



# The Shofar

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## Davar

### A Matter For Discussion

William James, brother of the great literatus Henry James, once wrote: "Joy is joy, pain is pain, every where, even as in thee."

This universal message has always guided and informed my rabbinate. I have grown as a person because of it, and I have encouraged my congregants to follow similar paths.

Another one of my mantras is: "It's a privilege to serve, and it's a privilege to be served." When a rabbi serves a congregation and a congregation recognizes that service, the relationship will be successful.

I have been lucky the past seven years serving our congregation. There has been an abundance of friendship, caring, and thoughtfulness on every Hot Springs avenue I have traversed. Invited to your homes, or out to lunch or dinner, getting to know you and your families have heightened my appreciation of your lives, which include an admixture of joy and pain. My gratitude in your sharing your precious time with me is inestimable.

I will miss many things about you and Hot Springs. Number one will always be you, our devoted congregants who attend Friday night and Saturday morning services. Number two will always remain the security and warmth

of my home away from home, "the cottage," and the many days and years I have been privileged to share with Patti and Mark Fleischner, may their strength always be increased. Number three, I like it here!

Goodbyes are never easy, and frankly, despite the fact I've had more than a few in my rabbinate, I'm not particularly good at them. But Jeanne and I will always retain a very soft spot in our hearts

for Hot Springs. May you continue to enjoy good health, fulfillment, joy and peace in your lives. As the song says, "See you in September."



Richard Chapin

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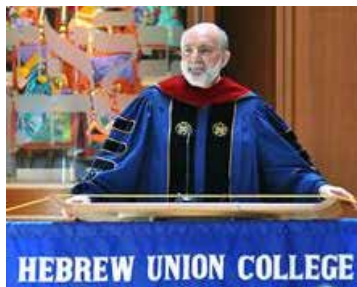
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## Rabbi David Ellenson, Ph.D., Appointed as Interim President of Hebrew Union College



The Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion appointed Rabbi David Ellenson to serve as interim president, following the death of Rabbi Aaron

Panken in a plane crash earlier this month.

On Monday, the Reform movement's flagship seminary, said Ellenson would serve as interim president of its four campuses in New York, Jerusalem, Cincinnati and Los Angeles. He previously served in the role from 2001 to 2013, prior to Panken's appointment.

Panken, a licensed pilot, was killed on May 5 at the age of 53 while piloting a small aircraft near Wawayanda, New York, near the New Jersey border. A passenger, Frank Reiss, a flight instructor, was injured in the crash. The cause of the accident is unclear and pending investigation by the the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation

Safety Board.

Panken was remembered by colleagues and friends as a joyful leader who was passionate about Israel and embodied "the best of the Reform movement." In a statement on Monday, Ellenson, who is concluding his tenure as director of the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University, praised Panken's legacy.

"Rabbi Aaron Panken will be remembered for his leadership, skills, visions, judgment, and ability to inspire and move others to action," Ellenson said. "I am confident that his dreams for HUC-JIR will yet be realized through the foundations he constructed and the visions he has bequeathed us. These dreams and visions will constitute his unforgettable monument, as we secure his enduring legacy."

Ellenson is a scholar of modern Jewish thought and history who has worked at institutions including the University of Southern California, the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Shalom Hartman Institute, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and New York University.

## Looking Back

May 26, 2018

### 100 Years Ago In The Forward

New York City's East Side Pushcart Peddlers Association held meetings this week to protest the unjust way in which Jewish pushcart peddlers are being treated. They say that Jewish peddlers who request licenses are frequently turned away, whereas Christian peddlers get their licenses without a fuss. In addition, there are certain local politicians who have been buying licenses for the normal price of \$4 per year and then "renting" them to poor pushcart peddlers for \$2 a month. The Jewish peddlers demanded action from the mayor and from the city's Board of Aldermen, but have received no response. They say that if they do not hear from the administration in a week's time, they will march on City Hall along with their wives and children.

### 75 Years Ago In The Forward

The U.S. District Attorney has uncovered a large-scale fraud operation that swindled hundreds of poor Jewish laborers and small businessmen out of their hard-earned money. Samuel Rosenfeld and Jacob Nachman, both of the Bronx, were indicted on charges of mail fraud and were scheduled to go before a federal grand jury, but the hearing had to be rescheduled because of the Sukkot holiday. According to the indictment, Rosenfeld and Nachman opened a business called the "Bankontrol Finance Corporation" and advertised for Yiddish speakers to come and work for them. Hundreds of people were hired and told to sell stock in the company in order to make their money. The new "salespeople" were told that the best prospects could be found among poor Jews and that these prospects should be told that they will make 8% interest on their investments. The salespeople went out and convinced their friends and family to invest in the company, and many of them invested their own money in the bogus stock. It is alleged that the company sold more than a quarter of a million dollars in fake stock and returned none of the money to the investors.

### 50 Years Ago In The Forward

American Jews have adopted and Judaized a lot of American foodways, things that our bubbes and

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## Our Village At Work



Mah Jong 101. Mary Klompus, Sue Koppel and Sharon Waxler teaching Hannah and Mimi Reagler how to play.

What else do kids do when their parents are out of town!?!?



