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*"And let them make for me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them."*  
EXODUS 25:8

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# **FROM THE RABBI'S DESK**

Iyar is the eighth month of the civil year (which starts on 1 Tishrei) and the second month of the ecclesiastical year (which starts on 1 Nisan) on the Hebrew calendar. The name is Babylonian in origin. It is a spring month of 29 days. Iyar usually falls in April–June on the Gregorian calendar.

In the Hebrew Bible, before the Babylonian Exile, the month is called Ziv (1 Kings 6:1, 6:37). Ziv is a Hebrew name, which means "light" or "glow".

## **HOLIDAYS IN IYAR**

- 4 Iyar - Yom Hazikaron
- 5 Iyar - Yom Ha'Atzmaut
- 14 Iyar - Pesach Sheini
- 18 Iyar - Lag Ba'omer
- 28 Iyar - Yom Yerushalayim

## **IYAR IN JEWISH HISTORY**

- 4 Iyar (1165) - Maimonides survives a fierce storm at sea while fleeing from Islamic persecution in Fez. From then on he observed the day as a personal day of fasting and prayer.
- 5 Iyar (1948) - Proclamation of the State of Israel on Friday, 14 May 1948, before sunset.
- 7 Iyar (498 BCE) - Jerusalem's rebuilt walls are dedicated, nearly 88 years after the destruction by Nebuchadnezzar.
- 8 Iyar (1096) - First Crusade Pogroms begin - On their way to Holy Land, mobs of crusaders along with local inhabitants attacked many Jewish communities, most notably in the Rhineland towns of Worms, Germany and Mainz. On the Shabbat, the 8th of Iyar, the Jews of Speyer were also attacked. However, most of them were allowed refuge in the bishop's castle and neighboring towns, such as Heidelberg.
- 10 Iyar (circa 2870/2871 BC) Death of Eli the High Priest and his two sons.
- 11 Iyar (1510) - 1,500 Jewish books were confiscated in Frankfurt am Main, Germany at the instigation of an apostate.
- 11 Iyar (1881) - Pogroms in Wasilkow and Konotop as Jews are blamed for the assassination of Czar Alexander II, who was assassinated by revolutionaries. The riots continued for three years across all of Russia.
- 11 Iyar (1948) - Battle at Degania - The Israeli Army defeated the advancing Syrian Army, following the shelling at the entrance of Degania, which began at sunrise and lasted nine hours. It is considered the first Israeli victory of War of Independence.
- 13 Iyar (1427) - Jews expelled from Bern, Switzerland.
- 14 Iyar (1312 BCE) - "Second Passover" - an additional opportunity to offer the paschal sacrifice, for individuals who were impure on the main Passover Holiday. (Numbers 9).
- 14 Iyar (2nd century BC) - Death of Rabbi Meir Baal haNeis.
- 14 Iyar (1933) - Nazis burned thousands of books written by Jews.
- 14 Iyar (1960) - Adolf Eichmann captured in Buenos Aires.
- 15 Iyar (1727) - Jews expelled from Ukraine by Empress Catherine I, a few months prior to her death.
- 15 Iyar (1939) - "Nuremberg Laws" - The Nazi Nuremberg Laws, depriving Jews the rights of citizenship, were passed by the government of Nazi Germany in 1935. In 1939, on the 16th of Iyar, the laws went into effect in Nazi-allied Hungary.
- 15 Iyar (1945) - Dachau liberated by the U.S. Army.
- 17 Iyar (66) - Jews attack and defeat the Roman garrison in Jerusalem, following the theft of silver from the Holy Temple.
- 18 Iyar (Lag Ba'Omer) - Circa 120 CE) - a plague which killed 24,000 of Rabbi Akiva's disciples ceases.
- 18 Iyar (2nd century CE) - Death of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai. On the day of his death - Iyar 18, the 33rd day of the Omer Count - Rabbi Shimon gathered his disciples and revealed many of the deepest secrets of the divine wisdom, and instructed them to mark the date as "the day of my joy."
- 18 Iyar (circa 1573) - Death of Rama, who is regarded as the definitive Halachic authority for Ashkenazic Jews.

