

the sephardic temple



CONGREGATION EMETH VE'SHALOM

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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שבת שלום SHABBAT SHALOM

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DAILY MINYAN: MONDAY-FRIDAY...8:00 AM, SUNDAY...9:00 AM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

LIGHT CANDLES: 6:30 PM

SERVICES 6:30 PM

מנחה וערבית



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021 (19 TISHREI 5782)

SHABBAT HOL HAMOED SUKKOT
שבת חול המועד סוכות

SHABBAT SERVICES 8:45 AM
שחרית, קריאת התורה ומוסף



Shabbat evening services will be held in the Chapel and
Shabbat morning services will be held in the Sanctuary
as outlined in our updated COVID-19 Policy:
www.sephardictemplecedarhurst.org/covid-19

Please contact the Temple office with your reservations
to help us plan ahead.

PLEASE SEE THE ACCOMPANYING SERVICE INFORMATION



חג סוכות שמח



MELDADOS

SHABBAT, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

MEIR ARAMA
MORRIS WEINICK
GLADYS GOLDBERG
SAMUEL LEVY
HYMAN B. ELIAS
BEN I. ELIAS
ANNA MAYO
RENEE GINDI
SIMON SCHAFER
LOUISE BALASSIANO
MOLLY TESTA
HYMAN RAMRAS
GERTRUDE WEINICK
ANDREW WEINBERGER
MICHAEL KLEINMAN
MORRIS RUSSO
NEAMA ERBESH
LOUIS GOLDSMITH
MORTON ROTH
DINAH ALDEROTY
JOSEPH S. CAMHI
HELENE GELLER KRASSNER
FRANCES WEIN
VICTORIA ZACHARIA PITSON
EPHRAIM N. LEVY
NATAN JANOK MATALON
BETTIE REBECCA KRINICK
ELIA MAYA
JOSEPH SABETIE KAPLAN
RACHEL S. ALHANATI

ABRAHAM (DUSCHO) ELIAS
LEAH J. ALTMAN
LUISA RAZON
REBECCA PINKHAS RABENO
BERTA IFRAIMOLA
SARAH I. BENARDO
SAMUEL NAVON
DAVID LEFKOWITZ
NORMAN BAKER
JOSEPH ALHADEF
LUNA ALHADEF
LILLY NEPON
GERTRUDE FEINSON
MOLLIE BARNATTON
ROCHELLE FOEHL
ABRAHAM COHEN
SALLY ALAZRAKI
HELEN MIZRAHI STEIN
PAULA LEVY SMOLAR
JOSEPH JOSEPHS
SARINA DEVIDAS
PALOMBA CRESPI
JACOB PARDO
JACK NEGRIN
MARY MIZRAHI
BENJAMIN NAHAMA
ISAAC COHEN
ABE BIESKY
SARAH ALBOHER



IN THE TEMPLE FAMILY

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SEPHARDIC TEMPLE SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Shabbat Morning Services will be held in the Sanctuary as outlined in our updated COVID-19 Policy, available on our website: www.sephardictemplecedarhurst.org/covid-19

Registration to the Temple office for Shabbat requested by Thursday.

PLEASE NOTE:

Face masks must be worn by all attendees at all Temple services.

My sincere and grateful appreciation for everyone's kindnesses, warm words, expressions of sympathy and support during my time of deep grief at the loss of my daughter Marisa.

Carole Trachtenberg

Dear Weekday Minyan - Fred, Nat, Mel, Arthur, Jerry, Russ, Phil, Zack, Asher, Robert, Avi, Jacques, David, Stewart, Alan, Howard, Rabbi, Cantor, and Lloyd:

Words are not sufficient to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for embracing me into the minyan. My pain and grief was eased every morning I was there. Even if for just those few hours. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Carole Trachtenberg

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Condolences on the loss of:
Rabbi Jay Kitainik

Brother of:

Rubisa Sarah Rakowitz
of the
Sephardic Jewish Center
of Canarsie

LULAV and ETROG

sets are available to order



\$40 each

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KAL NIDRE APPEAL

Please return your contributions to the Temple office

Kiddushim for Sukkot and Simhat Torah

Please note that attendees will receive to-go bags with food items so they may make a blessing. Due to COVID-19, elaborate sit-down kiddushim will not be planned for the festivals.