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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### June Anniversaries

Ira and Stephanie Kleinman	June 8
Mark and Patti Fleischner	June 12
Anthony and Sherrill Nicolosi	June 14
Ross and Ruth Sedler	June 16
David and Cheryl Cohen	June 27

### June Birthdays

Clarissa Kirsch	June 1
Sheldon Kleinman	June 4
Michael Richardson	June 4
Carol Kleinman	June 8
Ben Klompus	June 8
Andrea Parker	June 9
Mary Klompus	June 20
David Cohen	June 21
Yossi Baron	June 28
Jerry Chalmers	June 30

## June Yahrzeits

### Kaddish Recited June 1

**Norman "Dick" Franklin**  
*Step-father of David Cohen*

**Tikva Baron**  
*Mother of Yossi Baron*

**Annie Marcus**  
*Grandmother of Carol Kleinman*

**Nancy Kleinman**  
*Mother of Sheldon Kleinman*

### Kaddish Recited June 8

**Dora Korngut**  
*Mother of Fred Korngut*

**Tillie Crem**  
*Great Aunt of Rachel Schulman*  
*Great Aunt of David D. Reagler*

**Faye Kirsch**  
*Grandmother of Steven Kirsch*  
*Grandmother of Mark Fleischner*  
*Grandmother of Stuart Fleischner*

### Kaddish Recited on June 15

**David Lockwood**  
*Grandfather of Diane Goltz*  
*Grandfather of Susan Siegel*

**Samuel Schudmak, Sr.**  
*Uncle of Louis Kleinman*

**Charles Bellin**  
*Father of Ruth Sedler*

**Esteel Klompus**  
*Mother-in-law of Mary Klompus*

### Kaddish Recited June 22

**Patricia Tanenbaum**  
*Wife of Jerry Tanenbaum*

### Kaddish Recited June 29

**Vicki Seligman**  
*Mother of Diana Surfas*

**Morris Nathan Bauman**  
*Father of Cynthia Rephan*

**Saralee Stark**  
*Friend of Barbara Morgan*

**Louis Brown**  
*Father of Betty Forshberg*

**Roxanne Smalley Capotosto**  
*Sister of Kim Baron*

**John Hearn**  
*Husband of Phyllis Hearn*

## Refuah Shelemah

*The following people are in our thoughts and prayers:*

- Louis Kleinman
- Ken Baim
- Imy Marcus
- Robert Burns
- Susan Brown
- Jean Gershner
- Nancy Unowsky
- Jerry Tanenbaum

Please offer prayers that they all have a full and speedy recovery.

## Looking Back

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zaydes wouldn't have touched in a million years. Jewish restaurants serve such items as "lobsters," "shrimps," "oysters" and even "bacon." You can even get kosher bacon. What more do you need? But don't think that the goyim are letting this pass. They've moved in on our territory, too. Gentiles are now eating true-blue Jewish foods like bagels and lox, gefilte fish, corned beef and pastrami. They've even discovered things like matzo balls — and kishke, which they're calling "stuffed derma."

# Weekly Parshah

## June

### Beha'alotecha

June 2, 2018

Aaron is commanded to raise light in the lamps of the menorah, and the tribe of Levi is initiated into the service in the Sanctuary.

The people are dissatisfied with their “bread from heaven” (the *manna*), and demand that Moses supply them with meat. Moses appoints 70 elders, to whom he imparts of his spirit, to assist him in the burden of governing the people. Miriam speaks negatively of Moses, and is punished with leprosy; Moses prays for her healing, and the entire community waits seven days for her recovery.

### Shelach

June 9, 2018

Moses sends twelve spies to the land of Canaan. Forty days later they return, carrying a huge cluster of grapes, a pomegranate and a fig, to report on a lush and bountiful land. But ten of the spies warn that the inhabitants of the land are giants and warriors “more powerful than we”; only Caleb and Joshua insist that the land can be conquered, as G-d has commanded.

The people weep that they'd rather return to Egypt. G-d decrees that Israel's entry into the Land shall be delayed forty years, during which time that entire generation will die out in the desert.

### Korach

June 16, 2018

Korach incites a mutiny challenging Moses' leadership and the granting of the *kehunah* (priesthood) to Aaron. He is accompanied by Moses' inveterate foes, Dathan and Abiram. Joining them are 250 distinguished members of the community, who offer the sacrosanct

*ketoret* (incense) to prove their worthiness for the priesthood. The earth opens up and swallows the mutineers, and a fire consumes the *ketoret*-offerers.

A subsequent plague is stopped by Aaron's offering of *ketoret*. Aaron's staff miraculously blossoms and brings forth almonds, to prove that his designation as high priest is divinely ordained.

### Chukat

June 23, 2018

After forty years of journeying through the desert, the people of Israel arrive in the wilderness of Zin. Miriam dies, and the people thirst for water. G-d tells Moses to speak to a rock and command it to give water. Moses gets angry at the rebellious Israelites and strikes the stone. Water issues forth, but Moses is told by G-d that neither he nor Aaron will enter the Promised Land.



Aaron dies at Hor Hahar and is succeeded in the high priesthood by his son Elazar. Venomous snakes attack the Israelite camp after yet another eruption of discontent in which the people “speak against G-d and Moses”; G-d tells Moses to place a brass serpent upon a high pole, and all who will gaze heavenward will be healed. The people sing a song in honor of the miraculous well that provided them water in the desert.

### Balak

June 30, 2018

Balak, the king of Moab, summons the prophet Balaam to curse the people of Israel. On the way, Balaam is berated by his ass, who sees, before Balaam does, the angel that G-d sends to block their way. Three times, from three different vantage points, Balaam attempts to pronounce his curses; each time, blessings issue forth instead. Balaam also prophesies on the end of the days and the coming of Moshiach.

The people fall prey to the charms of the daughters of Moab, and are enticed to worship the idol Peor. When a high-ranking Israelite official publicly takes a Midianite princess into a tent, Pinchas kills them both, stopping the plague raging among the people.