

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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IYAR / SIVAN / TAMUZ 5783

MAY / JUNE 2023

MAY & JUNE 2023 **SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Friday, May 5 - 6:00 PM

Saturday, May 6 - 9:00 AM

Friday, May 12 - 6:00 PM

Saturday, May 13 - 9:00 AM

Friday, May 19 - 6:00 PM

Saturday, May 20 - 9:00 AM

Thursday, May 25—7:00 PM

Thursday, May 25 (Tikkun L'el Shavuot)- 7:15 PM

Friday, May 26 (1st day Shavuot) - 9:00 AM

Friday, May 26 - 6:00 PM

Saturday, May 27 - (2nd day Shavuot) - 9:00 AM

Yizkor

Saturday, May 27 - Shavuot Luncheon - 12:45 PM

(by reservation)

Friday, June 2 - 6:00 PM

Saturday, June 3 - 9:00 AM

Friday, June 9 - 6:00 PM

Saturday, June 10 - 9:00 AM

Friday, June 16 - 6:00 PM

Saturday, June 17 - 9:00 AM

Friday, June 23 - 6:00 PM

Saturday, June 24 - 9:00 AM

Friday, June 30 - 6:00 PM

PARASHAT CLUB

Shabbat, May 13, 2023

Shabbat, June 24, 2023

12:30 P.M. after Shabbat services

Presented by Rabbi Romiel Daniel

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

THURSDAY NIGHT, MAY 25TH **(SHAVUOT EVE)**

7:15 P.M.

Torah Study Session with Rabbi Daniel

Please call the Center office if
you'd like to participate in the discussion.

Refreshments Served. No Charge.

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

SIVAN

The great event of the month of Sivan is the holiday of Shavuot, which corresponds with the receiving of the Torah by the Children of Israel on Mt. Sinai. Shavuot is commemorated in Israel on the sixth day of the month, and on the sixth and seventh days in the Jewish Diaspora (outside Israel).

On the second, Jewish men were commanded to separate from their wives so that both men and women could purify themselves for the giving of the Torah. The Torah was originally meant to have been given to the Jewish people on the sixth day of the month, 50 days after the beginning of the exodus. Moses added an extra day of preparation to ready the people, and G-d agreed to this initiative. So the Torah was actually given on the seventh day of Sivan. Jews commemorate the holiday of Shavuot on the sixth day, because G-d's original plan was to give the Torah on the sixth of Sivan.

Sivan is referred to as 'the third month' in the Torah. After the children of Israel left the land of Egypt during the third month, they entered the wilderness of Sinai (Ex.19:1) The Talmud comments: "Blessed be our G-d who has given a threefold Torah [Torah, Prophets, Writings] to a three-fold nation [Kohanim, Levites, and Israelites] through one who was third [Moses, the third child after Aaron and Miriam] ... in the third month. "The astrological sign of the month of Sivan is twins. This is associated with the central event of the month; the giving of the Torah. Through the giving of the Torah, human beings and G-d became like twins. People were given a path to draw close to G-d's thoughts, as twins do, through their ascribed extra-sensory perception.

During Sivan, the drama which began with the exodus culminates with the giving of the Torah. Israel gains the ability to walk, and becomes like G-d's twin.

SIVAN IN HISTORY

- 4 Sivan (c. 1040 BCE) – Birth of David.
- 6 Sivan (c. 1313 BCE) – The Torah was given to Moses at Mount Sinai and thus observed as the holiday of Shavuot.
- 6 Sivan (c. 940 BCE) - Death of David.
- 7 Sivan (c. 1233 BCE) – Moses was "drawn out" of the water at three months old, and thus given the name "Moshe" also observed on the holiday of Shavuot.
- 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) – Mordecai 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

The month of Tammuz is the fourth month of the Jewish calendar. In its earliest occurrence, Tammuz begins on June 10th and ends on July 8th; its latest occurrence is from July 9th to August 6th. The zodiacal sign of Tammuz is Cancer, the crab.

There are always two days of Rosh Chodesh Tammuz, the celebration of the new moon. The first day of Rosh Chodesh Tammuz falls on the 30th of Sivan. The first day of Tammuz never falls on a Monday, Wednesday or Saturday. Tammuz always has 29 days.