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- 18 Iyar (1948) - IDF created.
- 19 Iyar (1945) - Goebbels commits suicide as World War II nears its end.
- 20 Iyar (circa 1312 BCE) - The Children of Israel departed their encampment near Mount Sinai.
- 20 Iyar (1288) - Thirteen Troyes Jews burned at the stake by the Inquisition for supposedly murdering a Christian child. The thirteen Jews chosen were from among the richer members of the community. Jews were also killed in a "blood libel" in Neuchatel, Switzerland on this date.
- 20 Iyar (1637) - Venice Jews forbidden the right to practice law or to act as advocates in the Courts of Venice.
- 20 Iyar (1939) - Mt. Scopus Hospital opened on Mt. Scopus, Jerusalem. The hospital, designed by renowned Balhaus architect Erich Mendelssohn, opened as a modern 300 bed academic medical facility.
- 21 Iyar (1946) - Karl Hermann Frank, the German Nazi official in Czechoslovakia, was hanged. Frank surrendered to the American army on May 9, 1945 and was extradited and tried in a court in Prague. Following his conviction for war crimes, Frank was sentenced to death and hanged in the courtyard of the Pankrac Prison in Prague as 5,000 onlookers witnessed his death.
- 22 Iyar (1944) - Two months after the Nazi occupation of Hungary, Nazis began deportation of Hungarian Jews to the Auschwitz concentration camp. Eichmann personally oversaw the following day the start of the extermination process. Eight days later an estimated 100,000 had been murdered.
- 24 Iyar (1945) - Germany surrenders to Allied Forces.
- 25 Iyar (1096) - Cologne Jews saved - during the first Crusade, the crusaders are locked out of Cologne, Germany and the local Jews are saved, following the orders of the local bishop to close the gates to the city. In a number of local provinces, where the local bishop tried to avert the masses from harming the Jews, the Bishop would have to escape for his own safety.
- 25 Iyar (1355) - Toledo Massacre - 1,200 Jews massacred by an Arab Christian mob attack on the Jewish section of Toledo, Spain.
- 26 Iyar (942) - Death of Rabbi Saadia Gaon (892? - 942)
- 26 Iyar (1945) - Theresienstadt concentration camp liberated by the Soviets.
- 26 Iyar (1967) - Six Day War begins.
- 27 Iyar (1962) - Eichmann hanged at Ramleh Prison.
- 28 Iyar (1967) - Jerusalem conquered during the Six Day War. The day is marked in Israel as "Jerusalem Day".
- 28 Iyar (circa 1020 BCE) - Death of Samuel the Prophet, marked by pilgrimages to his tomb on the outskirts of Jerusalem. Many Jews consider this a Ta'anit Tzadik and fast.

Even though the Jewish calendar starts with Rosh Hashanah in the month of Tishrei, the Torah refers to Iyar - the eighth month from Tishrei - as the "second month." That's because the Torah counts months from Nissan, when we left Egypt. Any time the Torah refers to the "second month," it's talking about Iyar.

Like all the Jewish months, the name Iyar is Akkadian in origin, brought with the Jewish refugees from Babylon.

The name used in the Torah for this month is Ziv, a term that connotes glowing light. Now, in the springtime, there is an eruption of light and beauty as trees begin to bud and blossom.

Another reason for the name Ziv is that the forefathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, were all born during the previous month of Nissan. Now, in the second month, their light and glow fill the entire world.

There is some debate as to how Iyar should be spelled in Hebrew, with one yud or with two. The accepted custom is to spell it with two yuds, serving as an acrostic for Abraham, Isaac (Yitzchak), Jacob (Yaakov) and Rachel, the patriarchs and matriarch associated with the supernal merkavah, a Kabbalistic understanding of the divine revelation in this world.

Another acrostic given for Iyar is the Biblical verse "Ani Hashem Rofecha" - "I am the Lord that heals you." Thus, Iyar is a month specially associated with recovery and healing. And what month could be more appropriate than one in which the world blossoms and grows anew!

The constellation associated with Iyar is Taurus, the bull. The Midrash relates that when Haman looked for a month to plan his evil decree in the Purim story, he ruled out the month of Iyar, aware that the bull represents the many sacrifices brought by the Jews in the Holy Temple.

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While there are no major holidays in Iyar, there are many special days. Among them is Lag Ba'Omer, the 18th of Iyar and 33rd day of the Counting of the Omer, celebrated around the world as a day of Jewish pride and unity. It commemorates the end of a plague that afflicted the students of Rabbi Akiva, as well as the *yahrzeit* of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, the author of the Zohar. Today, we commemorate the day with public parades of Jewish pride, bonfires and the study of these great sages' works.

