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# Services

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- Services via ZOOM and IN PERSON – Fridays, 5:30 p.m.
- TBD if services will be in person or Zoom or both – Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.

Watch your email for more information and/or an invitation.

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## Weekly Torah & Candle Lighting

### Parashat Bamidbar

Candle lighting: June 3rd, 8:17 p.m.

Shabbat ends: June 4th, 9:29 p.m.

### Parashat Naso

Candle lighting: June 10th, 8:22 p.m.

Shabbat ends: June 11th, 9:34 p.m.

### Parashat Behaalotecha

Candle lighting: June 17th, 8:25 p.m.

Shabbat ends: June 18th, 9:37 p.m.

### Parashat Shlach

Candle lighting: June 24th, 8:26 p.m.

Shabbat ends: June 25th, 9:38 p.m.

## Address changes

*Please notify Temple of any address changes you have for the winter or summer months; we need these address changes if we are to continue sending the bulletin.*

*Thank you.*

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# THESE ARE THE WORDS

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*O, Lord! O, Lord!  
Compassionate and gracious God,  
slow to anger,  
abounding in love and faithfulness.  
Shemot, 34:6*

יהוה, יהוה,  
אל רחום וחנון,  
ארך אפיים  
ורב חסד ואמת.  
שמות לד, ו

The year was 1935 and the Spanish government was making elaborate plans to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the Rambam's birth. Apparently, a moment of honor and great pride for Jews around the world.

Although many of them welcomed the initiative and prepared their own celebrations, some others were wary. These concerns were addressed to the leading Torah scholar of the time, Rav Chaim Ozer Grodzinsky. This was his extraordinary response:

"We do not need to commemorate the anniversary of the Rambam, as he lives wherever his words are discussed by teachers and students. His teachings which we meditate everyday are his eternal memory. This has been an everyday occurrence for many generations. Its source has not ceased to this day."

We usually commemorate births and deaths of heroes or loved ones with the desire not to forget them. To keep their memory alive, we erect monuments, plaques, buildings, bridges, paint pictures and name parks after those we want to remember.

In many cases, these constructions help us remember the park, the building or the area in which those statues were erected, but not always. I would say most of the time we do not remember the person. In general, people do not remember the life or the legacy of the person they tried to immortalize.

Rabbi Grodzinsky was very correct. Those of us who study Rambam remember his teachings and the semblance of his personality in everyday life. That is the reason for the greatest success of the People of Israel. That was and still is exactly the reason why Jews who did not study a single Torah page still know that the Torah exists and that it sustained our people for more than 2000 years.



Jewish history is rich and full of important events. The Torah is full of mitzvot that are a memory of the past. Our holy days, the Chagim, are linked to historical events and yet there is tension between the past and the present. The Torah is very much about how we live life today. It seems to have its roots both in the present and in the past. Those mitzvot that seem to be from the past help us improve our world day by day TODAY. From each one of our Chagim we extract a custom, a law or a teaching that surprises us every year, if we seek to approach its meaning from the heart and have the ability to achieve changes in our lives and in our relationship with our fellow men.

We do more than remember the fact of the Exodus from Egypt; rather we revive that liberation and the value of our freedom and the transmission of the importance of respecting it in ourselves and in others. We must live the Exodus daily, for its messages of faith in God, the importance of freedom and resisting tyranny and dedicating that freedom to something greater than ourselves.

Similarly, when we keep Shabbat each week, we not only commemorate the creation of the world. We also experience once again what it means that God is our Creator. We owe Him everything. The world is constantly renewed and refreshed by God's pulsing energy in the molecules of the universe. We re-experience the same energy that God released into the world on the seventh day of creation: the energy of rest and rejuvenation, back to the source that was introduced on the first Shabbat in human history.

This same principle applies to each of the events that are recorded in the Torah and must be remembered. We are not simply remembering; we are reliving and reintegrating experiences. Making them part of our daily life, tangible and relevant in every way.

That is the importance of what we are going to repeat this year as we conclude the first Shabbat of the month of June with Chag haShavuot, the anniversary of the giving of the Torah.



The Kli Yakar, a 16th century commentator on the biblical text, points out that, when the Torah asks us to celebrate the festival of Shavuot, it does so without mentioning that it is the anniversary of the giving of the Torah. We infer that Shavuot is the anniversary of the giving of the Torah from the date Chag occurs (6th of Sivan), but it is not explicitly mentioned. Why would this concept not be made clear and straightforward?

