



# The Shofar

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Jericho, NY templeorelohim.com

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SAVE THE DATE:  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021**

**A VIRTUAL NIGHT IN**



**Cocktail Party & Auction**



**7:00 PM: Pre-Auction Cocktail Party via Zoom**

Our Mixologist will be online demonstrating how to make our perfect signature art auction cocktail. All ingredients will be provided to you in advance! (\$36 per couple, \$18 per person). RSVP by April 3<sup>rd</sup> to automatically be entered into a special raffle!

**8:00 PM: FREE Admission to the LIVE online auction**

<https://bid.marlinart.com>; click on "Auctions" and select "Temple Or Elohim"  
[any questions about this website, please contact Marlin Art directly at (631) 242-3344]

**Ask your friends and family to save the date, too!**

**The Cocktail Party and Art Auction are open to members and non-members!**

**MORE DETAILS COMING SOON! STAY TUNED!**

For additional information, please contact the Temple office at (516) 433-9888 ext. 14 or Susan Bloomberg at (516) 639-3982

**Art auction presented by MARLIN ART**

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By Request

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1:00-6:30 PM Mondays & Thursdays

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(Also available by appointment)

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We encourage our members to submit articles, photos and simchas for us to include in future issues.

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:**

Fri.	April 2	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	April 3	Passover Yizkor Service	10:00 AM
Fri.	April 9	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	April 10	Shabbat Shalom	
Fri.	April 16	Musical Erev Shabbat Service Featuring Nishamah	7:30 PM
Sat.	April 17	Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah Wesley Sigler	10:00 AM
Fri.	April 23	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	April 24	Shabbat Shalom	
Sun.	April 30	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM

**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.

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

***President's Message:*****STAY THE COURSE**

We now head into the last quarter of our Temple year - April, May and June - and I am proud to say that life around our Temple will be as busy as ever this time of year, pandemic or no pandemic. When this issue is distributed, we will be in the middle of Pesach. Yom Hashoah will be observed on Thursday, April 8 with a holocaust survivor and our 7<sup>th</sup> graders heading the program. This will be followed by our Yom Ha'atzmaut commemoration later in April. We are starting our usual Bar/Bat Mitzvah season and school will be barreling towards a conclusion. More people are coming to services as more people get vaccinated. The weather is getting nicer so we will be able to do more outside. In other words, the arrow is pointing straight up.



Even where we have had to adapt to COVID realities to remain safe, we have been finding ways to engage our membership. There is no better example than our Purim festivities. While we could not have the planned Purim Shpiel with its extensive cast all sharing the bema, Cantor David knocked it out of the park with his Billy Joel Purim songs, with the support of Rabbi Judy, Deborah Tract and our Temple band. Approximately 175 people viewed the "Billy Joel" Shpiel, either in the sanctuary that night or via streaming. The annual Purim Wax Museum was more fun than ever even though done on zoom, with each of our amazing 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders dressing up and taking turns giving a presentation about his or her chosen Jewish celebrity, followed by questions from the rest of zoom audience. Because it was on zoom, one of our member's sons out of town at college who had participated in the Wax Museum several years ago was able to join in the fun. Kudos to Deborah and the rest of her team for all of the hard work that made this happen so smoothly.

However, we must remain vigilant and stay safe. Whether you have been vaccinated or not, wear a mask at all times when in temple. Maintain proper social distancing. Check in and go through our simple COVID-19 protocols when you come to Temple. If our wonderful students coming to school every week can do it, so can you. We have had a remarkable safety record this year due to the hard work of our COVID-19 Safety Task Force chaired by Steve Finkelstein, with the enthusiastic cooperation of Deborah and our clergy, office staff and teachers.

Whether in person at the Temple, through our many zoom activities and meetings, or by streaming our services, stay connected to our Temple. We have gotten through the worst of it and are emerging stronger than ever.

***Neil Miller***, President

**Congratulations to our Bar Mitzvah Candidate and his family:**

April 17, 2021

**Wesley Sigler**

Son of Whitney and Brian



***Rabbi's Corner:***

Yom huledet sameach l'Yisrael, happy birthday to Israel. Israel is 73 and we celebrate on the 5<sup>th</sup> of Iyar. This year, 5 Iyar falls on Shabbat so the Israeli celebration will be on the preceding Thursday, which corresponds to April 15<sup>th</sup>. We will celebrate at Temple on Erev Shabbat, April 16<sup>th</sup>.



