



# The Shofar

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## **Another Spectacular Evening of Music is Coming Soon**

Mark your calendars now. You will not want to miss all the surprises we have planned for you. June 13th will certainly be a night to remember and it isn't even here yet. There will not only be surprises in the music but players as well. You will have to come to find out what a night of beautiful music sounds like!

To start, our own Cantor David Katz's voice will provide an electrifying twist to favorite tunes from the 70's by the Eagles, America, Seals and Crofts, the Beatles and so many more!! Yes, he has done pop music before and with others but this year he will be joined by such special talents whom you won't want to miss. It will be a whole different experience that is out of this world! Each year the concerts just keep getting better and better!

This year, more so than before, SAFETY is the word of the day and we want everyone to feel comfortable in their familiar surroundings. Our Temple is offering a way for you to come back home different from before. The concert is going to have a totally relaxed atmosphere in our outdoor CLUB OR ELOHIM! Every precaution will be taken to make sure that attendees will feel comfortable.

Our Safety Task Force will make sure that we all follow the current CDC guidelines and not take any unnecessary risks. For those of you who want to watch from home, we will also be streaming the event with a protected password. There will be more details about this and other topics in the future.

The guest soloists have diversified backgrounds. Without sharing too much about them now, because we want you to come to the concert to learn more about our planned surprises... here is a brief description of our lead guitarist. Sal loves playing the music of Genesis. Any implications to the contrary shall be denied, refuted or responded to with well-timed band choreography. Sal has performed with many original projects, cover bands and musical theater productions off Broadway, on television and all over the U.S. Sal currently gigs with Fivestone, Soul Doctor, Captain Jack (Billy Joel tribute) and teaches music at Nassau Community College, as well as privately.

What is a night of singing without accompaniment to keep everyone happy throughout the night? There will be other guitarists, bassists and various music accompaniment.

For more information, please reach out to Laurel at 516-794-0036 or [friedworks@gmail.com](mailto:friedworks@gmail.com)

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By Request

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We would love to include any good news you have to share in our ***Tell and Kvell*** section. Please let us know of weddings, births, awards, etc.

Please forward all such information to:

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Our expanded and redecorated Temple can accommodate your celebration: Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Kiddush, Havdalah Service, Luncheon, Wedding, Bris and all other types of parties.

Shawn and Scott will be happy to help you plan a memorable occasion for your family.

Please contact Hasson Caterers to consider having your simcha at Temple Or Elohim. **(516) 937-0120 or 0121**

**Thoughts & Prayers:**

We offer our prayers of healing and heartfelt thoughts to acknowledge those of us who have had an illness or are in need of healing (mind, body and soul).

Please do not hesitate to contact Rav Judy, Cantor Katz or our Caring Committee.

**Sponsor an Oneg:**

A special way to celebrate your family's simcha is by sponsoring a Friday night oneg. Your sponsorship will be acknowledged in the pamphlet and announced from the Bimah. You will not only be making a wonderful gesture on behalf of your family, but will be helping out your Temple as well.

**Please call Deena Yaris at (516) 433-0771.**

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**Services Schedule:**

Sat.	May 1	Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah Olivia Hatz	10:00 AM
Fri.	May 7	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	May 8	Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah Ryan DeLuccia	10:00 AM
Fri.	May 14	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	May 15	Shabbat Shalom	
Fri.	May 21	Erev Shabbat Service 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up & Teacher Appreciation Ceremonies	7:30 PM
Sat.	May 22	Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah Jonah Sorkin	10:00 AM
Fri.	May 28	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	May 29	Shabbat Shalom	

**Keep Handy for Reference:**

**CALL AND TELL US** If there is a death or illness in the family  
Daytime – Temple Office (516)433-9888  
Otherwise – Rav Judy (516)662-0194 or Cantor Katz at (516)849-1332

Consultations with the clergy before final scheduling of services will help ensure availability.

**Baskets on the Bimah**

A great way to honor a simcha is by sponsoring a basket on the bimah.

Proceeds go to assist local needy families.

Any congregant can have a basket displayed on the bimah for Shabbat by bringing a minimum of \$36 to the Temple Office, at least one week in advance.

