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# OUR SHIR SHALOM

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## MAY AND JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 3	6:00 pm	Israel Shabbat with Mark Fineberg, Emmisaries, Grades K-3, farewell to Rabbi Emily
May 4	10:30 am	Shabbat Morning Worship Bat Mitzvah-Sara Reiter
May 10	5:30 pm 7:30 pm	Tot Shabbat 2.0 Kabbalat Shabbat Worship Oneg Shabbat
May 17	7:30 pm	Israeli Music Shabbat Musical guest: Shlomo Shai
May 24	7:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Worship Oneg Shabbat
May 31	7:30 pm	LGBTQ Pride Shabbat Oneg Shabbat

June 1	5:00 pm	Shabbat Afternoon Worship Bar Mitzvah-Zachary Higgins
June 7	6:00 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Worship Oneg Shabbat
June 8	7:00 pm	Shavuot Worship Service with Yizkor (Erev Shavuot)
June 14	5:30 pm 7:30 pm	Tot Shabbat 2.0 Graduation Shabbat Worship Oneg Shabbat
June 15	7:30 pm	Shabbat Morning Worship Bat Mitzvah- Talia Levinsohn
June 21	7:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Worship Oneg Shabbat
June 22	10:30 am	Shabbat Morning Worship Bat Mitzvah-Sadie Baran
June 28	7:30 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Worship Oneg Shabbat

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*Blanket making for Kids in Crisis,  
dog toy braiding for the SPCA,  
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outdoor work and clean-up and much more!*



**Members and non-members of all ages welcome!**

**Perform a mitzvah as a family, individual, or for a bar/bat mitzvah!**

**Enjoy a pizza lunch and an Ice Cream Sundae Wrap-up Party with a slide show montage of our volunteers in action!**

**Please sign up by Friday, April 26th  
to help us with event planning and to secure your spot!  
(we will accommodate late registrants however)**

To register, please go online: [\*\*http://bit.ly/shirshalom\*\*](http://bit.ly/shirshalom)

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Lynn Broder

I would like to start by saying that our hearts go out to the Muslim community in New Zealand and around the world. All people of faith whom hate and tragedy have touched send our thoughts and prayers to the victims and share the hope that together we can be stronger than those who let hate win out. Despite these tragedies, our sacred communities remain steadfast and strong and will fight against hatred and bigotry wherever and whenever we can.

By the time you read this, we should hopefully be enjoying the warmer weather and the promise that comes with spring. We have made it through another winter and I am happy to report that the Shir Shalom community is vibrant and thriving. We are coming to the end of another successful year with both our early childhood center and our religious school and we are looking forward to continuing to help our children grow and learn in the fall. The spring is often a busy time as schedules are hectic and the rest of our lives take us away from our sacred community. If it has been a while since you have visited us, we hope that the slower pace of summer will allow you to join us again. There are many ways to stay connected to Shir Shalom, the first of which is this newsletter. Please also visit our website, [www.ourshirshalom.org](http://www.ourshirshalom.org), or visit our congregant driven facebook page, Shir Shalom Friends.

In addition to our staff and lay leaders, our wonderful clergy are available should you need them. One of the most admirable qualities of our clergy is that they are available and accessible to all our members. While we are so lucky to have such dedicated clergy, it also means that our Rabbi and Cantor spend a lot of their time going through emails and phone messages so that they can respond to each and every one of you with their full-undivided attention. This unfortunately means that sometimes, it may take them a few days to return those many calls and emails. Of course, in the case of a true emergency, they will respond as quickly as they can. You can always call the office and let them know that you need to speak to the Rabbi or Cantor urgently. But for other important but more routine outreach, please be patient. In a perfect world, we would be able to have our clergy dedicate all their time to congregant outreach. But the workload of our clergy is heavy, and they do a great job of trying to keep up with it all. Please be patient as our Rabbi and Cantor work diligently to respond to each request-and if you don't hear back quickly, remember that they are attending to another congregant and want to give them the same time and attention they will give when they get back to you.

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## FROM RABBI REINER'S DESK



**I**t has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with our rabbinic intern this year, Rabbi Emily Aronson. I am continually impressed and inspired by her hard work, intellect, and commitment to Jewish communal life. In addition to our congregation benefiting from Rabbi Emily's presence,

I have enjoyed working with her and serving as a mentor, and have grown from answering her thoughtful questions which have helped me to reflect on my service to our sacred community. I believe that we have all benefitted from learning with Rabbi Emily, whether through her sermons or text studies during services, the educational programs that she created and led with our Religious School families and students, or through adult study programs she led on Jewish Moral Leadership (and other topics) throughout the year. I am grateful to many in our congregation who have opened their homes to Rabbi Emily, welcoming her for a meal, and spent time with her, and who helped make this past year a wonderful experience. In reflecting upon all that Rabbi Emily has helped in our community this past year I am grateful for all that Rabbi Emily brought to our sacred community.

