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FROM THE RABBI - Rabbi Bryan Mann

Counting the Omer: Spiritual Preparation for Receiving Torah



From the day on which you bring the sheaf of elevation offering—the day after the Sabbath—you shall count off seven weeks. They must be complete: you must count until the day after the seventh week—fifty days; then you shall bring an offering of new grain to the LORD. (Leviticus 23:15 – 16).

This command in Leviticus is about bringing a bundle, a sheaf, an omer offering the day after Passover until Shavuot. After the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem we could no longer bring this offering, but the obligation to still count stands. We are obligated according to this verse and the Talmudic rabbis to count every day from the second night of Passover until Shavuot. From the moment after celebrating liberation from oppression to the moment we receive the Torah at Sinai.

The Kabbalists saw this as a time of spiritual preparation for receiving the Torah. They linked each day and week of the omer to one of the ten sefirot. Ten emanations, characteristics, aspects of the Divine. According to Kabbalah, three of these ten sefirot are incomprehensible to the human mind and thus in the counting of the omer we are only dealing with seven: chesed – loving kindness/unbounded love, gevurah – boundaries/discipline/strength/might, tiferet – beauty/splendor, netzach – endurance/victory, hod – acknowledgement/glory, yesod – foundation, malchut/Shekhinah – royalty/the Divine Presence in the world.

Each day of the omer is ascribed one of these sefirot in the above order as are the weeks. Keep in mind our counting began on Saturday night this year and Hebrew days begin at night. So, Day 1 Saturday Night/Sunday is chesed, Day 2 Monday night/Tuesday is gevurah, Day 3 Tuesday night/Wednesday is tiferet and so on. So, to with the weeks of the omer: Week 1 April 20th – 27th was chesed, Week 2 April 27th – May 4th is gevurah, Week 3 May 4th – 11th is tiferet and so on.

We are in the middle of the second week of the omer, gevurah week. A week where we reflect on boundaries, on discipline, on self-care. How are we doing when it comes to saying no? When it comes to taking time for ourselves? The first day of this week we reflected on how we might express our unbounded love, our loving kindness through our discipline, our boundaries, taking care of ourselves? In other words, how do we experience or display chesed within gevurah.

There are many apps, websites, books, and other guides filled with questions, meditations, reflections for each day of the omer that can help us with this practice. A practice that teaches us every day from the moment we experience the freedom of Passover until the moment we receive the Torah at Sinai is an opportunity to reflect on and commit to our own spiritual growth.

FROM THE INTERIM PRESIDENT - Gerry Pliner

Grateful to serve

As you may know, this will be my last regular column as your acting president, as Jonathan Ellis will be taking over soon as we start a “new” year in June. I’m really looking forward to that, but it has certainly been a privilege and a pleasure serving you, our members, as your decider-in-chief, as my position might be called. I’ve enjoyed my executive stint perhaps because I have served with really great people who are all dedicated to getting things done. I especially appreciate the level of respect and kindness to which I have been treated during these past several months of serving as your president.

As we switch gears, you can be sure your synagogue has a faithful cadre of dedicated leaders who want nothing more than our congregation to grow and thrive as it fulfills its mission in this community. We may be small, but we are a close-knit group of caring friends and, working together, we really do have a lot to offer. We have a higher rating on the internet compared to many other congregations in this area, perhaps because we are such a caring, friendly place. We don’t let our smaller numbers get in the way of offering our members a plethora of events and services, much more than would be expected of a small congregation. After all, how many synagogues have had a “Bark Mitzvah, a murder mystery theatre and a Hollywood Salute to Heroes gala, not to even mention regular Shabbat services?

In a way, our smaller size is an advantage. We get to know each other, because we have to work together to get things done, like set-up and clean-up at events, for example. We don’t have anyone to do this for us so we have to do it ourselves. When we all pitch in, we become closer both socially and spiritually. Our committees are easy to join and not -so-large so that we all have the time to have our say and make a contribution. This is true at board meetings also, to which everyone is invited to attend.

I used to belong to a much-larger congregation and I remember how it was much harder to get to know people when you are mostly just praying with them. It was harder to get on committees and feel as if you are making a contribution. That’s certainly not the case here at Congregation Beth Shalom! So, as I’m about to leave my present position, let me say one more time that if there is any area in which you would like to assist us, whether it is by being on or chairing a committee or by doing a special project, please let us know. All of our committees, hard working as they are, can always use an infusion of new blood and new ideas.

