

REGO PARK JEWISH CENTER

BULLETIN

"And let them make for me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them."

EXODUS 25:8

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ADAR / NISAN / IYAR 5781

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MARCH 2021

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday, Mar. 5 - 6:00 PM - Webex
Saturday, Mar. 6 - 9:00 AM - RPJC sanctuary & Webex
Saturday, Mar. 6 - 6:30 P.M. - Webex

Friday, Mar. 12 - 6:00 PM - Webex
Saturday, Mar. 13 - 9:00 AM- RPJC sanctuary & Webex
Saturday, Mar. 13 - 6:30 P.M. - Webex

Friday, Mar. 19 - 6:00 PM - Webex
Saturday, Mar. 20- 9:00 AM- RPJC sanctuary & Webex
Saturday, Mar. 20 - 7:30 P.M. - Webex

Thursday, Mar. 25 - 7:00 A.M. - Siyum Bechorim /
Fast of First Born - on Webex

Friday, Mar. 26 - 6:00 PM - Webex
Saturday, Mar. 27- 9:00 AM- RPJC sanctuary & Webex

Sunday, Mar. 28 - 9:00 AM - Passover Service
RPJC sanctuary & Webex
Monday, Mar. 29- 9:00 AM - Passover Service
RPJC sanctuary & Webex

APRIL 2021

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday, Apr. 2 - 6:30 PM - Webex
Saturday, Apr. 3 - 9:00 AM- RPJC sanctuary & Webex
Saturday, Apr. 3 - 7:30 P.M. - Webex
Sunday, Apr. 4 - 9:00 A.M.- Passover & yiskor service
RPJC sanctuary & Webex

Friday, Apr. 9 - 6:30 PM - Webex
Saturday, Apr. 10 - 9:00 AM- RPJC sanctuary & Webex
Saturday, Apr. 10 - 7:45 P.M. - Webex

Friday, Apr. 16 - 6:30 PM - Webex
Saturday, Apr. 17- 9:00 AM- RPJC sanctuary & Webex
Saturday, Apr. 17 - 8:00 P.M. - Webex

Friday, Apr. 23 - 6:30 PM - Webex
Saturday, Apr. 24- 9:00 AM- RPJC sanctuary & Webex
Saturday, Apr. 24 - 8:00 P.M. - Webex

Friday, Apr. 30 - 6:30 PM - Webex

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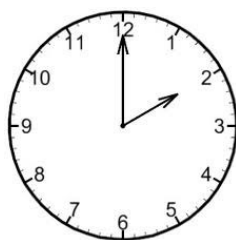
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**“SPRING AHEAD”
MARCH 14, 2021**

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Nisan, the first month on the Jewish calendar (according to the Torah), coincides with March-April on the civil calendar. The Torah calls it *chodesh ha-aviv*—the month of spring, as it marks the beginning of the spring months.

On the first day of Nisan in the year 2448 from creation (1313 BCE), two weeks before the Exodus, G-d showed Moses the crescent new moon, instructing him regarding the setting of the Jewish calendar and the mitzvah of sanctifying the new month. “This month shall be for you the head of months, the first of the months of the year” (Exodus 12:2). This ushered in the first Jewish month and commenced the lunar calendar that Jews have been following ever since. It was the first mitzvah (“commandment”) given to the newly born nation of Israel, even before the exodus from Egypt.

Passover

It is in this month that we celebrate the eight-day holiday of Passover, from the 15th through the 22nd of Nisan. It commemorates the Jewish people’s miraculous redemption from slavery in Egypt, and the birth of the Jewish nation.

We observe the anniversary of the Exodus each year by removing all leaven from our possession for this week, eating matzah and telling the story of the redemption to our children. By following the rituals of Passover, we have the ability to relive and experience the true spiritual freedom that our ancestors achieved.

Counting Sefirah

It took seven weeks—49 days—from when the Jewish people left Egypt until they received the Torah from G-d at the foot of Mount Sinai, celebrated today as the holiday of Shavuot. It is explained that the 49 days that connect Passover with Shavuot correspond to the 49 drives and traits of the human heart. Each day saw the refinement of one of these *sefirot* (“traits”), bringing the people of Israel one step closer to spiritual perfection. Each year, we retrace this inner journey with our “counting of the Omer.” Beginning on the second night of Passover, we count the days and weeks to the holiday of Shavuot, the “Festival of Weeks.”

The Dedication

A year after the Exodus, on each of the first 12 days of this month, another one of the 12 princes of Israel brought offerings to inaugurate the Mishkan, the traveling sanctuary that the people had built for G-d. Nowadays, on each of these days we read the portion of the Torah that details the gifts brought on that day as well as a special *Yehi Ratzon* prayer.