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It is said that on the third day of Tammuz, G-d, at the behest of Joshua, caused the sun and the moon to stop. This brought about 36 uninterrupted hours of sunlight, in order to give the conquering army of Israel time to exact vengeance from their enemy, the Emorites (Joshua 10: 12-13). The battle in which the sun stood still took place in Givon, in the Ayalon valley in central Israel.

The 17th day of Tammuz is a fast day. This fast is referred to in the Bible (Zecharia 8:19).

The Mishna Taanit 4:3 (Oral Law) lists five tragic events of Jewish history that happened on the 17th of Tammuz:

- 1 Moses smashed the first tablets on seeing the golden calf.
- 2 During the period of the first Temple, the besieged population of Jerusalem could not obtain an animal for the daily sacrifice.
- 3 The walls of Jerusalem were breached by the Romans during the second Temple period.
- 4 Apustamus, a Roman officer, burnt a Torah scroll.
- 5 An idol was placed in the holy Temple.

The 17th of Tammuz signifies the commencement of the three weeks of mourning over the destruction of the first and second holy Temples. This period is traditionally called 'between the straits', ending during the following month, on the 9th of Av. During these weeks marriages are not performed, and it is customary to refrain from attending public performances of music and dancing. Ashkenazi Jews traditionally do not cut their hair or shave during this time.

The majority of the time that Moses' spies spent in the holy land was during the month of Tammuz. They saw the land with eyes that lacked faith, eventually bringing back an evil report that cost the people 40 years of wandering in the desert.

According to the great medieval commentator, Rashi, the last words of the Torah, "and all the great awe that Moses did before the eyes of all of Israel", refer to the breaking of the tablets, which took place on the 17th of Tammuz. The fixing of our eyes is to realize that the broken fragments we see belong to a greater whole, which has shattered, but which can be repaired.

Tammuz is the saddest month in the Jewish calendar. In order to fix Tammuz, Jews need to repair their eyes, in order to gain messianic sight of the rectified future.

TAMMUZ IN JEWISH HISTORY

- 3 Tammuz (c. 1272 BCE) – Joshua stops the sun (Book of Joshua, 10:1–15)
- 5 Tammuz (c. 592 BCE) – Ezekiel receives his "Chariot" vision (Book of Ezekiel, 1:4–26)
- 6 Tammuz (1976) – Operation Entebbe
- 9 Tammuz (c. 586 BCE) – Jerusalem walls breached by Nebuchadnezzar II, a date observed as a fast day until the second breaching of Jerusalem's walls by the Roman Empire on the 17th of Tammuz (70 CE)
- 17 Tammuz (c. 1312 BCE) – golden calf offered by the Jewish people, 40 days after the giving of the Torah at Har Sinai. In response, Moses smashed the first Tablets. This is the first of the five national tragedies mourned on this day.
- 17 Tammuz (70) – Walls of Jerusalem breached by the Roman army.
- 17 Tammuz (135) The Roman general Apostomus burned the Torah and placed an idol in the Second Temple.
- 29 Tammuz (1105) – Death of Rashi

Rabbi Romiel Daniel

SISTERHOOD - REGO PARK JEWISH CENTER

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TRADITIONAL SHAVUOT LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, MAY 27TH, 2023 at 12:45 P.M.

\$25.00 per person



Make your reservation by Thursday, May 18th.

Please make checks payable to Sisterhood - Rego Park Jewish Center
and bring or mail your reservation to the Center office.

Look for reservation forms in the mail or at our website - rpjc.org

Elaine Spodick & Noreen Daniel

SISTERHOOD MEETINGS

**Tuesday, May 16, 2023
2:00 P.M.**

**Tuesday, June 20, 2023
2:00 P.M.**

Refreshments Provided

Everyone is Welcome!



**ANNUAL MAY
CENTER MEETING**

**SUNDAY, MAY 21st
at 11:00 A.M.**

***ELECTION OF OFFICERS
REFRESHMENTS***

**FOR ALL CENTER MEMBERS
IN GOOD STANDING**

**Please check your email
for links to Religious Services &
our Sunday Learn-In
on Cisco Webex**

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



**SUNDAY MORNING LEARN-IN
WITH RABBI DANIEL**



**May 7, 28
June 4, 11, 25**

*Bring your own dairy breakfast.
Coffee served.*

SUNDAY MORNING LEARN-IN

More than six weeks of meetings, since our last report, focusing on us as human beings and our relationship to G-d.

We analyzed ten words (from one to ten letters each) that are most significant in our lives: I - we - ego - love - smile - gossip - success - jealousy - knowledge & connection.