I want to take this final opportunity to say thank you very much to everyone who served our temple in any capacity, whether it was leading a service or project, cleaning up after the oneg, chairing or serving on one of our many committees, directing or helping with our Purim spiel, building & grounds, attending a special event, whatever you did for our temple: I’m sure I can speak for everyone in saying that, we all really do appreciate your dedication. Without you our synagogue would not be the wonderful place it is to be and we are all very grateful!



Congregation Beth Shalom provides a meaningful spiritual home for people of all ages and levels of knowledge, a place to learn and to question, a place to worship and to celebrate, and a place to find a community that cares.

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- ✧ **Friday worship services at 7:30 p.m.**
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Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Saturday, May 4, 7 p.m.:** Special Life Long Learning presentation by Howard Kerner. More information on page 8.
- **Tuesday, May 14, 7 p.m.:** Let's Chat With The Rabbi. More information on page 6.
- **Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m.:** "A Taste Of Tannach," formerly known as "Bible and Bagels." For more information, please see page 6.
- **Saturday, May 18, 6 p.m.:** BeSTY will host a Monopoly night for BeSTY members. More information on page 7.
- **Sunday, May 19, 10 a.m.:** Congregation annual meeting.
- **Monday, May 20, 6 p.m.:** Page Turners. More information on page 6.
- **Wednesday, May 22, 6:30 p.m.:** Life Long Learning Committee meeting. You need not be a committee member to attend.
- **Saturday, May 25, 7 p.m.:** Cabaret and pot luck dinner. Details and information can be found on page 4.
- **Sunday, Aug. 4:** Congregation Open House.



*Religious Education Calendar, page 7;
Full calendar, page 15*

May Oneg Schedule

There can be no joy without food and drink. — Talmud, Mo'ed Katan

THANK YOU! to the following people who will host an oneg Shabbat in May.

▪ **May 3: Andrea Chassen, Julie Enzer, Sheila Fishman, and Anna Feldman,** will host the oneg to honor **Michael Lubin** for his hard work on producing the *Jewz Brothers* Purim spiel.

▪ **May 10: Carol Wagner** will host the oneg to honor her grandson, **James Parnell**, who will be celebrating his 22nd birthday.

▪ **May 17: The parents of the confirmation students and the parents of our high school seniors** will host the oneg. The confirmation students will also assist Rabbi Bryan with the Shabbat service to honor our high school graduates.

▪ **May 24: Ruth Goldberg** will host the oneg as a temple mitzvah.

▪ **May 31: DeboraRachel Miranda** will host the oneg in honor of her 49th birthday.

Anna Feldman, Judith Pliner, Sue Reckner, and Anita Hoffman

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KOLOT SHALOM NOTES

Newsflash!

Just a quick word to thank the following folks for a very lively and meaningful Choir Shabbat on April 5.: DeboraRachel Miranda, Cynthia Goldstein, Lauren Weisman, Sandy Santucci, Steve Feldman, Jeff Newman, and Joan Frankel.

It takes a great deal of commitment to present a diverse repertoire of music for each Choir Shabbat. What a privilege to have these folks working for the enrichment of our Shabbat services.

Now it is my pleasure to inform you that our Annual Cabaret will be Saturday, May 25, at 7 p.m., and led by Jeff Newman and Lauren Weisman. It's going to have a variety show format, so I invite you all to join in and bring your musical favorites from the 70s. We will also be having a dairy pot luck dinner on that evening.

Remember bell bottoms, tie-dye shirts, flowers in your hair and lots more cool stuff from the period?

Call Jeff and Lauren at 813-450-6961 to join the fun. There is a song for you. There is a spotlight for you. There is a shining star with your name on it.