Iyar is the only month of the year in which there is a mitzvah every single day of the month! Every day of Iyar, we count the Omer, the special counting that starts on the second day of Passover, when an offering of barley (*omer*) was brought and culminates with the holiday of Shavuot.

Are you counting the Omer!

The *omer* ("sheaf") is an old Biblical measure of volume of grain. On the day following the Shabbat during Passover in Biblical times, observed today as the second day of Passover (The Feast of Unleavened Bread) on Day 16 of Hebrew Month 1 in Rabbinic Judaism, which is also known as "First Fruits", an *omer* of barley was offered in the Temple in Jerusalem, signaling the allowance of the consumption of *chadash* (grains from the new harvest). On the 50th day after the beginning of the count, corresponding to the holiday of Shavuot, two loaves made of wheat were offered in the Temple to signal the start of the wheat harvest.

The origins of the *omer* count (i.e. the *Sefirat HaOmer*), as enumerated in the Midrash Rabba Parashas Emor, explains that when the Children of Israel left ancient Egypt they were told by Moses that 49 days after the Exodus, they would be given the Torah. The populace was so excited at the prospect of a spiritual liberation, following the physical emancipation from Egypt, they kept a count of the passing days that ended with the giving of the Torah at the foot of Mount Sinai. The Torah itself, in Leviticus 23:15-16, and Deuteronomy 16:9, states that it is a commandment to count seven complete weeks from the day after Passover night ending with the festival of Shavuot on the fiftieth day. Shavuot is the festival marking the giving of the Torah to the Hebrew nation on the 6th of the Hebrew month of Sivan.

In keeping with the themes of spiritual growth and character development during this period, the Rabbinic literature compares the process of growth to the two types of grain offered at either pole of the counting period. In ancient times, barley was simpler food while wheat was a more luxurious food. At Passover, the children of Israel were raised out of the Egyptian exile although they had sunken almost to the point of no return. The Exodus was an unearned gift from G-d, like the food of simple creatures that are not expected to develop their spiritual potential. The receiving of the Torah created spiritual elevation and active cooperation. Thus the Shavuot offering is "people food."

Baruch atah A-doshem E-locheinu Melekh Ha-olam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al S'firat Ha-omer. (Translation: Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us to count the Omer.)

Then he or she states the *Omer*-count in terms of both total days and weeks and days. For example, on the 23rd day the count would be stated thus: "Today is twenty-three days, which is three weeks and two days 'of' [or] 'to' (לעומר) or 'in' (בעומר) the Omer" The count is said in Hebrew.

According to the Halakha, a person may only recite the blessing while it is still night. If he or she remembers the count the next morning or afternoon, the count may still be made, but without a blessing. If one forgets to count a day altogether, he or she may continue to count succeeding days, but without a blessing. The Omer may be counted in any language, however one must understand what one is saying.

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

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." The acronym for this last phrase (in Hebrew) spells out the name of the month of Iyar (יאיר) thus indicating that Iyar is a propitious time for healing.

May this month of Iyar prepare us for receiving the Torah in the month of Sivan.

*Rabbi Romiel Daniel*

**MARK THIS DATE  
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CENTER MEETING**

**MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017  
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(SHAVUOT EVE)**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Torah Study Session  
With Rabbi Daniel**

Please call the Center office if you'd  
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Refreshments Served.

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# FOCUS ON SISTERHOOD

## *ZEMAN LEKHABEDD.....A SEASON TO HONOR*

Iyar is the month in which we have the opportunity to pay many honors and also to remember many events. We begin on the first of May (Iyar 5), Yom HaZikaron - Israel Remembrance Day - when we think of all the brave men and women that have so bravely defended this country for centuries. Then on the next day - May 2nd (Iyar 6), we joyously join with our sisters and brothers to celebrate Israel's 69th birthday and we thank G-d to have been able to reach this day. Iyar provides us with more reasons to honor. On Sunday, May 14th (Iyar 18), we have a double simcha. We honor our mothers and we are honored as mothers and we also celebrate Lag B'Omer, the 33rd day of the Omer - and as we celebrate this joyous day we also acknowledge our roots and our history and thus ensure the future of our people everywhere. As we end the month of Iyar and commence the month of Sivan, we have on May 31st, the first day of Shavu'ot and our annual Shavu'ot Luncheon. Watch the mail!

