

AN ETZ CHAYIM LEGACY AT THE TOLEDO MUSEUM OF ART

We are deeply honored and immensely proud that one of the sterling silver Torah crowns that adorned one of our Sefer Torahs many years ago was offered to and recently accessioned by the Toledo Museum of Art. This nineteenth century piece of art belonged to one of the three congregations that merged to become Congregation Etz Chayim some 50 years ago.



According to Adam Levine, the Edward Drummond and Florence Scott Libbey President, Director, and CEO of the Museum, "at the Toledo Museum of Art, we seek to tell a history of the world, and any such history should feature Judaism meaningfully. It has been a priority to find ways through acquisitions and loans to represent the Jewish experience in our galleries, and the addition of the Torah crown from the Etz Chayim congregation is a beautiful contribution."

We are appreciative of Sharon Ravin's organizational efforts that spotted and then highlighted this beautiful hidden jewel; we are equally appreciative of Janet Rogolsky's efforts to facilitate our donation to the museum. We can all look forward to seeing this shining legacy of our shul, of our ancestors, on display sometime after the museum restructuring is complete.

PRE-SHABBAT FRIDAY NIGHT BBQ DINNER

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026



6:00 p.m., Location to be announced with reservation

Hotdogs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Chips

No charge for this event.



Please make reservations to Elsa at 419-473-2401 or elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, August 23rd at 5:00 p.m., Etz Chayim will host its annual family picnic and karaoke sing-a-long. A delicious menu of BBQ chicken, hotdogs, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, watermelon and brownies will be served, More information will follow in the August bulletin.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Congregant,

As I write this article, Jews around the globe are counting the Omer and planning to try new recipes for blintzes, kugels and cheesecakes for Shavuot. As you read this article, that is all in the past, and summer is nearly upon us. This will be our last bulletin until August, so let me fill you in on what will be happening.

Although you won't see them, the Cemetery Committee, chaired by Bob Wengrow, will be working to make sure that when the time comes, and everyone should live to be 120, please G-d, proper burial services are handled with compassion and efficiency.

The Finance Committee, chaired by Laura Leventhal, will be meeting with the Budget Committee to develop a budget for the coming year.

The Future Committee, chaired by Steve Marcus, will be meeting regularly, gathering important information to develop significant recommendations to bring to the board.

The House Committee, chaired by Melvin Siegel will be continually working closely with the staff to make sure that all issues related to the building and our grounds are handled efficiently and effectively.

The Personnel Committee, chaired by Bob Berkowitz, will be attending to the synagogue personnel and any relevant issues that need to be addressed.

The Program Committee, chaired by Nancy Jacobson, will be meeting to see what programs we want to repeat and what new ones to add to the docket. And the Book Club Subcommittee, chaired by Ken Pargament, will be involved in reviewing the books we have selected.

The Religious Committee, chaired by Charles Wittenberg, will be making the plans for the holidays, including making sure clergy are in place, service times are set, and implementing a plan to insure a minyan at all times.

The Security Committee, chaired by Bob Wengrow, will continue working with the Federation Security team to assure the safety of those who participate in services and programs at our shul.

The Sisterhood, chaired by co-presidents Cheryl Berkowitz and Andrea Lublin, will be working with their own calendar of programming while attending to the needs of the shul at every opportunity, always helping in the kitchen, always helping with the tables, always supportive in every way, visibly and invisibly.

Although you won't see them either, the Trust Oversight Committee, chaired by Steve Marcus, is meeting to make certain that we are being fiducially responsible in the handling of our trust funds.

And tying all of this together, also mostly out of view, will be our staff extraordinaire, Elsa Leveton, our administrator; Sandy Marcus, our bookkeeper; Nancy Jacobson, our Program Director; and Chris Dietrick, our Maintenance Director.

And all our board members, and members-at-large . . . you won't see them, but they will be working on the committees they do not chair . . . and in their own personal ways, as VOLUNTEERS, injecting their energy, resourcefulness, and loyalty to maintain Congregation Etz Chayim.

Yes, the dairy delicacies from Shavuot have long been consumed. But the Torah we celebrated receiving is with us every day. And it is precisely the Torah that inspires us and guides us, as we work to preserve the legacy of Congregation Etz Chayim. Etz Chayim hi . . . It is a tree of life to those who hold fast to it, and those who uphold it are happy. Its ways are pleasant, and all its paths peaceful

As president of the Board of Trustees, I couldn't choose a more devoted group of people to work with and I am so appreciative to each of you, to all of you. You are simply the best!

Wishing you a safe and peaceful summer,

B'ahava,

Margie Siegel, President

RABBI JASON MARK'S FINAL SHABBOS SERMON
MAY 16, 2026

Five years ago, on Parshat Bamidar 2021, I joined you all for my first Shabbat here at Etz Chayim. What I spoke about then was the centrality and importance of community. Though I had known you all only briefly through one online class together, I talked about the beauty of a community that I was beginning to know. The beauty of a sense of togetherness and caring for one another that is so unique to Etz Chayim. I find it both poignant and fitting that today we once again find ourselves beginning the book of Bamidbar.

