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*From the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof,
the name of the Eternal One is to be praised.*

Worship Services (also see calendar on p. 2)

Fridays

- Feb. 7 5:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat Service
- 7:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service
- Feb. 14 7:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service
- Feb. 21 7:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service
- Feb. 28 7:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturdays

- Feb. 1 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
- Feb. 8 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
- Juliet Gimpel's Bat Mitzvah Celebration
- Feb. 15 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
- Feb. 22 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
- Feb. 29 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

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THE RABBI'S COLUMN

The holiday of Tu B'shvat begins this year at sundown on February 9. We know that Tu B'shvat has something to do with trees, but to me it is more than that. It is a demonstration of the genius of Judaism, the reason why Judaism is still alive and flourishing after thousands of years.

Tu B'shvat is the new year of the trees. Why do the trees need a new year? The Torah tells us that we may not eat fruit of a tree that is less than three years old, and the fruit of the fourth year is set aside as holy. How do we know how old a tree is, exactly? And how can we remember the birthdays of all the millions of trees? The solution is to have a "New Year for Trees" and to declare that as the official birthday of every tree.

In ancient Israel, when people noticed a tree was growing, they made note of it. On Tu B'shvat, that tree was one year old. Fruit that ripened on the tree after the tree's third Tu B'shvat would be brought to the Temple, and after the fourth Tu B'shvat, it could be eaten. In the diaspora, this was not done, although some people do practice it today in modern Israel.

So Tu B'shvat was a very practical holiday, perhaps somewhat joyful, as you got to bring an offering to the Temple, and you also got to eat fruit.

After the Bar Kochba Revolt, the center of Judaism shifted to outside the Land of Israel. Tu B'shvat was still the birthday of the trees, but that no longer had any meaning. In the 16th century, Isaac Luria instituted a Kabbalistic Tu B'shvat seder. To Luria, the hint of spring of Tu B'shvat, still winter in much of the northern hemisphere, symbolized the hint of redemption found in a mystical practice of Judaism. Rabbi Luria established a Tu B'shvat seder, in which four different kinds of tree fruit or nuts (those with an inedible peel or shell, those with an inedible pit, those that are completely edible, and those that are fragrant) and four colors of wine are consumed. The different fruits and wine represent the redemption of the world, but also the enlightenment of the individual.

When Jews returned from the exile to British Mandate Palestine, Tu B'shvat became Arbor Day, a day to plant trees. Since 1901, the Jewish National Fund has planted more than 240 million trees in Israel. I know that many of our congregants have honored friends and family by having trees planted in Israel.

Today, we struggle with environmental problems greater than any humans have ever faced. Tu B'shvat has become a day of environmental

KLL 2020 Registration Is Open!



KLL is a Shabbat-friendly little league in Riverdale. Games are played on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings on fields in the Riverdale area. The Junior League is for players in grades 3-5, Senior league for grades 6-8. The deadline for registration

is February 14. Visit <https://www.rjconline.org/kll2020> for more information and to register.