The Sisterhood meeting on Monday, May 15th will be a very special one. It will be devoted to Magen David Adam (MDA). Magen David Adam is the official, unfunded agency mandated by the Knesset to serve as Israel's emergency, medical, blood and disaster relief services. It provides auxiliary service to Israel's Army Medical Corp in wartime, including emergency medical care for the wounded and war refugees, organizing blood donations and maintaining blood banks for civilian and military use. MDA provides 97% of the blood needs of Israeli hospitals and the general population and 100% of the blood needed for the IDF. MDA serves any person in need of medical or emergency services in Israel - and often is the first responder anywhere in the world where there is a disaster. MDA has 15,000 EMTs and paramedics of which 87% are volunteers.

We are most fortunate to have Mr. Gary Perl as our speaker. Mr. Perl is the Director of Leadership Gifts and Major Projects at American Friends of MDA. Mr. Perl was born in Germany after WWII and came to the USA with his parents as Displaced Persons

(DPs). He received his college degree from Yeshiva University and his graduate degrees from the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University. Prior to AFMDA he was a Director at ORT where he was instrumental in many development projects that made a difference in Israeli life. Mr. Perl has made more than 40 visits to Israel and during the Yom Kippur War he volunteered at Kibbutz Bet Zera in the Jordan Valley. He and his wife Michele have children and grandchildren living in Israel and in the U.S. Don't miss this interesting meeting - bring a dairy sandwich or yogurt and we shall serve coffee & cake.

Our post Passover April meeting, at this writing, has not yet happened, so we can't yet tell you of the outcome. But we do want to give a special Todah Rabah to our diligent Chair, Shirley Decker, and to Co-Chair Ruth Kaplan. We shall give you the results next month.

Some of us shall be attending the fascinating HCD study day on "Jerusalem: Then and Now." We urge you to attend programs sponsored by our BQLI region as well as those of WLCJ like the new "Eicha" - Lamentations - leading up to Tisha B'Av - monthly study on Zoom or on the telephone. Please contact us if you want to study with us. It's inspiring, meaningful and you can do it from home.

Belatedly, congratulations to Ruth Kaplan. May you have good health, joy and happiness in the midst of your family and friends.

We mourn the loss of a longtime Sisterhood and Center member, Betty Hurwitz. Betty inspired us with her wit, her stamina, her intelligence and her love of people. She is missed.

Shalom V'L'Hitra'ot  
Ruth Loewenstein

## SPECIAL EVENTS GROUP NEWS - REVIEWS

Lee Lobel-Zwang, Coordinator

### ***KNITTING & CROCHETING***

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### ***PARASHAT & HAFTARAT CLUB***

**SATURDAY, MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> at 12:30 P.M.**

***We Enter the Fourth Book of Moses***

**NUMBERS BEMIDBAR 1.1 - 4.20**

“On the first day of the second month, in the second year following the Exodus from the land of Egypt, in the wilderness, in the tent of meeting, the Lord spoke to Moses to take the first census.” Numbering 600,000 fighting men, Moses and Aaron to arrange the twelve tribes around the tent of meeting when they set up camp and when they marched. The Levites were not included in the census. Aaron’s family’s duty was to preserve the Tabernacle. They were to be in charge of the Tabernacle and all its furnishings.

The Israelites shall encamp troop by troop under each standard. The Levites shall stand guard around the Tabernacle. For all troops - 608,550.

### **HAFTARAT HOSEA 2.1 - 22**

The people of Judah and of Israel shall assemble together and appoint one head over them. Call your brothers “my people” and your sisters “lovingly accepted.”

Presenters: Rabbi Romiel Daniel & Charles Lehat



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## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



The following was printed in the March 17, 2017 *AARP Bulletin*: **YOU NEED TO READ** - Sounds like we made it up, but scientific research supports the longevity benefits of reading. Newspapers and magazines will do, but books are the best. As little as a half-hour a day of book reading had a significant survival advantage over those who did not read. *Becky R. Levy, a professor of epidemiology at Yale.*

On May 17th, we will meet and discuss Plainsong by Kent Haruf. The dictionary says “plainsong” is any simple or unadorned melody or air. *The New York Times* columnist Verlyn Klinkenborg calls it “a novel so delicate and lovely that it would appear to exalt the reader.”

