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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

SIVAN

Fast Facts

Sivan is the third month of the Jewish calendar.

Sivan comes at the same time as the secular months May/June.

The mazal (constellation) for Sivan is Gemini, the teomim (twins). We can think of the twins as symbolizing the two identical "tablets of the covenant" given to Moses during the month of Sivan.

Tradition teaches that it was on Rosh Hodesh Sivan that the Israelites "camped at the foot of Sinai" in preparation to receive the Torah (Exodus 19:6). The verb used for "camped" in Exodus 19:6 is in the singular. It is taught that at the moment the Israelites determined to receive the Torah, they were united in heart and mind like a single person. Sivan's symbol of the twins—two distinct human beings sharing one womb—can represent the harmony that comes when people celebrate their differences while coming together to work for a common, higher goal, such as receiving and following the Torah.

Features

Shavuot (The Feast of Weeks) falls on the sixth day of Sivan (and on the seventh of Sivan for those Diaspora communities that observe two days). In biblical times, Shavuot marked the end of the grain harvest (which began with the bringing of the Omer on Pesakh), and was called hag ha'katzir (The Harvest Holiday). The ritual ushering in of the new agricultural season—the bringing of the first fruits of the land to the Temple—was also celebrated on Shavuot. From this practice Shavuot gets its third name, hag ha'atzeret (The Holiday of the First Fruit Offering).

With the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE, Shavuot's association with agricultural rites became obsolete. The rabbis began to connect Shavuot with the Revelation on Mount Sinai which, according to the Torah, took place in Sivan. Today Shavuot celebrates the giving and receiving of the Torah.

Shavuot Customs

Studying Torah all night long! - It is a kabbalistic tradition (coming from the sixteenth-century mystics of Safed) to stay up the entire (first) night of Shavuot studying Torah. Known as Tikkun Leil Shavuot, this all-night study session is an opportunity to recommit ourselves to the study of Torah. Tradition teaches that the skies open up during this night for a brief moment, and God favorably answers all prayers. The kabbalists also think of Shavuot as the moment when G-d and Israel wed; the Torah is the ketubah (marriage contract) or written affirmation of the covenant between them.

Chanting the Ten Commandments On Shavuot - it is customary to chant the Ten Commandments with a special trope (manner of chanting Torah). The Ten Commandments are found in Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5 with minor differences:

I am the Lord your G-d who brought you out of the Land of Egypt, the house of bondage: You shall have no other gods beside Me.

You shall not make for yourself a sculptured image, any likeness of what is in the heavens above, or on the earth below, or in the waters below the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them

You shall not swear falsely by the name of the Lord your G-d

Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy

Honor your father and mother

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife: you shall not covet your neighbor's house, or his field, or his male or female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

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Reading Megillat Ruth (The Book of Ruth) - Megillat Ruth tells a story of a relationship of great love, loyalty, and devotion, which develops between the two heroines of the story, Naomi and her daughter-in-law Ruth. It is customary among Ashkenazic (Western European) Jews to read Megillat Ruth during the morning services of Shavuot because:

Like Shavuot, Ruth's story takes place during harvest time.

Ruth converts to Judaism, which is similar to our acceptance of Torah on Shavuot.

Tradition teaches that King David, Ruth's great, great grandson, was born and died on Shavuot.

The Story of Ruth

Our story begins in the Land of Israel, during the period of the rule of the Judges, leaders of the Jewish People who preceded the Kings. The first characters we encounter in this story are Elimelech, his wife Naomi, and their two sons, Machlon and Kilyon.

Elimelech, Naomi, and their family move to Moav in order to escape the effects of a famine that has broken out in the Land of Israel. Elimelech then dies, leaving Naomi alone with her two sons. As they grow up, each of her sons marries a Moabite woman. One marries Orpah, and the other marries Ruth. After ten years living in the land of Moav, both of Naomi's sons, Machlon and Kilyon, die, leaving the women without husbands or children.

News comes from Israel that the famine has lifted. Naomi decides to return to her home in Israel. Her two daughters-in-law, Orpah and Ruth, tell Naomi that they want to remain with her and return to her land. Naomi discourages them, telling them that they should live their lives fully and not follow this aged woman. She feels that she no longer has anything to offer them.