Sefer Bamidbar, the Book of Numbers, is a story about journeys and the people who give those journeys life. Though the book is filled with censuses, encampments, and travels through the wilderness, at its heart it is really about what it means for human beings to accompany one another through periods of transition.

Though this is not the last time I will be seeing you all, as we will continue online learning and share the High Holy Days together, this Shabbat does mark a moment of transition in how we will be present with one another. One of the central messages Bamidar teaches is that moments of transition invite pause and reflection. And so this morning, as we stand together at one of those moments, I want to reflect on some of the lessons this community has taught me, as well as the ones I hope I am leaving you.

Though the role of a Rabbi is to teach, I have also learned so much from you all in these past five years, or as Rabbi Chanina put it, "I have learned much from my teachers, more from my colleagues, and most of all from my students."

Over the past five years, I have been blessed to see and experience just how true my initial observation of Etz Chayim was. You have taught me what it looks like to build a community rooted not only in shared belief, but in genuine care for one another. In describing the community here to others, I often say that Etz Chayim is the type of religious community that so many people long to find. A warm place free of judgement and drama, where people come together to share in their love of another and of their faith. Etz Chayim will forever be my model of what a community can be.

And that is something I hope you continue to remember about yourselves and about what you have created together here. This community has offered something unique and deeply needed to the people who have been part of it. In a time when so many spaces fracture under the weight of cynicism, loneliness, and division, Etz Chayim has cultivated something rare- a spirit of kindness, sincerity, humility, and care. Whatever forms your journeys take from here, I hope you carry those qualities forward and continue to share them generously with others. The world deeply needs the kind of compassion, decency, authenticity, and humanity this community embodies.

One of the striking features of Sefer Bamidbar is the way each tribe camps under its own banner, with its own place and identity, while still remaining part of something larger than itself. The Torah does not imagine holiness as something that erases individuality. On the contrary, Bamidbar invites us to recognize and honor our own uniqueness without falling into the trap of comparing ourselves to others. Each tribe contributes differently. Each person journeys differently.

And perhaps that is one of the deepest lessons I hope I leave with you, that a life of holiness and closeness to G-d is not something distant or reserved for extraordinary people. Judaism does not ask us to become someone else in order to live meaningful religious lives. Holiness is found precisely within the ordinary texture of our lives, in the ways we care for one another, show up for one another, remain hopeful, and continue walking together through periods of uncertainty and change.

The sacred moments in Bamidbar are not the dramatic revelations at Sinai, but the ordinary acts of journeying together through the wilderness. The Torah spends far more time describing the day to day work of traveling, encamping, struggling, and remaining together as a people than it does describing moments of revelation. And I believe that is because the Torah wants us to understand that holiness is not found only on mountaintops, but in the quiet and repeated acts of living with compassion, intention, and presence.

In my drasha five years ago, I spoke about how Bamidbar invites us to think not only about those physically present in a community, but also about those who remain part of it even in absence. Over these past years, I have come to see just how deeply true that is here at Etz Chayim. I have been deeply touched by the way this community continues to carry and honor the memory of those who are no longer physically present among us. The strongest bonds in life are not broken by distance, transition, or even death. When tended to with love and intention, the memories of those who have passed continue to sustain us. When we continue to speak their names, tell their stories, and feel their spirit woven into the life of the congregation, those relationships remain life-giving, long after the form of our connection to one another has changed.

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RABBI MARK'S SERMON cont'd

The spiritual teacher Ram Dass when describing community and the spiritual path often said, "We are all just walking each other home." I have always found deep truth in that idea. We as human beings are entrusted to one another for stretches of our journey. Some people walk beside us for a lifetime; others for only a chapter. But any amount of journeying together matters. Any amount of shared kindness, learning, laughter, grief, or prayer leaves its mark upon us.

And so as our paths begin to shift and widen in new directions, my hope for Etz Chayim is that you continue to cherish what makes this community so extraordinary: your gentleness with one another, your openness of heart, your ability to choose hope, and your commitment to making room for every soul who enters here. I feel profoundly grateful to G-d for the years I have spent together with you all as your rabbi. These years have shaped me deeply, and the love and wisdom of this community will travel with me wherever I go. Though the form of our relationship may change, I know the connection itself will endure. Like the Israelites in the wilderness, we do not always know exactly where the journey leads next, but we give thanks for those with whom we have traveled, and for the holiness we were able to create together along the way.