Kent Haruf was born in 1943 in Colorado and lived there until his death in 2014. He wrote six novels, all of them including Plainsong are set in the fictional town of Holt, Colorado.

There are seven characters in Plainsong and the author, in his poetic and unadorned way, shows how relationships work and what makes them last. He also shows how good people respond with kindness and helpfulness in times of crisis and conflict.

If you would like to join us or if you have any questions, please call me at 718-263-4973. We will be meeting at the Center on Wednesday, May 17th from 3:00 to 4:30 P.M.

Mollie Alkana

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## SUNDAY BREAKFAST CLUB & LEARN-IN WITH THE RABBI

At our last session before Passover break, Rabbi Daniel educated us on the lives and teachings of two sages:

1. **Joseph Karo** was born in Spain and ultimately settled in Safad, Israel where he flourished.

He wrote the *Kesef Mishneh*, a commentary in defense of Mamonides’ rulings on Sephardic Jewery.

He published the *Beth Yosef* (a labor of 25 years) which was an encyclopedia on Ashkenazi Jewish Law.

His publication, the *Shulchan Arukh* (4 volumes) condensed all Jewish law, a combination of both beliefs.

Further clarification to this was provided by Moses Isserles, whose commentaries in the margins called “mappah” or “Code of the Set Table,” universalized this book for everyone.

2. **Isaac Luria** was born in Germany (an Ashkenazi) famously known as the “Ari” (holy lion). Educated in Cairo, he ultimately moved to Jerusalem and Safed.

He devoted his entire life to the study of Kabbala, his purpose being to abolish impurity and increase recognition of G-d and the importance of Shabbos.

We look forward to seeing you at our breakfasts.

Elaine Spodick

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### DAILY MINYAN URGENT REQUEST

The morning and afternoon minyans are fragile and exist without a strong safety net of men to make a minyan if some of our regulars do not come. If you are observing the yahrzeit of a loved one and it falls on a day when we do not have a minyan you would be upset and rightly so. We need you not only when you are observing yahrzeit, but a few days each month to insure that someone else will be able to say kaddish. A few days each month is not too much to ask. By doing a mitzvah, you will be rewarded with a bigger mitzvah.