**Yarmulkes:**

Order yarmulkes for your Bar/Bat Mitzvah or Wedding at discounted prices from NOW (formerly Sisterhood).

There is a tremendous variety of colors available. FREE IMPRINTING IN SILVER OR GOLD for orders of 5 dozen or more. If more than one color or less than 5 dozen are ordered there's an additional fee. A charge of \$10 for shipping and handling is added to all orders.

Please contact **Susan Bloomberg at (516)639-3982.**

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Velvet	\$36/dozen
Moire	\$25/dozen
Raw Silk	\$26/dozen

***President's Message:*****KEEP IT GOING**

As that old Lerner & Loew song from Camelot goes, we are entering "The Merry Month of May." Indeed, May is shaping up to be a very merry month for all of us.

We are on a constant search for ways to bring things back as much as possible while staying safe under the guidance of the COVID-19 Safety Committee. We took leaps forward in April. Those of you who attended Friday night services in April, either in the sanctuary or on zoom, have seen that we are now once again calling Congregants up to the bema to light the Shabbat candles and to open the ark doors for Aleinu. Our Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration on April 16 not only featured Nishamah, but a "grab and go" schwarma dinner, each one individually wrapped. Thank you to Michael Wilner for sponsoring that delectable trip on the road to normalcy.

The merriness of May includes (hopefully) ever-improving weather, which should enable us to find even more ways to be together, both outdoors and indoors. As we did last summer and fall, we will cordon off a portion of our parking lot on Friday nights to set up chairs so that we can resume outdoor onegs and those attending services can snack and schmooze. As weather permits, the kids in our school can start doing more outside. I expect that NOW and the Men's Club will be able to once again have certain events outdoors.

I look forward to starting to get together indoors more. Our Chair of the Board, Marc Wiener, is seeking to find a way for the Board meeting this month to be in-person, with proper safety precautions and zoom capability for those who wish to do so. Board members, stay tuned. The Cantor is planning on holding his annual concert indoors in June. As New York State starts loosening requirements for indoor gatherings, we can explore resuming smaller committee meetings at the temple, as long as we can do them safely.

Finally, the High Holy Days start in a little over 4 months. Be on the lookout for upcoming communications from me and others. Just like last year, we are going to be seeking your input as we plan how to have the most people possible attending services in the temple, while maintaining all safety protocols. It is my fondest hope that I see all of you in temple at one point or another during the High Holy Days.

As a temple, we have done an amazing job pulling together through however many waves of the pandemic you want to count. A lot of people have put in tremendous amounts of time and effort to do the maximum amount possible and to ensure that we stay connected to each other. This is no time to slack off. We must keep it going.

**Neil Miller**, President



## **Congratulations to our Bat and Bar Mitzvah Candidates and their families:**

May 1, 2021

**Olivia Hatz**

Daughter of Ben and Jennifer

May 8, 2021

**Ryan DeLuccia**

Son of Steven and Madalyn

May 22, 2021

**Jonah Sorkin**

Son of Evan and Sahar



***Rabbi's Corner:***

Chag Sameach! If it seems like I am always wishing you a happy holiday, it is because we have a holiday almost every month. The only Hebrew month without a happy holiday is November, or Cheshvan, where we commemorate Kristallnacht. This month, Sivan, brings us Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost, on the 50<sup>th</sup> day after the first day of Pesach.



As many of you know, the Jewish calendar is primarily lunar but has adjustments periodically to the solar calendar to make sure that springtime holidays, like Passover, stay in the spring. This year, the 6<sup>th</sup> of Sivan, the Hebrew date for Shavuot, corresponds to May 16-17.

The early date for Shavuot gives us the opportunity to delve into the festival without it being crowded out by other late spring festivities. Shavuot, seven weeks after Passover, celebrates Matan Torah - the giving of the Torah. If you are thinking there is another festival celebrating the Torah, you are correct. Shavuot celebrates Moses' return from Mt. Sinai with the Law. Some people say he brought only the 10 Commandments, others believe that the entire Torah and the Oral Law were brought down from Mt. Sinai by Moses on Shavuot. Simchat Torah, in the fall, celebrates our annual reading of the Torah, finishing the reading and beginning again.