— Adin Rayman, Youth Director, RJC,
KLL Commissioner

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FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7th of Sh'vat 5780 9:30 am Simcha Learning Center Noon Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class with Rabbi	8th of Sh'vat 5780 Noon Lunch and Learn 4:00 pm Adult Ed with Rabbi: Elijah and His Children	9th of Sh'vat 5780 Noon and 6 pm Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class with Rabbi 4:00 pm Simcha Learning Center 7:30 pm Liturgical Hebrew Class with Cantor	10th of Sh'vat 5780	11th of Sh'vat 5780 7:30 WRJ Meeting	12th of Sh'vat 5780 5:00 pm Tot Shabbat Service 7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service	13th of Sh'vat 5780 Parashat Beshalach 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service with Torah discussion Juliet Gimpel's Bat Mitzvah celebration Extended Kiddush after service, followed by Chavurah
14th of Sh'vat 5780 9:30 am Simcha Learning Center	15th of Sh'vat 5780 Noon Lunch and Learn 4:00 pm Adult Ed with Rabbi: Elijah and His Children	16th of Sh'vat 5780 4:00 pm Simcha Learning Center 7:30 pm Liturgical Hebrew Class with Cantor	17th of Sh'vat 5780	18th of Sh'vat 5780 7:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting	19th of Sh'vat 5780 7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service	20th of Sh'vat 5780 Parashat Yitro 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service with Torah discussion Extended Kiddush after service
21st of Sh'vat 5780 9:30 am Simcha Learning Center	22nd of Sh'vat 5780 Presidents' Day Building closed	23rd of Sh'vat 5780 Noon and 6 pm Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class with Rabbi	24th of Sh'vat 5780	25th of Sh'vat 5780 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	26th of Sh'vat 5780 7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service	27th of Sh'vat 5780 Parashat Mishpattim 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service with Torah discussion Extended Kiddush after service
28th of Sh'vat 5780 9:30 am Simcha Learning Center 10:30 am Social Action Committee Meeting 11:30 am KRMH Grocery Delivery	29th of Sh'vat 5780 Noon Lunch and Learn 4:00 pm Adult Ed with Rabbi: Elijah and His Children	30th of Sh'vat 5780 4:00 pm Simcha Learning Center 7:30 pm Liturgical Hebrew Class with Cantor	1st of Adar 5780	2nd of Adar 5780 6:30 pm 3rd Annual Challah Bake (postponed from earlier date)	3rd of Adar 5780 7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service	4th of Adar 5780 Parashat Terumah 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service with Torah discussion Extended Kiddush after service
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29

activism, a day to rally to confront the problems of global warming and massive habitat destruction.

Judaism is alive and well because of our ability to use the Torah and the commandments to bring meaning into our lives. As society changes, as our lives change, that meaning changes as well. If Judaism could mean nothing more to us than it meant to a group of nomads in the year 1500 B.C.E., what good would it be? Would we even be Jewish?

Tu B'shvat is an example of the genius of Judaism. It is an example of how we can use the same symbols for thousands of years but change the meaning behind those symbols. There are

some in the Jewish world who criticize Reform's embrace of change. Yet those people are practicing a Judaism that is very different from the Judaism first practiced by our nomadic ancestors in the desert.

If the new meanings with which we imbue our holidays and sacred symbols are powerful and moving, they will continue to be used and to add vitality to our religion. If they are not, they will fade away, to be replaced by new meanings. This is the genius of Judaism, and it always has been. May it continue to be so for many more years! Happy Tu B'shvat!

—Rabbi Tom Gardner

THE CANTOR'S COLUMN

Shalom Chaveirum,

I would like to direct your attention to the following events; please save these dates!

1. The Purim celebration will take place on Monday, March 9, with a 5:30 p.m. pizza dinner. At 6:00 p.m., we will begin with a costume parade, followed by a service with the *Megillah* reading and, of course, our special *Hamilton* Purimspiel! Please join us for this special and wonderful celebration of Purim. Also, I would love to have you read/chant/sing a verse from the *Megillah of Esther*, in any language you choose. Email me at cantorsharettsinger@riverdaletemple.org to receive a *Megillah* verse.

2. My new class begins on March 4 at 8:00 p.m.: The Art of Torah Cantillation. Learn the Torah trope cantillation system, as well as the skills of being a *gabbai*, the assistant to the Torah reader during the service. This class is intended for those who possess a basic level of Hebrew-reading fluency, as well as those who wish to fine tune their cantillation skills. It is highly recommended for the Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class participants.

There are 10 sessions on Wednesdays from 8:00 to 9:15 p.m., March 4, 11, 18; April 1, 22, 29; May 6, 13, 20, 27. The class is free and open to temple members. Please email me if you are planning to attend at cantorsharettsinger@riverdaletemple.org.

3. A third session of my Liturgical Hebrew class begins on Tuesday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. However, the class will be given only if there are at least three students enrolled. Please email me and let me know if you are planning to register, so I can plan accordingly. Tuition is \$125 for each six-week cycle.

With blessings and L'hitraot,

—Cantor Inbal Sharett-Singer

Tot Shabbat Services: see p. 11 for more information.

