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From the Rabbi

Probably the most overlooked of the major holidays is *Shavu'ot*, the Feast of Weeks. Though it is one of the three pilgrimage festivals (*Pesach* and *Sukkot* are the others) when our ancestors used to trek from all over the ancient world to the Temple in Jerusalem for its celebration, this holiday always seems to come after the school year is out. This means that our religious school children seldom get to learn about it, and many adults seem to skip it, too, since it is at such a hectic time of year as people transition from spring to summer, and many already have their minds on escaping the Texas heat.

As with all of the pilgrimage festivals, *Shavu'ot* has an agricultural theme, a historical theme, and a spiritual theme. *Shavu'ot* also has other names just like its sister holidays. *Chag Habikurim* is the name that indicates the agricultural theme. It means holiday of the first fruits, signifying the beginning of the harvest season. The name Feast of Weeks comes because it marks the end of a daily countdown that begins on the second day of Passover. The counting was accomplished by bringing a certain measure of grain, called *omer*, to the Temple each day. When they had 49 measures (7 times seven weeks), they knew the next day would be *Shavu'ot*.

The historical theme is seen in the name *Z'man Matan Torateinu* -- the Time of the Giving of our Torah. Though not likely accurate, tradition holds that this is the day we gathered at Mt. Sinai and together witnessed the revelation of the Torah. The countdown of the *omer*, then, was also a countdown from slavery to the time when we really became the Jewish peoplehood by receiving the laws that would guide our Jewish way of living together.

Lastly, our spiritual theme is actually a combination of the other two themes. On *Shavu'ot*, we celebrate the learning of *Torah* as our way of connecting with God. Many

congregations have a tradition of holding a *Tikun*, an all-night study session to show symbolically that our love for the study of *Torah* should never end. We also have a tradition of eating dairy foods, such as blintzes and cheesecake, not so much for the milk as for the sweetness, so that we associate learning with a sweet taste in our mouths. This is reminiscent of the tradition of putting a drop of honey on the books of first year school students, so they would always think of learning as sweet.

This year, we will be having *Shavu'ot* services on Tuesday evening, June 7, at 8:00 p.m., and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. on June 8. Remember that June 8 will also include a *Yizkor* service (in the main sanctuary) around 10:45 a.m. As you will note, this is a change from our tradition of the past. In all Orthodox congregations in this country, and in many Conservative congregations, the pilgrimage festivals have two days of *yom tov* (*yuntiff*) at the beginning and end of the holiday (or just 2 days for *Shavu'ot*). But in all movements in Israel, and in other Conservative congregations, only one day is observed at the beginning and end. The Religious Committee has decided that we are at a point of concern about trying to make too many *minyanim*, and at a point where the centrality of Israel to the Jewish Peoplehood is firmly established. Thus, we are following the Israeli model of one day only of *yom tov* for the holidays. Please note that in Israel, as in all Conservative congregations, there are two days of Rosh Hashanah.

I hope you will take the opportunity, Eat (*michiks*), Pray (the holiday services), and Love (the study of *Torah*) with us at each of these services that you are able to attend. This way, you can help make sure that *Shavu'ot* is no longer the forgotten holiday.

Have a pleasant summer,
Rabbi Gordon Fuller

June Service Schedule

Friday, June 3

Candle Lighting 8:11 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 4

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat ends 9:42 p.m.

Tuesday, June 7

Erev Shavu'ot 8:00 p.m.
Tikun (Study) & Snacks follow

Wednesday, June 8

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Yizkor (approx.) 10:45 a.m.

Friday, June 10

Candle Lighting 8:15 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 11

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat ends 9:45 p.m.

Friday, June 17

Candle Lighting 8:17 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 18

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat ends 9:48 p.m.

Friday, June 24

Candle Lighting 8:19 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 25

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat ends 9:49 p.m.

Mazal Tov Donations

Elayne Lynn's Birthday

Carolyn Neuwirth
Shirley Hoppenstein

Hilda Ruttenberg's Birthday

Carolyn Neuwirth

David Hoppenstein's Birthday

Shirley Hoppenstein

Lorraine Hoppenstein's Birthday

Shirley Hoppenstein

Barry & Hanna Phillips

Hilda Ruttenberg

Lacey Farley's Graduation

Mona Farley

Jake Bauer's Birthday

Bobbye Brickman
Becky & Keith Myers

Randy Olmsted's Graduation

Marcia & Jim Olmsted

Special Donations

Shanna & Jay Rogers
Staci Begal

Harry D. Kempler
The Way of the Lord

Deana Stupak
Texas Cheese House

Florence & Stanley Hersh
Hanna & Barry Phillips

Harold Carnes
Pearl Jacobson

*Thanks to the synagogue for donations made for
Chance's speedy recovery
Mona Farley*

Gift Shop

With Graduations, Fathers Day, Birthdays and Anniversaries coming up during the summer, remember the CAJ Gift Shop when it comes to the special people in your life! The Gift Shop has something for everyone. Also, items can be special ordered on request. Please contact Pearl Jacobson with any of your Gift Shop needs.