A Special Month

A special mitzvah which can be fulfilled only once a year—anytime during the month of Nisan—is to recite the *berachah* (“blessing” or prayer) made upon seeing a fruit tree in bloom. Many people visit botanical gardens during this time, so as to avail themselves of an opportunity to observe this beautiful mitzvah.

It is mentioned in the Talmud that according to one tradition, the three patriarchs of the Jewish people—Abraham (1948–2123 from creation, 1813–1638 BCE), Isaac (2048–2228 from creation, 1713–1533 BCE) and Jacob (2108–2255 from creation, 1653–1506 BCE)—all were born and passed away in the month of Nisan.

- 10 Nisan – Yahrzeit of Miriam the prophetess, sister of Moses and Aaron
- 14 Nisan – Fast of the Firstborn – on 12 Nisan when the 14th falls on Shabbat.
- 15–21 Nisan (22 Nisan outside of Israel)– Passover
- 26 Nisan – Traditional yahrzeit of Joshua
- 27 Nisan – Yom HaShoah – on 26 Nisan or 28 Nisan when the 27th falls on Friday or Sunday respectively, interfering with Shabbat

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Iyar is the second month on the Jewish calendar counting from Nisan.

Shortly after the Exodus, the thirsty Israelites reached a well of bitter water. Moses cast a tree into the water, and it miraculously became sweet. G-d then promised that if Israel followed His ways, “the diseases I have placed on Egypt I will not place upon you, for I am G-d your Healer (אני יי רפאך). The acronym for this last phrase spells out the name of the month of Iyar (אייר), thus indicating that Iyar is a propitious time for healing.

Although Iyar does not contain many “special days,” every single day of the month is included in the Sefirat HaOmer counting—the mitzvah to count each of the 49 days between Passover and Shavuot.

Sefirat HaOmer is a period of introspection and self-refinement, as we prepare ourselves to receive the Torah anew on Shavuot. Each day of Iyar represents another step in this spiritual journey toward Sinai.

The 14th day of Iyar is Pesach Sheni, “the second Passover.” The Torah describes how G-d created this holiday at the request of those who, for reasons beyond their control, were unable to offer the paschal sacrifice in its proper time. One month later, they received a second chance. Pesach Sheni reminds us that it’s never too late. With sincere effort, yesterday’s missed opportunity can become today’s achievement.

The 33rd day of the Omer (18 Iyar), known as Lag BaOmer, marks the anniversary of the passing of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, author of the Zohar, the basic work of Kabbalah. Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai instructed his disciples to mark the date as “the day of my joy,” the moment when his life’s work reached its culmination. In fulfillment of this request, Lag BaOmer is celebrated as a mini-holiday, with outings, bonfires and other festivities.

According to tradition, a plague afflicting many students of the great sage Rabbi Akiva ceased on Lag BaOmer. Thus, this date is a celebratory day, on which joyous activities that are forbidden during the rest of the Omer period are permitted. These activities include weddings, picnics and haircuts. Since the plague came about due to their lack of proper respect for one another, this day is also marked with an increase in Jewish unity.

- 4 Iyar – Yom HaZikaron
- 5 Iyar – Independence Day (Israel)
- 10 Iyar – Herzl Day
- 14 Iyar – Pesach Sheni
- 18 Iyar – Lag BaOmer
- 28 Iyar – Jerusalem Day

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SIGNATURE _____

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* HUSBAND AND WIFE, SPECIFY NAMES.

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DATE _____

***Please return this form to the Rego Park Jewish Center office -
by mail, email or fax.***

Return this form before 10:00 A.M. on Friday, March 26th

Chometz that was sold may be eaten on Sunday, April 4th after 9:00 P.M.

SELLING OF CHOMETZ

A certificate authorizing the sale of chometz appears in this Bulletin and is also available on our website.

Please send in your form so that it is received by 10:00 A.M. on Friday, March 26th.

Search for chometz on Thursday night, March 25th after 7:41 P.M.

Start Fast of First Born on Thursday, March 25th at 6:48 A.M.

Siyum Bechorim / Fast of First Born Thursday, March 25th at 7:00 A.M. on Webex

Chometz may be eaten on Friday, March 26th until 10:54 A.M.

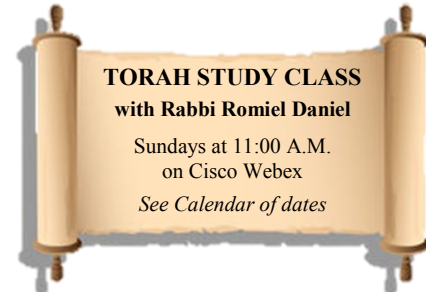
Rabbi Daniel will burn chometz at RPJC on Friday, March 26th at 11:58 A.M.