D'VAR TORAH GIVEN BY GABBI CHARLES WITTENBERG AT THE BEGINNING OF THE APRIL BOARD MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

Yesterday's Torah Parsha was Kedoshim and the very first verse said: "Hashem spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to the entire assembly of the Children of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I, the Lord your G-d, am holy". This timeless call to holiness is directed not at priests or leaders, but at the entire community—"the whole congregation of Israel".

For a synagogue like Etz Chayim, which is shrinking and whose membership is aging, and has a part-time rabbi, this verse holds powerful relevance. Holiness does not depend on numbers, or money, or the size of a sanctuary. Holiness emerges from the way a community lives its values, cares for one another, and reflects G-d's presence in the world. Kedoshim teaches that holiness is found in simple acts such as tzedakah, honoring the elderly and loving our neighbor as ourselves. In a smaller congregation, every act of kindness, every shared prayer, every gesture of support becomes more visible and more vital.

A part-time rabbi cannot be present for every moment, but Kedoshim reminds us that holiness is a collective responsibility. The Torah calls on *all* of us to sanctify our lives and our spaces. Even a small, aging community can radiate holiness—perhaps even more so, because every member's effort matters and every mitzvah is felt.

In embracing this obligation of Kedoshim, a synagogue like Etz Chayim can see itself not as diminished, but as distilled: a community that embodies holiness through presence, care and faithfulness to one another and to G-d.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

A closing brunch is planned for Wednesday, July 8th at 11:00 a.m. featuring the Installation of the new Sisterhood officers for the upcoming year, The Sisterhood will also be honoring the Etz Chayim synagogue staff. Please let Andrea Lublin or Cheryl Berkowitz know if you plan to attend.

The next Sisterhood meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the synagogue library.



Summertime at Etz Chayim...

As we welcome the warmth and longer days of June and July, Etz Chayim looks forward to gathering in meaningful, engaging, and joyful ways throughout the summer months. From thoughtful conversations at Book Club and a motivating guest speaker to friendly games of poker and mahj, there is something for everyone to enjoy. We will also share the beauty of Shabbat together at our pre-Shabbat dinner, continue learning with the Rabbi's Zoom study session, and relax outdoors while listening to music in the park. We hope these opportunities for connection, learning, friendship, and celebration will bring our Etz Chayim family & friends together all summer long.

June begins with our second Book Club meeting on June 7th at 10:00. We are excited to continue the conversation with "Elephant Company," led by Margie Siegel. Our first book club meeting was interactive and a true success, filled with engaging discussion and shared insights. We look forward to building on that momentum and welcome both returning and new members for another inspiring morning of reading and connection. Please register for details of the location.

Plan to join us on June 14th & 28th for Poker & Mahj from 10:00-12:00. Everyone is welcome to join the games & fun. Email Marc Jacobson at mdjaco@gmail.com or Nancy Jacobson at Jaco824@bex.net if you are interested.

Cathy Stoldt's previously postponed date in April has been rescheduled for Wednesday, June 17th at 10:00. Cathy Stoldt, a Nutrition & Wellness Specialist, will be speaking and answering questions. She will be our "Healthy Eating Speaker."

Join us for a warm and welcoming pre-Shabbat BBQ home dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 26th as we gather in the spirit of community, friendship, and Shabbat. Come unwind at the end of the week, enjoy delicious food, and spend meaningful time together with friends in a relaxed and joyful setting. The evening will include a special d'var Torah with Charles Wittenberg following dinner. We look forward to sharing this beautiful time of connection, conversation, and Shabbat warmth with you. There is no charge for the dinner. Please register and you will receive details on location.

July begins with Wildwood "Noon Tunes from 12:00-1:00. Bring your packed lunches, chairs and come to the Wildwood Park gazebo to relax and listen to acoustic guitar music. This is a wonderful July afternoon activity with friends.

Poker & Mahj will be on the 12th and 26th. Come join the fun.

I am delighted to have our Rabbi Jason lead a learning zoom on Thursday, July 16th at 7:00. It will be wonderful to see him in his new home. His sessions are always meaningful, thoughtful and engaging. Please register with Nancy or Elsa for the link.

EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE:

Our 2nd Annual Family Picnic & Karaoke Day is happening August 23rd! Last year was an incredible success— filled with amazing singing, scrumptious food, and the joy of being together. We're bringing all that fun back (and even more!) this year, and we'd love for you to join us. Get ready for great music, delicious food, laughter, and unforgettable memories with family & friends. More details are coming soon, but for now... mark your calendars! We can't wait to see you there!!

