

# 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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MAY / JUNE 2024

## MAY & JUNE 2024 SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday, May 3 - 6:00 PM  
Saturday, May 4 - 9:00 AM

Friday, May 10 - 6:00 PM  
Saturday, May 11 - 9:00 AM

Friday, May 17 - 6:00 PM  
Saturday, May 18 - 9:00 AM

Friday, May 24 - 6:00 PM  
Saturday, May 25 - 9:00 AM

Friday, May 31 - 6:00 PM  
Saturday, June 1 - 9:00 AM

Friday, June 7 - 6:00 PM  
Saturday, June 8 - 9:00 AM

Friday, June 14 - 6:00 PM  
Saturday, June 15 - 9:00 AM

Friday, June 21 - 6:00 PM  
Saturday, June 22 - 9:00 AM

Friday, June 28 - 6:00 PM  
Saturday, June 29 - 9:00 AM

## PARASHAT CLUB

Shabbat, May 25<sup>th</sup>

Shabbat, June 22<sup>nd</sup>

12:30 P.M. after Shabbat services

*Presented by Rabbi Romiel Daniel*

## TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

**TUESDAY NIGHT, JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**(SHAVUOT EVE)**

**AFTER EVENING SERVICE**

**Evening Service - 7:00 P.M.**

Torah Study Session with Rabbi Daniel

Please call the Center office  
if you plan to attend

Refreshments Served. No Charge.

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for links to Religious Services, the Parashat Club  
& our Sunday Learn-In  
on Zoom**

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# **FROM THE RABBI'S DESK**

## **IYAR**

Every month of the Jewish calendar highlights unique events in the unfolding story of the Jewish people. The month of Iyar, the second month, is no exception.

The month of Iyar usually coincides with the Gregorian month of May. Iyar is its Babylonian name. The Bible refers to it as 'the second month' or 'chodesh haziv' (the month of shining or blossoming).

Although there are no major biblical or rabbinical holidays in Iyar, there are two minor holidays. Pesach Sheni, the second Pesach, is a mandated make-up day for those who could not bring the paschal sacrifice at its appointed time. Pesach Sheni falls on the 14th of Iyar (May 22). Lag B'Omer, the 33rd day of the Counting of the Omer, is celebrated on the 18th of Iyar (this year May 26).

Two dates commemorating events in Israel's modern history are celebrated in Iyar. Israel Independence Day is celebrated on the 6th of Iyar (May 14), and Jerusalem Day, the day Israel conquered Jerusalem during the Six Day War, is celebrated on the 28th day of Iyar (June 5). The 5th of Iyar is marked in Israel as its national memorial day for fallen soldiers (Yom HaZikaron, May 13).

On the first day of Iyar, King Solomon began the construction of the First Temple (Kings I:6:1). On the exact same day, hundreds of years later, Ezra began the construction of the Second Temple (Ezra 3:8).

The Hebrew letters Iyar form an acronym of I am the Lord your Healer, thus Iyar is a propitious time for healing.

During the month of Iyar following the exodus, the manna which fed the Israelites for 40 years during their sojourn in the desert began to fall from heaven. Manna is supposed to have healing qualities.

Iyar is a time especially conducive to developing the capacity to reflect and meditate on G-d. Iyar is a time of healing and developing one's mental capacities. In modernity, Iyar is associated with the founding of Israel and Israel's regaining of Jerusalem.

## **SIVAN**

The origin of the name "Sivan" is not Hebrew but Assyrian and is the incarnation of the Babylonian name which means joy, because it is the month of harvest and the ripening of grain.

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).

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."

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.

There is a very strong custom to eat dairy on Shavuot, which has made blintzes and cheesecake the popular foods of the holiday. There are several reasons that are given to explain this custom, but the most popular one is about the laws of kashrut.

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Sivan is the third. Three is an amazing number in Judaism. Moses was the third child in his family. The Israelites began the three-day process of preparing themselves to receive the Torah on the third of Sivan. G-d divided the Jews into three groups with different roles: the Kohanim, the Leviites, and the rest of the Jews, Yisrael.

Receiving Torah is the ultimate nivdal (meaning separate, transcendent). It is a commitment to go beyond the immediate, the vivid, and the seemingly real, and to get to the transcendent, inclusive picture that is the essence of truth.

Chag Sameach and Gut Yontiff.