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Riverdale Temple is approaching the time when the congregation will elect a new set of officers, as well as some new members of the Board of Trustees. At their February meeting, current Board members will elect a Nominating Committee, whose duty it will be to prepare a ballot for the election of officers and Board members whose terms would begin on July 1, 2020. At the Annual Meeting of the congregation in early June, those assembled will vote by secret ballot to complete the election.

My goal in informing you of this is to urge you to consider accepting a nomination in the event one is offered to you, or to let it be known that you are interested in becoming an officer or a Board member by informing the Nominating Committee thereof when the committee begins to solicit recommendations from the congregation. If our temple is to thrive in the future, it needs some new faces of the congregation to get more involved, whether younger or older, veteran or “newish,” people with fresh ideas, outlooks, creativity, imagination, talents, and capabilities.

Our current bylaws present the following information on officers of the temple: “The Officers of the Temple shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Financial Secretary, two Associate Financial Secretaries and a Recording Secretary.” The president, vice president for community, vice president for study and worship, two associate financial secretaries, and recording secretary serve for a two-year term. The treasurer and financial secretary serve for three-year terms, and the vice president for management serves for a four-year term. Therefore, in 2020, we will be electing everyone other than the financial secretary and vice president for management, and the new treasurer will just be filling the unexpired term (one more year) of the previously elected treasurer. Just to differentiate their duties, the VP for community oversees the fundraising, social action, tikun olam, and membership and retention committees and functions of the temple. The VP for study and worship oversees its adult education, schools, pulpit and ritual, and music committees and functions. The

VP for management oversees its law, buildings and grounds, budget and finance, and purchasing committees and functions.

Even if you do not wish to become an officer or Board member at this point, perhaps you would be willing to be a member of the impending and all-important Nominating Committee. This committee will consist of seven members of the temple in good standing and two alternates. Its members are not eligible for election as officers this June, but sitting Board members and officers whose terms are continuing may be members of the Nominating Committee. Once the members are chosen, they will decide on a chairperson of the committee themselves. **Please consider serving on the Nominating Committee. Let me and/or Rachel Radna know of your willingness (at president@riverdaletemple.org), so that you may be nominated for membership by the Board of Trustees this month or next.**

One more matter that I wish to bring up—and this is also closely related to our wish to engage more congregants in the running of

the temple—is **the temple’s decision to offer babysitting during Shabbat morning services**. At the Board meeting of January 16, 2020, the trustees voted in favor of providing babysitting during Saturday morning services for parents who request it, effective immediately and continuing for three months in a trial period. Parents who would like to attend on Shabbat morning but have no one to look after their young children during the service will now be able to attend and know that their children are being taken care of by a babysitter. **We need to get the word out about this new offering**, and so, if you or anyone you know would like us to provide a babysitter in order to be able to attend Saturday services, please let us know (at president@riverdaletemple.org), so that, if we see that there is sufficient demand, we will be able to extend the initial three-month babysitting initiative indefinitely.

Many thanks.

—L. Michael Griffel, Co-president

SIMCHA LEARNING CENTER

The Simcha Learning Center gathered for a special guest speaker and program. Rabbi Neil Yarmen, a Jewish Torah scribe, came to Riverdale Temple to offer a hands-on workshop about how a Torah is written. The entire school first gathered in the sanctuary and saw all the different tools that a scribe needs, including the special quills and the special parchment paper. The children had a chance to touch the different tools and ask questions about how a Torah is written. The school was then divided into groups of two grades each, and all were privy to stand around and open

the Torah, learn how the letters were written, how the parchment was sewn together, and to explore the writing up close. To end the workshop, kindergarteners and first graders worked together with Rabbi Yarman on writing a letter with a quill, and the rest of the students received special graphic pens and learned how to write the Hebrew alphabet in graphic style (see photos below and on p. 6). The children enjoyed the experience and the hands-on writing opportunity. Rabbi Yarmen promised to visit again.

