

## THESE WE LOVINGLY REMEMBER...

### Shivah/Sheloshim

Irene Krieger, long-time Temple member (12/5)

### Kaddish List

Barry Levy	Richard Kaufman	Arlene Hoffman
Evelyn Zucker	Marlene Hemleben	Joe Telles, Sr.
Joel Herberg	Terri Lynn	Ted Lavoot
Juan Carlos Pinon	Karen Katz	Harry Hemleben
Jeffery Ammons	Isaac Sander Piez	
Adriane Levy	Berger	

### Yahrzeit List

Herbert Ernest Palmer, *husband of Marlene Palmer*

Irving J. Sherman

Karen Coplen, *cousin of Howard Lavoot*

Harold Webber, *brother of Marlene Fink*

Mary Koizim

Sylvia Marcia Shaw, *mother of Marlene Palmer*

Diane Guggenheimer

David Dean, *great-grandfather of Eileen Mignella*

Harry D. Levin

Frieda R. Schenfeld, *grandmother of Steven Grossman*

Tanya Urcis, *mother-in-law of Ellie Urcis*

Ralph Goldstein, *brother of Eddie Goldstein*

Sidney Rosenbaum, *father of Sandra Scharf*

Theresa Feuerman, *grandmother of Terri Lavoot and great-grandmother of Howard Lavoot*

Mar So Wan Hom, *mother-in-law of Nancy Hom*

Rita Silverman, *mother of Steven Grossman*

Don Anthony Faigin, *nephew of Sharon Gorin*

Chaim Schreier, *grandfather of Terri Lavoot and great-grandfather of Howard Lavoot*

Benjamin Kurtzman, *great-uncle of Howard Lavoot*

Rudolph Bornstein, *great-uncle of Howard Lavoot*

Marsha Kandel, *sister of Michael Rudolph*

Janice Pivo, *sister-in-law of Cher Krichmar*

Beatrice Ceasar, *aunt of Sandra Bloch*

Ian Louis Shein

Sylvia Piltz



## Temple Beth Ohr

Rabbi Len Muroff M.A.Ed; D.Div. (Hon)

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14 Tevet, 5786

January 2-3, 2026

Vayechi

Genesis 47:28-50:26

Vayechi ("He Lived") is the final Torah portion in the Book of Genesis. It opens as Jacob prepares for his death, making his son Joseph swear to bury him in the Cave of Machpelah in Hebron. At the end of his life, Jacob focuses on his identity as an Israelite in partnership with God. The years in Egypt have brought his family together and created peace, where once there was rupture, yet Jacob knows that his home and his heart are in Israel. It is the land which God had promised Abraham and Sarah. If it is true that "home is where the heart is," then Jacob knows that there is "no place like home." —Rabbi Muroff

Sat., Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 AM, Shabbat Prayer, Torah Study & Potluck Lunch (OS/Z)

Sun., Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM, Religious School  
2:00 PM, Adult Education Presents Jerrold Rishe (OS/Z)

Mon., Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM, Ways & Means Committee (Z)

Tues., Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM, Knotty Ladies (Z)  
1:00 PM, House Committee Meeting (OS)  
7:00 PM, Sisterhood Board Meeting (Z)

Wed., Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM, Hebrew Lab  
7:00 PM, Religious Committee Meeting (Z)

Thurs., Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM, Mah Jong Club (OS)  
7:00 PM, A&A Finance Meeting (Z)

Fri., Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM, Erev Shabbat Worship (OS/Y)

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## A Prayer for Our Country

Our God and God of our ancestors, with mercy accept our prayer on behalf of our country and its government. Pour out Your blessing upon this land, upon its inhabitants, upon its leaders, its judges, officers, and officials, who faithfully devote themselves to the needs of the public. Help them understand the rules of justice You have decreed, so that peace and security, happiness and freedom, will never depart from our land.

Adonai, God whose spirit is in all creatures, we pray that Your spirit be awakened within all the inhabitants of our land. Uproot from our hearts, hatred and malice, jealousy and strife. Plant love and companionship, peace and friendship, among the many peoples and faiths who dwell in our nation. Grant us the knowledge to judge justly, the wisdom to act with compassion, and the understanding and courage to root our poverty from our land.

May it be Your will that our land be a blessing to all who dwell on earth, and may You cause all people to dwell in friendship and freedom. Speedily fulfill the vision of Your prophets: “Nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.” “For all of them, from the least of them to the greatest, shall know Me.” And let us say, Amen.

## A Prayer for Peace

Source of Shalom, please help us embody wholeness.

May we experience equanimity that allows us to rest deeply at night, trusting that all will be well, and giving over that which is beyond us.

May we feel the connection between inner and outer peace, balancing care for ourselves with care for others.

May we enjoy the kind of peace that comes when we let go of scarcity so that all people have what they need.

May we trust that you are Change and that all is evolving exactly as it should.

And may we remember that we are your partners, and that we have a role in creating peace and sharing it with each other.

Source of All, may we be ever-mindful of your will and power, and may we truly know the reverberations of our own. And, in the year ahead, may we rise to the occasion as your partners, taking seriously our role to create the world as it could be.