# May 2017

## IYAR / SIVAN 5777

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> IYAR 5 M.S. 7:00 A.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M.  YOM HAZIKARON	<b>2</b> IYAR 6 N.M.S. E.S. 6:15 P.M. BINGO 7:00 P.M.  YOM HA'ATZMAUT	<b>3</b> IYAR 7 N.M.S. Y.V. 1:00 P.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M. R.C. 6:45 P.M.	<b>4</b> IYAR 8 M.S. 7:00 A.M. KNITTING 2 P.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M.	<b>5</b> IYAR 9 N.M.S. E.S. 6:30 P.M. C.L. 7:39 P.M.	<b>6</b> IYAR 10 M.S. 9:00 A.M. B.B. E.S. 7:30 P.M. S.E. 8:43 P.M.  "ACHAREI MOT- KEDOSHIM"
<b>7</b> IYAR 11 M.S. 8:45 A.M. B.C.L.I. 9:30 A.M. N.E.S.	<b>8</b> IYAR 12 M.S. 7:00 A.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M.	<b>9</b> IYAR 13 N.M.S. E.S. 6:15 P.M.	<b>10</b> IYAR 14 N.M.S. Y.V. 1:00 P.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M. R.C. 6:45 P.M.	<b>11</b> IYAR 15 M.S. 7:00 A.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M.	<b>12</b> IYAR 16 N.M.S. E.S. 6:30 P.M. C.L. 7:46 P.M.	<b>13</b> IYAR 17 M.S. 9:00 A.M. ISRAEL LUNCHEON E.S. 7:45 P.M. S.E. 8:51 P.M.  "EMOR"
<b>14</b> IYAR 18 M.S. 8:45 A.M. N.E.S.  LAG BA'OMER MOTHER'S DAY	<b>15</b> IYAR 19 M.S. 7:00 A.M. SIST. 12:15 P.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M.	<b>16</b> IYAR 20 N.M.S. E.S. 6:15 P.M. BINGO 7:00 P.M.	<b>17</b> IYAR 21 N.M.S. Y.V. 1:00 P.M. B.D. 3:00 P.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M.	<b>18</b> IYAR 22 M.S. 7:00 A.M. KNITTING 2 P.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M.	<b>19</b> IYAR 23 N.M.S. E.S. 6:30 P.M. C.L. 7:52 P.M.	<b>20</b> IYAR 24 M.S. 9:00 A.M. E.S. 8:00 P.M. S.E. 8:59 P.M.  "BEHAR- BEHUKOTAI"
<b>21</b> IYAR 25 M.S. 8:45 A.M. B.C.L.I. 9:30 A.M. E.A. 11:30 A.M. N.E.S.	<b>22</b> IYAR 26 M.S. 7:00 A.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M. CENTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:00 P.M.	<b>23</b> IYAR 27 N.M.S. E.S. 6:15 P.M.	<b>24</b> IYAR 28 N.M.S. Y.V. 1:00 P.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M. R.C. 6:45 P.M.  YOM YERUSHALAYIM	<b>25</b> IYAR 29 M.S. 7:00 A.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M.	<b>26</b> SIVAN 1 M.S. 7:00 A.M. E.S. 6:30 P.M. C.L. 7:59 P.M.  <b>ROSH CHODESH</b>	<b>27</b> SIVAN 2 M.S. 9:00 A.M. P.C. 12:30 P.M. E.S. 8:00 P.M. S.E. 9:06 P.M.  "BEMIDBAR"
<b>28</b> SIVAN 3 M.S. 8:45 A.M. B.C.L.I. 9:30 A.M. N.E.S.	<b>29</b> SIVAN 4 M.S. 8:45 A.M. E.S. 6:15 P.M.  MEMORIAL DAY	<b>30</b> SIVAN 5 N.M.S. MINCHA 6:30 P.M. C.L. 8:02 P.M. TIKKUN L'EL SHAVUOT 7:00 PM  EREV SHAVUOT	<b>31</b> SIVAN 6 M.S. 9:00 A.M. SIST. LUNCHEON- 12:30 P.M. E.S. 6:30 P.M. C.L. 9:10 P.M.  1 <sup>ST</sup> DAY SHAVUOT	<b>1</b> SIVAN 7 M.S. 9:00 A.M. YIZKOR E.S. 8:00 P.M. YOM TOV ENDS- 9:11 P.M.  2 <sup>ND</sup> DAY SHAVUOT	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><i>B.B.</i> = BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS <i>B.C.L.I.</i> = BREAKFAST CLUB LEARN IN <i>B.D.</i> = BOOK DISCUSSION <i>C.L.</i> = CANDLE LIGHTING <i>E.A.</i> = EXPRESSION IN THE ARTS <i>E.S.</i> = EVENING SERVICE <i>K.C.</i> = KNITTING CLUB <i>M.S.</i> = MORNING SERVICE</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><i>N.E.S.</i> = NO EVENING SERVICE <i>N.M.S.</i> = NO MORNING SERVICE <i>P.C.</i> = PARASHAT CLUB <i>R.C.</i> = RABBI'S CLASS <i>SIST.</i> = SISTERHOOD <i>S.E.</i> = SHABBAT ENDS <i>Y.V.</i> = YIDDISH VINKEL</p> </div> </div>	

## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Linda Alweiss  
George Godfried  
Leonor Herbst  
Abraham Herscu  
William Katz  
Peter Landes  
Charles Lehat  
Ruth Loewenstein  
Allan Morrin  
Mildred Pelton  
Agnes Posner  
Melvin Schwartz  
Abraham Segal  
Elaine Spodick  
Ava Wand



## **MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

Jacky & Ezra Cohen  
Noreen & Rabbi Romiel Daniel  
Robin & Mark Hochberg  
Natalie & Theodore Meisel  
Sandy & Martin Novzen



## **REFUAH SHELEIMAH**

Leonor Herbst

## **LOSS OF MEMBER**

Betty Hurwitz  
Sonia Lishansky

*We extend our deepest condolences  
to Ari Leshans and family  
and to Betty's friends and family.*

## **MANY THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR SPONSORING A CONGREGATIONAL OR PARASHAT CLUB KIDDUSH**

Martin Cantor, who sponsored the Parashat Club luncheon on April 29th.