*Rabbi Romiel Daniel*

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



**May 5, 26  
June 2, 9, 23, 30**

*Bring your own dairy breakfast.  
Coffee served.*

**ANNUAL MAY  
CENTER MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING**

**SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024  
at 11:30 A.M.**

**FOR ALL CENTER  
MEMBERS  
IN GOOD STANDING**

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# SISTERHOOD - REGO PARK JEWISH CENTER

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TRADITIONAL SHAVUOT LUNCHEON

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 12:30 P.M.**

**\$25.00 per person**



**Make your reservation by Monday, June 3rd**

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 - [rjpc.org](http://rjpc.org)

*Elaine Spodick & Noreen Daniel*

## SISTERHOOD MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15  
2:00 P.M.**

*Refreshments Provided  
Everyone Welcome*



## **MAZAL TOV**

Mazal Tov to Pnina Lanxner on the birth of her great granddaughter Annie Auerbach on Feb. 22, 2024. Annie is the daughter of Matthew and Mollie Auerbach, the sister of Birdie and the granddaughter of Zipora and Bill Auerbach.

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

Jerrey Adler, who sponsored the congregational Kiddush on March 9, 2024 in honor of his mother's 100th birthday.

Maria Duron, who sponsored the Parashat Club on April 13, 2024 in celebration of her birthday.

### **PURIM SHALACH MANOS THANK YOU**

Thank you to Lynne & Joel Zakoff and Anne Levner for delivering the Purim packages to those who were ill or homebound. It was greatly appreciated.

My deepest gratitude to Rabbi Romiel Daniel, Rebbetzin Noreen Daniel and all my friends at Rego Park Jewish Center for your prayers, concern and many kindnesses during my surgery period and recuperation.

Thank you and bless you all.

Elaine Spodick

## **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

## **JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

Beverly & Carl Ellman



# May 2024

## NISSAN / IYAR 5784

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
C.L. = CANDLE LIGHTING E.S. = EVENING SERVICE M.S. = MORNING SERVICE N.E.S. = NO EVENING SERVICE N.L.I. = NO LEARN-IN  N.M.S. = NO MORNING SERVICE P.C. = PARASHAT CLUB S.E. = SHABBAT ENDS SIST. = SISTERHOOD MEETING			<b>1</b> 23 NISSAN	<b>2</b> 24 NISSAN	<b>3</b> 25 NISSAN E.S. 6:00 P.M. C.L. 7:37 P.M.	<b>4</b> 26 NISSAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. S.E. 8:41 P.M.  "AHAREI MOT"
<b>5</b> 27 NISSAN  LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.  YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION- 11:30 A.M.	<b>6</b> 28 NISSAN	<b>7</b> 29 NISSAN	<b>8</b> 30 NISSAN	<b>9</b> 1 IYAR	<b>10</b> 2 IYAR E.S. 6:00 P.M. C.L. 7:44 P.M.	<b>11</b> 3 IYAR M.S. 9:00 A.M. S.E. 8:49 P.M.  "KEDOSHIM"
<b>12</b> 4 IYAR  N.L.I.  MOTHER'S DAY	<b>13</b> 5 IYAR  YOM HAZIKARON	<b>14</b> 6 IYAR  YOM HA'ATZMAUT	<b>15</b> 7 IYAR  SIST 2:00 P.M.	<b>16</b> 8 IYAR	<b>17</b> 9 IYAR E.S. 6:00 P.M. C.L. 7:51 P.M.	<b>18</b> 10 IYAR M.S. 9:00 A.M. C.L. 8:57 P.M.  "EMOR"
<b>19</b> 11 IYAR  CENTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 11:30 A.M.	<b>20</b> 12 IYAR	<b>21</b> 13 IYAR	<b>22</b> 14 IYAR	<b>23</b> 15 IYAR	<b>24</b> 16 IYAR E.S. 6:00 P.M. C.L. 7:57 P.M.	<b>25</b> 17 IYAR M.S. 9:00 A.M. P.C. 12:30 P.M. S.E. 9:04 P.M.  "BEHAR"
<b>26</b> 18 IYAR  LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.  LAG B'OMER	<b>27</b> 19 IYAR  MEMORIAL DAY	<b>28</b> 20 IYAR	<b>29</b> 21 IYAR	<b>30</b> 22 IYAR	<b>31</b> 23 IYAR E.S. 6:00 P.M. C.L. 8:03 P.M.	