Some of the customs surrounding Shavuot include eating dairy to remember that dietary laws were just given and the Tikkun Leil Shavuot, all night Torah study.

The Reform Movement chose the period of time where we appreciate receiving the Torah for Confirmation, replacing Bar Mitzvah for a long period of time. Now that Bar and Bat Mitzvah are back in vogue, we must redouble our efforts for higher Jewish learning and the return of Confirmation as a valued and valuable Jewish life cycle event.

***Rabbi Judy***

## **Online Donations Made Easy**

To make a donation on-line, go to the home page of our Temple's website, [orelohim.com](http://orelohim.com), scroll down to the "Donate Now" button and click on it. You will be brought to a different webpage. Fill in Account (credit card) Information. Then, fill in your Billing Information. At the end of this section there is a required field entitled "Purpose of Donation" which has a drop-down menu of 6 listings. If the donation does not fit any of the first 4 options, then click on either "Specific Purpose" or "Other". Then, underneath the "Purpose of Donation" line, there is another required field entitled "Donation Details". You should enter the particular reason for the donation, for example "High Holiday Appeal", "High Holiday Card" or "Honey From Your Heart". Complete the transaction. THANK YOU for thinking about donating to our Temple!

***Please read this notice before writing a check to Rabbi's or Cantor's Discretionary Fund!***

On the latest version of the Donations Form, there are instructions for the wording of the "Payable To" line on your check. The form is included in the Shofar every month. Please follow the instructions on the form; it will save us time and effort and Rabbi or Cantor will receive the funds so much sooner! Thank you for your cooperation.

Goldie and Robin



## ***Cantor's Message:***



Shalom and Happy Spring! What a wonderful time of the year AND a new chance to begin to slowly come out of the COVID world and have our lives return to semi-normal. The last few months at the Temple have been packed with incredible services and events in spite of the current conditions. We had a brilliant Purim and a beautiful Passover Service along with B'nei Mitzvahs. Our Hebrew School did amazing things like the Virtual Wax Museum. In addition to all of this there was also a very significant and important event that took place in the beginning of April.

This was the commemoration and dedication of our additional "Wall of Memory " that includes all of the yahrzeit plaques from the previous Community Reform Temple. This dedication now solidifies our merger as one temple and allows all people who were members of CRT to be able to feel "at home" as they can now see their loved ones' memories whenever they wish.

All the names are displayed on a magnificent and beautiful board. Michael Wilner and many other people on the committee graciously took care of and managed the board to make this happen. All of us cannot thank Michael and the committee enough for making this become a reality.

After this moment in time was consecrated, someone came up to me after services and asked "why do we as Jewish people put the name of our deceased as a donation, on the walls of our temples? "After all," they went on to say. "I do not see this in churches etc.." This was indeed a great question. It moved me to investigate past the obvious, which I had been taught. The foremost and highest level of giving tzedakah is to do so in honor of a loved one who has passed. In a Responsa from the early 20th century- A Rabbinical "conversation" between lay leaders and Rabbinical authorities, a comment was written:

As a synagogue, we must teach and preach that gifts are properly given out of thanksgiving, or as a private personal tribute to the living or in memory of the dead, or out of desire to help in holy work. In none of these cases, should we encourage the cheapening of a precious mitzvah by holding out the incentive of attaining glory, credit or publicity.

It was also found in a Responsa that referred to a 1978 discovery-

We now know from over 500 inscriptions discovered in ancient synagogues in Israel and the Diaspora during the past century that it was common practice to write the names of donors on the object or the section of the building which they donated. The inscription – in Greek, Aramaic or Hebrew – mentions the names of the donors, the object donated and even the amount paid.

We see that one of the long-lived traditions and sayings we have- "LDOR VADOR- FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION" is kept alive on the walls of our sanctuary, along with the other and equally important traditions of the giving of TZEDAKAH. I hope you all enjoy the beautiful memory Yahrzeit boards and are able to be grateful and appreciative that we have them up now on the walls of our sanctuary.

We also saw in the month of April our new organ/piano arrive! What a fabulous gift to our Temple and sanctuary. This wonderful gift and new addition to our sanctuary was donated to our Temple by NOW. We cannot thank you all enough. With Robin Grossman leading the way and making sure everything got taken care of, we now have a brand-new organ/piano. Thank you, Robin and NOW for this gracious gift.