*Shalom,
Joan E Frankel*



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Kudos & Mazels

Join with CBS in offering congratulations and recognition to the following members on their accomplishments:

MAZELS

▪ Mazel tov to all our graduating seniors: **Mordecai Elazer, Elizabeth Pelk, Rachel Pitchon, Lucas Oldman, Garret Borgen, and Jacob Wetsman.**

KUDOS

- Kudos to **Suzie and Mitch Baylis** and the fundraising committee for coordinating the Bark Mitzvah.
- Kudos to **Suzie and Mitch Baylis** for hosting a fabulous Murder Mystery Night.
- Kudos to **Phyllis Newman, Sheila Fishman, and Julie Enzer** for the Seder from a Woman's Perspective event.
- Kudos to **Steve Slavkin, the ritual committee, Dave Friedman, Michael Barnett, and BeSTY** for our congregation 2nd Night Seder event.
- Kudos to our **families, teachers and aides** for a fun Religious School Seder.
- Kudos to **BeSTY** for a fun BINGO night.
- Kudos to those who helped on our congregation clean up day: **Suzie Baylis, Mitch Baylis, Jason Baylis, Allan Weber, Sheryl Finke, Mark Finke, and Anna Feldman.**
- Kudos to **Allen Weiss** for repairing our security cameras.



*Do you know a CBS member who should be congratulated for a special accomplishment?
If so, email the name and accomplishment to cbs-admin@hotmail.com.*

MEMBERSHIP

It's time to update your contact information!

If you have any changes in your phone numbers, email address or if your current address is wrong, please contact Jenny in the CBS office. We are in an ongoing campaign to recruit new members and want to make sure we stay in contact with our current members as well.

We are a strong warm synagogue and want to spread the love to everyone. So please everyone, help us for YOUR TEMPLE.

We can be reached at gverlin@verlingroup.com or gp@pliner-inc.com.

Thank you from the membership girls - Gail & Judith.

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LIFE LONG LEARNING— Janice Perelman



• **Tuesday, May 14 at 7 p.m., we will have another Let's Chat With The Rabbi session.** "Shabbat: Getting off the Treadmill" will be the topic of Rabbi Mann's monthly discussion, the fifth topic of Judaism's 10 Best Ideas, according to Rabbi Arthur Green. Join us for a lively dialogue. These sessions are open to everyone, and you did not have to have attended the previous sessions to join in.

• **Saturday, May 18, at 10 a.m., "A Taste Of Tanach,"** formerly known as "Bible and Bagels," continues with Rabbi Mann as our leader. And yes, bagels will still be served! All are welcome.



• **REMINDER:** The Life Long Learning Committee next meets Wednesday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the library. You need not be a committee member to attend. We are always interested in your ideas and suggestions.

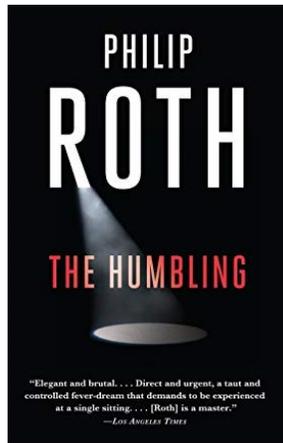
PAGE TURNERS

Monday, May 20, at 6 p.m., Phyllis Newman and Page Turner will discuss *The Humbling*, by Philip Roth.

Roth writes about a renowned actor who at the age of 65 has lost his talent. When his wife leaves him, and after a stint at a mental hospital, he retires to his upstate New York country house and hopes for deliverance, which arrives in the form of the lithe, vibrant, and ever-subversive Pegeen Stapleford, the daughter of old friends and 25 years his junior.

In this tight, surprising narrative told with Roth's inimitable urgency, bravura, and gravity, we confront the terrifying fragility of all our life's performances.

Come join us for a light dinner and discussion of the book.



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EDUCATION— Sheila Fishman

Religious school is coming to a close

This has been quite a year at our religious school.

We have been most fortunate to be working with Rabbi Bryan Mann who has led us in prayer, provided special programming, and conducted several special holiday celebrations.

We have been blessed to have amazing teachers with Anna Feldman and Lucas Oldman with our youngest students; Sandy Santucci in grades 2 and 3; Sheila Fishman and Ricki Bauman in grades 4 and 5; and Michael Lubin and Rudina Richter in grades 6 and 7.

We have been assisted by wonderful aides, Allyson Peterson, Davina Feldman and Ella Barnett.

Most importantly, we have had the honor of working with your children. They are so bright and loving. They come to classes with an appetite for learning.

Over the summer, we will be working toward further enhancing our programming to meet the needs of these students.