I write this column while preparing for Passover/Pesach, a festival that celebrates the beginning of spring (witnessed in the blossoming plants and trees that surround us) as well as our historical exodus from oppression and bondage as described in the Torah. Fresh in my mind is my recent trip to the United States/Mexico border where I witnessed the treatment of people fleeing oppression in foreign lands seeking entry to the United States (migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers).

The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), which organized my border visit, was created in 1881 to support Jews fleeing antisemitic violence in Eastern Europe. Today HIAS supports many non-Jewish refugees around the world, fleeing oppression and persecution. I was thrilled that our Board unanimously decided to join the HIAS "Welcome Campaign" this past winter and that we have made the global refugee crisis a focus of our worship, religious school, and

adult educational programming in recent months, including the creation of our "Welcoming the Stranger" Committee, led by Carrie Chanin. We have shared HIAS materials during our communal celebrations of Passover in the past and I was especially moved by one of the readings in this year's "HIAS Haggadah," an adaptation of the traditional "Four Sons/Children" section of the seder:

**The one who ignores...** She turns off the news and closes the newspaper, speechless as she considers the magnitude of the problem. "68 million displaced people?" she wonders, "It couldn't possibly be that many."

**The one who deflects...** They want to attend the rally for refugees and sign that petition, but they lost track of time with so many other pressing issues demanding their attention. "Someone else will take this one," they console themselves, "I've got other priorities."

**The one who abandons...** He knows that Jewish values command him to welcome the stranger, but he cannot reconcile that with his worries about the economy and his fear of terrorism. "It's not the same as when my grandparents came to this country," he says.

**The ones who understand...** They see that the Jewish refugee story never really ends; our role in the story shifts. Together, they take actions big and small. While they know they cannot complete the work, they do not desist from trying to make a difference. "We used to help refugees because they were Jewish," they say, "But now we help refugees because we are Jewish."

The HIAS Haggadah points out that "many of us may struggle to reconcile one or more of these voices within ourselves or we hear them in family members and friends..."

As our celebration of Passover concludes and we continue our spiritual lives during the Omer, the seven weeks until Shavuot, how can we, in recalling our distant and recent ancestors who fled oppression and violence, better respond and take action in support of people seeking refuge and asylum today?

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS HARD AT WORK...



Religious School students enjoying their homemade hamantaschen!



Students learning about the celebration of Purim.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT con't.

We are always here if you need us, even if we haven't seen you in a while. Our caring committee is at the ready if you need support during a difficult time, a ride, a companion, or a warm meal. I am always happy to hear from you with questions, concerns, or just to chat, as are all our trustees. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of us. You can reach me at [president@ourshirshalom.org](mailto:president@ourshirshalom.org) or you can leave a message for me in the temple office at 203-438-6589. We want to hear from you!

Please look through the newsletter for events happening in the coming months and for more timely information, please check out our weekly newsletter. It will have events for the coming week, as well as some events further on the horizon. Just a reminder that our Shabbat worship service times change over the summer as we try to mix things up a bit and take advantage of the nice weather. Summer Shabbat services are a great opportunity to wind down from a busy week and catch up with friends. Our Shir Shalom Community remains strong because all of you are a part of it. Thank you again for being part of this sacred community and happy summer!



More than 50 years ago, on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1969, this couple was married. Last month, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. For the wedding, the bride wore a white, mini dress, appropriate and fashionable for the 60's. They have been members here at Shir Shalom for almost three years and are active in Adult Programming. Do you recognize who they are? For the answer, please turn to page 15.

## Adult Programming

### UPCOMING EVENT-

We hope you'll join us on Sunday, June 23rd at 3:00PM at Shir Shalom. Our very own congregant and landscape designer, Lynn Becker, will be conducting a seminar entitled "Jewish Roots-Repairing the World One Yard at a Time".

### A BRIEF COMMENTARY ON THE ADULT BOOK EVENT-

"I can not think of a more delightful way to spend a Sunday afternoon in the winter than listening to an engaging author describe some of her life story and how the events of her personal journey are reflected in her new historical novel. Well, that is exactly what occurred when a number of us from the Shir Shalom community and some guests gathered to spend a few hours with author Sana Krasikov discussing her novel "The Patriots". The Adult Book Event was a spirited and engaging few hours of conversation with old friends and new friends focused on a historic period for Soviet Jewry between the end of the Russian Revolution and the commencement of the Second World War. Of course, the afternoon included the obligatory "Nosh". I would urge those of you who would enjoy this type of experience to watch for the announcements of other Adult Events that are scheduled in the ensuing months." - *Marty Weisberg*





## FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

by Leslie Gottlieb

"There aren't any wild action sequences, but 'Shistel' is addictively intimate, and it treasures its characters' smallest behaviors." This is the description one writer offers about this wonderful

Netflix drama that became an obsession in this household. Even though the focus of this drama is on a Haredi Orthodox family who resides in Jerusalem, it reminded me of something intangible that binds us all as Jews—no matter which branch you are affiliated. I highly recommend it as it helps us question the many facets of being Jewish—and human.