HOSHANA RABBAH

הושענא רבה

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

Morning Services: 8:00 AM

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SHEMINI ATZERET

שמיני עצרת

MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

Light Candles.....6:25 PM

Mincha/Arbit Services.....6:30 PM

TUESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

Shachrit.....8:45 AM

Yizkor Memorial Prayers Follow the
Conclusion of the Service.....11:00 AM



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SIMHAT TORAH

שמחת תורה



TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

Mincha/Arbit Services6:30 PM

Light Candles (*not before*).....7:16 PM

Following Services:

HA KAFOT & PROCESSIONAL OF THE TORAH SCROLLS

WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

Shachrit8:45 AM

HA KAFOT & PROCESSIONAL OF THE TORAH SCROLLS



HATTAN TORAH
The Bridegroom of Sefer Rishon
BARRY YOMTOV

HATTAN BERESHITH
The Bridegroom of Sefer Sheni
AVI HAMIAS



Kiddush for Simhat Torah

Please note that attendees will receive to-go bags with food items so they may make a blessing. Due to COVID-19, elaborate an sit-down kiddush will not be planned for the festival.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

Mincha/Arbit Services6:30 PM

Havdalah/End of Yom Tov7:14 PM



SHEMINI ATZERET

שמיני עצרת

The concluding eighth day of Sukkot festival is not technically called Sukkot, but rather *Shemini Atzeret*. It is independent of Sukkot.

Although its purpose is to conclude the festival of Sukkot, it is commonly regarded as simply the final days of the Sukkot festival, Shemini Atzeret reflects none of the special observances related to Sukkot. The Sages described the reason for the eighth day in terms of the following parable, which is based on the other meaning of the term *Atzeret*:

G-d is like a King who invites all his children to a feast to last for just so many days; when the time comes for them to depart, he says to them: "My children, I have a request to make of you. Stay yet another day; your departure is difficult for me."

Like Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret is also referred to in the prayer book as *zman simhateinu*, the "season of our rejoicing."

2021 Kal Nidre Participants



Mr. & Mrs. Fred Abraham
Mrs. Marilyn Alcosser
Ms. Joy Zacharia Appelbaum
Mrs. Diana Assael
Mrs. Estelle Aufrichtig
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Azaria
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Azus
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Bahaloul
Mr. Sam Barouch
Mrs. Alma Baruch
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Baruch
Ms. Maxann Beja
Mr. Michael Baruch
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Beja
Mrs. Judith Beja
Mr. & Mrs. Marco Beja
Mr. & Mrs. Jacques Benatar
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bensignor
Mr. & Mrs. Amir Berenblat
Mr. & Mrs. Kenny Bergman
Ms. Elizabeth Bernstein
Mr. Simon Billig
Mr. & Mrs. Eli Blit
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Breier
Mr. & Mrs. Hal Cabasso
Mrs. Belle Camhi
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Camhi
Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Cherne
Mr. Justin Chernoff
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Chernoff
Mr. Alex Cohen
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Cohen
Mr. & Mrs. Isidore Cohen
Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Cohen
Mr. Sol Cohen
Ms. Roberta Confino
Mrs. Marion Crespi
Mr. & Mrs. Neil Crespi
Mr. & Mrs. Irwin Davidson
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Davidson
Mrs. Pauline Davis
Mr. & Mrs. Adam Edelberg
Mr. Alan Elias
Mr. & Mrs. Butch Elias
Mr. & Mrs. Martin B. Elias
Mr. Martin I. Elias
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Elias
Mrs. Ruth Epstein
Mrs. Pearl Esformes
Mrs. Rose Eskonots
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Ezratty