One answer could be precisely that the Torah did not want us to look at this day as the anniversary of the giving of the Torah, to relate to it as a memory of the distant past.

Our relationship with Torah is immediate and visceral. We receive it and we incorporate it into our lives every day. When the Jewish people approach Mount Sinai to receive the Torah, the verse says: "In the third month after the departure of the Bnei Israel from the land of Egypt, on this day they came to the desert of Sinai." Rashi points out that it says "this day" and not "that day". "That day"

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The Shema speaks of "these words that I command you today" (Deuteronomy 6:6). Rashi in that verse says that "today" means that the words of the Torah should always feel as new and fresh to us as the day they were given. This is not some dusty old manuscript kept in a museum somewhere. This is a living Torah, a Torat Chaim. It gives us our mission and purpose; direction and guidance on how to live and why to live and what our ideals are. It is something of immediate relevance in every moment of every day.

Chag Matan Torah tells us about the giving of the Torah. We are reaching the end of the Count of the Omer, the one that each day compels us to raise a step in preparation to RECEIVE the Torah. If in all these days you have not thought about it, I invite you to do so. Renew the millennial commitment and seek to renew the message of Torah in you by searching for it and discussing it and arguing together. I invite you to make it yours in your personal way of understanding it, to get to know it, to savor it, to deepen it, to discuss it together.

In principle, on Sunday, June 5 at 8:30 a.m. at our Tikkun Shavuot Breakfast, before the Shacharit Tfilah and the Chag reading in which we will stand up straight, as Moshe asks us in Devarim 29, feeling present and upright at the moment of the Delivery of the Torah, ready to RECEIVE it.

Chag Sameach,

*Gustavo Geier*



Shalom,

It is time to catch up with one another. It has been way tooooooo looooooong!

The annual congregational meeting will be held in our sanctuary at 1607 Genesee St. on June 7th at 7PM. Dessert will be served. We will discuss what has happened since our relocation and the plans going forward.

Many of you have not met Rabbi Geier. This would be a wonderful opportunity for you to show him a warm welcome to our community.

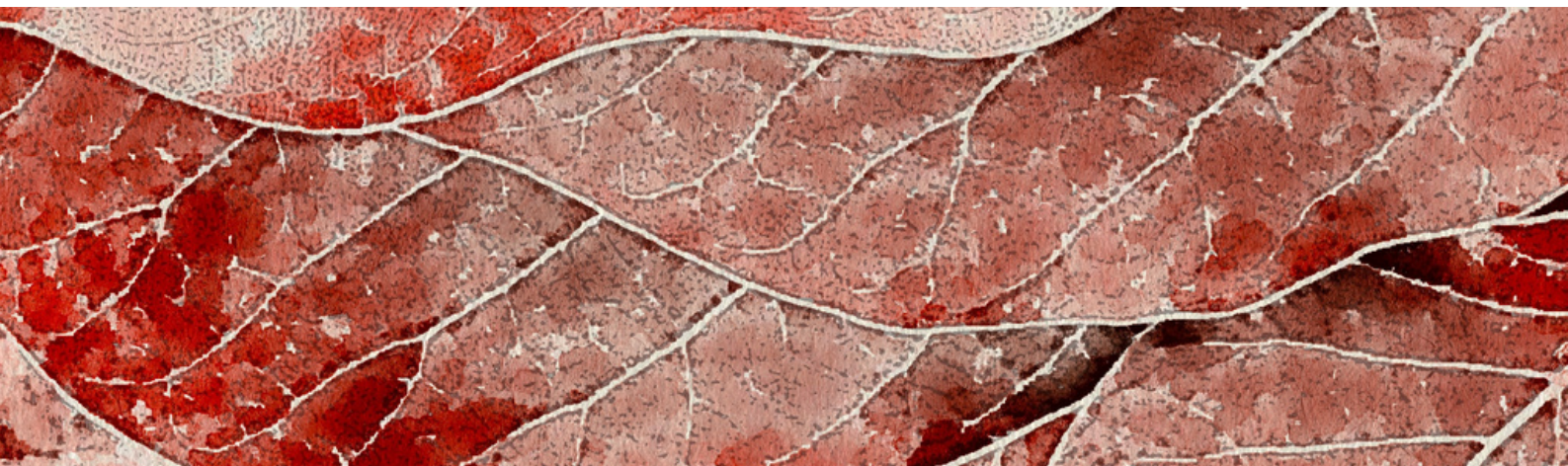
Our in person services have increased in size in the last few weeks. I hope more of you will join us for Shabbat and Shavuot. Please look for the schedule and join us for breakfast on June 5th before services.