As the language floats imperceptibly from Yiddish to Hebrew—I was emotionally transported back to my old Brooklyn neighborhood where our modern Orthodox neighbors and friends hurried within our eruv to services two or three times a day. My family helped build that temple, one that started in a neighbor's basement. The ark was Leo Rubin's, z"l, basement closet for a time. Leo lived alone as a young child, among pigs on a farm—hiding from the Nazis—for three years during the war. Back then, as a child, I thought the whole universe was Jewish! It was our little Jerusalem—*sort of*.

Although much of the action and dialogue brought new insights—not all positive, the series brought me back to my Jewish roots in many ways. When I discovered that one of the lead actors is actually the current live-in boyfriend of an Israeli relative—and that we will be at the same wedding in late June—I felt even more connected.

In the same way, the music and drama of *Fiddler on the Roof* creates a visceral reaction for many of us. I wonder how this next generation of young Jews will relate to these kinds of experiences being so far removed from old-world Jewish traditions and Jews of another time and place. How can we teach that specialness or, at a minimum, give our students a strong Jewish

feeling in a way that will mark them as they grow? How does one teach, in a classroom setting, cultural connections anyway? Is it intuited, learned, witnessed—sensed ineffably? How do we teach Yiddishkeit? Jewishness?

This year, as a school we explored how seltzer from glass siphon bottles was the Jewish Champagne of immigrants to the U.S.—and especially the eastern seaboard. Old-fashioned egg creams were served at this year's Purim Carnival and Jewish Food Fest thanks to Gomberg Seltzer Works of Brooklyn—just two days after National Egg Cream Day!! Barry Joseph, author of the book, *Seltzertopia*, came to speak to our students in March, and shared what is Jewish about this bubbly beverage. It's a start! We are committed to sharing what makes being Jewish so special—and so much of it felt through our senses like the aroma of horseradish at Pesach and fried latkes at Chanukah.

At the Religious School, we know our mission is a daunting one. Mixed with our responsibility to teach Hebrew, prayer, customs, history, Israel—and so much more—is an obligation to pass along a spiritual connection to Judaism. Our teachers are masterful at this and imbue the curriculum with a very personal approach—each one of them meeting the challenge based on personal strengths, experiences and knowledge. We think the Religious School at Shir Shalom is unique in this way. As mid-June marks the end of early-bird registration for the 2019-20 RS program, we urge you to register your little ones who are leaving the ECC-- all the way up through those who are still in high school. It takes a long time to create the Jewishness and personal Jewish identity we are trying to pass along to future generations. We need many years to develop and cultivate a relationship to Judaism in order to support our families. We look forward to another year of working with all of you to help fulfill this mission. L'chaim! Have a wonderful summer and please visit often!



## It's Time to Register!

### Congregation Shir Shalom Religious School 2019-20

#### EARLY REGISTRATION

Discounted Tuition from  
March 1 - June 15, 2019

Registration forms are available  
in the office and online

<http://ourshirshalom.org/education/rs>



### New to our Shir Shalom Religious School?

#### MARCH IS OPEN HOUSE MONTH!

Join us any weekend in March when school is in session:

Sundays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

For info or to RSVP,  
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## The Religious School and S.A.J.E. *Social- Action as Jewish- Education* For Students in Grades 8-12



### ***Jewish education and values transition into acts of loving kindness and service to the community!***

- **Start at any time.** Register for any two years (or longer for extra credit) while in grades 8-12 & receive recognition by Congregation Shir Shalom for your continuing engagement in our school & temple. Receive community service hours for your time & social justice leadership.
- **Visit Congress with the Religious Action Center's L'Taken**  
 (Limited to students in grades 9-12, optional trip, additional fee required)
- **Help allocate RS Tzedakah Funds...** and chart your own path toward a life of *tikkun olam*

### **Program Schedule (replaces traditional Confirmation program) :**

***Includes in-house service workshops, regional field trips, collaborating with our temple Social Action Committee/local organizations and Jewish agencies***

Meets (with pizza all month except for trip dates):

Twice monthly, Wednesdays: 4:15-5:15 pm

Twice monthly, Wednesdays: 4:15-6:15 pm  
 (Extended hours for service projects)

- *Calendar dates/details to follow*
- Program tuition per year: See tuition schedule for details
- Community Service documentation for National Honor Society, college, employment, etc.
- Membership must be in good standing and all Religious School fees must be paid in full in order for Religious School registration to be processed



## ***MITZVAH DAY IS HERE!!***

Our major community-wide annual event is Sunday, May 5, 12:30-4:30. We hope all of you will plan to participate! If you haven't registered yet, please go to our online sign-up site at <http://bit.ly/shirshalom>. We hope we have a big turn-out this year for this fun and gratifying community event!