Mr. Moses Fins
Mrs. Joyce Fintz
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Franco
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Franco
Mrs. Trudy Franco
Mr. & Mrs. Corey Friedman
Mr. & Mrs. Ira Friedman
Mr. & Mrs. David Futter
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gally
Ms. Shoshana Garber
Mrs. Nina Garfinkel
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Geller
Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Gindi
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Glasser
Mrs. Mitzi Golden
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Goldman
Mrs. Dorothy Goldsmith
Mr. & Mrs. Herman Goldsmith
Mr. Douglas Goldstein
Mrs. Louise Goldstein
Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Grama
Mr. & Mrs. Tony Grass
Ms. Susan Grauer
Mrs. Rochelle Trager Grossman
Dr. Joe Halio
Mr. & Mrs. Zachary Hanan
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Hattem
Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Hazan
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hazan
Mr. Louis Hazan
Mr. & Mrs. Victor Hazan
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Israel
Dr. Stephen Kleinman
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Lederman
Mrs. Claire Levitan
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Levy
Mr. & Mrs. Uri Madmon
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Magelof
Dr. & Mrs. Alan Matarasso
Mrs. Ethel Matarasso
Mr. Mel Matsil
Mr. Isaac Mayo
Mrs. Rachel Messinger
Mr. Arthur Miller
Ms. Susan Miller
Mr. & Mrs. David Monaco
Dr. & Mrs. Edmond Mukamal
Mr. & Mrs. Jehiel Nakash
Dr. & Mrs. Fred Nicolas
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Noah
Mr. & Mrs. Kobi Noiman

Mr. & Mrs. Alan Oberstein
Mrs. Louise Pardo
Mrs. Miriam Pardo
Mr. & Mrs. Victor Pardo
Mrs. Regina Pessa
Mrs. Bernice Pollak
Mr. & Mrs. Russ Posner
Mrs. Pnina Powell
Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Quain
Mr. Arthur Quentzel
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Renton
Ms. Liela Rogoff
Mr. & Mrs. Murray Romano
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Rosen
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Roth
Mr. Jack Rubin
Ms. Melani Rubin
Mr. Michael Russo Sawyer
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Sayah
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Schwartz
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Schwartz
Mrs. Evelyn Semaya
Mr. & Mrs. Stewart Semaya
Ms. Erica Sharaby
Ms. Lauren Sharaby
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sharaby
Mrs. Sylvia Sheinker
Mrs. Aviva Sitko
Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Skolnik
Dr. & Mrs. Robert Smith
Mrs. Amelia Sobel
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Spector
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Stein
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Stoltz
Mrs. Carol Susi
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Tawil
Mr. & Mrs. Marc Telson
Mrs. Carole Trachtenberg
Mr. & Mrs. Victor Trager
Mr. & Mrs. Shai Tzach
Mr. & Mrs. Jarrod Weber
Mr. Mark Weber
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Wein
Ms. Diane Weinberger
Mr. & Mrs. Todd Wilson
Mr. & Mrs. Ari Yemini
Mr. Barry Yomtov
Mr. & Mrs. Eli Zacharia
Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Zacharia
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Zacharia

**New Names Listed in Bold*

KAL NIDRE ADDRESS 2021 BY SEPHARDIC TEMPLE PRESIDENT ISAAC MAYO

My Dear Friends,

Before I begin, I would like to take a moment to honor Rabbi Arnold B. Marans (Of Blessed Memory). I am sure he is watching us from above with a smile on his face.

I am honored to be standing here (live) today as the President of the Sephardic Temple. I am pleased to see that so many of you have chosen to observe Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur among us here at the Sephardic Temple.

So here we are, as a whole, once again looking within the confusion and anxiety of COVID-19. As we respond to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the health and welfare of our Sephardic Temple family members and guests remain our utmost priority. We continue to carefully review guidance and directives from national and local authorities, as well as experts who advise the Jewish community.

After some experience as President, my role has inspired me to become a bigger and more visible part of Sephardic Temple life. With the help of a Reopening Committee, we have provided you a safe place to pray over the High Holy Days. Throughout the past year, I have enjoyed working on the daily goings-on here at our Temple and I assure you that for this upcoming year I will achieve the goal to responsibly lead the Temple membership once again.

Last year I assured you that my primary purpose as President of the Sephardic Temple was to carry a message of unity. I am happy to say that we have accomplished that goal. Throughout the past year, the Religious Committee, Executive Board, Board of Directors, office staff, security and maintenance staff - all of us - maintained an unbroken connection as we worked together to ensure the health and safety of our members as well as continuing to safeguard the legacy of our beloved Sephardic Temple.

This year I promise to carry a message of integrity and sincerity, stressing a practice of principles before personalities. By that I mean, we as leaders of the Temple will continue to deliver honest and moral approaches toward the progress and betterment of the Temple. We will not support personal motives nor will we encourage those with attachments to other affiliations or opinions to interfere with our influence on the Temple membership as a whole.

