 1 pm

On the big screen at KSS

Popcorn! Munchies! Lively discussion!

Calling all Kehillath Shalom members!

Please join us for this first-time special event!

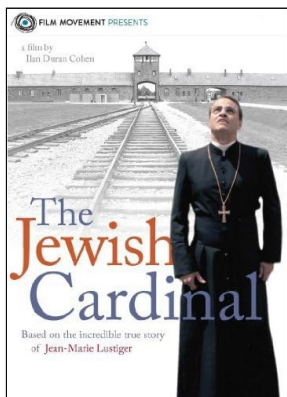
Instead of our usual format of watching a film separately and then gathering to discuss it, we will watch *The Jewish Cardinal* together on our big screen, with popcorn and other munchies provided, and then share our impressions in person and on Zoom.

The Jewish Cardinal is based on the amazing true story of Jean-Marie Lustiger, the Paris-born son of Jewish immigrants from Poland. Lustiger was sent to live with a Catholic woman in Orléans during the German occupation of France in 1940. At the age of 14 he converted to Catholicism, and later joined the priesthood. *The Jewish Cardinal* portrays Lustiger's public ascent in the Church as well as his inner turmoil over the perception that he had denied his own people, earning him friends and enemies from both groups. Lustiger's emotional role as a man of dual identity asks the question: Can a man be two things at once, Jew and Christian?

[Click here](#) to watch the trailer.

As with most KSS events, you may join us on Zoom at the regular link.

RSVP to [Lois Hass](#) or [Dolores Weinberg](#).





Lunch & Learn

**Thursdays@12:30
Begins 2/1/24@12:30
by Zoom**



Judaism is at a point of seismic change — and it's not the first time. The second fall of the Temple initiated a radical change in the landscape of Judaism, from priestly offerings at the temple to rabbi-led prayer in the synagogue. This more recent seismic shift has been in motion for centuries, beginning in the Enlightenment. The complications of modern life have put us in a world of rapid, near-constant change. Judaism needs to respond with new radical change to stay relevant.

Judaism Disrupted is about the future of Judaism — starting now. Do the time-honored traditions of rabbinic Judaism meet our spiritual needs? Do we feel spiritually sated after a Shabbat service? Is there another way to be a Jew? It's time for a new Judaism.

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SUBCOMMITTEE OF SOCIAL ACTION

If you would like to know more about a particular committee — what it does, how much time it entails, or anything else — please contact the people above. Asking for more information does not commit you to anything! But it could lead to a rewarding experience, working with others to strengthen and grow our community. ❖

SHABBAT SERVICES

We will continue our Torah Study of Prophets. How far we get each Shabbat depends entirely on how the discussion goes. We are into I Kings, the reign of Solomon, and the building of the First Temple.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

Candlelighting 6 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Torah Study 10 am

Shabbat Service 11:15 am

Torah Portion: *Ki Tisa*, Exodus 30:11–34:35

The Golden Calf. God provides a second set of tablets, gives additional laws, and commands the observation of Passover, Shabbat, and other holidays.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

Candlelighting 6 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Torah Study 10 am

Followed by Luncheon

Torah Portion: *Vayakhel*, Exodus 35:1–38:20

How Moses acquires the necessary goods—gold, silver, fine cloth, wood, etc.—to make the Tabernacle, and how he is blessed by God with the skills needed to complete the task.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Candlelighting 6 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Meditation Walk at Target Rock NWR 10 am

Torah Portion: *Pekudei*, Exodus 38:21–40:38

The conclusion of the construction, with details of the amount of gold and copper used, and detailed descriptions of the priestly vestments made for Aaron and his sons. A cloud covers the Tabernacle with the “Presence of Adonai.”

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Candlelighting 6 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

No Morning Service

Purim Celebration 7 pm

Torah Portion: *Vayikra*, Leviticus 1:1–5:26

Rules and procedures for sacrifices are described in great detail. Rules are spelled out for priests, for the community as a whole, and for individuals.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Candlelighting 6 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Torah Study 10 am

Shabbat Service 11:15 am

Torah Portion: *Tzav*, Leviticus 6:1–8:36

God explains to Moses burnt offerings, meal offerings, sin offerings, guilt offerings, offering of ordination, and the sacrifice of well being. The Israelites are commanded to bring the offerings to the priests. God instructs Moses on how to ordain Aaron and his sons into the priesthood. ❖

Shabbat Dinner@the Rabbi's House

April 5@6 pm



PURIM!



Saturday, March 23@7pm

Let's celebrate Purim together with a...

Pizza Dinner! Silly Service! Purim Spiel! Megillah Reading!

And what would Purim be without Hamantaschen?

For all Adults and Children! \$10 per person

RSVP by Thursday, March 27 to rabbi@kehillathshalomsynagogue.org



Dinner at the Diner!

At the Golden Dolphin

Thanking them for their support of Israel

So much fun, we'll do it again!