One last thing for you all to do is to put in your calendars for this year's concert -**JUNE 13- 2021**. This year is going to take you back in time to those days of ease and great vibes. We will be doing an "Unplugged" concert with acoustic guitars and other instruments. The music will be all the great acoustic, folk and upbeat songs from the 70's. Music from the Beatles, Crosby Stills and Nash, The Eagles, Simon and Garfunkel and more! This is a night you do not want to miss. It will be one of the first times we can finally get together and sing and let loose and relax while enjoying fabulous music from the "old days!"

I can't wait to see you all there,

***Cantor Katz***

## Religious School:

Shalom Friends,



May is here. We are in our final weeks of Religious School. Last month, specifically April 08, 2021, we were gathered as a community to remember the Shoah and say the never-ending words “We Will Never Forget.” Our 7<sup>th</sup> graders led a heartfelt commemorative service remembering the very many that perished in the Holocaust. Thank you to our children who led this powerful service and to our Clergy for their participation. The Cantor’s beautiful voice singing “The Butterfly”, a poem written by Pavel Friedman z”l, brought tears to many. Our guest speaker, Alex Konstantyn, born in 1937 in Varenz, Poland shared powerful testimony of his struggle to survive against the Nazis and hunger. His story of perseverance, despite hurt and pain engaged everyone that attended. It is vital that we continue to teach, learn and retell the horrors of the Holocaust. We must continue to teach our children that Anti-Semitism is real. Our voices must be heard.

As we reflect on the past year, I am in awe of all our students and their determination to learn despite the challenges that they encountered with new protocols and procedures to keep everyone safe. Our clergy, teachers and staff worked very closely with me to provide our children with fun-filled learning despite the many obstacles that we learned to overcome!

Thank you to our President Neil Miller, our Executive Board and Board of Trustees for your continued support, as well as Susan Bloomberg and Jamie Schultz, Religious School Co-Chairs for your ongoing dedication.

By now, many of you have read that we are offering an Internship Program for all post Bat/Bar Mitzvah students. We have created several opportunities for teens to earn community service credit for National Honor’s Society and for the College admittance process. If your child has an interest that has not been suggested, please do not hesitate to discuss their ideas with me. I am open to all suggestions!

On May 21, 2021 we will have a very special evening, honoring all our 7<sup>th</sup> graders as they “move up” from our Religious School. Our students have worked very hard and have accomplished so much despite the challenges handed to them. They have shown maturity, understanding, and great compassion. They all deserve the recognition and praise for all their accomplishments.

On the same night, we will also honor our clergy, staff and teachers during our Shabbat Service with Nishamah, our band. A wonderful evening filled with fun, RUACH and many honors! Let’s all come together as a temple family to celebrate some very special people.

A huge Mazal Tov to our students Caitlyn Schultz, Eli Ginsburg and Wesley Sigler for becoming Bat/Bar Mitzvahs. Each student led a beautiful service and delivered a heartfelt D’Var Torah Speech. We are proud of our dear students and wish them continued success in all they strive to accomplish.

Again, MY gratitude and thank you for your positivity and optimism.

B’Shalom,

**Deborah E. Tract**, Director of Education

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Alex was liberated by the Russians from a bunker in which he and his mother were being hid and fed. He went to Israel in 1950, had difficulty learning Hebrew, finished high school at age 20 and joined the Army. He then came to the U.S. where he met his wife, Susan. They have eight grandchildren. He calls them his “revenge against Hitler.”

This was a story like no other, told so eloquently by a man who has been through so much but at 83 years old speaks from his heart! The comments at the end of the presentation tell it all. “Thank you for reminding us what is important,” and “My parents never had the courage to do this. They never wanted to discuss their experiences. Thank you for telling your story.”

We all hope Alex will continue to tell this story for many years so that we never forget. ZACHOR!