Nancy Jacobson
Program Director

Upcoming Events

June Calendar:

Sun., 7th- Etz Chayim Book Club 10:00 a.m.
Sun., 14th- Poker & Mahj 10:00 a.m. to noon
Wed., 17th- Cathy Stoldt- Healthy Eating Speaker
Fri., 26th- Pre-Shabbat BBQ dinner 6:00 p.m.
Sun., 28th - Poker & Mahj- 10:00 a.m. to noon

July Calendar:

Fri., 10th- Wildwood Park-Noon Tunes 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Sun., 12th - Poker & Mahj- 10:00 a.m. to noon
Thurs., 16th - Zoom Learning with Rabbi Mark
7:00 p.m.
Sun., 26th- Poker & Mahj- 10:00 a.m. to noon

PLEASE RSVP!

Planning programs requires a great deal of time, thought, and preparation, i.e. scheduling speakers, renting movies, planning snacks or menus, purchasing food, arranging a room, setting tables, sometimes hiring waitresses.

We always ask that you RSVP, either to Nancy Jacobson or to Elsa Leveton. We never want to turn someone away, but you make it difficult if you don't RSVP.

**Please always join any and every activity that is interesting to you.
We want you to attend.**

TISHA B'AV

Tisha B'Av, the Fast of the Ninth of Av, is a day of mourning to commemorate the many tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people, many of which have occurred on the ninth of Av. Tisha B'Av means "the ninth (day) of Av". This year it falls on Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

Although this holiday is primarily meant to commemorate the destruction of the Temple, it is appropriate to consider on this day the many other tragedies of the Jewish people, many of which occurred on this day, most notably the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492 and from England in 1290.

Tisha B'Av is the culmination of a three week period of increasing mourning, beginning with the fast of the 17th of Tammuz, which commemorates the first breach in the walls of Jerusalem, before the First Temple was destroyed. During this three week period, weddings and other parties are not permitted, and people refrain from cutting their hair & purchasing new items. From the first to the ninth of Av, it is customary to refrain from eating meat or drinking wine (except on the Shabbat) and from wearing new clothing.

The restrictions on Tisha B'Av are similar to those on Yom Kippur: to refrain from eating and drinking (even water); washing, bathing, shaving or wearing cosmetics; wearing leather shoes; engaging in sexual relations; and studying Torah. Work in the ordinary sense of the work (rather than the Shabbat sense) is also restricted. People who are ill need not fast on this day. Many of the traditional mourning practices are observed: people refrain from smiles, laughter and idle conversation, and sit on low stools.

In the synagogue, the Book of Lamentations is read and mourning prayers are recited. Tisha B'Av is never observed on Shabbat. If the 9th of Av falls on a Saturday, the fast is postponed until the 10th of Av.

INTERFAITH BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULED



The 36th Interfaith blood drive will be Saturday, June 27th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 4441 Monroe Street.

There is still time to sign up to donate blood, to volunteer your time the day of the blood drive, to donate food, or to provide a gift card or monetary donation to shop for the delicious snacks for the donors.

Although the blood drive is scheduled only for Saturday, clergy feel participation would be considered a mitzvah.

Please call the synagogue office or Devorah Shulamit at 419-356-5280 or email at shalom1836@bex.net to sign up.

THE BOOK CLUBS OF
CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL
CONGREGATION ETZ CHAYIM
TEMPLE SHOMER EMUNIM

cordially invite you to a Joint Synagogue Book Club Meeting

Tuesday, July 21, 2026
12:00 p.m. Cost: \$10.00

Temple Shomer Emunim
6453 Sylvania Ave.
Sylvania, Ohio 43560

The book being discussed is:

Heart of a Stranger:
An Unlikely Rabbi's Story of
Faith, Identity & Belonging
by Rabbi Angela Buchdahl



Discussion Leaders
Alice Applebaum
Elsa Leveton
Carol Richman
Sharon Stein

This heartwarming story chronicles Angela Buchdahl's journey as a mixed-race, Korean American, Buddhist-raised woman navigating identity to lead a major American Jewish community.

The Toledo/Lucas County Public Library has many audiobooks, hard copies, and dvd's available.

Please R.S.V.P. to Elsa Leveton at Congregation Etz Chayim, 419-473-2401, or email: elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org by July 14, 2026.

HAPPY NOTES

...Those celebrating birthdays in the month of June:

3 - Marci Burch, Roy Stein
6 - Stuart Shiff, Madelyn Freed
7 - Teddy Miller, Jerrold Jaffe
9 - Naomi Baron, JoJo Fruchtman, Elizabeth Mariani
11 - Hallie Freed
12 - Eric Dubow
13 - Gary Fruchtman
16 - Margie Siegel
19 - Alan Konop
21 - Gerald Brandman
22 - Tom Woodby
25 - Donna Rukin
26 - Steve Essick
29 - Sheila Stein



...Those celebrating anniversaries in the month of June:

2 - Harold & Robin Wexler
10 - Michael & Carol VanZile
16 - Alan & Shirley Tarschis
19 - Jeff & Andrea Lublin
22 - Louis & Rochelle Black
23 - Lawrence & Marcia Frank
26 - Rabbi Evan & Kerry Rubin
28 - Gary & Andrea Delman
29 - Richard & Naomi Baron
30 - Melvin & Margie Siegel