Chometz that was sold may be eaten on Sunday, April 4th after 9:00 P.M.

Sale of Chometz forms may be mailed, faxed or emailed to Rego Park Jewish Center - See 2nd page of this Bulletin for mailing address, fax number & email address.

*Please note:
Halachic authorities have ruled that online authorizations are acceptable for selling chometz.*

SUNDAY MORNING TORAH STUDY CLASSES WITH RABBI DANIEL



March 7, 14, 21

April 11, 18, 25

All classes meet on Webex at 11:00 A.M.

**Please check your email
for links to services & classes
on Cisco Webex**

**Please contact our Center office
at
office@rpjc.org
for more information**

March 2021

ADAR / NISAN 5781

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 17 ADAR	2 18 ADAR	3 19 ADAR	4 20 ADAR	5 21 ADAR E.S. 6:00 P.M. ON WEBEX C.L. 5:34 P.M.	6 22 ADAR M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX E.S./H.S. 6:30 P.M. ON WEBEX S.E. 6:34 P.M. "KI TISSA"
7 23 ADAR T.S. 11:00 A.M. ON WEBEX	8 24 ADAR	9 25 ADAR	10 26 ADAR	11 27 ADAR	12 28 ADAR E.S. 6:00 P.M. ON WEBEX C.L. 5:42 P.M.	13 29 ADAR M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX E.S./H.S. 6:30 P.M. ON WEBEX S.E. 6:41 P.M. "VAYAKHEL- PEKUDEI"
14 1 NISAN T.S. 11:00 A.M. ON WEBEX ROSH CHODESH <i>Daylight Savings Time begins</i>	15 2 NISAN	16 3 NISAN	17 4 NISAN	18 5 NISAN	19 6 NISAN E.S. 6:00 P.M. ON WEBEX C.L. 6:49 P.M.	20 7 NISAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX E.S./H.S. 7:30 P.M. ON WEBEX S.E. 7:49 P.M. "VAYIKRA"
21 8 NISAN T.S. 11:00 A.M. ON WEBEX	22 9 NISAN	23 10 NISAN	24 11 NISAN	25 12 NISAN M.S. 7:00 A.M. - ON WEBEX	26 13 NISAN E.S. 6:00 P.M. ON WEBEX C.L. 6:57 P.M.	27 14 NISAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX NO E.S./H.S. S.E. 7:57 P.M. "TZAV" EREV PASSOVER
28 15 NISAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX N.T.S. 1ST DAY OF PASSOVER	29 16 NISAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANCTUARY & WEBEX 2ND DAY OF PASSOVER	30 17 NISAN CHOL HAMOED	31 18 NISAN CHOL HAMOED	C.L. = CANDLE LIGHTING E.S. = EVENING SERVICE H.S. - HAVDALAH SERVICE M.S. = MORNING SERVICE N.T.S. = NO TORAH STUDY CLASS S.E. = SHABBAT ENDS T.S. = TORAH STUDY CLASS		

April 2021

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4 22 NISAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANCTUARY & WEBEX N.T.S. YIZKOR 8 TH DAY OF PASSOVER	5 23 NISAN	6 24 NISAN	7 25 NISAN	8 26 NISAN	9 27 NISAN E.S. 6:30 P.M. ON WEBEX C.L. 7:11 P.M. YOM HASHOAH	10 28 NISAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX E.S./H.S. 7:45 P.M. ON WEBEX S.E. 8:12 P.M. "SHEMINI"
11 29 NISAN T.S. 11:00 A.M. ON WEBEX	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> ROSH CHODESH </div>		14 2 IYAR	15 3 IYAR	16 4 IYAR E.S. 6:30 P.M. ON WEBEX C.L. 7:19 P.M. YOM HA'ATZMAUT	17 5 IYAR M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX E.S./H.S. 8:00 P.M. ON WEBEX S.E. 8:20 P.M. "TAZRIA- METZORA"
18 6 IYAR T.S. 11:00 A.M. ON WEBEX	19 7 IYAR	20 8 IYAR	21 9 IYAR	22 10 IYAR	23 11 IYAR E.S. 6:30 P.M. ON WEBEX C.L. 7:26 P.M.	24 12 IYAR M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & WEBEX E.S./H.S. 8:00 P.M. ON WEBEX S.E. 8:29 P.M. "ACHAREI MOT- KEDOSHIM"
25 13 IYAR T.S. 11:00 A.M. ON WEBEX	26 14 IYAR	27 15 IYAR	28 16 IYAR	29 17 IYAR	30 18 IYAR E.S. 6:30 P.M. ON WEBEX C.L. 7:33 P.M. LAG B'OMER	