—Judy Weinberg, Education and Engagement Specialist



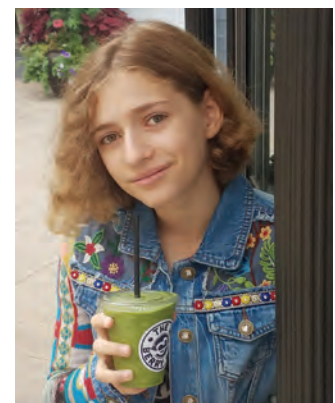
See p. 6 for more photos.

BAT MITZVAH CELEBRATION

Juliet Gimpel

Juliet Gimpel, the daughter of Mark Gimpel and Olga Lopatoukhina, is a seventh grader in the honors program at the Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy. She loves to write, draw, act, and “chillax.”

Juliet is looking forward to her Bat Mitzvah celebration on **February 8, 2020**, and is thankful to Rabbi Gardner, Cantor Sharett-Singer, and the teachers of the Simcha Learning Center for helping her prepare for this milestone.



Bulletin Board

Upcoming in February

WRJ Meeting	Feb. 6
KLL 2020 Registration closes	Feb. 14
Social Action meeting, KRMH Food Delivery	Feb. 23

3rd Annual Challah Bake

Feb. 27

Dates subject to change. Check www.riverdaletemple.org and e-blasts for updates.

Congratulations!



Josh Levinson and David and Nessa Levinson and family on Josh's Bar Mitzvah celebration



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Registry of Holocaust Survivors

If you are a Holocaust survivor or a family member of a survivor, you can register to be included in the Benjamin and Vladka Meed Registry of Holocaust Survivors, at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. For more information and to download the Survivors' Registry Form, go to ushmm.org/resourcecenter and click on Holocaust Survivors and Victims Resource Center to complete the form. Contact information: Holocaust Survivors and Victims Resource Center, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW, Washington, DC 20024-2126; tel: 202-488-6112; fax: 202-314-7820; email: resource-center@ushmm.org.

If you need transportation to and/or from services at the temple, please call the office at 718-548-3800, ext. 0 or 1, to make arrangements.



The temple needs a volunteer accountant!

If you are a qualified accountant, please contact Joanne Heyman, temporary treasurer of Riverdale Temple, at 718-548-3800.

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Join Us on Facebook!

Did you know that Riverdale Temple has a Facebook page? Find us by searching for "Riverdale Temple Bronx, NY" on Facebook and join this page by clicking on "like." This is a space where we can exchange ideas, blog, discuss events, share photos, etc., and strengthen our bonds as a community. Join and make our numbers grow.

To give a contribution to Riverdale Temple, send your donation to Riverdale Temple, 4545 Independence Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471. Please make your check payable to Riverdale Temple. Give the name/category/event to which your donation applies. We now accept payment by credit card; call the office (718-548-3800, ext. 0) or go to www.riverdaletemple.org. You can support Riverdale Temple by buying a mug with our logo for just \$10.

Riverdale Temple House Committee

Our mission is to ensure that the building and grounds of our synagogue best respond to the spiritual, educational, cultural, and social needs and activities of our congregation. We are concerned about safety, cleanliness, comfort, and appearance and maximizing the functionality of our facilities. The committee works closely with the maintenance staff to ensure that the facilities are well managed and meet the needs of our community efficiently and economically. The committee benefits from members with varied experience in facilities management, engineering, construction, and related fields.

Please volunteer to serve on this committee by writing to rivotemple@aol.com or president@riverdaletemple.org

Riverdale Temple is now part of the organics/compost pilot program in the Bronx. We can now recycle our food scraps. Please observe the different signs on the garbage receptacles and put throwaways in the proper container. We are pioneers in a wonderful program—please join the effort in caring for our environment. Thank you!



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Students from the Simcha Learning Center being instructed on how Torahs are written. See p. 4 for more information and photos.

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS



Kindness and community are the themes at Riverdale Temple Nursery School. We support children talking and acting in kind ways and working together on helping each other. We want children to know that they can learn from each other as well as teachers and adults. Children are learning about doing

mitzvahs, and we celebrate when they do one.

We have been reading many books about kindness and friendship and have wonderful discussions about what we have learned, and we encourage children to be able to share their ideas. One of our favorite books is *Amos and Boris* by William Steig. It is a wonderful book for all ages.