We have big Thank you's to all the volunteers that have participated in our various community partnerships activities. The Midnight Run was held on Saturday night April 6. We do not yet have the full list of volunteers, but we will report on this important event in our next issue. Thank you goes to Paul and Elizabeth Amerling and their family for driving their big truck to help us distribute all the clothing. Thanks to those who volunteered to help clients shop at the Daily Bread Food Pantry: Cantor Debbie, Vicky Yolen, Bonnie Pazer, Jamie Kaplan, Lynne Start, Lynn Everdell, Debbie Landzberg, Debbie & Mark Lavin, and Alisa Trachenberg. These volunteers helped to serve a hot meal to the clients at the Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen: Linda Hirschfeld, Sheryl & Louisa Knapp, Debbie & Lucy Landzberg, Eileen Segalman and Karen Brenner. Thanks go to the group who share Shabbat with the women at the Federal Prison: Rabbi Jon and Jean Haddon, Resa Fremed, Jacqueline Goldner and Polly Schnell. Rabbi Jon will be working with a group of men from the Federal Prison helping to improve their communication skills. Again, at press time, we do not yet know who will have volunteered for these activities in April! If you are interested in helping, please email us at [SocialAction@OurShirShalom.org](mailto:SocialAction@OurShirShalom.org)

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### **May Anniversaries**

Max & Tara Axler  
 Robert & Barbara Bangser  
 Scott & Karen Brenner  
 Stan & Lynn Broder  
 Richard & Jennifer Carter  
 Bryon & Victoria Friedman  
 Donald & Janine Gordon  
 Rabbi Reiner & Ashley Heller  
 Jeffrey & Kimberly Knispel  
 Graeme & Catherine Lipper  
 Eric & Meredith Rudin  
 Paul & Judith Stoogenke  
 Ken Kurzweil & Suzanne Sunday

### **June Anniversaries**

Joe & Susannah Altman  
 Jeffrey & Phyllis Altman  
 Heath & Danielle Bender  
 Lou Haber & Carrie Chanin  
 Rick & Bobbie Cohan  
 Murray & Elinor Darvick  
 Charles & Resa Fremed  
 Robert Jolly & Jennifer Gelfand  
 Mark & Hildi Glicklich  
 Jeff & Margie Gorelick  
 Michael & Ronni Hammer

### **June Anniversaries (con't.)**

Bob & Terry Henry  
 Matt & Stephanie Herbstman  
 Jeffrey & Emily Levi  
 Richard & Cathy Mishkin  
 Gordon & Polly Schnell  
 Michael & Traci Silva  
 Andrew & Lynne Stark  
 Paul & Peri Stevelman  
 Jane Emmer & Stu Tygert  
 Michael & Emily Wein  
 Brad Yuan & Stephanie Adler Yuan

## Our Early Childhood Center...



**Jane Emmer**  
Director, ECC





## HANNAH SENESH, HOLOCAUST HERO; RUDOLPH KASTNER, HOLOCAUST HERO/VILLAIN?

By Lewis Siegel

We've heard much about many Righteous Christians who deserved to be recognized as true Holocaust heroes, such as Raoul Wallenberg, Oskar Schindler, Jan Karski, Irena Sendler, Chiune Sugahara, etc. There were many Jewish Holocaust heroes, although most are not well known. One of the most well-known Jewish heroes was Hannah Senesh (Chana Szenes). Despite the fact that her life was tragically ended at 23 years of age, this extraordinary woman will long be remembered in the annals of Jewish history.

Hannah Senesh was born in Hungary in 1921 to an assimilated Jewish family. She attended a Protestant school, but seeing rising anti-Semitism, became an ardent Zionist. After graduation in 1939, Hannah Senesh migrated to the British Mandate of Palestine. In 1941 she joined the Haganah (later, the Israeli Defense Forces), and in 1943, she enlisted in the British army and became a paratrooper. On March 15 1944, Hannah, along with a small elite force with other Jewish volunteers, parachuted into Yugoslavia. They made their way to the Hungarian border in a mission to rescue British airmen, and also to provide assistance to Hungarian Jews who were now in great jeopardy. Sadly, Germany had already invaded Hungary in March 1944, and the mission was aborted. Hannah nevertheless, persevered and entered Hungary. She was immediately captured by the Germans and imprisoned in Budapest. As a Hungarian National, she was accused of espionage, and tortured in order to reveal vital information.