## **N.O.W.** (Network of Women)

### **News from NOW**

The piano is a musical instrument which has origins that date back to the 11<sup>th</sup> century. The piano's ancestry can be traced back through various instruments such as the clavichord, harpsichord and dulcimer. But if it were traced back even further, one would find that the piano is a descendant of the monochord. In other words, based on its ancestry the piano can be classified as a string instrument. This information was retrieved from Google. I am neither a historian nor musically inclined. But I can compare the “piano” of long ago with the piano of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The one I am referencing is the newest “member” of the band. Its name is Roland and it has a new sound, a new look and a new home and to boot it is electric! May you all enjoy the melodic notes played by Ed Stolarz every Friday night and on special band nights thanks to the fundraising efforts by Network Of Women.



### **N.O.W. for the News!**

We are winding down our fiscal year with only one more month to go so the ‘news’ is not going to be as lengthy as in the past!

We will continue to hold a monthly book club discussion where all congregants are invited to attend.

As the weather continues to warm up, I will attempt to do a hybrid of outdoor, in person meetings with Zoom so that all can attend. There will be pop up events off premise such as the one we had in April as we walked to Fire Island.

We continue with our new series “Teach Us What You Know” as Laurel Fried will be the next presenter at the May meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Thank you to Mrs./Cantor/Rebbetzin Emeritus Joan Abramowitz for April’s segment!

We are keeping with the same “officers” of NOW since the consolidation and will form a nominating committee next year.

In the meantime, if you have any thoughts or ideas for fundraisers, events or just in general please contact me!

Cheers to all of you on Mother’s Day! Remember G-d couldn’t be everywhere so he created mothers!

Robin Grossman, President of N.O.W.

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## **Social Action Committee**

Our Passover Food Drive was a big success! Thank you to all who contributed Kosher for Passover Food. We also provided all of the non-perishable fixing for a complete Passover to five local families. A special shout out to Sydni and Stephen Grossman for doing the shopping!

Please remember that our Food Pantries need donations all year round. The Hatzilu Pantry needs Kosher non-perishable food & paper goods/cleaning supplies (which are not covered by SNAPs formerly Food Stamps). Outside the main entrance to the Temple is a storage bin that we are using for food donations, so you can safely drop off your donations without entering the building. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Susan Levine, Chair, Social Action Committee

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## **Yom Hashoah Commemoration At Temple Or Elohim, A Community Reform Congregation**

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, an impactful event took place in Jericho, New York at Temple Or Elohim, A Community Reform Congregation. Via a smooth and virtually glitch-free ZOOM, our seventh graders and our clergy welcomed Alex Konstantyn, a Holocaust survivor, who told a story none of us will ever forget.

Our Director of Education, Deborah Tract, created this event as a natural extension of the Holocaust studies in our Religious School. Learning about the Holocaust is a significant part of the curriculum for our upper classes and the students take it very seriously. Deborah introduced this evening's presentation and the participating students. We learned about the highlight of the curriculum, the Twinning Program that Deborah Tract created, through which our students "twin with victims of the Holocaust who did not make it to their Bar or Bat Mitzvah." This program creates a sense of responsibility for our students to remember their twin and to continue the tradition of reciting Kaddish each year. As per Deborah, "No person should ever be forgotten and may each person's memory always be remembered as a blessing."

Cantor David Katz sang "The Butterfly," which was written by Pavel Friedman. Pavel was deported to the Terezin Concentration Camp on April 26, 1942 at the age of 21. In "The Butterfly," Pavel wrote about the last butterfly he had seen and how he longed to see another but knew he never would, as butterflies don't live in the ghetto. Pavel died in Oswiecim (Auschwitz) on September 29, 1944.

Our Seventh graders continued the program with their own presentations and interpretations of the impact of the Holocaust. Emma Shapiro offered her own thoughts on the attempted genocide of the Jewish people and reminded us of Anne Frank who grew up during those times. Brandon Zeller confidently led us in Hebrew prayer and recited the Shema. He made us proud. Jesse Tanner reminded us about the victims. Matthew Pressman spoke about the devastated communities and the destruction of books and artwork. Wes Sigler described the underground networks and the partisans who fought to the last breath. Jonah Sorkin recognized the ordinary people who risked danger to rescue countless Jews. Aden Scher lit his candle for the Liberators and described the horrors they found in the camps. Olivia Hatz spoke of the children. More than one million were lost. Olivia paid tribute to her twin, Paulette Abouaf z"l. Nate Feinstein concluded the seventh grade presentations with a poem about Sorrow and "having to live in pain just for the Nazi's gain."