Orpah eventually decides to leave, but Ruth will not be dissuaded. She says to Naomi, "Do not urge me to leave you, to turn back and not follow you – for wherever you go, I will go, wherever you lie down, I will lie down. Your people shall be my people, and your G-d shall be my G-d." (Ruth 1:16)

Naomi and Ruth arrive home in Bethlehem. The townspeople hardly recognize Naomi. She says to them, "Don't call me Naomi (meaning pleasantness), call me Mara (meaning bitterness) because God has made my life bitter." (Ruth 1:20)

Once settled in the land, Ruth offers to become a gleaner, picking up grain behind the cutting crew in the fields. When Ruth chooses a field to glean in, by chance she chooses the field of Boaz (a relative of Naomi's).

One day, Boaz arrives in the field and his attention is drawn to Ruth. He learns of her identity, and because he has heard of her loyalty to Naomi and the Israelite people, he invites her to remain in his field until the end of the harvest.

Ruth returns to Naomi and informs her of where she has been working. Naomi explains that Boaz is an eligible kinsman to reclaim the family land and to wed Ruth, and she instructs Ruth on how to invite him to become her husband.

Boaz is pleased that Ruth came to him and he tells her that he will work to reclaim the property of Naomi's family and to marry Ruth. Boaz arranges for the necessary permission to acquire the land from a closer kinsman and to marry Ruth. At the city gate, a group of people gather together as witnesses to the marriage and bless the couple. The people give blessings to Ruth that she should be like Rachel and *Leah*.

At the end of the story, Ruth and Boaz have a son whom Naomi loves like her own child. The women of the town tell Naomi that her new grandson, Obed, will watch over her in old age, and that Ruth, her beloved daughter-in-law, is better to her than seven sons.

Decorating the synagogue and our homes with roses and fragrant greenery. This custom derives from many different *midrashim* connecting the events at Sinai to spices and roses. One midrash says that as each commandment was given, the world filled with the fragrance of spices.

Eating Torah (well not exactly!). In many European towns young children were first introduced to Torah and Hebrew on Shavuot. It was customary to dab honey on the tablets upon which Hebrew letters were written; as their teachers taught, kids would lick the honey. Passages from Torah were also written on honey cake and eggs. When the lessons were finished, kids were given the cake and eggs to eat. The cake was made with a lot of honey and milk, as it is written: "Honey and milk are under your tongue." (Shir HaShirim 11:4)

Affirming our commitments: confirmation. In keeping with the emphasis on learning and on accepting Torah on Shavuot, many synagogues hold confirmation ceremonies on Shavuot.

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Fabulous Females

This month's fabulous females are Naomi and Ruth whom we read about in Megillat Ruth.

Naomi endures many hardships in her life and she moves from joy and abundance to sorrow and emptiness and back to joyful abundance. Her story reminds us that when we let true friends accompany us, we can make it through even the most painful turns in life's journey.

May we learn from Naomi to accept the love that we are freely offered, trusting in our own worth.

Ruth inspires us to pursue Torah and Jewish learning and community with devotion and enthusiasm. Her story reveals that great things come when we follow our hearts, and when we give love freely and fully.

Naomi and Ruth's story teaches us that even when things seem desperate, we should stay hopeful and keep trying.

Foods

It is customary to eat dairy foods on Shavuot. This custom may come from the verse in Shir HaShirim (Song of Songs): "Honey and milk are under your tongue," which can be understood as comparing the Torah to the sweetness of milk and honey. Another traditional explanation for this custom is that when the Israelites first received the laws of *kashrut*, they realized that all their pots were unkosher from having been used to eat forbidden meats, and so they ate dairy food until they were able to make their pots kosher. Try some new cheeses on Shavuot, and indulge in ice cream and other sweet and creamy desserts!

Since Shavuot is a harvest festival, in Israel there is a tradition of eating the first fruits of the season. We suggest doing the same.

Sivan (Hebrew: סיון; Standard *Sivan* Tiberian *Sîwān* ; from Akkadian *simānu*, meaning "Season; time") is the ninth month of the civil year and the third month of the ecclesiastical year on the Hebrew calendar. It is a spring month of 30 days. Sivan usually falls in May–June on the Gregorian calendar.

- **6 Sivan** (circa 1313 BC) - The Torah was given to Moses at Mt. Sinai and thus observed as the holiday of Shavuot.
- **6 Sivan** (circa 1040 BC) - Birth of David.
- **6 Sivan** (1760) - Death of Baal Shem Tov
- **13 Sivan** (1648) - Chmielnicki Massacres
- **20 Sivan** (1171) - The first blood libel in France - tens of Jewish men and women were burned alive in the French town of Blois on the accusation that Jews used the blood of Christian children in the preparation of matzah for Passover.
- **23 Sivan** (474 BCE) - Mordechai and Esther sent letters so that the Jews shall prepare themselves for the annihilation plan orchestrated by Haman to be committed against them on the 13th of the following Adar.