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Susan Goldschmidt
Blanche Kisloff
Frances Rotkopf
Ira Shimshi
Ray Starer



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Beverly Ellman
Ira Hochman
Ruth Kaplan
Jeanette Mildner
Ira Schnitzler

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Ida & Arthur Schwartz



MAZAL TOV

Mazal Tov to Ida & Arthur Schwartz on the engagement of their granddaughter Haley Schwartz to Dr. Brandon Schwartz, and on the engagement of their grandson David Schwartz to Radhika Nagesh.

REFUAH SHELEIMAH

Jack Alkana
Joyce Fefferman
Mark Hochberg
Ruth Loewenstein

WE MOURN THE LOSS OF FORMER CENTER MEMBER

Johanna Katz

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Rabbi Romiel & Noreen Daniel, for the recovery of David Solomon.

Rabbi Romiel & Noreen Daniel, for the recovery of Mark Hochberg.

Shirley Decker, for the recovery of Ruth Loewenstein.

Susan Goldschmidt, for the recovery of Mark Hochberg.

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Ruth Kaplan, for the recovery of Joyce Fefferman.

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Pnina Lanxner, for the recovery of Joyce Fefferman.

Pnina Lanxner, for the recovery of Ruth Loewenstein.

Ray & Ed Starer, for the recovery of Jack Alkana.

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COMMEMORATIVE DONATIONS

Zipora & William Auerbach, in honor of Pnina Lanxner.

Ida & Arthur Schwartz, in honor of the engagement of their granddaughter Haley Schwartz to Dr. Brandon Schwartz.

Ida & Arthur Schwartz, in honor of the engagement of their grandson David Schwartz to Radhika Nagesh.

Ray & Ed Starer, in honor of the engagement of Shari Hochberg to Steve Metzger.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Donations received after February 24th will be listed in the May/June bulletin.

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Yahrzeit Fund

Jack Alkana, in memory of mother Vida Alkana.
Jack Alkana, in memory of brother Sam Alkana.
Max Amper, in memory of wife Zona Amper.
Max Amper, in memory of father Samuel Amper.
Max Amper, in memory of sister in law Esther Sacks.
Rabbi Romiel Daniel, in memory of father Isaac Daniel.
Shirley Decker, in memory of mother Chava.
Gail Edelstein, in memory of mother Rosalind Edelstein.
Mikhail Gelfer, in memory of his mother & father.
Susan Goldschmidt, in memory of father David.
Malka Gross, in memory of husband Howard Gross.
Joel Herbst, in memory of mother Sarah Herbst.
Mark Hochberg, in memory of brother Donald.
Robin Hochberg, in memory of father Mark.
Leon Horowitz, in memory of mother Eva Horowitz.
Leon Horowitz, in memory of sister Myra.
Marilyn Horowitz, in memory of husband Harvey Horowitz.
Rachel Kacenenbogen, in memory of mother Rebecca.
Rachel Kacenenbogen, in memory of uncle Samuel.
Ruth Kaplan, in memory of brother Icheskel Levitan.
William Katz, in memory of father Morris Katz.
Pnina Lanxner, in memory of father Chaim.
Florence Legler, in memory of sister Barbara.
Julie Mikelberg, in memory of mother Veronica.
Julie Mikelberg, in memory of father Leslie.
Sandy Novzen, in memory of father Donald.
Frances Rotkopf, in memory of father Mortimer.
Frances Rotkopf, in memory of father in law Israel Noah.

Yahrzeit Fund

Ira Shimshi, in memory of sister Mona Shimshi.
Jack Siegel, in memory of mother Annie Siegel.
Elaine Spodick, in memory of father Harry Spodick.
Carol Stoller, in memory of mother Hilda Stoller.
Carol Stoller, in memory of father Murray Stoller.
Jacqueline Weiss, in memory of grandmother Mollie Weiss.
Ruth Wolfson, in memory of husband Murray Wolfson.

Memorial Fund

Walter Adelstein, in memory of Steven Marcus.
Alaine Kass, in memory of Johanna Katz.
Jonathan Lederer, in memory of his mother and father.
Natalie, Stuart, Harriet & Barry Meisel, in memory of Zelda Handelsman.

General Donations

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Maria Duron, in honor of Rosh Chodesh Adar.
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