## ***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

## ***JEWISH WAR VETERANS***

The Kew-Forest-Woodside-Loitz Post 250, Jewish War Veterans of the USA and their Ladies Auxiliary will hold their next meeting on Sunday morning, May 28th at 9:30 A.M., when Barbara Stuchinsky of the Mid-Queens Civic Association will discuss the coming changes in mid-Queens. The congregation is invited to attend. Light refreshments are served and there is no charge.

For further information contact Co-Commander Sy Weber at 718-271-6015 or Past Queens County JWV Commander Kenneth Lloyd Brown at 718-297-7711.

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# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## **Yahrzeit Fund**

Jack Alkana, in memory of father Joseph Alkana.  
Max Amper, in memory of father Samuel Amper.  
Marion Art, in memory of mother Sadie.  
Reuben Ezra, in memory of mother Victoria Ezra.  
Reuben Ezra, in memory of uncle Shokar Abraham Ezra.  
Charlotte Halpern, in memory of husband Joe Halpern.  
Ira Hochman, in memory of brother Elliott Hochman.  
Ruth Kaplan, in memory of mother Mina.  
Pnina Lanxner, in memory of mother Miriam.  
Julie Mikelberg, in memory of father Leslie.  
Frances Rotkopf, in memory of mother Sylvia.  
Sidney Rubin, in memory of sister Gussie.  
Ed Starer, in memory of grandmother Ida.

## **Hebrew School Fund**

Meryl Colman, in memory of husband Harry Colman.  
Reuben Ezra, in memory of mother Victoria Ezra.  
Reuben Ezra, in memory of uncle Shokar Abraham Ezra.  
Ruthe Unger, in memory of brother Murray.

## **Memorial Fund**

Mollie & Jack Alkana, in memory of Betty Hurwitz.  
Rabbi Romiel & Noreen Daniel, in memory of Betty Hurwitz.  
Joyce Fefferman, in memory of Sonia Lishansky.

## **General Donations**

Noreen Daniel, in honor of opening the ark on Shabbat.  
Latif Diagam & family  
Susan Goldschmidt, in honor of reading prayer on Shabbat.  
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Charles Lehat  
Elaine Spodick, in honor of reading prayers on Shabbat.  
Ray & Ed Starer, for the Bingo food concession.

## **Mishebayrakh Fund**

Susan Goldschmidt  
Ray & Ed Starer, for the recovery of Agnes Posner.

## **Commemorative Fund**

Ray & Ed Starer, in honor of Ruth Kaplan on the occasion of her special birthday.  
Ruth Wolfson, in honor of Ruth Kaplan's special birthday.  
Ruth Wolfson, in honor of the Barzideh family, with thanks for their kindness.

### **A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

Donations received by the Center office after April 19th will be listed in the May 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.*

**Monday, May 1st**

Zivan Zabar - Mother

**Tuesday, May 2nd**

Joyce Fefferman - Father

John Landes - Mother

Peter Landes - Mother

Seymour Weber - Brother in law

**Wednesday, May 3rd**

Abe Miller - Father in law

Joel Herbst - Father

**Friday, May 5th**

Mildred Pelton - Husband

**Saturday, May 6th**

Reuben Ezra - Uncle

Jack Siegel - Father

**Sunday, May 7th**

Edward Starer - Mother

**Tuesday, May 9th**

Charles Lehat - Father

**Saturday, May 13th**

Florence Cohen - Brother

**Tuesday, May 16th**

Mark Hochberg - Grandmother

**Wednesday, May 17th**

Hedy Rothschild - Mother in law

Jerrey Adler - Father

Agnes Posner - Husband

**Thursday, May 18th**

Sandy Novzen - Mother

**Saturday, May 20th**

Avi Bernstein - Mother

Sheila Sasmor - Father

**Wednesday, May 24th**

Roslyn Hochman - Brother

**Thursday, May 25th**

Abraham Segal - Grandmother

**Friday, May 26th**

Walter Adelstein - Mother

**Tuesday, May 30th**

Jacqueline Weiss - Grandmother

**Wednesday, May 31st**

Susan Fischer - Husband

### ***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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Stop by sometime to discuss pre-arranging a funeral or to get a Yahrzeit Calendar or to answer any question you might have.

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*Tuesday, May 2nd and May 16th*

*Tuesday, June 6th and June 20th*

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