We discussed acceptance of the premise that "you are already enough." You are everything you need to grow and change your life.

We reviewed important Jewish rituals and symbols and their link to our mental, spiritual, emotional well-being and the community.

Lastly we analyzed Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd" to better understand our relationship to G-d, our protector.

Everyone expressed appreciation to Rabbi Daniel for his presentations on these meaningful topics.

Elaine Spodick

May 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10 IYAR	2 11 IYAR	3 12 IYAR	4 13 IYAR	5 14 IYAR E.S. 6:00 P.M. C.L. 7:38 P.M.	6 15 IYAR M.S. 9:00 A.M. S.E. 8:42 P.M. "EMOR"
7 16 IYAR LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	8 17 IYAR	9 18 IYAR LAG B'OMER	10 19 IYAR	11 20 IYAR	12 21 IYAR E.S. 6:00 P.M. C.L. 7:45 P.M.	13 22 IYAR M.S. 9:00 A.M. P.C. 12:30 P.M. S.E. 8:51 P.M. "BEHAR/ BEHOUKOTAI"
14 23 IYAR N.L.I. MOTHER'S DAY	15 24 IYAR	16 25 IYAR SIST. 2:00 P.M.	17 26 IYAR	18 27 IYAR	19 28 IYAR E.S. 6:00 P.M. C.L. 7:52 P.M.	20 29 IYAR M.S. 9:00 A.M. S.E. 8:59 P.M. "BEMIDBAR"
21 1 SIVAN N.L.I. MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 11:00 A.M. ROSH CHODESH	22 2 SIVAN	23 3 SIVAN	24 4 SIVAN	25 5 SIVAN C.L. 7:57 P.M. E.S. 7:00 P.M. TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT - 7:15 PM EREV SHAVUOT	26 6 SIVAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. E.S. 6:00 P.M. C.L. 7:58 P.M. 1 ST DAY OF SHAVUOT	27 7 SIVAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. YIZKOR LUNCHEON - 12:45 P.M. S.E. 9:06 P.M. 2 ND DAY OF SHAVUOT YIZKOR
28 8 SIVAN LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	29 9 SIVAN MEMORIAL DAY	30 10 SIVAN	31 11 SIVAN	C.L. = CANDLE LIGHTING N.M.S. = NO MORNING SERVICE E.S. = EVENING SERVICE P.C. = PARASHAT CLUB M.S. = MORNING SERVICE S.E. = SHABBAT ENDS N.E.S. = NO EVENING SERVICE SIST. = SISTERHOOD MEETING N.L.I. = NO LEARN-IN		

June 2023

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4 15 SIVAN LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	5 16 SIVAN	6 17 SIVAN	7 18 SIVAN	8 19 SIVAN	9 20 SIVAN E.S. 6:00 P.M. C.L. 8:08 P.M.	10 21 SIVAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. S.E. 9:17 P.M. "BEHA'ALOTECHA"
11 22 SIVAN LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	12 23 SIVAN	13 24 SIVAN	14 25 SIVAN	15 26 SIVAN	16 27 SIVAN E.S. 6:00 P.M. C.L. 8:11 P.M.	17 28 SIVAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. S.E. 9:20 P.M. "SHELACH"
18 29 SIVAN N.L.I. FATHER'S DAY	19 30 SIVAN	20 1 TAMUZ SIST. 2:00 P.M.	21 2 TAMUZ	22 3 TAMUZ	23 4 TAMUZ E.S. 6:00 P.M. C.L. 8:13 P.M.	24 5 TAMUZ M.S. 9:00 A.M. P.C. 12:30 P.M. S.E. 9:22 P.M. "KORACH"
25 6 TAMUZ LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	26 7 TAMUZ	27 8 TAMUZ	28 9 TAMUZ	29 10 TAMUZ	30 11 TAMUZ E.S. 6:00 P.M. C.L. 8:13 P.M.	

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Leonor Herbst
William Katz
Peter Landes
Agnes Posner
Elaine Spodick
Ava Wand



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Rabbi Romiel & Noreen Daniel
Sandy & Martin Novzen



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Jack Alkana
Roslyn Hochman
Pnina Lanxner
Sanford Operowsky
Herb Usenheimer

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Beverly & Carl Ellman

MAZAL TOV

Mazal Tov to Ruth Wolfson on the engagement of her grandson Adam Wolfson to Hannah Homler.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jill & Eugene Erichsen

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Donations received after April 24th will be listed in the July/August bulletin.