The committee for Jewtica, the first Jewish Cultural Festival in many years, is busy planning and preparing for June 12th at the JCC from Noon to 8pm. We hope to see you there for food, fun and music. Many volunteers are needed and if you have a few hours to help out, please let me know.

Please remember, without YOU, there is no Temple Beth El.

Stay well and see you June 7th,

*Marsha*





# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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Dear Friends,

This is one of my favorite poems that delivers a lovely important message at one of our nicest times of the year. Please know that Temple Beth El is always here for you, we are just a phone call away or you are welcome to stop and visit.

***Plant three rows of Peas...***

***Peace of mind  
Peace of heart  
Peace of soul***

***Plant four rows of squash...***

***Squash gossip  
Squash indifference  
Squash grumbling  
Squash selfishness***

***Plant four rows of lettuce...***

***Lettuce us be faithful  
Lettuce be kind  
Lettuce be patient  
Lettuce really love one another***

***To conclude our garden we must have thyme...***

***Thyme for each other  
Thyme for family  
Thyme for friends***

***Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.***

With all good wishes, and many extra thanks for your caring donations large and small that make such a difference in our Cemetery and Temple.

There is no place like TBE. Have a safe, relaxing and pleasant summer,

*Mundy*

## C A M P A I G N S & S U P P O R T

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*Tell the Israelite people to bring Me gifts; you shall accept gifts for Me from every person whose heart so moves him.*

*Shemot, 25:2*

דבר אל בני ישראל ויקחו לי תרומה מאת כל איש  
אשר ידנו לבו, תקחו את תרומתי.  
שמות כה, ב



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# SIMCHA GRAMS

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*Let all that breathes praise the Lord!*

*Halleluyah!*

*Tehilim, 150:6*

כל הנשמה תהלל יה!

הללויה!

תהילים קנ, ו

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Harvey Arlen\_01

Noah Hochberg\_07

Steve Hochberg\_08

Eva Pearlman\_09

Lisa Philipson\_09

Gary Ruben\_14

Kalman Socolof\_20

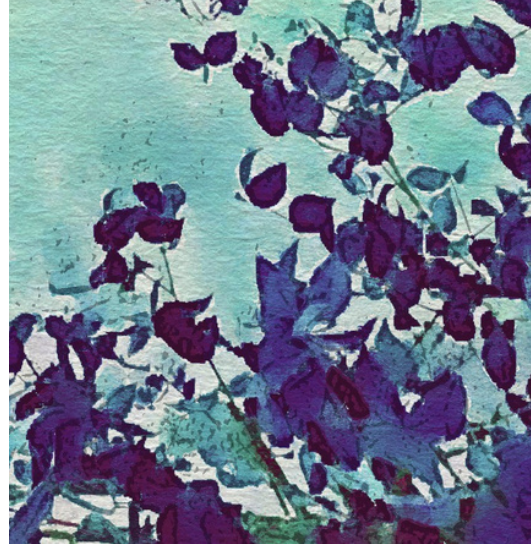
Myrna Lobenstein\_23

Danielle Kall\_26

Ben Cohen\_31

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

Charles and Rita Manning\_7/3/1955



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Due by the 15th of the month.

Please call the Temple Office at (315) 724-4751 if you wish to add any names to the list.

# Y A H R Z E I T S & C E M E T E R Y N E W S

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*Exalted and sanctified be His great name!*  
*Kaddish*