...Those celebrating birthdays in the month of July:

5 - Sandra Stein
6 - Aileen Pargament
8 - Beryl Ravin
11 - Marilyn Sanders
14 - Randy Kale
16 - Sara Garsek
18 - Myles & Ruby Freed
21 - Jenny Siegel
25 - Rochel Rubin
31 - Sheri Singer



...Those celebrating anniversaries in the month of July:

27 - Darryl & Ellen Rubin
30 - Richard & Beverly Markoff

TODAH RABAH

...to Danny Becker, Nancy Jacobson, Andrea Lublin, Phyllis Wittenberg, Cheryl Berkowitz, Carol VanZile & Sheila Odesky for all their help with the Pre-Shabbat dinner in May



MAZEL TOV

...to Margie & Mel Siegwil on their granddaughter Anna's college graduation.

...to Phyllis & Charles Wittenberg on their granddaughter Lucy's high school graduation

...to Sharon & Beryl Ravin on their granddaughter Chana Leah's college graduation

...to Sharon & Beryl Ravin on their grandson Akiva's high school graduation



SYNAGOGUE OFFICE HOURS

The office hours for the synagogue are as follows:

Monday	9:00 a.m. - Noon
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. - Noon

The office is also open at other times by appointment.



Fall High Holiday Dates 2026



The following are the dates for the upcoming Fall High Holidays. A complete time schedule will be printed in the September and October Hashomers.

Selichot
Rosh Hashanah
Kol Nidre
Yom Kippur
Sukkot
Hoshanah Rabbah
Shemini Atzeret
Simchat Torah

Saturday September 5
Saturday & Sunday, September 11 & 12
Sunday, September 20
Monday, September 21
Saturday & Sunday, September 26 & 27
Friday, October 2
Saturday, October 3
Sunday, October 4



INTERFAITH CIVIC GATHERING

Renewing Hope and
Commitment for America's 250th

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 3-5 P.M.

FREE
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED



For the safety and security of our community, the location will be shared with registrants prior to the event. Registration is required by Wednesday, June 3 online at <https://jftoledo.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list/ticket> or with Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351.

Questions? Contact Mary Bilyeu at 419-724-0405 or mary@jewishtoledo.org.

Join faith and community leaders from across Greater Toledo for an interfaith gathering honoring America's 250th anniversary. Through a guided conversation rooted in the Declaration of Independence and other texts, participants will reflect on shared civic values like freedom, equality, and responsibility. This welcoming event aims to strengthen relationships, bridge differences, and inspire renewed commitment to our democratic ideals. The program will include time for relationship-building and facilitated discussion.

In support of this program, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo/Jewish Community Relations Council and Temple Shomer Emunim will each be receiving a \$1,000 grant from A More Perfect Union: The Partnership for Democracy and its Faith250 initiative.

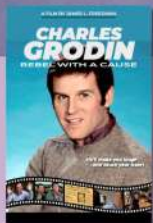


12th toledo jewish film festival



Jewish Federation
& Foundation
OF GREATER TOLEDO

Monday,
June 15



Monday,
June 22



Monday,
June 29



Monday,
July 6



Monday,
July 13



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**WISHES ALL OUR CONGREGANTS
AND FRIENDS**

**A VERY HAPPY & ENJOYABLE
SUMMER!!**

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS
FOR ALL THE WONDERFUL
PROGRAMS THAT ARE PLANNED
FOR JUNE AND JULY.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT REGISTRATION
IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS.**



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 BELOVED MOTHER & GRANDMOTHER
 CAROLYN MAMIE MARKOFF**
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BRUCE POST
 Elsa Leveton

HAPPY EVENT IN HONOR OF:

ARLENE RUBINOFF ON HER BIRTHDAY
 Mel & Donna Rukin

DAVID TREUHAFT ON HIS BIRTHDAY
 Mel & Donna Rukin

**CHARLES WITTENBERG ON HIS
 BIRTHDAY**
 Mel & Donna Rukin

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 Mel & Donna Rukin

MEL RUKIN ON HIS BIRTHDAY
 Arlene Rubinoff

DONNA RUKIN ON HER BIRTHDAY
 Arlene Rubinoff

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SPEEDY RECOVERY OF:

BRUCE POST
 Mel & Margie Siegel

HAPPY EVENT IN HONOR OF:

**MARGIE & MEL SIEGEL ON THEIR
 GRANDDAUGHTER ANNA'S
 GRADUATION**
 Ken & Aileen Pargament

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 MEMORIAL FUND**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