We had a special All School Sing for Martin Luther King Jr. Day with our amazing music teacher, Andy McGeagh, on January 21st. The children sang and celebrated Dr. King's life. We read *A Wonderful World*. We ended by singing "Happy Birthday to Dr. King!" Each class read stories about Dr. King and about his vision of peace and everyone getting along together. One child said, "That is what we do in our school!"

The Twos have been studying shapes and winter. Outside our Twos classes there are snowmen and snowflakes on bulletin boards.

The Three-Year-Olds have also been studying Winter and hibernation. There are mittens, snowflakes, and snowmen decorating the Threes' bulletin boards.

All of our Four-Year-Olds are studying their community. Please walk down the halls and see their amazing blueprints and models of their homes. They are truly incredible. The Fours have also been studying artists each month. The Green Room has artwork inspired by Picasso outside the classroom. The Orange Room has artwork inspired by Van Gogh. And the Purple Room has artwork inspired by Alexander Calder.

On February 7, we will have Pajama Day. Children and teachers will wear their pajamas and have breakfast in school and read *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown.

Tours

We have been having many tours for the 2020–2021 school year. If you have friends who are interested, please tell them to call the school at 718-796-0335 or email nsdirector.rtns@gmail.com. We have been getting many applications for next year, and we do have very limited space.

Afterschool

We have an amazing Afterschool Program at RTNS. We have ballet with Ms. Kara on Tuesdays, soccer with HappyFeet on Wednesdays, and Jewish enrichment on Thursdays with Sandi Daniels, one of our amazing Fours teachers. If you are interested in joining one of these programs, please contact Linda Herman at 718-796-0335 or nsdirector.rtns@gmail.com.

Camp

We are very excited about our fourth year of camp. We will be having a camp for five weeks for two- through five-year-olds. It will begin July 6 and run through August 7. The Two-Year-Olds will go from 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and the Three-, Four-, and Five-Year-Olds from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This year there will be three groups, one for each age. There will be lots of projects, water activities, and planting. We will have face painters, farm animals, Greenburg Nature Center, a magician, and the Balloon Rebbe. We know it will be great fun! If you are interested, please contact Linda Herman at nsdirector.rtns@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

- February 7: Pajama Day
- March 2: Dr. Seuss's birthday
- March 10: Purim/Crazy Hat Day

School Closings

Winter Break: Feb. 17–21. School reopens February 24.

Just a lovely quote: "You have been my friend," replied Charlotte. "That in itself is a tremendous thing." E. B. White, *Charlotte's Web*

—Linda Herman, Director

WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM (SISTERHOOD)

Spring is just around the corner, and WRJ is gearing up! I don't know how many more times I can say it—BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP. The next WRJ meeting is on Thursday, February 6, at 7:30 p.m., in the West Lounge. Please keep your eyes open for additional information regarding the Book Club and reviewing the bylaws.

We are also finalizing Mishloach Manot. I cannot stress enough that we need help. Then, in a blink, the Women's Seder is on March 25. We need hard boiled eggs! Please contact us if you can help out. We all know how wonderful and amazing Susan Birnbaum and Rachel Radna are—but they would like your help.

WRJ is also excited to be participating with Rabbi Gardner in inviting Rabbi Haggai Resnikoff, who teaches Jewish law and the Talmud and is director of community learning at the Modern Orthodox YCT, to discuss whether or not Jews are commanded to protect the environment. We thought this was timely, with our current global concerns and the celebration of Tu B'shvat. We are in the process of scheduling this event, so please keep checking the Shabbat folder and the temple's email blasts. Below

is a brief synopsis of this event, "Danger! Jewish Law at Work: The Laws of Hazardous Behavior and the Climate Crisis":

For almost 50 years, Jewish environmentalists have searched in the Torah for sources of inspiration and motivation to protect the Earth and care for it. This project has had mixed success with some of the greatest difficulties coming in some of the places of greatest need. The impending climate crisis is one place where we have yet to identify a clear direction in the Torah. This session will offer a new approach, taking a seemingly unrelated set of laws to find definite and specific demands about how we engage with the climate and the world at large.