Hannah Senesh held out to the very end, was convicted of treason and was executed by a firing squad. She never revealed highly secret information to the Nazis.

Hannah Senesh's mother, Katherine, miraculously survived the Holocaust, although she was also arrested and detained. She made some of Hannah's poetry available, that otherwise would have vanished. Perhaps, the most famous poem was "Halicha L'Kesariya", set to music by David Zahari. The words of the song are:

*O God, my God, I pray that these things never end,*

*The sand and the sea.*

*The rush of the waters,*

*The crash of the heavens,*

*The prayer of the heart,*

So, what connection does Rudolph Kastner have to Hannah Senesh? First of all, who was Rudolph Kastner? Rudolph Kastner, a Jew, was born in Hungary in 1906. He became a lawyer and journalist. He also developed strong Zionist feelings and joined a youth group promoting emigration to Palestine. He was known as a "fixer" who would bribe officials regularly on behalf of his clients. This skill was helpful in 1941 when the German army was marching across Europe and threatening Jewish existence. Kastner was active in helping Jewish refugees escape to Palestine. Via his clandestine activities, Kastner met repeatedly with Adolph Eichmann who was assigned to deport 800,000 Jews to Auschwitz. Kastner managed to negotiate a deal to save 1,685 Jews at a price of \$1000 per person. SS officer Kurt Becher insisted on \$2,000 but Heinrich Himmler set the price at \$1,000. The price Kastner had to pay for this deal was to promise that he would not alert the general Jewish population of the fate that awaited them.

Eichmann's willingness to allow 1,685 Jews escape the death camps for Kastner's pledge of secrecy, was purely a tactical move to avoid widespread panic and resistance, which would make his deportation process much more difficult. Kastner the Jew, and Becher the SS officer, worked together throughout the negotiations. Strangely, after the war, Becher was placed on trial as a war criminal, and Kastner testified on his behalf. The process in which the 1,685 Jews were transported to Switzerland was known as the "Kastner Train".

Rudolph Kastner emigrated to Israel after the war and became a member of the Mapai Party. In 1953, Malchiel Gruenwald published an article accusing Kastner of collaborating with the Nazis, resulting in the deaths of thousands of Hungarian Jews, in addition to partnering with an SS officer to steal Jewish assets. The Israeli government sued Gruenwald for libel in a trial that lasted two years.

We finally arrive at the connection of Rudolph Kastner with Hannah Senesh. As mentioned earlier, Katherine Senesh survived the war and was living in Israel. She testified at the libel trial against Kastner, claiming that his people urged her not to hire an attorney to defend her daughter Hannah. While Kastner was saving Jews, she felt that he could have made an effort on Hannah's behalf. Finally, in 1958, the Israel Supreme Court overturned the judgment against Kastner. Part of the majority decision written by judge Shimon Agranat was as follows:

"During that period Kastner was motivated by the sole motive of saving Hungarian Jews as a whole, that is, the largest possible number under the circumstances of time and place as he estimated could be saved". Rudolph Kastner was assassinated in 1957 by Ze'ev Eckstein, a former member of the Para-Military organization known as the Stern Gang that existed before the State of Israel was created.

In conclusion, it can be said that Hannah Senesh was by any definition of the word, a hero, despite never having the opportunity to save any lives, while in the minds of many, Rudolph Kastner, who saved 1,685 Jews from extermination, was considered a villain.

**Epilogue:** In 2008, an article appeared in *Haaretz*, relating claims by Holocaust Survivor, Baruch Tzahor, 83 year old, that from his own personal experience, Rudolph Kastner was unjustly maligned for his activities. Tzahor said that all accusations against Kastner were lies. He claims that Kastner did send emissaries to all the communities to tell the Jews not to get on the trains that were to terminate in Auschwitz. In addition, Moshe Vartash, 81, also supported Kastner saying that his mother survived because of Kastner.

So, the question remains, was Rudolph Kastner a hero or villain? Did he save his family and friends, and a select number of people, at the expense of the rest of the Jewish population, or did he do the best he could under the most extraordinarily difficult circumstances?