Congratulations Graduates



Lacey Farley

Bachelors – University of North Texas

Arielle Levy

Bachelors – University of Texas Austin

Liz McCarter

Bachelors – Texas A&M University

Randy Olmsted

Vanguard College Preparatory School

Max Silver

MBA – Lynn University

Mazal Tov!



*Mr. & Mrs. Barry Phillips
Request the honor of your presence
At the celebration of
Their Jewish marriage ceremony*

*Sunday, June 12
2:00 p.m.*

*The wedding will be held
In the CAJ Sanctuary.
Refreshments & cake will be served
Immediately following, in the
Social Hall.*

*The Phillips please ask that you
Bring No Gifts.*



Mitzvah of the Month



**“Hishamer L’cha, Ushmor Nafshotecha M’od –
Take Care of Yourself and Guard Yourself
Well.”**

As we begin the summer months, make sure you take the usual precautions: drink lots of water, wear sunscreen and a sun hat, drive carefully and courteously on your trips, and watch out for the “other guy.” But also we remind you to look before you leap, especially into a pool or lake. We wish you a safe and rewarding summer.



June 1
Dr. Harvey Spark

June 3
Dr. Stanley Hersh

June 5
Arielle Levy

June 8
Martin Schwartz

June 9
Evelyn Hoffman

June 11
Judith Wolstein

June 17
Mika Shalti Brooks

June 25
Blake Lynn

June 27
Hanna Philips

June 28
Alice Hargrove

June 29
Natalie Hoffman

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Loren & Martin Schwartz

Thanks to Sharon Fuller & Amanda Henson
for their work on Passover Seder
Hanna & Barry Phillips

In appreciation of the honor of lifting the
Torah on Passover
Hanna & Barry Phillips

Thank you to Rabbi Fuller for your
dedication & support
Mona Farley



The Annual Beginning of Summer BBQ will be held on Friday, June 17 at 6:00 p.m. Services will follow. A suggested donation of \$10 per adult & \$5 per child is encouraged. Please contact the office no later than June 10 with your reservations. Come out and kick off the summer with CAJ!

LAG BA'OMER PICTURES

SUNDAY, MAY 22



Above: Jay Rogers helping Max, Aislinn & Jayden with Archery



Emily & Felicity In the Bounce House



Arts & Crafts Table, Ga-ga Court in Background

IN MEMORY OF

Jacob Greenspan
Carolyn Neuwirth

Lawrence Lynn
Shirley Hoppenstein

Isabel Chernoff
Shirley Hoppenstein

Hyman Novy
David Novy

Rebecca Brickman
Bobbye Brickman

Ruth Bell
Lois & Ken Germain &
Family

Malka Gardner
Hilda Ruttenberg

Hanna Agnes Rubel
Hanna & Barry Phillips

Rosaline Gardner
Hanna & Barry Phillips

Millie Gardner
Hanna & Barry Phillips

David Harry Rubel
Hanna & Barry Phillips

Mandel H. Citrin
Lea & Jeff Levin

Phillip M. Citrin
Lea & Jeff Levin

Dr. Sam Chernoff
Charles Levy
Hilda Ruttenberg
Pearl Jacobson
Morris Marcus
Elayne Lynn
Lorraine & David
Hoppenstein
Marsha & Michael Lev

Hyman B. Novy
Dr. Stanley Novy

Bertha Rosen
Harry Harelik

FOOD FOR THOUGHT LUNCHEON



Thursday, June 23
11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Please Contact the office to make
your reservations.

On - Going Mitzvah



Food from the Faithful

We will supply dried and canned beans on an on-going basis. Please bring packages throughout the year and Rabbi Fuller will see that they are delivered to Caritas.



Danny Holland
Hilda Ruttenberg
Dr. Stanley Hersh
Shirley Hoppenstein
Morris Marcus
Mona Farley
David Hoppenstein
Hilda Ruttenberg
Pearl Jacobson
Harvey Zigel
Hilda Ruttenberg
Corraine Hoppenstein
Pearl Jacobson
Hilda Ruttenberg
Steve Schwarz
Florence & Stanley Hersh

SHABBAT DONATIONS

April 23

Florence & Stanley Hersh
Debra & Blake Hargrove
Esther & Naman Lipinsky
Simone & Jake Bauer
Barbara & Elliot Wolpo
David & Lorraine
Hoppenstein
Pearl Jacobson
Steve & Lilia Schwarz

April 26

Florence & Stanley Hersh
Esther & Naman Lipinsky
Pearl Jacobson
Steve & Lilia Schwarz

April 30

Simone & Jake Bauer
Tracey Hall & Bill Burge
Morris Marcus
Susan & Abbye Silver
Pearl Jacobson
Steve & Lilia Schwarz

May 7

Esther & Naman Lipinsky
Simone & Jake Bauer
Florence & Stanley Hersh
Lorraine & David
Hoppenstein
Pearl Jacobson
Steve & Lilia Schwarz