Ever in the press, Israel has some exciting developments. As of this writing, Israeli elections are still a few weeks away, on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Israel allows only in person voting, so with the accommodations planned for Covid precautions, results might take a day or two longer. Not much is expected to change in this fourth election in two years. However, Israel is anticipating a first. It is very likely that Rabbi Gilad Kariv, an Israeli lawyer ordained as a Reform rabbi by Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem, will be seated as a member of Knesset from the Labor Party. There are many rabbis who have been MKs before, but never a Reform rabbi. I am hopeful that his influence will allow Israelis to see Judaism from another angle.

Another recent development is the Israeli Supreme Court's long (15 years) awaited decision that Jews who converted under Reform and Conservative auspices in Israel are Jewish for the purposes of citizenship. This means that these people will be automatically eligible for citizenship under the Law of Return and not need to wait for naturalization. Sadly, the Chief Rabbinate doesn't take the same view and these Jews by choice are not enrolled as Jews for ritual purposes.

Finally, despite Michael Che's ill placed joke about Israeli vaccination programs, along with the Jewish residents of Israel, Arab citizens are sharing equally in vaccine plans. Even Arabs in the West Bank are being vaccinated by Israel, despite political disputes over who is actually responsible for health matters in the West Bank. Abba Eban said that the Palestinians never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity. I am sorry that the Palestinian Authority did not take more responsibility for getting vaccines into West Bank residents' arms. Doing so would have shown a constructive step towards becoming an independent state. A huge missed opportunity.

Join me and Cantor Katz for a joyous Yom Ha'Atzma'ut (Israel Independence Day) celebration with Nishamah and the participation of Bar Mitzvah candidate Wesley Sigler on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.

***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:***

It's that time again, when we all muster up the courage to escape bondage and cross the Red Sea! Is there an Egypt or Red Sea in your life that you are having trouble crossing? Something that you just cannot seem to muster up the courage to face?

Well.....if you think back to the very first crossing of the Red Sea by Moses and our ancestors, you may be able to find some inspiration there.

Why would I be writing about the Red Sea in this Shofar article? Because we are celebrating Passover as this April Shofar is being published. Each holiday in the Jewish Year is designed for more than just celebration or commemoration. There is always a deeper meaning and understanding that the holiday represents.

We are taught at a young age that the main meaning of Passover is Freedom. Freedom not only from a physical "Pharo" but also from our own personal internal "Pharo." However, there is also another message in the Passover story, one of courage.

Leaving Egypt, the crossing of the Red Sea, traveling through the wilderness and trusting that the destination will be actually safe and real, our ancestors had to continually face all of these challenges in their lives. As we know, they did not always face them with elegance or correct behavior. Remember the Golden calf! But this did not mean they were not allowed to continue. They were, like we all are, Human. They faced their fears, made their mistakes and learned from them. Thank goodness they did, because if they had not, we would not be here today.

This is the "other" meaning of Passover. It is a chance to dig in and take a real honest look at what your fears may be. What may be holding you back in your life from becoming more of who you want to be. Try and use the example of those who came before us. Use their courage and determination to inspire you to be courageous and strong. If you do so, you will be able to experience the true meaning of Passover- Freedom. This could be a new personal freedom in your life.

In addition, you can take a look around yourself at your life and see how lucky we all are to be able to celebrate Passover with family and friends. Whether it be via zoom, in person or both. We are truly lucky and should do our best to appreciate the gifts we have. Passover also reminds us how grateful we need to be and how blessed we are.

From my family to yours on this Holiday-Chag Sameach,

B'shalom,  
***Cantor Katz***



## **Social Action Committee**

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 our 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!

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## ***Religious School:***

Shalom Friends,

Hope all of you had a wonderful Pesach holiday filled with past and new traditions.



A few weeks ago, we had our very first Zoom Wax Museum, featuring our 5th/6th grade students. Each child portrayed their favorite Jewish person, giving a detailed explanation about the person's life, Jewish roots/identity and more. Sports players, entertainers, businesspeople and one very special grandmother were among the popular choices for this event. Thank you to all our students for participating and enlightening us with a vast amount of information. Costumes, display boards and a special Q & A made this learning opportunity fun and engaging! The silver lining in this new normal for programming is that every child participating had the "spotlight" allowing them to shine! Perhaps, this may be a NEW tradition for our Wax Museum!

We celebrated Passover with engaging activities. It was fun learning and celebrating the story of perseverance, trust and leadership.