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*"Excerpts in Jewish History" is a regular feature in our Shir Shalom newsletter, written by Lewis Siegel, who wrote a similar series for Focus, the newspaper of the Jewish Federation of Greater Danbury. He is also the author of A Brief History of Modern Israel and The Evolution of Zionism.*



**Congregation Shir Shalom presents Gardening  
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our own Lynn Becker**



**Our own congregant Lynn Becker, founder of Trout Lily Garden Design will enlighten us with tips for landscaping in a sustainable, low maintenance, environmentally friendly and beautiful way**

**Sunday, June 23 at 3 PM**

***Treats, sweet and green, will be served.***

Donation \$10

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## RITUAL COMMITTEE

by Laurie Dubin and Michael Salpeter



The spring season on the Hebrew calendar is such a great time of year with the festivals we get to celebrate at Congregation Shir Shalom.

February is a winter month in the northeast however Tu B'shvat signifies the start of spring in Israel - we included a Tu B'shvat seder in our Friday night Oneg Shabbat that week. March saw us celebrate Purim complete with a *shpiel* presented by our religious school students followed by a congregational dinner. In April, Pesach started with the Feast of the Firstborn which included a lively discussion session and the last ingestion of *chamatz* for a week. The second night of Passover found



us in the company of our fellow congregants for an enjoyable Seder which included music, singing, great food and camaraderie.

We also had a number of musical *Shabbatot* and some interesting and provocative sermons and group discussions during our Friday evening services. If you have attended Shabbat evening services you have noticed each *Oneg Shabbat* has included different and varied food and snack items.

Summer is quickly approaching and as a reminder the service schedule changes. During the months of July and August Shabbat evening services, as in past years, will begin at 6:30 pm to afford congregants the ability to utilize daylight after services. Further details on special *oneg* receptions will be forthcoming.

Sometime during the summer you will be receiving an information packet with materials regarding High Holy Days ticket requests. Please be on the lookout for it and get yours mailed back timely so our office staff can process the requests.

The members of the ritual committee look forward to seeing you and your families this summer at services.



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*Answer: Len & Jackie Goldner*





## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Laura Agisim  
 Tyler Alexander  
 Jeffrey Altman  
 Laila Alvarez  
 Daniella Amerling  
 Phyllis Amerling  
 Garrett Aries  
 Rachel Bangser  
 Lynn Becker  
 Harry Berger  
 Isaiah Blum  
 Samuel Blum  
 Alexander Burns  
 Joshua Burns  
 Lesly Burns  
 Debra Bush  
 Jonathan Bush  
 Benjamin Bartley-Cohen  
 Nathan Cohen  
 John Conti  
 Jason DeLucia  
 Wendy Wallach-DeLucia  
 William Dewar  
 Abigail Friedlander  
 Chloe Frishman  
 Andy Frishman  
 Laurence Furic  
 Jennifer Gelfand  
 Lee Glicklich  
 Vladimir Gogish  
 Danielle Gorelick  
 Zachary Gottlieb  
 Zachary Heffler  
 Lindsay Held  
 Morgan Held  
 Robert Henry  
 Luke Hisiger  
 Larry Hoffman  
 Milton Hollar  
 Julia Jolly  
 Ruby Kalish  
 Karen Kipnes  
 David Kramer  
 Marc Kutscher  
 Eric Larson  
 Philip Levens  
 Gavin Levi

Wendy Lipp  
 Ethan Lipper  
 Alexander Marks  
 Helen Marks  
 Jason Mayer  
 Skylar Lazarus-Morley  
 Menashe Murad  
 Bodhi Naylor  
 Marcia Needleman  
 Donna Ozols  
 Debra Paget  
 Ian Perry  
 Forrest Rappaport  
 Ronald Ripps  
 Hal Roberts  
 Adam Rubinfeld  
 Brian Sapadin  
 Colleen Scott  
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 Eileen Segalman  
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 Christopher Shore  
 Michael Silva  
 Andrew Stark  
 Allison Stockel  
 Cole Stockel  
 Amy Stoogenke  
 Rebecca Stoogenke  
 Milo Sussman  
 Ella Tiktin  
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 Eugene Wishod

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Aiden Aframe  
 Seth Alterman  
 Susannah Altman  
 Ari Alvarez  
 Brooke Axel  
 Tara Axler  
 Evan Baran  
 Shayna Baran  
 Isabelle Bard  
 William Barth  
 Ben Behar  
 Robyn Behar  
 Marley Bender  
 Sari Benson  
 Newton Bersch  
 Adam Bovilsky  
 Isabella Brandt  
 Michael Brown  
 Richard Bush  
 Evan Castelhana  
 Sunnie Colen  
 Julie Conti  
 Jacob Cotumaccio  
 Joe Cotumaccio  
 Laurie Dubin  
 Joseph Ellis  
 Stuart Feldman  
 Jessica Sera Fine  
 Robert Fischman  
 Karen Gerard  
 Leonard Goldner  
 Donald Gordon  
 Martin Gorman  
 Renna Gottlieb  
 Max Grzymala  
 Sophia Haber  
 Rabbi Jon Haddon  
 Julie Held  
 Lexi Held  
 Stephanie Herbstman