The upcoming schedule for May is as follows:

- **Sunday, May 5**, our day will begin with a worship service with Rabbi Bryan at 9:30a.m. This will be followed by Hebrew studies. In our final hour that morning, we will be learning about Yom Ha'Atzmaut and Yom HaShoah in our respective classrooms.
- **Sunday, May 12**, religious school is closed for Mother's Day. Have a great weekend!
- **Sunday, May 19**, from 9:30a.m. until 11 a.m., we will be providing classroom time to Hebrew studies and Judaica. Starting at 11 a.m., students, parents and congregants will meet in the sanctuary for a closing program and special recognition of our staff. This will be followed by a light lunch for all attendees. Report cards will be distributed that morning.

Keep an eye out for subsequent reports about the upcoming school year in *The Kibbitzer* and email blasts. Open House for registration is Sunday, Aug. 11, while the first day of our next religious school year is Sunday, Aug. 18.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Listings



If you would like to have information on your child's upcoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah listed in *The Kibbitzer*, please submit an article and picture (digital if possible) to

thekibbitzer@hotmail.com by the second Friday of the month prior to your service.



BESTY BEAT

BeSTY members keep busy

April was a great month for BeSTY!

Thank you to everyone for making Bingo night so much fun. And we also had a good time helping out with the congregational Seder and the Mother's Day craft and vendor fair, as well as Bark Mitzvah.



BeSTY bids a fond farewell to its president, Liz Pelk, and Lucas Oldman who

graduate from Newsome this month. Thank you Liz and Lucas for all you've done for BeSTY!

Please watch your email, texts, the Group Me app, and the "BESTY & BESTY, Jr. Parents" Facebook page for information on future activities—including Monopoly hangout night Saturday, May 18, at 6 p.m.

The Congregation Beth Shalom youth group welcomes all with open arms as we are excited to start new programs and events. Click here to download our membership form <https://bethshalom-brandon.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/173/2013/10/TYG%20Registration%20Form.pdf> or contact Besty-Board@gmail.com for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

DON'T MISS THIS EVENT! "A Celebration Of Goodness"

Saturday, May 4, at 7 p.m.

Come and be inspired at this presentation by Howard Kerner, M. A.



This fascinating event will be led by professor, lecturer, and writer Howard Kerner whose mission it is to share fascinating stories of altruism with audiences everywhere.

You will learn about heroic acts of goodness which saved thousands of Jewish lives, performed by Christians, Muslims and other Jews during WWII, at the risk of their own lives and those of their families.

Mr. Kerner, a retired English professor, has taught and published extensively on Holocaust Heroes. He has also spoken to groups in the Heartland America Israeli Initiative, Academia Hernando, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, and other synagogues and churches.

This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Questions can be addressed to Janice Perelman at (813) 748-8042 or to chinadollip@verizon.net.

Chavurah Membership

Are you looking to make new friends or deepen your current friendships? Joining a Congregation Beth Shalom Chavurah may be your answer.



We have several groups of "Chavurot" which meet monthly. Each group decides where to meet and what is on the program. It may be as simple as a potluck dinner at someone's home or meeting at the JCC for an art festival. Our Chavurot have celebrated holidays together as extended families, sponsored onegs, and gone camping together.

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While monetary donations are welcomed, encouraged, and needed and can be used where the temple needs it most, we know sometimes people prefer concrete gifts and look for opportu-



nities to provide in other ways. We hope this list is helpful.

Before making an in-kind contribution, due to limited storage space, please contact the temple first to be sure the item is still on the list.

Interior Wish List:

- Plain paper fax machine for the CBS office

- Large print copies of Mishkan HaNefesh
- Commercial oven for kitchen
- 8—New floor length round tablecloths in white
- 6 - new black tablecloths
- New laptop or pc for Education Office

Exterior Wish List:

- Planters, soil and vines for pergola
- Awnings for glass door and office entries
- Bags of red mulch
- Pavers to make a path to fire-pit

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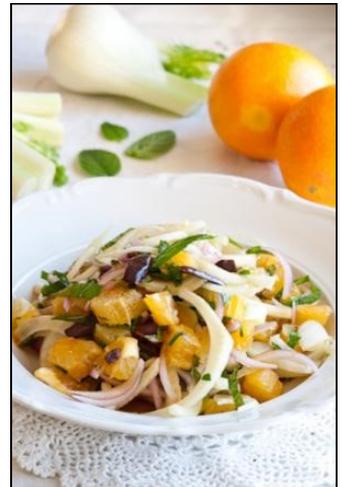
Orange and Fennel Salad

from *Cook in Israel: Home Cooking Inspiration* by Orly Ziv

Combining fruits and vegetables in salads is very Israeli. Oranges, in particular, are identified with Israel and this recipe pairs them with fennel for an unusual flavor combo. A variation of this combination also exists in Moroccan and Greek cuisine.