On April 08, 2021, beginning at 7:00 PM, our 7th grade students will be leading a heartfelt commemorative service to remember all those who perished in the Shoah. Yom HaShoah-Holocaust Remembrance Day- is a time we remember the lives lost between 1933 and 1945. Our students will share a few of their own sentiments, as well as lead us in prayer, Kaddish and the lighting of memorial candles. Following our brief service, we will have the honor to hear from a survivor. This program will take place via zoom. Please log on and have your children listen to a story of strength and survival. Our children are the voices of the future, reinforcing acceptance and tolerance. May we NEVER FORGET what occurred during the dark and tragic years of the Holocaust.

Our school continues to provide our children with education, socialization and engaging programming. We are also expanding our programming to teens: "Reconnect and Reunite" via Teen Zoom. Missing each other? Now is the time to share thoughts and plan for the future! All teens are invited to our virtual program.

Exciting news coming to TOEACRC- Teen Internships!

Getting ready to apply to the National Honor Society and/or thinking about college admission? Community Service at our synagogue is a great way to achieve your goals and dreams. We have been successful for many years providing our teens with educational experiences in the classroom as a Teacher Assistant. Now, we will offer our teens various opportunities to prepare for college by volunteering and gaining leadership experiences in our synagogue. Depending on your teen's interest, we may be able to create the perfect internship! Be on the lookout for information coming soon.

Again, many thanks for your continued support, patience and positivity.

B'Shalom,  
***Deborah E. Tract***, Director of Education



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

### **News from NOW**



This month's inspiration comes from the title of a book by Shonda Rhimes (think writer of Grey's Anatomy). The title is *YEAR OF YES*. As I just finished chapter three and although it is just called chapter three I would like to call it **JUST SAY YES**. I paraphrase one of her paragraphs that reads something like this...Saying no gets you nowhere. Saying yes gets you somewhere, saying yes will help you conquer your fears, saying yes allows you to explore something new, saying yes takes you out of your comfort zone, saying yes helps you set new goals, saying yes helps take you places and saying yes makes you learn new things.

By saying yes this past year, I have taken Murph's Challenge and rode my bike over 189 miles in a condensed period of time. By saying yes, I have taken day trips and climbed new mountains... literally! By saying yes I have explored many areas of Long Island that I did not even know existed. By saying yes years ago, I have been privileged and honored to lead N.O.W.

By saying yes you too can be a part of the whole. If you wish to be an "officer" of N.O.W. please let me know. If you wish to join a meeting or participate in a fundraiser or event please look for the zoom links that are sent weekly (as of now that is the way we will continue to meet). Please join us for our April meeting which is currently scheduled for Monday, April 12 at 7:30 PM via Zoom.

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

- Mah Jongg Cards should have arrived or will be arriving shortly in your snail mail mailbox. Did you know that The Real Mah Jongg app now has an option to use a microphone so that you can talk and play with your friends while still in your own home? There is a 2-week free trial.
- If you wish to be a part of the N.O.W. Shabbat service that will take place May 14<sup>th</sup> please contact Ann Middleman at [channad215@gmail.com](mailto:channad215@gmail.com) or Barbara Feinstein at [barbfein0616@aol.com](mailto:barbfein0616@aol.com). A notice went out to all N.O.W. members with details.
- Thank you to Ann Middleman for the first segment of "Teach Us What You Know" as we learned about genealogy! Our next guest will be Rebbetzin Joan Abramowitz following a brief meeting. Stop in and say hello! Topic yet to be determined! May's "lesson" will be Death By Chocolate presented by Laurel Fried. Let me know if you have a topic you'd like to present via Zoom!
- Book Club is still going strong and we continue to meet every month. Although we pick the book at the end of our discussion and do not know the title of the next book yet, I can tell that the next book club meeting will be on April 19th at 7:30 pm via zoom. Please continue to check back on Facebook and watch for your weekly Calendar of Events followed up with the Zoom links in your email.
- I am in the process of setting up a SPRING PLANT SALE (flats directly from the growers of Long Island). The plants will NOT be the standard 24 packs you get at the local home improvement stores. They will be larger and hardier. Please consider ordering from us for your planting needs this spring!
- We continue to collect eyeglasses of any kind as we donate them to The New Eyes for the Needy Program in conjunction with Spectacular Eyewear/Eyeglass House located in Plainview. I recently donated all the toiletries collected to Jericho Cares which is a grassroots effort to help "local" families in need.
- Please also consider us for your Judaica needs such as yarmulkes for all occasions, Tallit for those special moments and milestones, gift giving and so much more. Our showcase is updated seasonally thanks to Sue Zichlin and Susan Bloomberg. A special thank you to Goldie for handling in person orders and sales!
- Our fundraising efforts are affording us to purchase a new piano for our Temple. Listen in to a service next time as Ed tickles the "ivories".