יתגדל ויתקדש שמה רבא!  
קדיש



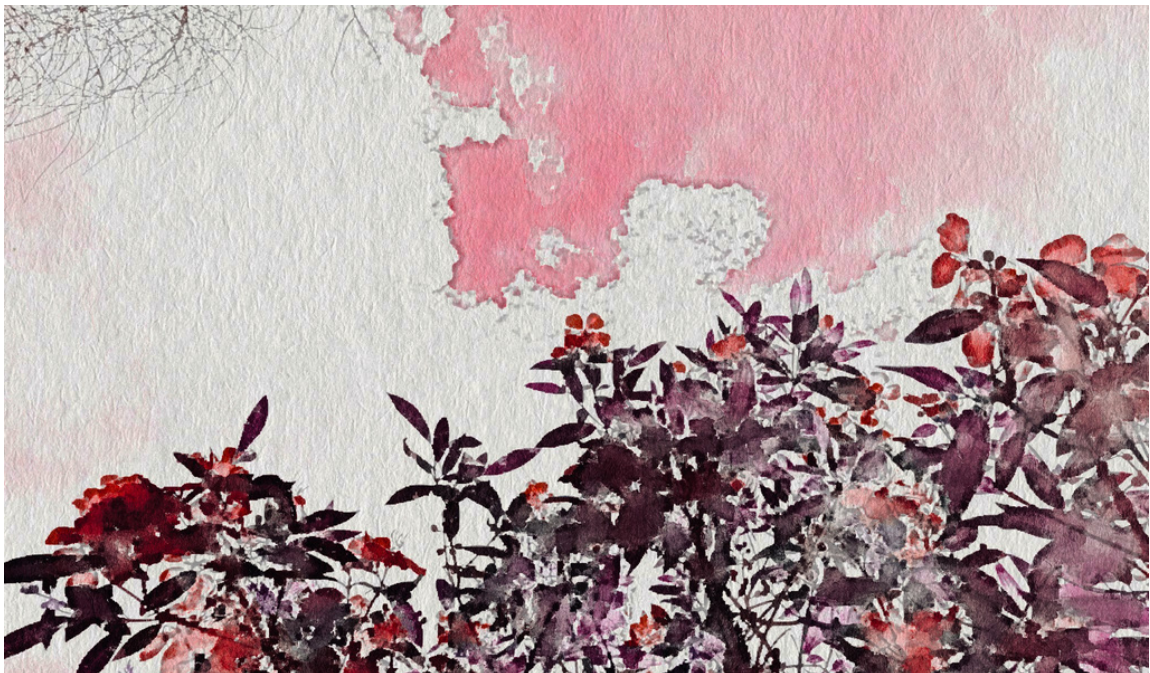
**Yahrzeit Observed During the Week of June 4 to 10, 2022, 5 to 11 Siven 5782**

**These will be read from the pulpit on Friday June 3, 2022**

Sarah Krohn Bernstein\*  
 Anne H. Greene\*  
 Bella Gurno Kirschstein\*  
 Libby Picker\*  
 Rachel Bartnick\*  
 Julius Greenburg\*  
 Rochel Kay\*  
 Elizabeth Rizika\*  
 Edward Brooks\*  
 Nettie S. Galinsky\*  
 Gertrude R. Leventhal\*  
 Rose Hymes Reisman\*  
 Elizabeth Cominsky\*  
 Gary S. Gilbert\*  
 Rose Zier Landset\*

Manuel Saltzburg\*  
 Harry Cynkus\*  
 Anne Hoffman\*  
 Morris Levine  
 Eva L. Slater\*  
 Louis Damsky\*  
 Dora Newman Jacobson\*  
 Ruben Margolis\*  
 Meyer Joseph Smith\*  
 Ethel Finer  
 Herman B. Kowalsky\*  
 Samuel Newman\*  
 Esther (Essie) Shapiro  
 Reba Starer Freeman\*  
 Michael Yust\*

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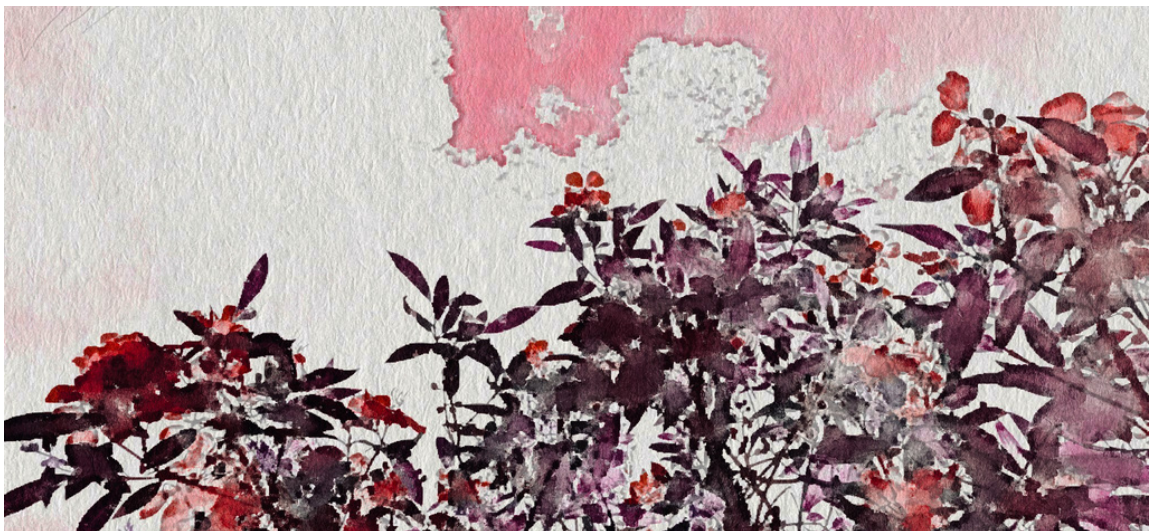
**Yahrzeit Observed the Week of June 11 to 17, 2022, 12 to 18 Siven  
5782**