Thank you, Rabbi Golden, for your energies this year and for the performance of all the rabbinical duties required by our members. We are especially appreciative of your energies in visiting the sick and consoling grieving families. Your compassion for our congregants is noticed by all and is appreciated. Your efforts have enriched the lives of our members and we are grateful.

Rabbi Golden has been able to begin and host a daily live minyan service.

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For those members interested in praying remotely, we are working on a hybrid platform. If you wish to join the minyan group, please call the main office.

The Congregation wishes you, your dear wife Shira and your family - Navah and Adam and Cove, Hannah and Jared - good health and long life and continued success! Thank you, Rabbi Golden and Shira.

A special thank you this year to our superb Cantor Yair Yonati. You continually add beauty to our service with your singing. Your attention to the detail of the service is greatly appreciated by all. Your execution of all our special tunes is exceptional. Your voice is the soul of our service. On behalf of our Congregation, I offer you our deepest gratitude and good wishes for the New Year. Good health, long life and happiness to you and your dear wife Naomi.

Thank you to David Laniado and Fred Abraham for your bigheartedness in assisting our beloved Cantor Yair Yonati.

Thank you to Honorary Life Trustee and Past President, Alex Cohen. I thank you on behalf of this Congregation, for the many years of outstanding leadership, service, and dedication you have so freely given to strengthen the name of Sephardic Temple. You are an appreciated positive influence for all of us.

Thank you to the founding families of our beloved Temple: the family names are Rousso, Hazan, Elias, Zacharia, Russo, Matarasso, and Crespi.

A huge thank you to the Executive Committee which consists of: Alex Cohen, Steve Chernoff, Victor Hazan, Martin I. Elias, Stanley Camhi, Herman Goldsmith, Howard Franco, Marvin Rosen, Russ Posner, Jerry Hattem, and Justin Chernoff. These gentlemen are my extraordinary advisors. They contribute their time and energy toward most of our Temple's operating needs. Their concern, intellect and insight provide this Congregation with the very best in leadership qualities. I thank you, gentlemen, on behalf of the Congregation. A whole-hearted appreciation on my part goes out to all the members serving on the Board of Directors.

Thanks to Sisterhood President Susan Bahaloul and Treasurer Tina Erbesh. Thanks to Men's Club President Marc J. Tenzer, Secretary Russ Posner and Treasurer Jerry Hattem for all the work you do on behalf of our Temple. Thank you to all the ladies of the Sisterhood and the gentlemen of the Men's Club.

I want to point out that we now have a working website dedicated to Sephardic Temple life. There is a lot of important information on the site, especially our Weekly Bulletin. Our website is: (www.sephardicemplecedarhurst.org). This website would not be possible without the tireless work of Ashley Rothbart. Thanks, Ashley!

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We are proud to have published the 57th Anniversary Testimonial Journal honoring Karen and Russ Posner. Congrats to our Honorees! The Congregation and the Board of Directors appreciate and value all your efforts in supporting the Sephardic community. We wish you and your families good health and happiness for the New Year. Thank you!

The journal is accessible for viewing on our website. Journal Chairman Samuel Azus and Program Chairman Jerry Hattem undertook the Testimonial Journal responsibilities... thank you!

Our thanks to Gabbaim Howard Franco, Nathan Grama, Fred Abraham and Jeff Beja. Gentlemen, you do an excellent job in guiding the service and keeping our minhag alive.

Thank you to our entire Temple staff. A very special thanks to our Executive Director Lloyd Denenberg for your diligent help with overseeing the functioning of our Temple and the workings of the office which has been most supportive to my position as President. Thank you to office staff Executive Assistant Ashley Rothbart, Dee Soll and Robin Cohen.

Thank you to Superintendent Angel De Leon. Angel is assisted by Damian Orellena, Evelyn Burgos and Jose Hercules. Thank you for all that you do to maintain the functioning of the Temple.