TAMMUZ

Tammuz is the tenth month of the civil year and the fourth month of the ecclesiastical year on the Hebrew calendar, and the Assyrian calendar. It is a boreal summer month of 29 days, which occurs on the Gregorian calendar around June–July.

The name of the month was adopted from the Assyrian and Babylonian month *Arah Dumuzu*, named in honour of the Assyro-Babylonian god Tammuz.

Holidays in Tammuz

17 Tammuz - Seventeenth of Tammuz – (Fast Day)

17 Tammuz is a fast day from 1 hour before sunrise to sundown in remembrance of Jerusalem's walls being breached.

17 Tammuz is the beginning of The Three Weeks, in which Jews follow similar customs as the ones followed during the Omer from the day following Passover until the culmination of the mourning for the death of the students of Rabbi Akiva (the thirty-third day of the Omer – such as refraining from marriage and haircuts. The Three Weeks culminate with Tisha Be-Av (9th of Av).

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When we do G-d's will in this month, this same month of Tammuz can also be transformed into a season that enables us to reach the highest reality of our spiritual relationship with G-d.

- **3 Tammuz** (circa 1272 BCE) – Joshua stops the sun (Joshua 10:1-15)
- **3 Tammuz** (1994 CE) – Death of Lubavitcher Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson.
- **4 Tammuz** (1171 CE) – Death of Rabbeinu Tam
- **5 Tammuz** (circa 592 BCE) – Ezekiel receives his "Chariot" vision (Ezekiel 1:4-26)
- **6 Tammuz** (1976 CE) – Entebbe Rescue
- **9 Tammuz** (circa 586 BCE) – Jerusalem walls breached by King Nebuchadnezzar, a date observed as a fast day until the second breaching of Jerusalem's walls by the Romans on the 17th of Tammuz (70 CE)
- **17 Tammuz** (circa 1312 BCE) – Golden Calf offered by the Jewish people, 40 days after the giving of the Torah at Har Sinai. This is the first of the 5 national tragedies mourned on this day.
- **17 Tammuz** (circa 1312 BCE) – Smashing of the first Tablets by Moses.
- **17 Tammuz** (circa 586 BCE) – The daily sacrifices in the Holy Temple were discontinued.
- **17 Tammuz** (70 CE) – Walls of Jerusalem breached by the Roman army.
- **17 Tammuz** The Roman general Apostomus burned the Torah and placed an idol in the Holy Temple.
- **23 Tammuz** (1570 CE) – Death of Rabbi Moshe Cordovero
- **29 Tammuz** (1105 CE) – Death of Rashi

May these months of Sivan and Tammuz make us reflect on our purpose in life which is to remember and never forget the origin of our Torah and its teachings. Let us learn to sacrifice for the service of others and concentrate less on "I" which releases us from our ego and brings us closer to G-d.

Have a wonderful summer.

Rabbi Romiel Daniel

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

Congratulations to the following members who were elected to the Board of Trustees for the 2017 - 2020 term at a Center Membership Meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2017.

Jack Alkana
Sandi Goodman
Martin Novzen
Jack Siegel
Ruthe Unger

LonGenity Study

If you are an Ashkenazi Jew, over 65 years old and have a close relative (mother, father, siblings, etc.) who lived to be at least 95 years old, you might be interested in participating in a study to discover genes that may slow the aging process and protect people from age related diseases such as heart disease and dementia. This study is being done at Einstein College of Medicine. There is no charge to participate and you are reimbursed for travelling expenses.

If you are interested in participating in this study, they can be reached at 718-430-3880. This is the phone number for LonGenity Study. Their email address is: wanda.guzman@einstein.yu.edu



FOCUS ON SISTERHOOD



***“ANI LE’EHOV - A TIME TO LOVE AND A TIME TO REMEMBER -
OPEN MY EYES THAT I MAY BEHOLD WONDROUS THINGS AND RENEW.”***

Psalm 119:18

It is June and the season of commencements, which means the end of our work as well as our studies, but it also means, “the beginning” and not the conclusion of an activity. So, now in June, as we finish a year of Sisterhood and Center work, let us immediately focus on a new year. The Talmud tells us that “all beginnings are difficult but that we must complete the task.” In Pirkey Avot (Ethics of the Fathers), our Rabbis teach us that it “is incumbent upon us to complete every task, but neither are we absolved from doing and undertaking as much as we can.” So let us look at the beginning of another year and let us go forth together. “Mayha’yil Leha’yil - from strength to strength.”