**These will be read from the Pulpit on Friday June 10, 2022**

Isabelle Alpert\*  
 Elias H. Goldman\*  
 William Leve\*  
 Asher B. Yoseph Rivlin\*  
 Esther J. Blaugrund\*  
 William Greene\*  
 Sally Lorig\*  
 Manuel Rosen\*  
 Herman Berkowitz\*  
 Bessie Goldberg\*  
 Frances Jacobson Lurie\*  
 Rita Goldie Shulman\*  
 Dr. Marvin Berkowitz\*  
 Gershon Horwitz\*  
 Stanton Lacher  
 Abraham Zellman Smith\*  
 Harry A. Brill\*  
 Bertha L. Harris\*

Louis Markson\*  
 Sara Ruth Smith\*  
 Joseph Cominsky\*  
 Florence Nelson Jacobson\*  
 Julia Meyer\*  
 Nettie Shapiro\*  
 Gertrude Cohen\*  
 Isadore Krohngold\*  
 Lillian Bernice Philipson\*  
 Marshall R. Starer\*  
 Fannie Densen\*  
 Selma Kupfer  
 Max Parker\*  
 Florence Smith\*  
 Jacob C. Finer\*  
 Estelle D. Kaplan  
 Helen Picker\*  
 David Zeidner\*

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**Yahrzeit Observed the week of June 18 to 24, 2022, 19 to 25 Siven 5782**