PURIM SHALACH MANOS

THANK YOU

Thank you to Sandi Goodman and Lynne & Joel Zakoff for all the delicious Purim treats they purchased for Shalach Manos packages. Thank you to Lynne, Elliott and Elizabeth Zakoff for delivering the Purim packages to those who were ill or homebound. It was greatly appreciated.

MANY THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR SPONSORING A CONGREGATIONAL KIDDUSH, PARASHAT CLUB OR LEARN-IN

Elise Bornstein & Maria Duron, who sponsored the Sunday morning Learn-In on March 5, 2023.

Rabbi Romiel & Noreen Daniel, who sponsored the Parashat Club in March.

Ray & Ed Starer, who sponsored the Parashat Club in April.

LOSS OF MEMBER

Ruthe Unger

*We extend our sincerest condolences
to Fern, Leslie and Joshua Penn.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Yahrzeit Fund

Jack Alkana, in memory of father Joseph Alkana.
Max Amper, in memory of father Samuel Amper.
Max Amper, in memory of sister in law Esther Sacks.
Meryl Colman, in memory of husband Harry Colman.
Meryl Colman, in memory of mother Evelyn.
Reuben Ezra, in memory of mother Victoria Ezra.
Reuben Ezra, in memory of uncle Shokar Abraham Ezra.
Mikhail Gelfer, in memory of father.
Susan Goldschmidt, in memory of father David.
Charlotte Halpern, in memory of husband Joe Halpern.
Joel Herbst, in memory of father Nathan Herbst.
Ira Hochman, in memory of brother Elliott Hochman.
Roslyn Hochman, in memory of brother Marvin.
Dan Isaacs, in memory of father Asher Isaacs.
Ruth Kaplan, in memory of mother Mina.
John Landes, in memory of Steffi Schlesinger.
Pnina Lanxner, in memory of mother Miriam.
Martin Novzen, in memory of father Abraham Novzen.
Sandy Novzen, in memory of mother Sarah.
Agnes Posner, in memory of husband Laszlo Posner.
Frances Rotkopf, in memory of mother Sylvia.
Sonia Siegel, in memory of mother in law Annie Siegel.
Ed Starer, in memory of mother Vera Starer.
Ed Starer, in memory of grandmother Ida.
Carol Stoller, in memory of Stuart Hess.
Ira Werner, in memory of father Shephard Werner.

Donations to Sisterhood

Sandi & Harriet Goodman, for Yom Hashoah, in memory of their mother's family.

Memorial Fund

Mollie & Jack Alkana, in memory of Ruthe Unger.
Martin Cantor, in memory of Ruthe Unger.
Susan Goldschmidt, in memory of Ruthe Unger.
Robin Hochberg, in memory of Ruthe Unger.
Ruth Kaplan, in memory of Ruthe Unger.
Pnina Lanxner, in memory of Ruthe Unger.
Helene Leavitt, in memory of Ruthe Unger.
Sharon & Howard Silverbrand & family, in memory of Ruthe Unger.
Ray & Ed Starer, in memory of Ruthe Unger.
Rochelle Wasserman, in memory of Ruthe Unger.

Birthday Donations

Elise Bornstein
Maria Duron

Purim Donations

Robin Hochberg, for shalach manos donation.
Ruth Kaplan, with thanks for the Purim package.
Jeanette Mildner, with thanks for the Purim package.

Passover Yizkor

Martin Cantor
Susan Goldschmidt
Robin Hochberg
Pnina Lanxner
Elaine Spodick
Ruth Wolfson

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Maria Duron, in honor of Rosh Chodesh Nissan.
Maria Duron, in honor of Passover.
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Susan Goldschmidt, in honor of reading prayer on Shabbat.
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Rabbi Romiel & Noreen Daniel, for health of David Solomon.
Susan Goldschmidt, for the good health of Joe Farber.
Susan Goldschmidt, for the recovery and good health of Pnina Lanxner.
Pnina Lanxner, for the recovery of Elaine Spodick.
Ray & Ed Starer, for the recovery of Elaine Spodick.
Ray & Ed Starer, for the recovery of Bertha Klein.
Ray & Ed Starer, for the recovery of Arthur Schwartz.
Ruth Wolfson, for the recovery of Arthur Schwartz.

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