Ingredients:

- 2 oranges
- 1/2 cup Kalamata or oil-cured black olives, pitted and coarsely chopped
- 1 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 1-2 fennel bulbs, sliced
- 1/2 cup fresh basil and/or mint leaves, torn
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2-3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons silan (date honey)



Peel the oranges and trim away any remaining white pith. Chop into bite-sized pieces. Put the oranges, olives, red onion, fennel, basil and/or mint in a bowl and toss gently to combine. In a separate bowl, whisk together the olive oil, lemon juice, and silan. Drizzle over the salad and toss to thoroughly coat. Serve immediately.



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The CBS Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, May 19, at 10 a.m. The Nominating Committee has found an impressive group of leaders for our congregation. Below is a list of the slate of leadership for the two-year term.

Secretary	Sheila Fishman
Treasurer	Allan Weber
Members at Large	Mitch Baylis
	Julie Enszer
	Lea Garbett

The following positions are in their 2nd year of a two-year term, no vote is needed:

Executive Board

President	Jon Ellis
1 st Vice President	Gerry Pliner
2 nd Vice President	Toby Koch
3 rd Vice President	David Friedman

Members at Large

Michael Barnett
Steve Slavkin
Sheryl Finke

Per the By Laws, "any other nominations for an elected office or Member-at- Large may be made by written petition of five (5) members in good standing, which shall be filed with the Secretary, at least (20) twenty days prior to the annual meeting."

Please make every effort to attend our Annual Meeting, as a quorum is needed to elect our leadership.

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- **General Fund** (unrestricted): An unrestricted gift to the General Fund allows the temple to use those funds wherever they may be needed most. This fund incorporates contributions received from our High Holy Day Appeal, Yahrzeit donations, Bricklets, Adopt-A-Book, Tree of Life (unless otherwise indicated) and other non-restricted gifts.
- **Building Fund:** A fund to ensure the continuing physical growth of our spiritual home. Intended for capital improvements and major building repairs.
- **Endowment Fund:** Gifts to this fund are placed in an investment account and temporarily restricted or can be defined/restricted by the donor. This fund ensures the future of our temple.
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- **Youth Group Fund:** a fund that supports the ongoing engagement of post b'nai mitzvah youth, providing meaningful and fun experiences for our teens, and keeping them connected to their Jewish community.

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Opportunities:

- **Adopt-A-Book:** A dedication label will be placed in one of our prayer books, to commemorate a simcha or in honor or memory of a loved one for just \$54.
- **Bricklets:** For as little as \$9 you can send a Bricklet Card instead of buying a card for birthdays, condolences, etc. A Bricklet Card in your name will be sent to the person you wish stating that a donation has been made in his or her name to Beth Shalom to honor the occasion.
- **Tree of Life:** The Tree of Life is on the back wall of our Sanctuary. An engraved leaf or stone can commemorate many simchas, b'nai mitzvah, wedding, birth, graduations, etc. Leaves are \$180, and stones are \$1800.
- **Yahrzeit Plaque:** To honor the death of a loved one, you may purchase a plaque that will be cared for in perpetuity for \$250. The name of the deceased along with their date of death is included on the plaque.

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Donations listed below were received between February 16 and March 15.