Rabbi Judy Cohen-Rosenberg commended these seventh graders who are carrying out a righteous act by remembering the Holocaust. As the years pass, there are fewer and fewer survivors who will tell their stories of survival. Recalling their memory prevents them from dying a double death. In fact, this was the theme of the evening: ZACHOR – the commandment to remember. Everyone lit a yellow candle as we recited Kaddish. Cantor led us in the singing of Hatikva, and Helen Turner, Director of Education at the Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County (HMTTC), reminded us that by hearing a witness we too become a witness.

We witnessed Alex Konstantyn speak of his parents' decision to join the Polish refugees escaping to the South to avoid the heavy shelling by the Germans in 1941, after hearing many stories of Germans herding Jews on trucks and taking them to labor camps. Alex was only four years old. They had to remove the Star of David from their clothing, an act punishable by death, and sleep in woods, barns and haystacks. When they ran out of food, they bought dried up bread and potatoes with gold coins Alex's father hid in his tool belt. Eventually, a farmer took them in but, after ten days, he poisoned them and Alex's father died. Alex and his mom moved on immediately, sometimes knocking on doors for bread and sometimes picking food from garbage bins. They were deceived by some who appeared to be offering shelter. It was such an amazing story one could not help but think he or she was watching a movie. We later learned a documentary of Alex's story will indeed be made and entitled "Escape to Nowhere."

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***Yahrzeits:*****Week of May 7**

Milton Baker, Morris Bloom, Mark Broxmeyer, Anna Chasen, Ben Cohen, Robert Cohn, Harry Crown, Jan Czerwonka, Harry Davis, Leonard Delman, Saul DeSaretz, Oscar Feldman, Murray Freilich, Pearl Goldwyn, Joel Haber, Abraham Holtz, Eleanor Holtz, Dora Keller, Moe Krakoff, Ida Kravit, Abraham Landow, Philip Levine, Sheldon Levy, Myron Miller, Paul Miller, Roslyn Mitchel, Charles Moed, Leon S. Newton, Debbie Passigli, Helen Resnick, Frances Rose, Nadia Saglimbeni, Morris Schanker, Morton Schultz, Abraham Schutz, Florence Schwartz, Merrill Seldes, Sophie Silverman, Samuel Sussman, Bernard Teichholz, George Weinstein and Sadie Zais

**Week of May 14**

Harry Albin, Henry Babus, Samuel Baiman, Sylvia Bilmas, Seymour Blinder, Betty Dinner, Ida Dubovsky, Abraham Egelman, Joseph Egelman, Abraham Falkowitz, Murray Fox, Harry Frank, Morris Friedman, Rose Gross, Berdie Heyman, Stuart Horowitz, Joseph Jonas, Paula Kolson, Milton Light, Hyman Messinger, Leonore Norden, Stanley Oscar, Paula Perlmutter, Murray Rosenthal, Leonard Ross, Joseph Sachs, Carmelo Saglimbeni, Ruth Samanowitz, David Schoenholtz, Wolf Serko, Lester Shick, Lila Sobel, Herbert Stein, Shirley Stein, Fanny Steubens, Abraham Theodore, Benjamin Weiner and William Wolf

**Week of May 21**

Herman Axel, Alvin Band, Morris Bernfeld, Rhoda Bloomberg, Harold Bukzin, Marion Cohan, Herman Cohen, Sarah Cohen, Esther Dovin, Samuel Dubin, Max Duchan, Salomon Elalouf, Bernard Entman, Mona Glass, Rose Goldberg, Marvin Grant, Rosy Haveson, Samuel Hecht, Sylvia Herman, Jo-Anne Isenberg, Keith Jackson, Esther Jacobs, Philip Kalb, Leonard Kenger, Harry Krautman, B. Douglass Lecher, Stacey Leff, Jan Marcus, Adrian Nackman, Anna Nagler, Joseph Price, Haree Rosenberg, Freda Schwartz, George Schwartz, Anna Siegall, Hyman Slatincoff, Robert Steiker, Gussie Taylor, Harvey Weintraub, Samuel Winston and Harvey Wolff