Zachary Higgins  
 Adam Hisiger  
 Nicole Kalish  
 Adam Kay  
 Emily Klotz  
 Will Knispel  
 Gary Krampf  
 Jeffrey Krulwich  
 Justin Landzberg  
 Jacob Lantner  
 Mark Lavin  
 Talia Levinsohn  
 Graeme Lipper  
 Zachary Lipton  
 Barbara Manners  
 Monnie Newman  
 Danielle Ossher  
 Alexander Ozols  
 Max Polinsky  
 Nathaniel Rappaport  
 Rabbi David Reiner  
 Anna Reiter  
 Richard Reiter  
 Tamra Rosenfeld  
 Aaron Rubinfeld  
 Abigail Rudin  
 Jonathan Rudin  
 Meredith Rudin  
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**Friday, May 3rd, 2019**

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Emilia Custodio	grandmother of Frank Andrade	Ruth Fox	mother of Barbara Hisiger
Klare Heller	mother of Paul Heller	James Jolly	father of Robert Jolly
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Rose Pecker	mother of Sunnie Colen	Joseph Price	grandfather of Terry Henry
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Marvin Stark	father of Andrew Stark	Harold Teich	father of Matt Teich

**Friday, May 10th, 2019**

Art Arenson	uncle of Linda Arenson	Ruth Auerbach	mother of Michele Sherr
Ruth Cohen	grandmother of Steven Kaye	Selma Gimple	mother of Debra Bush
Robert Greenberg	brother of Adrienne Orlan	Paul Harris	uncle of Ian Harris
Gerald Held	father of Lindsay Held	Irving Ipp	father of Lisa Ipp-Voellmicke
Therese Levinsky	wife of Ron Levinsky	Rosalyn Levitt	mother of Bonnie Dietzek
Sherry Levy-Reiner	mother of Rabbi David Reiner	Jeanette Moskowitz	great-grandmother of Stacey Rubinfeld
Henrietta Ringler	grandmother of Elyse Arnow	Evelyn Rubinfeld	grandmother of Adam Rubinfeld
Robert Shaplen	father of Jason Shaplen	Walter Vendig	father of Richard Vendig
Louis Warton	father of Gale Berman		

**Friday, May 17th, 2019**

Harry Becker	grandfather of Lynn Becker	Fred Dietzek	father of Alan Dietzek
Hyman Ellis	father of Joseph Ellis	Judge Willian Gindin	stepfather of Janine Gordon
Regina Henry	mother of Robert Henry	Andrew Hyman	friend of Richard Mishkin
Miriam Langer	mother of Karen Gerard	Edith Redman	mother of Debra Lavin
Murray Rose	father of Andrew Rose	Jim Sullivan	
Ruth Teich	mother of Matt Teich		

**Friday, May 24th, 2019**

Philip Abrams	father of Elyse Davis	Eileen Brody	cousin of Joan Isman
Mildred Geller	grandmother of Jamie Garrett	Samuel Gerard	grandfather of Ira Gerard
Abraham Goldfield	father of Laurie Wolkin	Diana Kalter	mother of Marcia Needleman
Marvin Katz	father of JoAnn Gorman	Claire Levens	mother of David Levens
Alan Levinsohn	brother of Kenneth Levinsohn	Thomas Newman	father of Kelly Lash
Leon Shimkin	grandfather of Janine Gordon	Samuel Silverman	grandfather of Richard Burg
Dov Stern	stepfather of Barbara Manners	Ludwig Sternberger	uncle of Alice Gottlieb
Gisela Warton	mother of Gale Berman		

**Friday, May 31st, 2019**

Bertram Bildner	father of Rachelle Axel	Pauline Block	grandmother of Barbara Manners
Madeleine Eisberg	grandmother of Tiffany Zezula	Indy Goldman	
Anne Gordon	mother of Elaine Gordon	Alex Leitner	father of Arnold Leitner
Leela Mallon	mother of Linda Krulwich	Samuel Mirsky	grandfather of Carlyn Bergman
Max Moskowitz	cousin of Stacey Rubinfeld	Norman Remler	father of Leslie Moss
Alan Stutz	husband of Toba Stutz	Clarissa Zaltzberg	grandmother of Rita Landman