# June 2024

## IYAR / SIVAN 5784

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 24 IYAR  M.S. 9:00 A.M. S.E. 9:11 P.M.  "BEHOUKOTAI"
<b>2</b> 25 IYAR  LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	<b>3</b> 26 IYAR	<b>4</b> 27 IYAR	<b>5</b> 28 IYAR  YOM YERUSHALAYIM	<b>6</b> 29 IYAR	<b>7</b> 1 SIVAN  E.S. 6:00 P.M. C.L. 8:07 P.M.  ROSH CHODESH	<b>8</b> 2 SIVAN  M.S. 9:00 A.M. S.E. 9:16 P.M.  "BEMIDBAR"
<b>9</b> 3 SIVAN  LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	<b>10</b> 4 SIVAN	<b>11</b> 5 SIVAN  C.L. 8:09 P.M. E.S. 7:00 P.M. TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT AFTER E.S.  EREV SHAVUOT	<b>12</b> 6 SIVAN  M.S. 9:00 A.M. LUNCHEON 12:30 PM  1 <sup>ST</sup> DAY OF SHAVUOT	<b>13</b> 7 SIVAN  M.S. 9:00 A.M. YIZKOR  YIZKOR  2 <sup>ND</sup> DAY OF SHAVUOT	<b>14</b> 8 SIVAN  E.S. 6:00 P.M. C.L. 8:11 P.M.	<b>15</b> 9 SIVAN  M.S. 9:00 A.M. S.E. 9:20 P.M.  "NASSO"
<b>16</b> 10 SIVAN  N.L.I.  FATHER'S DAY	<b>17</b> 11 SIVAN	<b>18</b> 12 SIVAN	<b>19</b> 13 SIVAN	<b>20</b> 14 SIVAN	<b>21</b> 15 SIVAN  E.S. 6:00 P.M. C.L. 8:13 P.M.	<b>22</b> 16 SIVAN  M.S. 9:00 A.M. P.C. 12:30 P.M. S.E. 9:22 P.M.  "BEHA'ALOTECHA"
<b>23</b> 17 SIVAN  LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	<b>24</b> 18 SIVAN	<b>25</b> 19 SIVAN	<b>26</b> 20 SIVAN	<b>27</b> 21 SIVAN	<b>28</b> 22 SIVAN  E.S. 6:00 P.M. C.L. 8:13 P.M.	<b>29</b> 23 SIVAN  M.S. 9:00 A.M. S.E. 9:21 P.M.  "SHELACH"
<b>30</b> 24 SIVAN  LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	C.L. = CANDLE LIGHTING E.S. = EVENING SERVICE M.S. = MORNING SERVICE N.E.S. = NO EVENING SERVICE N.L.I. = NO LEARN-IN  N.M.S. = NO MORNING SERVICE P.C. = PARASHAT CLUB S.E. = SHABBAT ENDS SIST. = SISTERHOOD MEETING					



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# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## MISHEBERACH FUND

Joshua Patraj  
Rabbi Romiel Daniel  
Elaine Spodick, with thanks to Hashem for her recovery.  
Ray & Ed Starer, for the recovery of Elaine Spodick.  
Ruth Wolfson, for the recovery of Elaine Spodick.

## GENERAL DONATIONS

Maria Duron, in honor of Rosh Chodesh Nissan.  
Maria Duron, in honor of her birthday.  
Mikhail Gelfer, in honor of Passover  
Reina Goodman, in honor of opening the ark on Shabbat.  
Pnina Lanxner, in honor of reading prayer on Shabbat.  
Joshua Patraj  
Ray & Ed Starer, for various aliyas.

## COMMEMORATIVE FUND

Susan Goldschmidt, in honor of the birth of Pnina Lanxner's new great granddaughter.  
Ida & Arthur Schwartz, in honor of their anniversary on April 15th.

## SISTERHOOD

Reina Goodman

### A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Donations received after April 18<sup>th</sup> will be listed in the July / August bulletin.

## Yahrzeit Fund

Max Amper, in memory of father Samuel Amper.  
Meryl Colman, in memory of husband Harry Colman.  
Rabbi Romiel Daniel, in memory of father Isaac Daniel.  
Mikhail Gelfer, in memory of his wife  
Susan Goldschmidt, in memory of father David.  
Malka Gross, in memory of husband Howard Gross.  
Ira Hochman, in memory of brother Elliott Hochman.  
Dan Isaacs, in memory of father Asher Isaacs.  
John Landes, in memory of Stephanie Schlesinger.  
Pnina Lanxner, in memory of mother Miriam.  
Frances Rotkopf, in memory of mother Sylvia.  
Frances Rotkopf, in memory of father Mortimer.  
Jeffrey Stark, in memory of brother Yisrael Zalman.  
Audrey Stone, in memory of father in law Michael Stone.



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