**Week of May 28**

Alvin Baer, William Berkman, Sol Bloch, Ethan DeJong, Maurice Dratler, Lawrence Ehrensall, Irving Elkin, Harvey Finkelstein, Sidney Fried, Minnie Ghidaleson, Irwin Goodman, Hyman Helman, Irene Himmelstein, Robert Ingis, Israel Jedeikin, Marjorie Kasner, Bessie Koffler, Joseph Kuraner, Tillie Levy, Samuel Manners, Betty Mogavero, Cecilia Moskowitz, Isadore Nachman, Alvin Nathel, Louis Peterman, Henry J. Rosenberg, Isidor Schneider, Herman Schwartz, Abraham Siegel, Rose Sternschein, Bob Walters, Irving Weinberg and Saul Yablonovitz

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***Torah Notes:*****May 1 – Emor (Leviticus 21:1-24:23)**

A presentation of the Law of the Priests: for mourning, marriage, factors that disqualify a priest, laws of the Sabbath and Holidays, duties of the priests, keeping the sanctuary lamp burning, freshly baked challot on the table each Sabbath, other laws dealing with blasphemy, murder, assault and punishment for crimes. Equality of treatment for all is mandated.

**May 8 - Behar (Leviticus 25:1-26:2 / Behukotai, Leviticus 26:3-27:34)**

Behar defines the relationship between man and the Earth – the balance to be achieved based upon the acceptance that the Earth is the Lord's. Man is only given the privilege of using it to sustain himself, never to abuse the land. Establishment of the Sabbatical every seventh year as a rest for the soil is introduced.

Behukotai is the last chapter of the Book of Leviticus and describes Israel's voluntary contributions to the upkeep of the Sanctuary – a tradition of generosity towards the support and preservation of our houses of worship. Moses challenges Israel to choose the way of Torah as its basis for a way of life.

**May 15 - Bamidbar (Numbers 1:1-4:20)**

Here we read a detailed report on the census taken of all the adult males of Israel, those able to do battle. Moses appoints the twelve heads of the tribes as representatives to carry out the assignment. The result of the census showed that there were 603,550 Israelite men above the age of twenty who were in fit condition and did not belong to the priesthood and were thus qualified to serve in the upcoming battles.

**May 22 – Nasso (Numbers 4:21-7:89)**

A continued description of the duties of the Levites, laws relating to ritual uncleanness; people with diseases were not permitted to live within camp limits, the laws of the Nazerites (those who took upon themselves obligations that were beyond those required, like not cutting their hair, not drinking any wine, avoiding contact with any dead body, etc.). It was a sacred promise made to God.

**May 29 - Beha'alotcha (Numbers 8:1-12:16)**

This portion deals with the lighting of the 7-branched menorah by Aaron, observance of the 2nd annual Passover, the making of the two silver trumpets (shofrot), the three acts of opposition to Moses: the people's demanding meat in addition to manna, the breaking away of two of the elders of Israel and Moses' confrontation with his siblings, Aaron & Miriam.

