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## From the Rabbi

The reading of the Torah is the central piece of the entire worship service during certain days. Instituted by Ezra back in the 5<sup>th</sup> century B.C.E., the public reading of the Torah takes place every Monday, Thursday, and holiday. Mondays and Thursdays were chosen because they were the public market days, ensuring not only a *minyan*, but the largest possible gathering to hear these holy words.

We often forget that Shabbat is a holiday; it's just one that comes every week. And *Rosh Chodesh* is considered a kind of half holiday – it's special, but we don't have to stop working for it. The other annual holidays – *Rosh Hashanah*, *Yom Kippur*, *Pesach*, *Shavu'ot*, and *Sukkot* – round out when we read the Torah publicly (with one or two other exceptions).

Most of us know that we read one portion of the Torah each week, called the *sidrah*, from the word *seder*, meaning order, or *parashah*, meaning chapter or section (*parshat hashavu'a* = the weekly portion). But fewer know when it is that we change from one to the next. The answer is at Shabbat afternoon services called *Minchah* (which we no longer do at our congregation). This is the first time of the week we read a given portion of the Torah. Usually, the first *Aliyah* of the full Torah reading is divided into three smaller *aliyot*.

The word "*Aliyah*" means "going up", for it is considered going up in holiness, and therefore an honor, to be called up to the Torah. In Jewish tradition, many people make a donation to the congregation as a way of showing gratitude for such an honor, and of fulfilling the mitzvah of giving *tzedakah*. When one is called up to the Torah, a *gabbai* is supposed to ask if you'd like to make a donation. If you say yes, s/he will ask how much and note that by slipping a disc showing that amount into a card with your

name on it. These cards are kept in a box and used by the *gabbai* on the right side of the Torah reader (even if the *gabbai* doesn't ask, a donation is a good way to show thanks for the honor). The box is left in the office after services so these donations may be recorded. A typical donation is \$5 or \$10 for people who are called up regularly. But special occasions and/or requesting a *mishebeirach* (a special blessing) for a particular occasion or request would justify a higher donation. Some of our more senior members have been known to be called up for their birthdays and donate a dollar for every year of their age!

The Monday and Thursday readings and *Rosh Chodesh* also get three *aliyot* just like on Shabbat afternoon. On Shabbat morning, a minimum of seven *aliyot* are called, and then the *Maftir*. Additional *aliyot*, each one called *hosafah*, may be added, but no fewer than seven should be read. On all other holidays it's five *aliyot*, except six for *Yom Kippur*, with a seventh added if it also falls on *Shabbat*.

The tradition is to give the first to a *Kohein*, or priest, and the second to a Levite, and all others to Israelites. If there's no *Kohein*, we call a *Levi binkom* (in place of a *Kohein*). The reason they get the first one or two *aliyot* is simple, but not well known. Apparently, there was significant bickering over who got the first *aliyah*, and so to preserve peace in the community, it was decided that a *kohein* should always be first.

As always, we welcome your full participation in services, in *aliyot*, in being a *gabbai* or even being a Torah reader! Coaching is available upon request!

*Shenizkeh l'mitzuot* – may we be privileged to do many *mitzuot* together,

Rabbi Gordon Fuller

## May SERVICE SCHEDULE

<p><u>Friday, May 6</u> Candle Lighting 7:53 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Saturday, May 7</u> Shacharit 9:30 a.m. Shabbat ends 9:24 p.m.</p> <p><u>Friday, May 13</u> Candle Lighting 7:58 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Saturday, May 14</u> Shacharit 9:30 a.m. Shabbat ends 9:29 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Friday, May 20</u> Candle Lighting 8:03 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Saturday, May 21</u> Shacharit 9:30 a.m. Shabbat ends 9:34 p.m.</p> <p><u>Friday, May 27</u> Candle Lighting 8:07 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Saturday, May 28</u> Shacharit 9:30 a.m. Shabbat ends 9:38 p.m.</p>
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### Pearl Jacobson's Birthday

Carolyn Neuwirth

Marla Jacobson & Family

### David Hoppenstein's Birthday

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Siegel

### Jeff & Colleen Wolf's New Home

Lois & Cal Goldberg

### Rabbi & Sharon Fuller's New Home

Lois & Cal Goldberg

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Debra & Blake Hargrove

Florence & Stanley Hersh

Jim & Marcia Olmsted

Marilyn Fischman – Given In Memory of  
Sherwin Fischman

Jeff & Lea Levin

Barry & Hanna Phillips

Jo & Harvey Spark

Bobbye Brickman

## Mitzvah of the Month



“Ta’amu Ur’u Ki Tov Hashem-Taste and See that God is Good”

Psalms 34 verse 9

Try some new mitzvot, such as keeping Kosher, and see how you like it and if it is meaningful to you. Start with small steps, like eliminating shellfish and/or pork before moving on to higher levels, such as separating milk and meat and kashering your kitchen. Contact the Rabbi with any questions or for further suggestions.