BETTY ROBERTS
 Marci Burch
 Sara Meisner
 Samantha Burch

HELEN HASCAL LEWIS
 Sandi, John & Sonny Kniep

RICK HASCAL
 Sandi & John Kniep

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF BELOVED
 MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER &
 GREAT GRANDMOTHER
 FRANCES DOLGIN**
 Marci Burch, Sara Meisner & Family
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 FRANCES WEXLER**
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**SUSAN & NICK MUSKA ON THEIR
 ANNIVERSARY**
 Bob & Cheryl Berkowitz

**CHARLES & PHYLLIS WITTENBERG ON
 THEIR GRANDDAUGHTER LUCY'S
 GRADUATION**
 Ken & Aileen Pargament



MEMORY OF THE RIGHTEOUS IS A BLESSING
YAHRTZEIT DATES

**JUNE 1 SIVAN 16**

Sylvan Feder*
 Samuel Ganden
 William Goldman*
 Pauline Hening*
 Joseph Labowitz*
 Nathan Levey*
 Bertha Malkin*
 Esther Rein*
 Harry Schwartz*
 Sam Wagner*

JUNE 2 SIVAN 17

Mae Blumenthal*
 Toby Glassman*
 Mollie Green
 Mollie Kagan*
 Sarah Lorber*
 Clara Schuster*
 Rebecca Topper*

JUNE 3 SIVAN 18

Joe Berman*
 Theodore Fine*
 Bess Peskoff*
 Alex Rogolsky*
 Bessie Sharfman*
 Sam Silverman*
 Risha Zohn

JUNE 4 SIVAN 19

Seymour Forman*
 Bertha Galper*
 Louis Marenberg
 Jacob Rotenstein*
 Hyman Schall*
 Ruth Sells*

JUNE 5 SIVAN 20

Joseph Josephson*
 Shmiel Kline*
 Michael Netler*
 Sarah Seretsky*

JUNE 6 SIVAN 21

Esther Burkovitz*
 Jennie Chester*
 Joseph Hirsch*
 Rev. Samuel
 Hoffenberg*
 Morris Lieber*

JUNE 7 SIVAN 22

Lena Labowitz*
 Mildred Landesman*
 Sam Malkin*
 Lillian Sharfman*
 Roslyn Soldinger*

JUNE 8 SIVAN 23

Min Beckmann*
 Abe Epstein*
 Irving Harris*
 Lewis Malkin*
 Harry Minkin*
 Susan Selman*

JUNE 9 SIVAN 24

Israel Applebaum*
 Cele Bloom*
 Sarah Frank*
 Jack Lane*
 Harry Remer*
 Harry Rosen*
 Morris Silverman*
 Phillip Silverman*
 Marilyn Teman*
 Ivan Zetomer*
 David Zuker*

JUNE 10 SIVAN 25

Samuel Feldstien*
 Barney Lupu*
 Martha Marks*
 Bernice Weisberg*
 David Zanville*

JUNE 11 SIVAN 26

Isadore Fishler*
 Samuel Fox*
 Rose Lichtenstein*
 William Marenberg*
 Harry Seitz*
 Dr. Stanford Stark

JUNE 12 SIVAN 27

Lillian Bookman*
 Fanny Foraster*
 Joseph Weisberg*
 Julius Zohn*

JUNE 13 SIVAN 28

Rose Abrams*
 Betty Forman*
 Harris Friedman*
 Samuel Nathanson*
 Louis Rappaport*
 Arthur Shapiro*
 Sol Sharfe*

JUNE 14 SIVAN 29

Peter Berg*
 Lillian Falk*
 Manny Flax*
 Pearl Jaffe*
 Karoline Judikovitz*
 Marion G. Klein*
 Zisha Schwartz*
 Max Shear*

JUNE 15 SIVAN 30

Rebecca Eget*
 David Garsek
 Nora Landis*
 Harry Sanders
 Helen Spanglet*
 Bernard Wilker

JUNE 16 TAMMUZ 1

Dr. Chaye Feinstein*
 William V. Greene*
 Rebecca Klein*
 Sol Rubinstein*
 Bessie Scheer*
 Fannie Weiner*

JUNE 17 TAMMUZ 2

Maurice Essick*
 Lt. Ernest Grossman*
 Sam Koppel
 Jeanette Lichtcsien*
 Myron Rothman*

JUNE 18 TAMMUZ 3

Abe Axonovitz*
 Sarah Black*
 Betty Powder Goldman*
 Jack Resnick*
 Shelly Ann Rioux*
 Jack Sharp*
 Barry Scott Wexler*

JUNE 19 TAMMUZ 4

Isadore Frumkin*
 Charles S. Gross*
 Lou Hirsch*
 Sarah Koplín*
 Ervin Part*
 Willie Phillips
 Devera Schectman*
 Beatrice Scherr

JUNE 20 TAMMUZ 5

Irving Glassman*
 Ralph Isenstein*
 Lily Klee
 Allen Leveton*
 Harry Lichtenstein*
 Louis Linver*
 Sarah Lubitsky*