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In Honor Of Our 50th Wedding Anniversary

Stephen & Anna Feldman

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Anniversaries

- 5/7 Bonnie & Jeffrey Jacob
- 5/7 Gayle & Jeffrey Borgen
- 5/9 Ken & MarDee Buchman
- 5/21 Allan & Denise Weber
- 5/22 Mags & Richard Oldman



Yahrzeits

5/1	Rose	Gold	Mother	of	Carol	Balent
5/1	Gerard P.	Himmel	Husband	of	Muriel	Himmel
5/4	Elmer	Kalbas	Father	of	Bill	Kalbas
5/5	Barbara	Greif	Aunt	of	Roberta	Peterson
5/5	Arthur	Abramson	Father	of	Robin	Rogovin
5/7	Barbara	Berkley Shapiro	Mother	of	Jan	Sperry
5/7	William	Statter	Father	of	Brad	Statter
5/8	Dora	Macaluso	Mother	of	Sophia	Brenner
5/9	Mariah Hope	Braverman	Granddaughter	of	Sheila & Errol	Fishman
5/11	Sable M.	Zazulia	Mother	of	Iylene	Miller
5/12	Shirley	Cohen	Grandmother	of	Sheryl	Finke
5/13	Joseph	Leopold Reisner	Grandfather	of	Gary	Ronay
5/13	Alice	Koch	Mother	of	Toby	Koch
5/13	Rose	Reisner	Grandmother	of	Gary	Ronay
5/13	Philip	Gold	Father	of	Carol	Balent
5/14	Max	Zander	Uncle	of	Diane	Jacobson
5/14	Simon	Freedman	Grandfather	of	David	Friedman
5/16	Ethel	Feinstein	Wife	of	Kalman	Feinstein
5/17	Marilyn G.	Rowen	Sister	of	Judith	Pliner
5/18	Fanny	Bollinger Zalka	Grandmother	of	Robin	Rogovin
5/18	Katherine	Verlin	Mother	of	Michael	Verlin
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5/22	Marvin D.	Slavkin	Father	of	Steve	Slavkin
5/24	Paul D.	Goldstein	Father	of	Judith	Pliner
5/24	Laura	Gold	Mother	of	Marty	Gold
5/27	Richard	Ellis	Father	of	Jonathan	Ellis
5/28	Sharon	Swedlow	Mother	of	Andrew	Swedlow
5/31	Bernie	Friedman	Father	of	Dave	Friedman



Birthdays

5/2	Kelsey	Birnholz
5/2	Michael	Garbett
5/6	Sophia	SmOak
5/7	Martie	Spaier
5/9	Jackie	Feldman
5/10	Vickie	Goldberg
5/10	Arielle	Weisman
5/12	Mitch	Baylis
5/13	Ella	Barnett
5/13	Mary Ann	Yavelow
5/15	Jeff	Newman
5/16	Jacob	Wetsman
5/16	Eunice	Rifkin
5/18	Cassie	Newman
5/21	Jeff	Goodman
5/23	Kelsey	Frye
5/24	Scott	Hopkins
5/24	Jayson	Bolnick
5/26	David	Goldberg
5/28	Betsy	Glickman
5/28	DeboraRachel	Miranda
5/29	Zachary	Zweibach
5/29	Michael	Ellis

Simchat Shabbat!

Come celebrate your birthday or anniversary with us! A special Shabbat service is held every month to honor all our joys for that month. For this month it will be:

May 17

The dates listed for the Yahrzeits are adjusted yearly according to the Jewish Calendar and may not necessarily coincide with the common date of death. Names are read for Kaddish at the Shabbat before the actual date. If you would like to have the common date listed, please contact the temple office.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 12 PM - JCC Israel Independence Day Celebration 9:30 AM Religious School 11 AM Conf. Class	6 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	7 6:30PM - Exec. Com. Mtg 7 PM - Board Mtg. 8 PM Calendar Mtg.	8 7:00 PM Yom HaShoah Concert - joint venture with Sun City United Methodist Church	9 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	10 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	11 7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service
12 No Religious School	13 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	14 7 PM - Let's Chat with Rabbi Mann	15 6:30 PM Fundraising Meeting 7:30 PM Membership Meeting	16 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	17 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service (Simcha)	18 10AM A Taste of Tanach 6 PM - BESTY Monopoly Night
19 10 AM - Annual Meeting 9:30 AM Last Day of Religious School & Conf. Class	20 6 PM Page Turners 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	21 6 PM Page Turners 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	22 6:30PM Lifelong Learning Meeting. 7:30PM Ritual Mtg.	23 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	24 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service	25 7 PM Cabaret & Dairy Pot Luck Dinner
26	27 HCSD Closed	28	29	30	31 HCSD Last Day of School	

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