And finally, WRJ is very excited that on Thursday, April 2, the Book Club will be reading *At the Narrow Waist of the World*, a memoir by Marlena Maduro Baraf, in which she shares the story of her childhood in Panama. It is about a Jewish family supporting one another. Read it and revisit your own childhood and the importance that family played in your development. Marlena will be at the April 2nd meeting. It's going to be wonderful to speak with this author. So, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

—Joanne Heyman, President

MEN OF REFORM JUDAISM (MEN'S CLUB)

Shalom and Best Wishes!

—Steven Rosenfeld, President

3rd Annual Challah Bake

NEW DATE: February 27

Bring the whole family and get ready to knead at the Communal Challah Bake!
Thursday, February 27, 6:30 p.m.

Early bird deadline: February 24 \$20: Adults \$15: Children At the door \$25: Adults \$18: Children



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Go to: <https://urj.org> for more information.

If you have borrowed a copy of our prayerbook,
Mishkan T'fillah,
please return it to the sanctuary. Thank you!



SOCIAL ACTION

The next Social Action Committee meeting will take place on Sunday, February 23, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Major work during February will focus on finalizing activities for Mitzvah Day 2020 (Sunday, April 26) and starting to prepare registration forms, as well as publicity for social media and local newspapers.

If you want to help the Mitzvah Day subcommittee, please contact Cristin Timoney Messinger, Phil Clarke, David Greenfield, or Joanne Heymann.

KRMH Grocery Donations and Delivery: During the cold months, soup and oatmeal are some of the most needed items for donation. The next delivery to the pantry will take place on Sunday, February 23, at 11:30 a.m.

Although you may have travel or holiday plans, please donate groceries before the Presidents' Day winter break, if you are going to be away. Your kindness and support are most appreciated by needy recipients in the Riverdale, Kingsbridge, and Marble Hill areas.

—Frances Segan, Ph.D., Chair, Social Action Committee

ADULT EDUCATION



The courses available for the month of February and later are the following:

Study with Rabbi Gardner

Mondays, noon–1:00 p.m.

Lunch and Learn: 613 Mitzvot (continues each week)

Mondays, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

The Prophet Elijah: No registration is required. Classes are in the conference room on the first floor.

Please contact the temple at administrator@riverdaletemple.org if you would like to attend this evening class and require transportation assistance. We will work to match you up with a class attendee who drives.

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah: Every other Tuesday, from noon to 1:00 p.m., and from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., and the first Sunday of every month at noon. Free. Registration required. Contact administrator@riverdaletemple.org

Study with Cantor Sharett-Singerx

The Art of Torah Cantillation: Learn step by step the knowledge of the Torah trope cantillation system, as well as the skills of being a *gabbai*, the one who assists the Torah reader during the service. This class is intended for those who possess a basic level of Hebrew-reading fluency, as well as those who wish to fine-tune their cantillation skills. Highly recommended for the Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class. Free, open to temple members.

Ten Wednesdays, 8:00–9:15 p.m., March 4, 11, 18; April 1, 22, 29; May 6, 13, 20, 27.

The YIVO Institute for Jewish Research's YouTube Channel

As an outreach partner of the YIVO at Riverdale Temple, we have been very appreciative of the quality of the speakers whom

the YIVO has made available to us. Those lectures are available to us three or four times a year. Please realize that what can also be available in an ongoing way is the content the YIVO makes available to us online through their YouTube channel.

May I recommend to you that you visit <https://www.youtube.com/user/yivoinstitute> to learn about presentations such as Leading Scholars from Around the World Discuss: Growing Up Jewish, Jewish Youth Movement, Jewish Jesters from the Golden Age of Yiddish Comedy, a course on the Yiddish theater, and more. As the winter is starting and you may find yourselves indoors because of the colder weather, take advantage of this very rich resource.

