

“A Very Brave Bar Mitzvah Boy”

This Shabbat, we will celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of Adam Kopf. In addition to sending out a big Mazel Tov to Adam, his parents, Jennifer and Robert and older sister Natalie, we also commend him for taking on such a difficult Torah portion.

This week’s Torah portion Tazria, and its sister portion, Metzora, that we will read next week, are without a doubt the most challenging in all of the Torah. They deal with blood and guts, disease and mold, the types of topics that often send rabbis running off to remote destinations to escape having to write sermons on them. And, yet, Adam, joins a collective of countless other young Jews who willingly take on this task every year.

For a Bar or Bat Mitzvah student who has chosen this arduous task they have three choices for how to proceed: ignore the challenging sections, challenge the challenging sections, or reimagine the challenging sections. This is not just true for this week and next week’s portions, but for each and every Torah portion. The beauty of Jewish tradition is that it is over four thousand years old. The challenge of Jewish tradition is that it is over four thousand years old. Much has changed in Judaism and the world in that time. But instead of being daunted by the task, we should feel invigorated. This is exactly what Jews have been doing with our sacred texts since the words were first put on the page. It is the basis of our commentary and the heart of almost everything we do. We make sense of what is incomprehensible. Mazel Tov to Adam and his family for embracing this tall task. We look forward to hearing his unique interpretation of this section of Torah on Shabbat morning.

Shabbat Shalom,  
Rabbi Alex

In Memoriam

Sheloshim

- Charles Jeffery Cohen
Andrew Feldman, brother of Marwin Feldman, uncle of Judy Feldman (Edward Schunk)
Boris Greenberg
Charlotte Krebs, mother of Barry (late Sharon) Krebs
Susan Kushner
Ruth Lansing, mother of Tom (Joan) Lansing and Diane Lansing
John "Bruce" Lubell , father of Lauren (Richard) Bloomberg
Naomi Mintzer, mother of David Mintzer (Kate Grandits) and Dana McClive
Glenn Shapiro, step-son of Stephanie Shapiro
Sardar Singh
Norma Unher, wife of the late Dr. Morris Unher, mother of Michael (Susan), Marcy, Ellen (Douglas) Frick and the late Robert

Yahrzeits

- Donna Alba Rebecca Greenberg Ada Mesnekoff
Ceil Balber Benajmin Heller Alice Ziskind Morrison
Solomon Barden Charles Hoffman Maurice Owsowitz
Pauline Bash Miriam G. Horwitz Sidney L. Owsowitz
Max Brody Richard Sanford Horwitz Karen Rank
William Camann Steven Janis Edward Reis
Albert L. Cohen Henry Jeffay David Rosokoff
Bessie Frey Cohen Hella Kaminski Joyce Rubin
Harold Corris Harriett A. Kantrowitz Edward Senecal
Lorraine Dweck Harry Karch Carl Shubert
Joel Ehrenreich Bena Kaufman Isadore Snitzer
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Lillian Golden Tillie Malnikof

Erev Shabbat Service

Friday, April 12, 2024/5 Nisan, 5784
7:00pm



Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein
Cantor Arlene Frank
Executive Director Joanne Marquisee
Community Religious School Director Einav Symons
President Todd Sugarman

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ Dinner,

**Tuesday, April 16th, 4:00-7:00pm (or until sold out):**

The \$16 dinner includes 1/2 chicken, potato salad, coleslaw and roll with butter. Pre-orders are available on the Temple website for \$15.00. Pre-ordering will guarantee your meal but closes at 11:30am on the day of the event.

### Buffalo Corner Reading Series,

**Thursday, April 18th, 7:00pm:**

The Open Community Poetry Reading is in honor of National Poetry Month. This event will be hosted by Guilla Kester. Rabbi Alex will be a featured reader and community readers are invited as well. This will be in person and via Zoom.

### Climate Change Shabbat,

**Friday, April 19th, 7:00pm:**

The Erev Shabbat Service will include a speaker on the topic of "Common Ground-Cultivating Connections Between Faith, Food and Climate". The Oneg Shabbat sponsored by The Forum Club of Buffalo.

### Passover Second Night Seder,

**Tuesday, April 23rd, 6:00pm:**

Conducted by Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein and Cantor Arlene Frank. Catered by The Bloom & Rose. Menu includes wine/grape juice, matzoh, gefilte fish, chicken soup with matzoh balls, brisket and chicken or vegetarian, potatoes, vegetable and dessert. Cost is \$65 for adults and \$25 for children. Reservations and payment are due by April 16th.

### Joint Passover Yizkor Service,

**Monday, April 29th, 10:30am:**

Join in Community for special Yizkor memorial prayers on the last day of Passover at CSS. A light lunch will follow the Service.

## CONGREGATION SHIR SHALOM

In Person Events & Virtual Services

*Tonight's Oneg Shabbat is sponsored by Jennifer & Adam Kopf in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Adam.*

### Saturday, April 13th

9:00am Torah Study via [Zoom](#) and at Temple Beth Tzedek

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service and Bar Mitzvah of Adam Kopf

### Sunday, April 14th

9:00am Community Religious School

9:00am Let's Talk about Israel-sponsored by the Buffalo Jewish Federation at the Buffalo Marriott Niagara

### Monday, April 15th

Office closed

6:30pm Pickleball Open Play-based on availability

7:00pm CRS Education Committee Meeting and via [Zoom](#)

7:00pm Tikkum Olam Committee Meeting and via [Zoom](#)

### Tuesday, April 16th

4:00pm Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ

### Wednesday, April 17th

8:00pm CSS Life & Legacy via [Zoom](#)

### Thursday, April 18th

6:30pm Pickleball Open Play-based on availability

7:00pm Buffalo Corner Reading Series and via [Zoom](#)

8:00pm Talmud Study via [Zoom](#)

### Friday, April 19th

Office closed

7:00pm Erev Shabbat Service and Climate Change in person and via [Boxcast](#), [Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#)

8:00pm Oneg Shabbat sponsored by The Forum Club of Buffalo

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### Prayer for those who lead our congregation

O God, this congregation has honored us with the task of leading them, and of serving You with them.  
May we strive to be fit for this sacred task.  
May we lead well and may we serve well.  
May we hear the quiet as well as the active voices,  
and may we heed the call and follow the paths of what we,  
after honest searching, feel to be the right things to do.  
May we listen to each other, and may we listen to You,  
as all of us together make this synagogue a *kehillah kedusha*, a Holy place.

### Video Stream Broadcast-Inside the Sanctuary

Erev Shabbat Services are available to watch live and recorded on your computer, iPad or smartphone. The camera is stationary facing the Bimah. If you are attending services, once you enter the sanctuary, you are giving your permission to be included in the video stream broadcast. You can also watch our services with CLOSED CAPTION after the service has taken place on YouTube. If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Marquisee, our Executive Director.

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