Our last meeting of the season will be on Monday, June 19th. We will be entertaining you with the film, “The King’s Speech”, the 2010 winner of Best Picture of the Year. This film is based on the true story of King George VI, who must overcome a lifelong, debilitating speech impediment to lead his nation. The film stars Colin Firth as King George, Helena Bonham Carter as Elizabeth and Geoffrey Rush as the eccentric speech therapist. No charge - bring a dairy sandwich or yogurt (or popcorn!!) and we’ll serve coffee and cake. Watch the mail for the flyer.

Our meeting on May 15th was a big success. Gary Perl from American Friends of Magen David Adam told us about the wonderful work of MDA. Sisterhood donates \$100 each year to Magen David Adam. Thank you to all those who helped make this meeting a success.

We thank Shirley Decker for the outstanding job she did with the raffle. Yashayr Ko’ach to you. Also thanks to Ruth Kaplan. Bertha Klein was the grand prize winner of the raffle.

You don’t want to miss our annual Journal Dinner Dance on August 27th at Hollis Hills Jewish

Center. \$200 per person in ads or personal contribution and you will be part of this gala affair. This is the most important fund-raiser for the Center and we Sisterhood ladies always do our part - so let’s not disappoint our shul - the funds are needed so that the RPJC can continue to be in the forefront of our community, religiously as well as socially.

We thank Ruth Kaplan and all the ladies who, in my absence, helped make the Shavuot Luncheon on May 31st a big success. Sisterhood will be donating \$100 to the wonderful organization Magen David Adam.

Many thanks to Noreen Daniel for giving us our first meeting, explaining the praises for Rosh Hashanah which she took from the Book of Psalms. We also thank her for her valuable advice throughout the year.

Sisterhood congratulates and wishes Mazel Tov to Aviva Daniel, who will become a Bat Mitzvah at Rego Park Jewish Center on July 1st. We are certain that with the tutelage of her grandfather Rabbi Romiel Daniel, she will do an outstanding job.

Sisterhood offers its deepest sympathy to Hilda Kalfus and family upon the death of Stanley Kalfus. He always had a kind word and jokes for Sisterhood.

As we approach the end of the year, Sisterhood thanks all of you who have helped us throughout the year. A special Todah Rabbah to those officers who have worked so diligently all year - Shirley Decker, Ruth Kaplan, Agnes Posner, Elaine Spodick and Ruthe Unger. Special thanks also to Lynne Goldwaser, Robin Basdeo and Alvin Saywack.

Shalom & l’hitr’aot and have a wonderful summer and come back refreshed and renewed.

Ruth Loewenstein

SPECIAL EVENTS GROUP NEWS - REVIEWS

Lee Lobel-Zwang, Coordinator

PARASHAT & HAFTARAT CLUB

SATURDAY, JUNE 17th at 12:30 P.M.

NUMBERS SHELACH 13.1 - 15.41

HAFTARAT JOSHUA 2.1 - 24

**THE ISRAELITES REACH
THE BORDERS OF CANAAN**

12 SCOUTS SPY OUT THE LAND - 40 DAYS

**10 SCOUTS REPORT THE CAANITES
TOO POWERFUL**

Joshua and Caleb disagree - the people demand to return to Egypt. G-d sentences the slave generation to wander for 40 years - die of a plague in the desert, all except Joshua and Caleb. When Israelites settle in their new land - they were to wear tzitzit fringes on corners of their garments and make special sacrifices.

HAFTARAT JOSHUA - 2.1 - 24

Joshua sent two spies to reconnoiter the region of Jericho. They came to the house of Rahab, a harlot and lodged there. The king heard about the two men and wanted them. She had hidden them under flax. She told the king they left - go after them. She knew the lord would give the land to the Israelites, and wanted assurance she and her family would be saved.

Presenters: Rabbi Romiel Daniel & Charles Lehat

PARASHAT & HAFTARAT CLUB

SATURDAY, JULY 15th at 12:30 P.M.