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## Men's Club

At our March meeting the Men's Club decided to reschedule our late winter/early spring hike from Sunday morning, March 14th to March 28th. Unfortunately, the weather was miserable on the 28th, so the event was postponed. A new date will be announced soon.



At the March meeting we also continued our discussion about the nomination/selection of officers for the upcoming year. According to the bylaws we adopted in the fall we'll need to put forward a slate of officers by our April meeting in order to have an election at the May meeting. We now have some of the positions filled and a "nominating committee" was created to fill the remaining ones.

Holocaust Remembrance Day comes in early April and, as last year, Yom HaShoah candles (provided by the Men's Club) will be available at the temple. Please consider picking one up and lighting it at home to commemorate this solemn day.

According to the calendar, spring is coming soon although it does not at all feel like it while this is being written. Meanwhile, stay warm, healthy and safe!

Ed Temple

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As always, I thank Sue Zichlin for all of our treasury needs and Gale Gluck for taking our monthly minutes that you all receive via email (if you are a member of NOW). Thanks are also extended to Laurel Fried for sending out all of our correspondence, flyers, notices, etc. To all the ladies who attend every meeting you know we cannot exist without you! Lastly, to those who really want to be a part of the whole... we welcome you anytime and thank you in advance! **THANK YOU FOR SAYING YES!**

Any thoughts, comments or ideas please feel free to contact me!

In the meantime...stay healthy!

Robin Grossman, President of N.O.W.

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Have Fun  
Make Friends  
Learn Songs  
Perform During Services

### *Join Our Adult Choir*

Make friends  
Experience camaraderie  
Connect to your spiritual self  
Learn new renditions of songs  
Perform during services

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***Yahrzeits:*****Week of April 2**

Anita Aronson, Sadik Battino, Harry Bilfeld, Fannie Boreth, Ira Cavrell, Nancy Elizabeth Crown, Sidney Cuttler, Miriam Derkatch, Anna Ehrlich, Jack Eisenberg, Herman Epstein, Harold Farkas, Seymour Feinman, Milton Flaum, Hilda Frankel, Yetta Friedman, Joseph Getelman, Seymour Goldstein, Ida Harris, Frances Hausen, Charles Horowitz, David Horowitz, Joel L. Horowitz, Herman Kellman, Sarah Kohler, David Levine, Manny Mark, Sheldon G. Menzin, Tina Moffet, Rosi Neuburger, Gerald Paul, Ida Pisker, Mary Price, Celia Rosenberg, Dan Rosenberg, Jacob Rothstein, Herbert Schirmer, Hilda Schwartz, Bertha Selen, Alvin Senzon, Abraham Simon, Irving "Honey" Stepner, Harvey Sternschein, Amrom Tannenbaum, Isidore Uretsky, Benjamin Wachtel, Kay Weintraub, Jack Weissman and Esther Wolkoff

**Week of April 9**

Jonathan Keith Alexander, Lyn Altschuler, Meir Ariel, Ida Aronowitz, Steven Cohen, Morton L. Coren, Ida Eisenstein, Alan Finkelstein, Walter Frankl, Belle Fulop, Sidney Glassman, Benjamin Grutman, Lorraine Haber, Barry E. Hanser, Julius Kantrowitz, Samuel Kline, Benjamin Koenig, Sylvia Lader, Frank Levine, Pauline Levine, Seymour Levy, Rose Maldow, Elaine Miller, Rose Milstein, Hyman Muskin, David Nessim, Yetta Oscar, Isaak Perlmutter, David Quinlan, Hilda Rosenbaum, Shirley Rosenberg, Alfred Rosenblum, Marsha Rubin, Mollie Scheiner, Lori Schlusel, Martin Sklar, Ray Stein, Frieda Tanenbaum and Lillian Unger