***We Sorrowfully Mourn the Passing of:***

Gloria Feinberg  
Mother of Cara Siegel



Les Michaels  
Brother-in-law of Ira Warshawsky



*May Birthdays*

1 Caitlin Chestler	8 Eric Siegel	14 Marc Graber	24 Jill Feinman
1 Ethan Labelson	9 Melissa Beekman	14 Brooke Siegel	24 Robert Perlmutter
1 Jamie Mark	9 Sahar Sorkin	15 Sydne Horowitz	24 David Savarino
1 Zachary Tell	9 Michael Synnott	16 Samantha Blinder	25 Stacey Menkes
2 Jason Barrie	10 Eric Finkelstein	16 Steven DeLuccia	26 Brett Goldberg
2 Barbara Ruvin	10 Arion Hart	16 Alene Miller	26 Robert Kandel
2 Joshua Schanker	10 Kate Woodrow	17 Max Heller	26 Matthew Kozarsky
3 Stanley Friedman	11 Paula Finkelstein	18 Tyler Angell	26 Wesley Sigler
4 Bonnie Harris	11 Arthur Schwartz	18 Ethan Hatz	26 Matthew Silpe
4 Ronald Nackman	11 Matthew Suroff	18 Marnie Hutner	26 Stacy Spivack
4 Laurence Tract	11 Harvey Yaris	18 Mindi Messinger	26 Jill Zeller
6 Richard Battino	12 Alexa Albicocco	18 Philip Rubin	27 Aaron Labelson
6 Ronald Burger	12 Neil Brodsky	18 Glen Yaris	27 Bernard Mark
6 Anne Edelman	12 Maya Knobloch	20 Jeffrey Etes	27 Emma Tanner
6 Bradley Reisman	12 Aaron Sorkin	21 Glenn Hutner	29 Alex Menkes
7 Linda Biderman	13 Lauren Burger	21 Andrew Knobloch	29 Bonnie Oliver
8 Ryan DeLuccia	13 Ken Marcus	21 Joshua Landsberg	29 Harrison Roth
8 Emily Flax	13 Audrey Nessim	21 Gayle Wengrover	29 Brian Scott Wactlar
8 Cory Haber	13 Barry Pelofsky	22 Steven Ballen	31 Ron Ethe



**May Anniversaries**

- 3 Lanny & Helene Harris
- 6 Ira & Lori Lampert
- 7 Kyle & Diane Corey
- 7 Craig & Debra Goldstein
- 19 Alan & Susan Levine
- 25 Ben & Jennifer Hatz
- 26 Kevin & Jodi Breslin
- 26 Neil & Kimberly Brodsky
- 27 Steven & Linda Spivack
- 28 Les & Cathy Reider
- 29 Stuart & Terry Ackerman
- 29 Robert & Cheryl Goldberg
- 31 Michael & Cyndi Pressman

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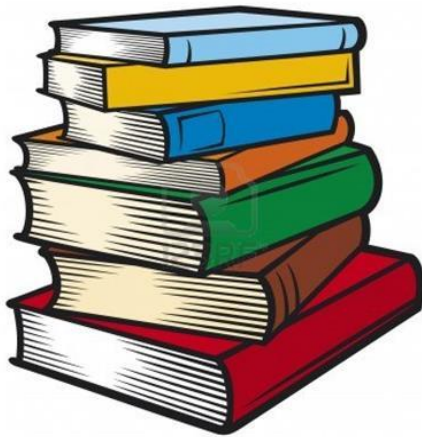
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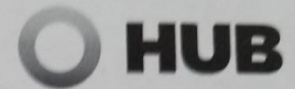
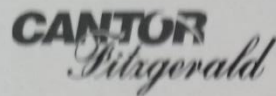
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Meditation with Cantor 12:30 PM  Chant Torah with Cantor 1:30 PM  Men's Club meeting 7:30 PM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Torah Study 7:30 PM	<b>7</b> Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	<b>8</b> Shabbat Service 10:00 AM  Bar Mitzvah Ryan DeLuccia
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Finance Committee Meeting 7:30 PM  NOW meeting 7:30 PM	<b>11</b> Meditation with Cantor 12:30 PM  Chant Torah with Cantor 1:30 PM  Ritual Committee Meeting 7:30 PM	<b>12</b> Lunch N Learn 12:00 Noon	<b>13</b> Religious School closed	<b>14</b> Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	<b>15</b> Torah Study 10:30 AM
<b>16</b> Virtual Roundtable Rap 10:30 AM	<b>17</b> Shavuot Yizkor Service 8:30 AM  N.O.W. Book Club 7:30 PM	<b>18</b> Meditation with Cantor 12:30 PM  Chant Torah with Cantor 1:30 PM	<b>19</b> Executive Committee Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>20</b> Torah Study 7:30 PM	<b>21</b> 7th grade Moving Up and Staff Appreciation Erev Shabbat Svs 7:30 PM	<b>22</b> Shabbat Service 10:00 AM  Bar Mitzvah Jonah Sorkin
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Final Day of Religious School	<b>25</b> Final Day of Religious School  Board of Trustees Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>26</b> Adult Ed 7:30 PM	<b>27</b> Final Day Religious School	<b>28</b> Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	<b>29</b> Torah Study 10:30 AM
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Memorial Day					