—Dr. Yvette Marrin, Chair, Adult Education Committee

Each time the Chavurah meets, we read the Torah portion that is assigned for that week. The portion *Beshalach* is dramatic and camera ready, but has always felt very Jewish to me. Why? Because after seeing the great powers of the Almighty, redeeming the Israelites from bondage and securing their safety in crossing the Sea of Reeds, once on dry land and delivered from the wrath of Pharaoh, they immediately begin complaining. The Torah is quite astute in its understanding of human nature. Join us on **February 8**, following the Shabbat Service and communal Kiddush, for some fascinating reading and discussion.

—Dr. Ronna Weber

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To

Rachel Radna and family
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On the loss of

Greti Almuli Pinhas, beloved aunt
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The Departed Whom We Now Remember: February Yahrzeit Observances

1 Sheryl Gilman	14 Margot Manasse	21 Celia Turoff
1 Benjamin Krisiloff	14 Nat Rosenblatt	22 William Adams
2 Bruce Silverman	14 Lottie Samuels	22 Fred A. Glass
3 Louis Friedman	14 Sarah L. Schneiderman	22 Mollie Rabinowitz
3 Sara B. Merson	15 Gussie Gold	22 Hyman Siminowitz
3 Michael L. Mozlin	15 Leopold Hirschl	23 Daniel Robert Platzner
3 Mac Stern	15 Brana Rozenfeld	24 Clara Bruck
4 Herbert Aaron	15 John J. Spath Sr.	24 Philip Levine
4 Lore Kornberg	16 Philip S. Birnbaum	24 Sondra Rechy
4 Abe Molsky	16 Theodore Corn	24 Richard Spath
4 Leon Rabinowitz	16 Gussie Gold	24 Henrietta Sperling
5 Rose M. Evans	16 Ray B. Horowitz	24 Sybil Turner
5 Grace Kahn	16 Jacob Lowenthal	25 Ira Adler
5 Muriel Kaufman	16 Abraham Perchick	25 Michael Altman
5 Margaret Oppenheimer	16 Mildred Segan	25 Anna Brown
5 Carlos Rosello	16 Harry Shatin	25 Max Cohen
5 Isidor Rosenblum	16 Irving Sorger	25 Philip Dubrow
5 Harry Slade	17 Wallace R. Cotton	25 Robert G. Golbach
5 Jacob Weinberg	17 Augusta G. Patek	25 Ruth Markowitz
6 Ida Baron	17 George Joseph Small	25 Jean Mills
6 Eppie Begleiter	18 Ethel Y. Aronson	25 Louis Ranfeld
6 Charles Goldberg	18 Rebecca Jacobson	25 Edith Rattner
6 Max Kaplan	18 Pearl Liebling	25 Louis Schulman
6 Jonathan Daniel Kirp	18 Irma Loebmann	25 Sheldon Wiener
6 Martin Marsh	18 Lillian G. Meltzer	25 Fannie Wolmer
6 Lillian Salb	18 Natalie Reibeisen	26 Carole Friedman
7 Clara Frischer	18 Frieda Schneider	26 Rose Goldshein
7 Jerome Kern	18 Jack Wittenberg	26 Samuel Hollander
7 Abraham J. Lester	19 Jeanne Arnovich	26 Samuel Janow
7 Michael Wile	19 Norman Dinowitz	26 Samuel Silverman
8 Frieda Kaplan	19 David Drexler	26 Jerry Herbert Spitz
8 Selma Leslie	19 Harry Goldberger	27 Leo Breier
8 Sinclair Waldstein	19 Morris Hoffman	27 Alice Samuela Brown
9 Sallee Brust	19 Martin Kaplin	27 David Egel
9 Dorothea J. Steindl	19 Adele Locke	27 Gertrude Golden
9 Henry Taig	20 Max Belkind	27 Bernard Philip Gray
10 Yvette Levy	20 Anna Davidoff	27 Alice Leinwand
10 Bella Weingarten	20 Carl Fisher	27 Max Tager
11 Ralph S. Baer	20 Isabelle Funtleyder	28 Benjamin Harris
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12 Adele Baltuch Blum	20 Susan Popick	29 Ariye Furman
13 George Aronson	20 Rosina Rosenfeld	29 Mildred Janow
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The *Hamilton* Purimspiel will take place
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