**Week of April 16**

Michele Adler, Byrde R. Baer, Rose Galanty Berkman, Joseph Botter, Harry Brodsky, Kenneth Brody, Hannah DeJong, Faith Dubb, Beatrice Edelman, Merritt Fastenberg, Belle Feuer, Eve Fine, Ellie Gindoff, H. John Gluskin, Jerome Goldwyn, Hilda Isenstadt, William Jacobs, Dorothy Frances Jankowitz, Sylvia Kandel, Evelyn Lehner, Nettie Levine, Tillie Levine, Anne Lissauer, Roslyn Lucas, Blanche Mermelstein, Sarah Kaplan Novick, Sidney Polatnick, Samuel Richter, Arthur Ross, Victor Ruff, Herbert Scherr, Rita Schifter, Florence Schwalberg, Jenny Schwartz, Annie Seltzer, Bessie Herscovitch Shugar, Ira Shupnick, Seymour Stern, Hyman Suroff, Abraham Syetta, Molly Talve, Leonard Weiss, Lois Woodrow and Azri Yaish

**Week of April 23**

Jacques Abramowitz, Moshe Ariel, Sam Belkin, Robert Berman, Clara Bramen, Judith Cohen, Benjamin Eisenberg, Stephan Elliot Feinman, Alfred B. Katz, Lila Kirchblum, Pauline Knecht, Bessie Kotowitz, Francine "Frankie" Lampert, Ann Landsberg, Beatrice Lane, Martha L. Lehman, Jeffrey Marx, Minnie Middleman, Louis Molin, Abraham Mortman, Antonio Thomas Pizzigati, Robert Pollack, Adele Pores, Tobi Potashnick, Rebecca Rosenhouse, Yetta Rothenberg, Mary Savarino, Stefan Schlachet, Harriet Schwartz, Rose Schwartz, Julius Shimberg, David Silverston, Sam Stein, Sylvia Suroff, Max Tulchinsky, Arthur Walpin, Walter Weinberg, Asher Wishnia, Elsa Wolf and Sarah Zeff

**Week of April 30**

Toby Adler, Jack B. Byck, Barb Falter, Dora Farber, Martin Feldberg, Edward Garfinkel, Edwin Goldfarb, Leonard Harnett, Milton Hausen, Sue Isaacson, Benjamin Kravit, Joseph Kreisberg, Anna Ladisky, Gary Lefkowitz, Nathan Lehrhaupt, Nathan Leidner, David Levine, Mollie Levy, Abraham Lowenbraun, Mollie Math, Robert Medvin, William Mendelson, Ann Messinger, Irwin Messinger, Minnie Messinger, Enid Monstein, Rita Morris, Marvin Patcoff, Miles Ritter, Beverly Rogers, Fay Rome, Mildred Rosenblatt, Carl Schorr, Louis E. Schottland, Leo Seiden, Cindy Sieden, Anne Siesel, Bruce P. Sollod, William Solomon, Samuel J. Tobias, Samuel Weisberg, Bernice Winzelberg, Anny Wolfner, Watson Woodrow and Joseph Yaglom

**Torah Notes:**

April 3 – 7<sup>th</sup> day of Pesach: Beshalach ([Exodus 13:17–17:16](#))

Pharaoh changes his mind, and chases the Israelites. Trapped between their pursuers and the Reed Sea, the Israelites panic and God splits the sea for them. In the desert God provides water, manna and quails.

April 10: Shemini ([Leviticus 9:1-11:47](#))

This portion is primarily concerned with the Temple sacrifices, laws for the Coheinim (the Priests) and dietary laws of the Jewish people. It contains a fascinating story of two young priests who enthusiastically offer a sacrifice to God. The Torah calls this sacrifice “strange fire,” to which God responds by taking their lives. Their names were Nadav and Avihu. Their father, Aaron, struggles to mourn for the loss of his two sons while meeting the needs of the greater community. The portion concludes with an in-depth discussion on kashrut, including its laws and potential reasons for them.

April 17: Tazria-Metzora ([Leviticus 12:1-15:33](#))

Tazria ([Leviticus 12:1 – 13:59](#))

Tazria deals with laws of purification. These laws are considered to be both hygienic and ‘levitical’, related to religious law. This chapter deals in specific detail with purification after childbirth and the laws associated with the disease of leprosy. The health of the community was of sacred concern among the Israelites, so as to achieve spiritual well-being. Priests were given the responsibility for healing. We are taught that how we live, what we eat, how we think and act in our everyday lives is an important aspect in our religious/spiritual lives.