JUNE 21 TAMMUZ 6

Sarah Broter*
 Pauline Flaum*
 Harold Goldberg*
 Esther Goldman*
 Victor Herman*
 Carolyn Markoff*
 Margaret Steinberg*
 Sarah Weinman*
 William Weinman*
 Sam Williams*

JUNE 22 TAMMUZ 7

Reva Blum*
 Fannie Frank*
 Dora Shenofsky*
 Lasarus Louis Webne*
 William Weisberg*

JUNE 23 TAMMUZ 8

Max Fisher*
 Manfred Kagan*
 Arnold Linver*
 Nettie Nistel*
 Lena Schonbrun*
 Pauline Solomon*
 Shirley Solomon*
 Morris Zaner*

JUNE 24 TAMMUZ 9

Jennie Feldstein*
 Bernard Jaffe
 Jean Rich*
 Rosa Schecter*

JUNE 25 TAMMUZ 10

Sal (Sol) Berman
 (Birman)*
 Ann Binder*
 Max Frank*
 Rae Galansky*
 Harry Seligman*

JUNE 26 TAMMUZ 11

Mildred Frank*
 Eliot Kaplan*
 Ruth Smith*
 Leonard Stein*

JUNE 27 TAMMUZ 12

Sylvia Rosenberg*
 Morris Schwartz*
 Ida Walkin

JUNE 28 TAMMUZ 13

Beneth Chester*
 Esther Cohen*
 Arlene Frankel
 Minnie Posner
 Barney Siegel*
 Joseph Silverstein*
 Ida Wexler*

JUNE 29 TAMMUZ 14

Max Eckber*
 Jean Felsot*
 Lillian Losin*
 Sam Markovitz*

JUNE 30 TAMMUZ 15

Alton Barclay
 Esther Charles*
 Bernard Feder*
 Tillie Feldstein*
 Burton Hillman*
 David Kagan*
 Sam Kaplan*
 Mary Mandel*
 Ida Odesky*
 Zelig Odesky*
 Abraham Papurt*
 Charles Perlman*
 Jacob Rosenblum*
 Frumah Shear*



MEMORY OF THE RIGHTEOUS IS A BLESSING
YAHRTZEIT DATES



JULY 1 TAMMUZ 16

Marian Brandman*
 Celia Cohen*
 Belle Kontrovitz*
 Theresa Maltz*
 Esther Patlin*
 David Scheer*
 Ann Schwartz
 Abraham Zylber*

JULY 2 TAMMUZ 17

Pauline Baron*
 Bessie Friedman*
 Mendel Gross*
 Esther Kozman*
 Abe Landesman*
 Max Okun*
 Benjamin Shapiro*
 Roy Thal*
 Harry Thau*
 Diana Worshtil

JULY 3 TAMMUZ 18

Jacob Lorber*
 Sam Lubitsky*
 Frances Shapiro*

JULY 4 TAMMUZ 19

Benjamin Armus*
 Max Gould*
 Marilyn Handler*
 Max Kirsner*

JULY 5 TAMMUZ 20

Samuel Abromovitz*
 Peter Brandman*
 David Essak*
 Harry Glassman*
 Anna Gottlieb*
 Joseph Lublin*
 Sigmund Stern

JULY 6 TAMMUZ 21

Florence Cohen
 Aaron Leibovich*
 Ida Shenofsky*
 Ida Weinman*

JULY 7 TAMMUZ 22

Arthur Faudman*
 Robert Frank*
 Marcia Malkin
 Rose Weinstein*
 Lois Wexler*

JULY 8 TAMMUZ 23

Philip Black*
 Dorothy Karlinsky
 Mollie Katz*
 Lillian Lenavitt*
 David Pierce*

JULY 9 TAMMUZ 24

Toby Aharoni*
 Anna Duke*
 Jennie Fruchtman*
 Florence Goodman*
 Ethel Millstein*
 Isadore Rice*
 Anna Scheinbach*
 Frieda Solomon*
 Michael Solomon
 Kate Yourist*

JULY 10 TAMMUZ 25

Elton Gallon
 Rae Mann*
 Robert Rappaport*
 Benjamin Solomon*
 Philip Steingroot*

JULY 11 TAMMUZ 26

Fanny Aftergood*
 Morris Alloy*
 Esther Cohen*
 Louis Kaplan*
 Benjamin Seligman*
 Russell Smith*

JULY 12 TAMMUZ 27

Fred Applebaum*
 Nathan Hendelman*
 Gertrude Kohn*
 Alice Mandelbaum*
 Michael Schmieder*
 Harry Slotnick*

JULY 13 TAMMUZ 28

Abraham Applebaum*
 Aline Baum*
 Melvin Scheinbach*
 Jeannette Schwartz*

JULY 14 TAMMUZ 29

Walter Farber
 George I. Felstein*
 Sarah Goldman*
 Michael Herman*
 Geraldine S. Singer*