Watch TWAKS and your email for info

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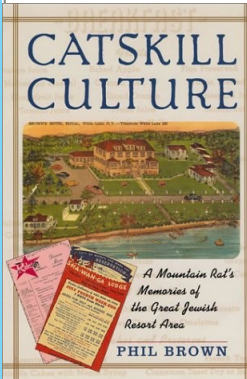
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bagels & books

A good-sized group gathered on Zoom for our discussion of *The Thread Collectors*, by Shaunna J. Edwards and Alyson Richman. The topics covered were varied and even included a first for us: an extended analysis of and debate over the symbolism of the cover. Some minor nits were picked over small details, but everyone liked the book and agreed it was a worthwhile selection.

On March 17 we will be talking about *Catskill Culture*, by Phil Brown. Warm and poignant memories of a bygone place and time, the Borscht Belt of the 1950s, fill this memoir-cum-socioethnological study. Brown's parents owned a small hotel, where he worked during college. Because of his experience, this ethnography, discussing the area's impact on both American and immigrant Jewish culture and tracing its slow decline since the 1970s, is more personal than most. It is a documentary of assimilation and of a return to one's roots.



For the rest of the year, we will be reading:

April 14 — *The Living and the Lost*, by Ellen Feldman

May 19 — *The American Way*, by Bonnie Siegler and Helene Stapinski

June 23 — *Signal Fires*, by Dani Shapiro

Watch TWAKS and your email for location and Zoom info, and please join us for any and all books that interest you (Coming just once is fine!), as well as for bagels, lox, coffee, and other goodies, as well as stimulating discussion on a Sunday morning. ❖



The views expressed in by-lined Newsletter articles represent the views of the writers and may not reflect those of the entire Kehillath Shalom Synagogue community.

We welcome the free expression of ideas from different perspectives and will consider all submissions for publication.

The Israel and Jewish Affairs Committee Presents
A Series of Forums and Discussions
THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE STATE OF ISRAEL



Update and Report from Israel and the Middle East

Saturday, October 21, Services at 10 am, Forum at 11:15 am

Reasons for Founding the Modern State of Israel

Saturday, December 2, Services at 10 am, Forum at 11:15 am

The Prime Ministers, by Yehuda Avner, pp. 345-695 (M. Begin)

Sunday, January 21, 10 am, Joint Session with **bagels & books**

What would Menachem Begin say about today's Israel and the Likud Party?

Israel and the Middle East: What American Media Don't Tell You

Saturday, April 6, Services at 10 am, Forum at 11:15 am

Significant Events Before May 14, 1948 and the Brilliant Israeli Declaration of Independence

Saturday, May 18, Services at 10 am, Forum at 11:15 am

Moderated by Kehillath Shalom member Nissim Yeheskel, Israeli native and frequent visitor.

Let's Light Candles Together



Friday evenings, 6:00

(When nothing else is scheduled)

We'll share, sing, and bring Shabbat peace.

Join Zoom Meeting by computer:

<https://zoom.us/j/88265226225>

Or Phone: +1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 882 6522 6225,

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We will learn, study, share, pray.
As usual, come for Torah Study or Service or Both!

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Kehillath Shalom Synagogue



**Shabbat Morning
Torah Study 10 am
Service 11:15 am**

Morning Gathering Stillness, Meditation, Blessings

Morning Gathering: Tuesday & Friday Mornings at 8 am

Establish a strong, centered, calm foundation for the day.

Join Zoom Meeting by computer <https://zoom.us/j/788752335>

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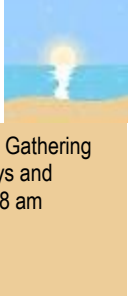
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Morning Gathering
Tuesdays and
Fridays 8 am



Candlelighting 6 pm



Torah Study 10 am
Shabbat Service
11:15 am

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Movies & Munchies
The Jewish Cardinal
1 pm

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No Morning
Gathering

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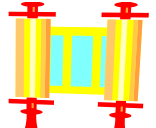
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Judaism Disrupted
12:30—2 pm

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Candlelighting 6 pm

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Torah Study
Followed by
Luncheon 10 am

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Rosh Chodesh Group
10 am
Rosh Chodesh Adar II
Daylight Saving
Begins

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Rosh Chodesh Adar II

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Board Meeting
7:30 pm

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Candlelighting 6 pm

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Meditation Walk at
Target Rock NWR
10 am

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Bagels & Books
Catskill Culture
10 am

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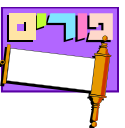
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Candlelighting 6 pm

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No morning service
Purim Celebration
7 pm

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Purim

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Budget Meeting
7:30 pm

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Candlelighting 6 pm

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Torah Study 10 am
Shabbat Service
11:15 am

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Lunch & Learn
12:30—2 pm

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Shabbat Dinner @
the Rabbi's House
6 pm

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Shabbat Service
10 am
Israel Forum
11:15 am

7:05