Metzora – ([Leviticus 14:1–15.33](#))

In Metzora, the rites and rituals of purification of a leper and the cleansing of the infected home are covered, as are other items of ritual impurity dealing with physical secretions

April 24: Acharei Mot/Kedoshim ([Leviticus 16:1-20:27](#))

Acharei-Mot ([Leviticus 16:1-18:30](#))

Achrei-Mot deals with preparations by the High Priest for Yom Kippur. Only on Yom Kippur could the High Priest enter the Holy of Holies where the Ark of the Tablets was kept. Each Israelite was required to fast and atone on this day and to seek forgiveness from God and from each other. Also listed are the laws of prohibited marriages of close relatives, which was then common practice amongst the Egyptians and Canaanites.

Kedoshim ([Leviticus 19:1-20:27](#))

Kedoshim contains a survey and summary of the foundations of Judaism. Israel must consider life as sacred. “You shall be holy for I your God I am holy.” Everything we do is to be considered in terms of how it fits into God’s plan for us.

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, as well as other laws dealing with blasphemy, murder, assault and punishment for crimes. Equality of treatment for all is mandated.

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

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Beloved son of our member Elaine Schirmer



*April Birthdays*

1	Kimberly Brodsky	7	Jennifer Gallow	19	Hayley Baeringer	26	Joyce Green
1	Joshua Rogove	7	Stephen Mender	19	Vanessa Brand	26	Richard Klinghoffer
2	Risa Battino	9	Rhonda Moore	19	Pierce Levy	26	Farrah Kweit
3	Howard Katz	10	Jeanie Corn	21	Andrea Hantman	26	David Middleman
3	Alan Levine	10	Karen Karp	21	Jon Middleman	26	Francine Miller
3	Steven Spivack	10	Jan Scherr	22	Amy Brill	26	Karen Silpe
3	Barbara Strell	13	Melanie Goldberg	22	Jeffrey Kotowitz	26	Jennifer Spivak
4	Debra Goldstein	13	Phillip Jankowitz	22	Louis Nackman	27	Nicole Liebman
4	Judi Kaplan	13	Lauren Klinghoffer	22	Brian Scherr	27	Jillian Meyer
4	Samantha Levine	14	Douglas Andrew Flax	23	Karen Getelman	28	Luke Citron
4	Julie Peress	14	Richard Minkoff	24	Matthew Kandel	28	Brian Goldberg
4	Ira Warshawsky	15	Dylan Fried	24	Jodi Marcus	29	Maria Alexenburg
4	Jason Zeller	15	Cary Markman	25	Amy Adler	29	Adina Ginsburg
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5	Robert Silpe	15	Lee Weiss	25	Gregory Tanner	29	Carly Rosner
6	Barbara Jainchill	16	Martin Lecher	25	Haley Tract	29	Jason Rubin
6	H. Terry Kaufman	17	Florence Lefkowitz	25	Howard Wasserman	29	Linda Spivack
6	Bertram Mitchel	17	Leigh Marcus	26	Jacob Beekman	30	Allison Damast
6	Michael Singer	17	Barry Wolff	26	Ellen Finkelstein	30	Marc Spivack
7	Chloe Citron	18	Michelle Finkelstein	26	Emma Gallow		



**April Anniversaries**

- 1 Dean & Gabriela Hart
- 1 Bryan & Barbara Wachs
- 4 Eric & Rhonda Moore
- 4 Bill & Ruth Robeson
- 5 Gary & Jeanie Corn
- 6 David & Amy Brill
- 7 Laurence & Judy Perry
- 9 Dean & Maria Alexenburg
- 9 Louis & Barbara Jainchill
- 10 David & Lois Lerner
- 12 Jason & Sloane Barrie
- 13 Marc & Carly Feinstein
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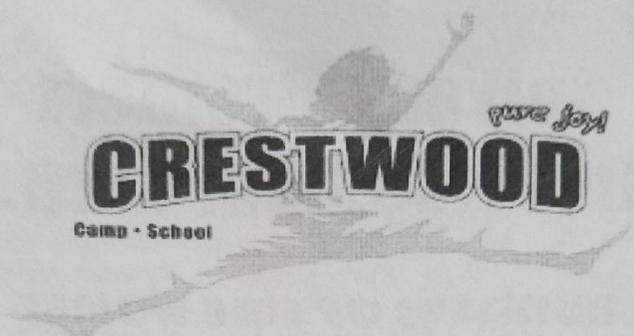
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