**These will be read from the Pulpit on Friday June 17, 2022**

Harry L. Berkowitz\*

Irving Gusoff\*

Harry N. Rosen\*

Rhoda M. Samuels\*

Marvin Bloom\*

Wella Kacenelenbogen Imich\*

Irwin Rockford\*

Samuel Silverman

Harry A. Brill\*

Phyllis Wolf Movsh\*

Harris Solomon\*

Sarah Speiller\*

Henrietta Ehrlich\*

Edward Movsh

Jacob Slater\*

Tillie F. Sherman\*

Meyer G. Gordon\*

Jacob M. Rosenthal\*

Harvey Samuels\*

Marilyn Stern\*

Libby Geffen\*

Bertha F. Rosen\*

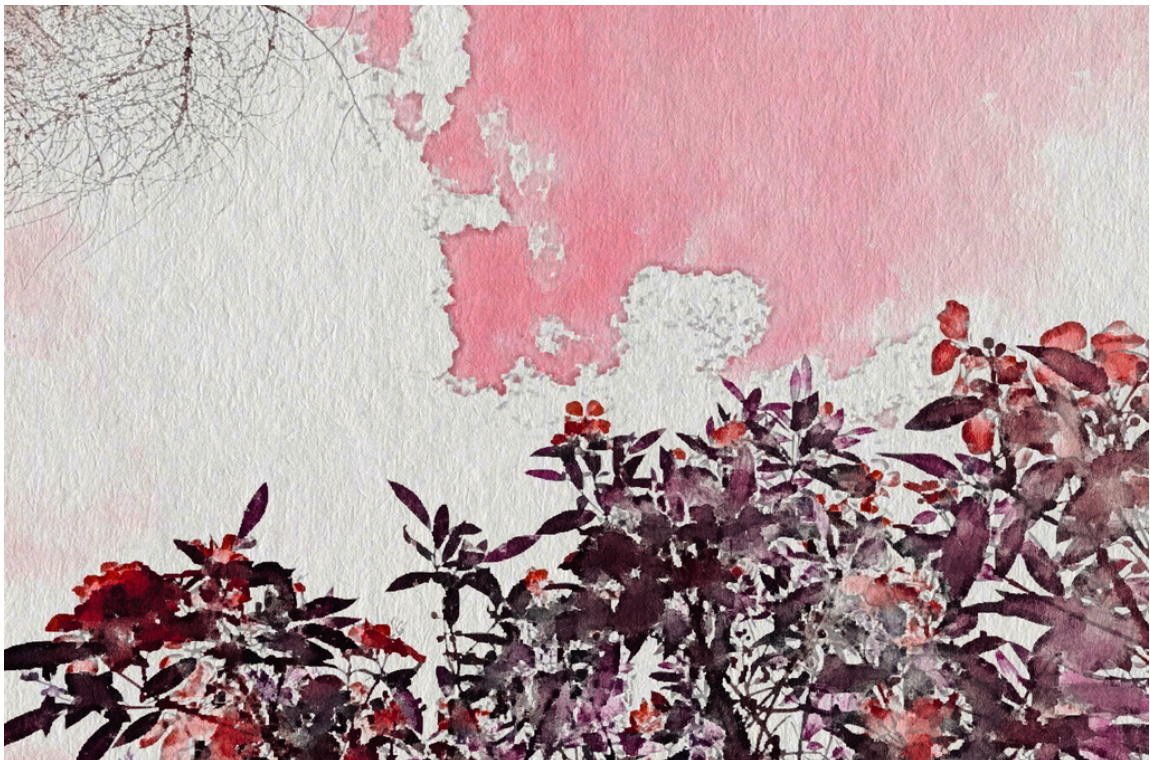
Howard Ziv Sitrin\*

Sarah B. Tavrow\*

Mary W. Greenburg\*

Herbert Weiss\*

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**Yahrzeit Observed During the Week of June 25 to July 1, 2022, 26  
Siven to 2 Tammuz 5782**

**These will be read from the Pulpit on Friday June 24, 2022**

Anna Abramson\*  
 Esther L. Doling\*  
 Ida Kowalsky\*  
 Eli Snyder\*  
 Nellie E. Antovil\*  
 Paul H. Friedlander\*  
 Anne Lobenstein  
 Florence R. Sitrin\*

Felipe Alperovitch\*  
 Cora F. Kowalsky\*  
 Shirley Ruth Sherman\*  
 Marcia A. Tumposky\*  
 Jacob & Mary Cohen\*  
 Dr. Karl Kupfer  
 Howard Sitrin\*  
 Rose Zinger

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**Yahrzeit Observed During the Week of July 2 to 8, 2022, 3 to 9  
Tammuz 5782**

**These will be read from the Pulpit on Friday July 1, 2022**

Miriam Abelson\*  
 Jessie A. Goldbas\*  
 Helmut Lobenstein\*  
 Jennie Smith\*  
 Celia Baker\*  
 Mollie Greenberg  
 Ernest Mailman\*  
 Hermine Sherman\*  
 Norman Brown  
 Bernice Baker Horowitz\*  
 Edward Mettelman\*  
 Bernard C. Shefts\*  
 Jessica B. Cynkus\*  
 David Horowitz\*  
 Harry Morgan\*  
 Emil Schott\*

Max Dumain\*  
 Gesy Jacobson\*  
 Esther Markson\*  
 Martin Smith\*  
 Bertha Drescher\*  
 Baby Bertha G. Krohnkgold\*  
 Alex Philipson\*  
 Edward Aryey Walker\*  
 Samuel Finkelstein\*  
 Sarah Kopel  
 Rita M. Robinson  
 Inez Amdorsky Wishman\*  
 Sarah Goldman\*  
 Simon T. Levine\*  
 Ruth Rosenthal\*  
 Marion Wolhandler\*

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**CLEANING OF HEADSTONES AND FOOTSTONES AT**

**Temple Beth El Cemetery  
House of Israel Cemetery  
Shaarei Tefillah Cemetery  
Mason Road Cemetery  
Jonathan Lodge Cemetery**

It's that time of year again!

A BIG thank you to all who have cleaned head and footstones over the past 5 years.

So now is the time to send in the requests for 2022.

In the past 5 years we have cleaned 300 + headstones and footstones and what a difference it made. Our cemeteries are beginning to look so beautiful and well cared for. We are so proud of the effort that many families made to beautify their cemetery plots. However there are many more stones that need our tender loving care.

The cost is very reasonable:

- Headstones \$50.00
- Footstones \$35.00

If you are planning to have your family plot cleaned send a note, send an email or give us a call and we will take care of the rest.