JULY 15 AV 1

Isadore Hirschfield*
 Max Infeld*
 Herman Moss*
 Ruth Paly*
 Harry Stark*
 Dorothy Steinberg*
 Jay Wernick*

JULY 16 AV 2

William Fingerhut*
 Millie Shavinsky*
 Toby Wittenberg*

JULY 17 AV 3

Betty Canter*
 Bernard Farber*
 Bertha Faudman*
 Arthur Handler*
 Milton Handler*
 Frances Himmelhoch*
 Harry Hirsch*
 Minnie Max*
 Jack Schwartz*
 Rachael Seligman
 Morris Webne*
 Philip Zanville*

JULY 18 AV 4

Louis Cohen*
 Rose Hirsch*
 Leslie Ann Miller*
 Solomon Rice*

JULY 19 AV 5

Sheldon Boxenbaum*
 Anne H. Earnstein*
 Henry Levey*
 Toby Ludwig
 Sophie Nemerowsky*
 Charles Newton*
 Lillian Shafransky*
 Alex Silverman*

JULY 20 AV 6

Morris Cannon*
 Milton Eiser*
 Marla Fine
 Samuel Greenberg*
 Richard Konop*
 Sadie Malkin-Reed*

JULY 21 AV 7

Ann Darwin*
 Dorothy Ganden
 Lena Goldberg*
 Tillie Goldberg*
 A. Jack Walkin
 Samuel Weiss*

JULY 22 AV 8

Benjamin Ackerman*
 Sanford Golding*
 Sarah Lowden*
 Elsie Odesky*

JULY 23 AV 9

Family Golun*
 Rivkah Katz*
 Benjamin Kest*
 Yetta Kline*
 Candice Ludwig
 Ellis Manoff*
 Samuel Okun*
 Louis Salzberg*
 William Sharfman*
 Sylvia Shore*
 Anna Weisberg*

JULY 24 AV 10

Blume Gitel Aharoni*
 Abe Feldstein*
 Jack Hoffman*
 Rabbi Yakeiv Katz*
 Martyrs Lithuania*
 Lawrence Rayman
 Ida Sulkin*

JULY 25 AV 11

Jerome Brooks*
 Frieda Levine*
 Franklin Shore*

JULY 26 AV 12

Frank Cohen
 Olga Rubinstein*
 Sarah Schall*
 Anna Schulman*
 Pauline Silverstein*
 Eleanor Weisberg*
 Louis Wexler*
 Bertha Zindel*
 Victor Ziegel

JULY 27 AV 13

Sonia Fogel*
 David Fromkin*
 Anne Lublin*
 Herman Stein
 Morris Swartz*

JULY 28 AV 14

Jeanette Cooperman*
 Rose Kalisher*
 Louis Levey*
 Anna Levitt*
 Hattie Zanville*

JULY 29 AV 15

Minnie Blum*
 Morris Cohen*
 Eunice Freedman*
 Brian Malkin
 Max Stram*

JULY 30 AV 16

Celia Eichenhorn*
 Herman Earnstein*
 Hyman Ginsburg*
 Oscar Ginsburg*
 Rachel Goldberg*
 Eva Weitzer*

JULY 31 AV 17

Charles Fine*
 Johanna Gross*
 Bessie Levin*
 Leonard Samuelson
 Hyla Taplinger*
 Esther Thal*



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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FRIDAY NIGHT CANDLELIGHTING</u>
Friday, June 5	8:47 p.m.
Friday, June 12	8:51 p.m.
Friday, June 19	8:54 p.m.
Friday, June 26	8:55 p.m.
Friday, July 3	8:54 p.m.
Friday, July 10	8:52 p.m.
Friday, July 17	8:48 p.m.
Friday, July 24	8:42 p.m.
Friday, July 31	8:35 p.m.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HAVDALAH TIME</u>
Saturday, June 6	9:57 p.m.
Saturday, June 13	10:01 p.m.
Saturday, June 22	10:04 p.m.
Saturday, June 27	10:04 p.m.
Saturday, July 4	10:03 p.m.
Saturday, July 11	9:59 p.m.
Saturday, July 18	9:54 p.m.
Saturday, July 25	9:47 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 1	9:39 p.m.

Candle Lighting Blessing

Boruch atta A-do-noy elohainu melech
ho'olam asher kidshano b'mitzvosov,
v'tzivonu l'hadlik nair shel:

On Shabbos conclude: Shabbos.

On Festivals conclude: Yom Tov.

On Festivals occurring Friday conclude:
Shabbos ve'yom tov.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, our G-d, King of the universe,
who hast sanctified us by Thy commandments and
instructed us to kindle the Sabbath (and/or) Festival Lights.



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