## JUNE YAHREZEITEN

**Friday, June 7th, 2019**

Henry Bangser	father of Robert Bangser	Nathan Binstock	
Marilyn Eslofsky	mother of Ellen Barth	Everett Felper	father of Margie Gorelick
Marlene Ellen Klotz	sister of Jeffrey Klotz	Paul Mallon	brother of Linda Krulwich
Shirley Novom-Cowan	grandmother of Jeff Gorelick		

**Friday, June 14th, 2019**

Rose Abrams	grandmother of Elyse Davis	Helen Bergson	mother of Phyllis Amerling
Judith Birnbaum		Maurice L. Cohen	
David Dutka		Martin Fiderer	father of David Fiderer
Norma Ginsberg	grandmother of Jamie Garrett	Tim Neary Tuesday	friend of Richard Mishkin
Lillian Paget	mother of Debra Paget	Irving Uchetel	father-in-law of Joe Cotumaccio

**Friday, June 21st, 2019**

Allen Alexander	stepfather of Hal Wolkin	Adolph Joseph Auerbacher	
Freida Binstock		Jack Brill	father of Elyse Arnow
Lynn Cotumaccio	wife of Joseph Cotumaccio	Harold Fisher	father of Larry Fisher
Amy Franklin	stepsister of Ken Isman	Martin Langer	father of Karen Gerard
Elizabeth Levine	grandmother of Stephanie Herbstman	Joe Yordan	beloved teacher at TSI

**Friday, June 28th, 2019**

Joan Arnow	mother of Joshua Arnow	Belle Baker	aunt of Carlyn Bergman
Lillian Benjamin		Norda Berlin	mother of Ruth Ossher
Ed Blum	father of Neal Blum	Josephine Blumberg	grandmother of Martin Kutscher
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 1:00-3:00 pm- Sisterhood knitting class	2 7-9 pm- Mah Jong 7:00 pm- Yom HaShoah @ St. Stephen's church	3 9:15 am- ECC 11:30 am- ECC Young Community Shabbat 6:00 pm- Israel Shabbat w/ Mark Fineberg, Federation Emmisaries, Grades K-3 participation, Farewell to Rabbi Emily	4 9:00 am- Torah 101 10:30 am- Shabbat Morning Worship Bat Mitzvah- Sara Reiter
5 9:00 am- Religious School- last day Mitzvah Day-Social Action	6 9:15 am- ECC	7 9:15 am- ECC	8 9:15 am- ECC	9 7-9 pm- Mah Jong	10 9:15 am- ECC 11:30 am- ECC Young Community Shabbat 7:30 pm- Kabbalat Shabbat	11 9:00 am- Torah 101
12 Mother's Day	13 9:15 am- ECC	14 9:15 am- ECC	15 9:15 am- ECC 1-3 pm- Sisterhood knitting class	16 7-9 pm- Mah Jong	17 9:15 am- ECC 11:30 am- ECC Young Community Shabbat 7:30 pm- Israeli Music Shabbat w/ Shlomo Shai	18
19	20 9:15 am- ECC	21 9:15 am- ECC	22 9:15 am- ECC	23 12 noon- Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi Haddon 7-9 pm- Mah Jong	24 NO- ECC 7:30 pm- Kabbalat Shabbat	25
26	27 NO- ECC Memorial Day- building closed	28 9:15 am- ECC	29 9:15 am- ECC 1-3 pm- Sisterhood knitting class	30	31 9:15 am- ECC 11:30 am- ECC Young Community Shabbat 7:30 pm- LGBTQ Pride Shabbat	

JUNE 2019

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 9:00 am- Torah 101 5:00 pm- Shabbat Afternoon Worship- Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Higgins
2	3 9:15 am- ECC	4 9:15 am- ECC	5 9:15 am- ECC	6 7-9 pm- Mah Jong	7 9:15 am- ECC 11:30 am- ECC Young Community Shabbat- Last Day of ECC 6:00 pm- Kabbalat Shabbat	8 Erev Shavuot 7:00 pm service w/ Yizkor
9 Shavuot	10	11	12 1-3 pm- Sisterhood knitting class	13 7-9 pm- Mah Jong	14 5:30 PM- Tot Shabbat 2.0 7:30 pm- Kabbalat Shabbat	15 9:00 am- Torah 101 10:30 am- Shabbat Morning Worship- Bat Mitzvah of Talia Levinsohn
16	17	18	19	20 7-9 pm- Mah Jong	21 7:30 pm-Kabbalat Shabbat w/ grad- uation	22 10:30 am- Shabbat Morning Worship- Bat Mitzvah of Sadie Baran
23 3:00 pm- "Garden- ing Jewishly- Re- pairing the World One Yard at a Time" w/ Lynn Becker	24	25	26 1-3 pm- Sisterhood knitting class	27	28 7:30 pm- Kabbalat Shabbat	29
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