May 14

Florence & Stanley Hersh
Judy Hersh
Simone & Jake Bauer
Esther & Naman Lipinsky
Pearl Jacobson
Steve & Lilia Schwarz

May 21

Morris Marcus
Simone & Jake Bauer
Esther & Naman Lipinsky
Florence & Stanley Hersh
Pearl Jacobson
Steve & Lilia Schwarz

HOW TO OBSERVE THE YAHRZEIT

It is traditional to kindle a Yahrzeit Candle in the home on the evening Yahrzeit begins. It should remain lighted until sunset the next day. Possible prayer before lighting a Yahrzeit candle: Eternal God, I/we light this candle in memory of (name) _____, my/our beloved (relationship) _____. The light of the flame rekindles all the warm memories of the moment we shared together, and reassures me /us that a piece of his/her soul dwells in my/our heart(s) forever. May his/her soul be bound up with the bonds of eternal life. Amen. Candles are available at the Gift Shop. Every effort should be made to say Kaddish at congregational services. It is meritorious to perform some Mitzvah or to contribute to the Synagogue in commemoration of the deceased.

Kaddish will be said June 3

Sivan 4 *Morris Brickman*
 Max Harris
 Frances Lebowitz
Sivan 5 *Ervin Graubard*
 Abe Schwartz
 Esther Zackin
Sivan 6 *Mrs. Ben (Rosa) Keen*
 Sarah Stein
Sivan 7 *Mary Meinstein*
 Golda Faigle Wizig

Kaddish will be said June 10

Sivan 9 *Sol Cohen*
 Jolan Halpern
 Frank Sifuentes
 David Stein
Sivan 10 *Mrs. A. Adelman*
 Jake Kirschner
Sivan 11 *Klaire Schwarz*
Sivan 12 *Yehashaua Nechemiah ben*
 Gershon
 Nathan Gurwitz
 Max Zelen
Sivan 13 *Esther Neuwirth*
 Jennie Novich
Sivan 15 *Israel Berkman*
 Shirley Gardner

Kaddish will be said June 17

Sivan 16 *Willie Rosen*
Sivan 17 *Howard Hoppenstein*
 Jonas Jacobs
 Jacqueline Leeds
 J.M. Rosenberg
Sivan 18 *Louis Fred*
 Pearl Goodman
 Rose Todd
Sivan 20 *Zelda Taub*
 Rabbi Isaac Caplan
Sivan 21 *Hannah Moser*
 Selma Schulman
 Henry Spelke
Sivan 22 *Morris Goodman*
 Dorothy Gulman
 Harry Rubel
 S. Barnett Sachs

Kaddish will be said June 24

Sivan 23 *Celia Cohen*
 Louis Levy
Sivan 24 *Isadore Budin*
 Mrs. Bessie Taub
Sivan 25 *Alvin Adelman*
 Edith Schwartz
Sivan 26 *Harry H. Schwarz*
Sivan 27 *Jack Chodorow*
 B.R. Goldberg
 Milton Harelik
 Sol Herzlich
 Bernard Wolstein
Sivan 28 *Mrs. Nathan Zidman*
Sivan 29 *Mary Bertha Englander*
 Fannie Fogel
 Herman Rich

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28 Iyar 5771 - 28 Sivan 5771

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 YOM YERUSHALAYIM 28 Iyar/43 L'Omer Menachos 84	2 29 Iyar/44 L'Omer Menachos 85	3 ROSH HODESH Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m. 1 Sivan/45 L'Omer Menachos 86	4 Shacharit 9:30 a.m. 2 Sivan/46 L'Omer Menachos 87
5 3 Sivan/47 L'Omer Menachos 88	6 4 Sivan/48 L'Omer Menachos 89	7 EREV SHAVUOT Service 8:00 p.m. 5 Sivan/49 L'Omer Menachos 90	8 SHAVUOT Service 9:30 a.m. Yizkor 10:45 a.m. Office Closed NO Board Meeting 6 Sivan Menachos 91	9 SHAVUOT II (YIZKOR) 7 Sivan Menachos 92	10 8 Sivan Menachos 93	11 Shacharit 9:30 a.m. 9 Sivan Menachos 94
12 10 Sivan Menachos 95	13 11 Sivan Menachos 96	14 12 Sivan Menachos 97	15 13 Sivan Menachos 98	16 14 Sivan Menachos 99	17 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m. Beginning of Summer BBQ 6:00 p.m. Services Following BBQ 15 Sivan Menachos 100	18 Shacharit 9:30 a.m. 16 Sivan Menachos 101
19 17 Sivan Menachos 102	20 18 Sivan Menachos 103	21 19 Sivan Menachos 104	22 20 Sivan Menachos 105	23 Food for Thought Luncheon 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. 21 Sivan Menachos 106	24 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m. 22 Sivan Menachos 107	25 Shacharit 9:30 a.m. 23 Sivan Menachos 108
26 ISJL Conference 24 Sivan Menachos 109	27 ISJL Conference 25 Sivan Menachos 110	28 ISJL Conference 26 Sivan Chullin 2	29 27 Sivan Chullin 3	30 28 Sivan Chullin 4		