One of my obligations as President of this Temple is to give a report on Kal Nidre night on the status of our Temple. I have recently met with past President Steven Chernoff, Board Members Victor Hazan, Marvin Rosen, Martin I. Elias, and Justin Chernoff. They assure me that the overall condition of the Congregation is good. Our membership remains consistent with previous years. Our Congregation consists of 240 families. We are always connected to our extended membership who are scattered throughout the United States and the world. These families call on the Sephardic Temple to celebrate, confer, or console on life's events. Regardless of distance, many of our members and their families continue to celebrate their simchas here. The Sephardic Temple is part of who they are. Their spiritual lives are anchored here in Cedarhurst.

In addition, I am glad to report that the Temple's financial condition is good. This financial status is the result of the generosity of our members and of the Board's control of expenses. Our financial condition is strong enough that I can announce that once again, we have no need for a special assessment or raising of dues.

I wish to thank our members for their consistent and ever-increasing contributions through the silent Kal Nidre pledges and prompt payment of dues. Your generous responses have enabled us to plan and maintain control of our assets even though we have had increased operating expenses. Thank you, all.

An additional expense this year has been and continues to be our security budget. Our security initiative is considered most necessary, as a result of COVID-19 and worldwide events. We have

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a comprehensive security camera system and we have increased the budget for plain clothes police security during services. I want to personally thank our security staff that are present during our services. These gentlemen are: Bob Gally, Detective Nassau County Police Department; Frank Picciullo, Detective New York Police Department; and Police Officer Jerry Lester and Mike Calaguri. Gentlemen, I appreciate your service, both to this Congregation, and to the general community. The entire Board wishes you and your families the very best of health, and happiness for the New Year.

Our Memorial Hall has been open to the public for almost a year now. The Memorial Hall houses commemorative plaques from the Sephardic Home for the Aged and the Sephardic Jewish Center of Canarsie. The memorial plaques represent the departed and are on display in our Memorial Corridor, located near the main office of the Temple. Thank you, Jeff Beja, for all your efforts ensuring the successful completion of this project. I strongly suggest that after services you visit the Memorial Hall.

At this time, I am extending an invitation to friends and extended families of members to consider joining our Temple. I am certain you will find membership at the Sephardic Temple will bring you much pleasure and delight. The beauty of our services, the fellowship of our congregants, and the Temple's support of all special family events enhance the joys of life. Please call our Temple office for membership arrangements. We will make special financial accommodations for new memberships.

In closing, as President, I commit, on behalf of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors to continue our mission of safe worship together during these difficult times.

I pray that Hashem blesses our Temple building, its members, and their families, with good health, happiness and long life.

G-d bless America, G-d bless Israel, Thank you.



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COMPLIMENTARY CLEANING OF OUR TALLIT
FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS.**

WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY.

TODAH RABBAH AND SHANA TOVAH!



IN THE KITCHEN FOR SIMCHAT TORAH

Halva Chocolate Bark

Ingredients

- 9 ounces bittersweet baking chocolate
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup sesame seeds
- 1 cup crumbled halva
- 1/3 cup chopped pistachios
- 1/2 teaspoon flaky sea salt



*For a sweet finale to our High Holy Days,
try this Halva Chocolate Bark treat!*

Cook time: 3 min, Prep time: 5 min, Serves 8

Directions

1. Line an 8-inch (or similar sized) baking pan with parchment paper. Set aside.
2. Chop baking chocolate and place in microwave safe dish. Drizzle extra virgin olive oil into chocolate. The olive oil will assist in keeping the chocolate silky smooth.
3. Cook on high for thirty second intervals, until chocolate is mostly melted. (This can take 1-3 minutes).
4. Remove from microwave and stir chocolate until it is silky and smooth.
5. Gently mix in sesame seeds, halva, pistachios and sea salt. (Optional: reserve a few spoonfuls on the side to top the bark).
6. Pour chocolate halva mixture into prepared parchment lined pan.
7. Top with reserved mix-ins (optional). Place in fridge for an hour to firm and set.
8. Break into pieces and store covered in fridge for up to a week.

Source: Jamie Geller– <https://jamiegeller.com/recipes/halva-chocolate-bark/>



Have a recipe worth sharing?



**Send in your Jewish cooking recipes, with an emphasis on Sephardic cuisine,
to help us further document our heritage and traditions.**

Recipes can be emailed, faxed, postage mailed, or taken through verbal dictation.

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