BEMIDBAR PINCHAS 25.10 - 30.1

HAFTARAT KINGS 18.46 - 19.21

Pinchas - religiously zealous - appointed heir to the high priesthood - a second national census taken: the twelve tribes allotted portions in the land, the Levites none. The five daughters of Zelophehad petitioned to receive their father's portion since they had no brothers. Their request was granted. Moses was to climb Mount Horeb to view the land he would not enter. The High Priest Eleazar ordained Joshua as Moses' successor.

HAFTARAT - KINGS 18.46 - 19.21

“The hand of the Lord had come upon Elijah - he ran in front of Ahab to Jezreel. Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done - how he put all the prophets to the sword. Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah saying, may the g-ds do the same to you.”

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BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



The Book Discussion Group meets once each month on Wednesday from 3:00 to 4:30 P.M. at the Rego Park Jewish Center. Our next meeting is June 14th. We read books, classic and current, fiction and nonfiction, whose contents and ideas are worth discussing.

The book we are reading and discussing in June is A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman. This novel is about Ove who is the angry neighbor some people have. He believes rules are meant to be followed, signs are meant to be obeyed and he doesn't leave any margin for error. Now, in the last four years since the passing of his wife Sonia, he has become increasingly despondent and plans to join her in the next world. This changes when a lively young couple, with two active and noisy children, move next door and through this new involvement he is restored to life. One reviewer said, "If there was a reward for Most Charming Book of the year, then this first novel by a Swedish blogger turned-overnight-sensation would win hands down.

All of us are more complex than we appear to be. It takes time to know someone; we find Ove has a warm and caring nature. He is capable of self-examination and change. He is open to learn more about himself. He is open to learn more about computers and other devices that have befuddled him.

A Man Called Ove is a thoughtful reflection on love and loss. Fredrik Backman is a thirty-six year old university dropout who seems to have taken hold of some ideas that made this, his first novel, into a *New York Times* bestseller for an extended period of time.

Please call me at 718-263-4973 if you want more information. We look forward to seeing everyone in September and we wish everyone a happy and relaxed summer.

Mollie Alkana

SUNDAY BREAKFAST CLUB & LEARN-IN WITH THE RABBI

Passover break ended on April 23rd. Thank you to Ruth Kaplan for hosting a wonderful breakfast in honor of her birthday, with six of her family members in attendance.

Study of the sages continues, from the scribes who originally wrote the Torah, through the 18th century and those sages whose commentaries and notes provided one compact book that interpreted all Jewish law. Their wisdom and genius were apparent from earliest childhood.

Rabbi Daniel spoke on the Baal Shem Tov (Master of the good name) who founded Hassidim, which ultimately resulted in the creation of Chabad, and talked about Vilna Gaon (the genius) who, with his disciples, initiated that Priestly Blessing.

Join us soon for a great breakfast and stimulating discussion.

Elaine Spodick

YIDDISH VINKEL

Revive your Yiddish. Our Yiddish Vinkel meets **most** Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 P.M. We speak Yiddish, read Yiddish stories and poems and sing Yiddish songs. Coffee and delicious danish are served. So come, enjoy warm friendship and have "fargeneegen."

Please note: depending on weather conditions, Yiddish Vinkel may not be meeting each and every Wednesday afternoon. Please phone the Center office on Wednesday mornings after 10:00 A.M. to confirm if Yiddish Vinkel will be meeting that day.

Mildred Pelton
Yiddish Vinkel President

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Ruth Loewenstein

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Stanley Kalfus

*We extend our deepest condolences
to the Kalfus family.*

LOSS OF FORMER MEMBER

Irving Finkel

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to the Finkel family.*

MAZAL TOV

Mazal Tov to Rabbi Romiel & Noreen Daniel on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Aviva Daniel on July 1, 2017. Mazal Tov also to Aviva's parents Regina & Lael Daniel and big sister Yaffa.

Mazal Tov to Sonia & Jack Siegel and to their grandson Aaron Zucker, who will be graduating with honors and Dean's List from Queensborough Community College and continuing on at Queens College, majoring in business, finance & real estate. Aaron is the son of Joy & Seth Zucker.

Mazal Tov to Sonia & Jack Siegel and to their grandson Daniel Stark, son of Dawn and Ric Stark, who is graduating from Oceanside High School and will be attending Binghamton University.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Jerrey Adler, in memory of father Simon Adler.
Avi Bernstein, in memory of mother Doris Bernstein.
Meryl Colman, in memory of mother Evelyn.
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Pnina Lanxner, in memory of sister Chana.
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Jacqueline Weiss, in memory of grandmother Sara.