Perhaps you could even send a little extra and have a headstone or footstone cleaned for someone who has no family left to care for their plot. Last year we had multiple donations and managed to clean some of the oldest, most in need stones. None of these people have any family we know of, so they would have just gone uncared for, so THANK YOU to anyone who donated to have a stone cleaned.

THIS WAS A MITZVAH for those who cleaned a stone anonymously!







All requests to clean stones must be in and paid for by August 18th, 2022.

All stones will be cleaned before the HIGH HOLYDAYS!

We have 44 stones to be cleaned already!

Please get your request in early!



*"Family, HELP! I really need some cleaning!"*



*"Thank you, famliy, for cleaning me! I really shine!"*



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*If you are interested in placing an ad in The Temple Times, now is the time to do it. Your ad will be in each monthly bulletin for the next year at the following prices:*

- *Business Card Size: \$125.00*
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*How good and how pleasant it is  
that brothers dwell together.  
Tehilim, 133:1*

הנה מה טוב ומה נעים  
שבת אחים גם יחד!  
תהילים קלג, א

**IT'S A GIRL**

Mazel tov to the Karyagin Family  
on the birth of their daughter,

**Bina Aviva!**





## SHAVUOT SERVICES

### Services

#### EREV SHAVUOT

Saturday, June 4th, 9:30 p.m.

#### SHACHARIT LESHAVUOT (Day 1)

Sunday, June 5th, 8:30 a.m.

*(with Tikun Boker)*

#### SHACHARIT LESHAVUOT (Day 2)

Monday, June 6th, 9:30 a.m.

*(with Yikzor)*

### Candle lighting

#### FIRST NIGHT (from a pre-existing flame)

Saturday, June 4th, 9:29 p.m.

#### SECOND NIGHT (from a pre-existing flame)

Sunday, June 5th, 9:30 p.m.

#### HOLIDAY ENDS

Monday, June 6th, 9:30 p.m.

We will be waiting for you at our

### Tikun Boker

with a delightful breakfast and discussing

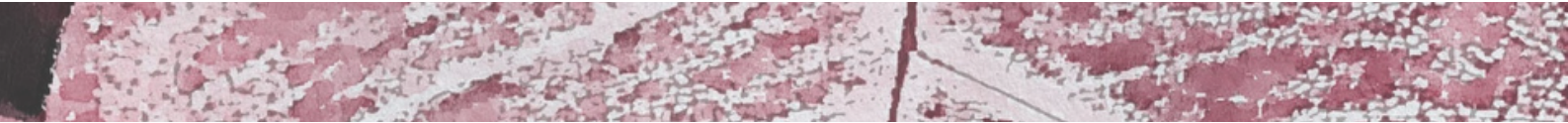
**"The 3 questions I've always had  
about the 10 Commandments."**

Think about this topic and bring your questions to Temple on June 5th, 8:30 a.m.