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Ruth Kaplan, in memory of Stanley Kalfus.
Sandy & Martin Novzen, in memory of Irving Finkel.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GENERAL DONATIONS

Lorraine Carroll, in honor of reading prayer on Shabbat.

Latif Diagam

Susan Goldschmidt, in honor of reading prayer on Shabbat.

Joel Herbst, in honor of aliyah.

Rachel Kacenenbogen, for good test results.

Bertha Klein, in honor of opening the ark on Shabbat.

Pnina Lanxner, in honor of reading prayer on Shabbat.

Clarice Sniad

Ray & Ed Starer, in honor of various aliyot.

Mel Weiss, in honor of aliyot on Passover.

Lynne & Joel Zakoff, in honor of their son Elliott's aliyot.

COMMEMORATIVE FUND

Robin, Mark & Shari Hochberg, in honor of Aaron Zucker's college graduation.

Florence Most, in honor of the birth of her great nephew Cameron Arthur Most.

Ray & Ed Starer, in honor of Mildred Pelton's birthday.

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Lorraine Carroll

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Donations received by the Center office after May 17th will be listed in the September Bulletin.



In Memoriam



*The members listed below
will observe Yahrzeit as indicated.
Yahrzeit candles should be lit the night before.
Schedule of service elsewhere in this Bulletin.
Please help ensure a Minyan by attending services.*

Thursday, June 1st

Leon Horowitz - Father
Theodore Meisel - Mother
Lillian Werner - Sister in law

Saturday, June 3rd

Frieda Mirzoeff - Mother

Sunday, June 4th

Abe Miller - Brother

Tuesday, June 6th

Abe Miller - Wife

Wednesday, June 7th

Susan Goldschmidt - Mother
Abe Miller - Mother

Thursday, June 8th

Abraham Segal - Grandmother

Friday, June 9th

Walter Adelstein - Father
Shirley Decker - Brother in law
Jacqueline Weiss - Mother

Sunday, June 11th

Aileen Goldstein - Grandmother
Mildred Pelton - Brother in law

Tuesday, June 13th

Lynne Zakoff - Father
Lynne Zakoff - Mother
Lee Lobel-Zwang - Husband

Friday, June 16th

Zona Amper - Father

Sunday, June 18th

Allan Morrin - Grandfather

Monday, June 19th

Zona Amper - Mother

Wednesday, June 21st

Mildred Pelton - Father in law

Thursday, June 22nd

Ruth Loewenstein - Sister
Rochelle Wasserman - Father

Saturday, June 24th

Maurice Rotkopf - Mother

Sunday, June 25th

Edward Starer - Father
Stanley Sternin - Mother

Tuesday, June 27th

Rebecca Katz - Brother

Wednesday, June 28th

Lee Lobel-Zwang - Mother

Thursday, June 29th

Zivan Zabar - Wife

Friday, June 30th

Sonia Antman - Husband

Sunday, July 2nd

Mark Hochberg - Grandfather

Monday, July 3rd

Brian Alweiss - Mother

Wednesday, July 5th

Ruth Loewenstein - Grandfather
Lee Lobel-Zwang - Uncle

Thursday, July 6th

Frieda Mirzoeff - Husband

Saturday, July 8th

Marilyn Horowitz - Father

Wednesday, July 12th

Pnina Lanxner - Sister
Ray Starer - Mother
Ruth Loewenstein - Grandmother
Luba Marcus - Husband

Thursday, July 13th

Shirley Decker - Father in law

Friday, July 14th

Mark Hochberg - Father

Monday, July 17th

Roslyn Hochman - Mother

Thursday, July 20th

Freda Gimple - Aunt
Lorraine Carroll - Husband

Saturday, July 22nd

Freda Gimple - Father
Mark Hochberg - Mother

Sunday, July 23rd

Ray Starer - Father
Joel Zakoff - Father

Monday, July 24th

Jeanette Mildner - Father

Friday, July 28th

Lee Lobel-Zwang - Husband

Saturday, July 29th

Sol Leibowitz - Father

Monday, July 31st

Shirley Decker - Father
Rebecca Katz - Mother in law

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MORNING SERVICES

There are no morning services on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, unless it is Rosh Chodesh, a special holiday or - if there is a yahrzeit.

If you have a yahrzeit which falls on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday morning, you should inform Rabbi Daniel if you would like to have services.



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