**TBE  
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**It's been awhile  
since we've seen your smile!**

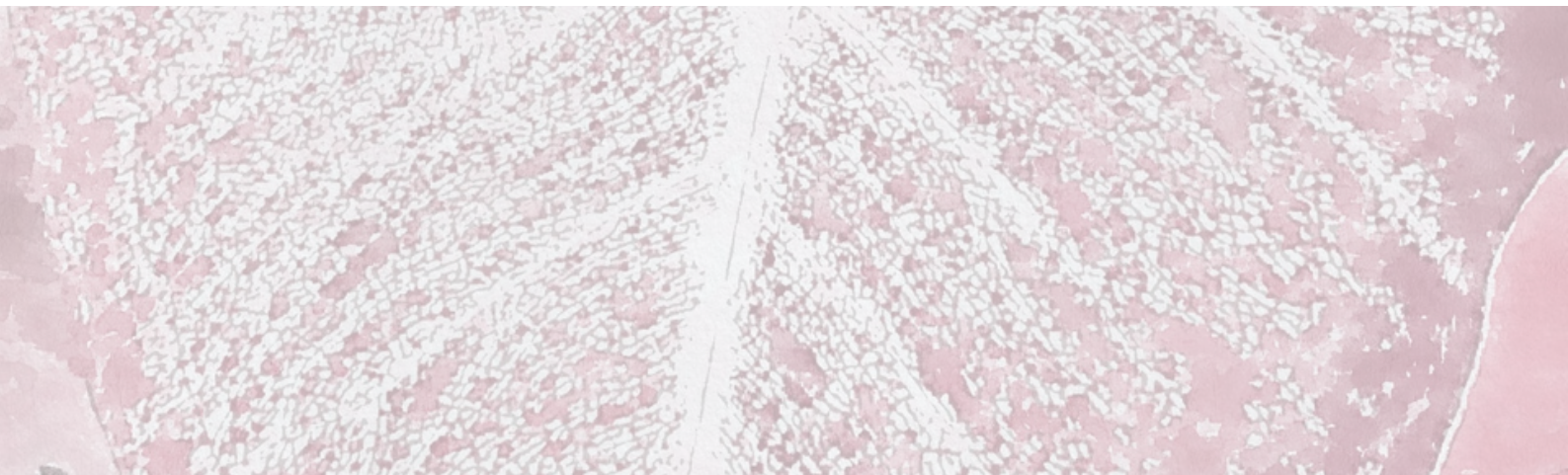


**WHEN**  
Tuesday, June 7th, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

**WHERE**  
Temple Beth El,  
1607 Genesee Street



Watch the mail for your family invitation.





## JEWITICA

Utica, NY—On June 12, 2022, the Jewish Community Federation of the Mohawk Valley (JCC), will host “JEWITICA” the first ever celebration of the cultural heritage of Jews in the Utica area. This family-friendly festival will feature traditional food, music and fun for everyone in the community regardless of religious or cultural affiliation.

Utica was first settled in 1786, and the first Jews to arrive were likely Abraham Cohen and his family, immigrants from Poland in 1847. “It may have taken us 175 years to plan this event,” says Victor Pearlman, Executive Director of the JCC, “but I am incredibly proud that we can add “JEWITICA” to the Utica tradition of celebrating the cultural melting pot that makes Utica the special place it is today. We are so excited to have this opportunity to share the traditions, foods, and stories of our people.”

Highlighting the festival is a performance by New York City-based klezmer band “Isle of Klezbos”. This all-woman sextet plays traditional klezmer, a music style originating with Jews in Eastern Europe, with a contemporary twist. Their music and enthusiasm have been lauded by CBS, CNN, PBS and Sirius XM Radio. In addition to appearing on “Sex and The City” they have toured worldwide since 1998. The “Broadway Babes” from Rome, NY will also appear with a selection of favorite Broadway numbers.

In addition to music, the festival will showcase Jewish food, including favorites such as bagels and lox, pastrami sandwiches, kosher franks, kugel, and knishes. Noted food entrepreneur, writer and Jewish food historian, Jeffery Yoskowitz, co-author of The Gefilte Manifesto cookbook, will provide a history of Jewish food and demonstrate how to make kosher-style dill pickles and cheese blintzes.

There will be educational exhibits, including an opportunity to “Ask the Rabbi” your compelling questions about Jewish practice and observance. Other exhibits illuminate understanding of the cultural heritage of Utica Jews, past and present.



The JCC will also be using this festival to announce and enshrine the very first member of the Mohawk Valley Jewish Hall of Fame. This new hall of fame will annually recognize those individuals who have had a significant impact on the life of Jews locally, nationally, or around the world who have a connection to our community.

Games and entertainment will engage children and adults. A game of “Jewish Jeopardy” will test your knowledge. Local artisans will be selling arts and crafts. (Interested vendors may inquire at [UticaJewtica@gmail.com](mailto:UticaJewtica@gmail.com)) JEWTICA occurs on Sunday, June 12 from noon until 8 pm at the JCC at 2310 Oneida St., Utica. In the event of rain, all activities will be moved indoors to the auditorium and gymnasium of the JCC. Admission is free and food and drink will be available for sale. (On street parking is extremely limited but free parking and free shuttle service is available to and from Temple Emanu-El, 2710 Genesee Street, Utica and the Parkway Recreation Center.) More details can be found on the JEWTICA event page on Facebook.



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5 Shavuot Breakfast 8:30 a.m.	6 Shavuot Service with Yizkor 9:30 a.m.	7 Annual Congregational Meeting 7:00 p.m.	8	9	10 Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 p.m. <i>In person or on Zoom</i>	11 Shacharit leShabbat 9:30 a.m. <i>In person or on Zoom</i>
12 Jewtica – Jewish Cultural Festival 12:00-8:00 p.m.	13	14	15	16	17 Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 p.m. <i>In person or on Zoom</i>	18 Shacharit leShabbat 9:30 a.m. <i>In person or on Zoom</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24 Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat 5:30 p.m. <i>In person or on Zoom</i>	25 Shabbat Mevarchim  Shacharit leShabbat 9:30 a.m. <i>In person or on Zoom</i>
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