May 11  
Dorothy Harelik

May 12  
Chava Kamenetsky

May 15  
Jake Bauer

May 16  
Elayne Lynn

May 18  
Richard Pollak

May 20  
Betty Bauer

May 21  
Jayden Mayette

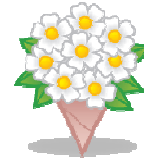
May 25  
Benjamin Spark

May 29  
Hilda Ruttenberg

May 30  
Lacy Meredith Farley  
Jake Schwartz

May 31  
Bibi Rafalson

*Get Well Soon*



*Phyllis Akmal*  
*Hilda Ruttenberg*

*Stanley Hersh*  
*Charles Levy*  
*Frances "Torchy" Hoffman*  
*Audrey & Nate Koss*  
*Bobbye Brickman*  
*Hilda Ruttenberg*  
*Pearl Jacobson*  
*David & Corraine Hoppenstein*  
*Elayne Lynn*  
*Anonymous*  
*Cois & Cal Goldberg*

# YOM HASHOAH



## HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE 2011

**A COMMUNITY OBSERVANCE**  
**MONDAY, MAY 2 AT 7:00 P.M.**  
**TEMPLE RODEF SHOLOM**  
**1717 N. NEW ROAD – WACO, TX**

### IN MEMORY OF

Jack Ruttenberg  
Hilda Ruttenberg  
Hanna & Barry Phillips  
Sherwin Fischman  
Debra & Blake Hargrove  
Birdie Citrin  
Jeff & Lea Levin  
Mitchel Max Marcus  
Morris Marcus  
Sam Rubel  
Hanna & Barry Phillips

### CAJ Board Meeting

Wednesday,  
May 11, 2011  
7:30 p.m.

# FOOD FOR THOUGHT LUNCHEON



Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>  
11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

The Rabbi will discuss “Kosher Food, Kosher for Passover – What difference does it make anyway?”

Please Contact the office to make your reservations.

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## SHABBAT DONATIONS

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### March 26

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

### April 2

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

### April 9

Esther & Naman Lipinsky  
Jake & Simone Bauer  
Pearl Jacobson  
Steve & Lilia Schwarz

### April 16

Jake & Simone Bauer  
Debra & Blake Hargrove  
Barry & Hanna Phillips  
Pearl Jacobson  
Steve & Lilia Schwarz

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## 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.

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## 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.

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### Kaddish will be said May 6

<i>Iyar 3</i>	<i>Tessie Ruskin</i>
<i>Iyar 4</i>	<i>Adam Kiss</i> <i>Lester Englander</i> <i>Lawrence Lynn</i>
<i>Iyar 5</i>	<i>Agnes Rubel</i> <i>Mrs. Ben Golob</i> <i>Abraham J. Sprecher</i>
<i>Iyar 6</i>	<i>Ruth Bell</i>
<i>Iyar 7</i>	<i>Bertha Rosen</i> <i>Rebecca Brickman</i> <i>Jake Berkman</i>
<i>Iyar 8</i>	<i>Eva Wizig</i> <i>Abe Hashfield</i> <i>M. Berlowitz</i>
<i>Iyar 9</i>	<i>Z. Hoppenstein</i> <i>Muriel Jesenof</i>

### Kaddish will be said May 13

<i>Iyar 10</i>	<i>Mary Novich</i>
<i>Iyar 11</i>	<i>Annie Esserman</i> <i>Sarah Israel</i> <i>Jack Weissman</i> <i>Dave Freed</i> <i>Max Chodorow</i> <i>Lillian Rubenstein</i>
<i>Iyar 12</i>	<i>Benjamin Bauer</i> <i>Joe Leo Siegel</i> <i>Louis Woolf</i>
<i>Iyar 13</i>	<i>Millie Gardner</i> <i>Abe Adams</i>
<i>Iyar 14</i>	<i>Adrian Moes</i> <i>Fannie Genecov</i>
<i>Iyar 15</i>	<i>Sarah Hoffman</i> <i>Morris Cohen</i> <i>Annie Rae Wizig</i>
<i>Iyar 16</i>	<i>Gilford Fred</i>

### Kaddish will be said May 20

<i>Iyar 17</i>	<i>Julius Berkman</i> <i>Jacob Greenspan</i> <i>Samuel Kestner</i> <i>Abe Udashen</i>
<i>Iyar 18</i>	<i>N. Suravitz</i> <i>Jennie Rosenberg</i>
<i>Iyar 19</i>	<i>Louis Kleiman</i> <i>Ralph Leeds</i>
<i>Iyar 20</i>	<i>Sonia Stein</i>
<i>Iyar 21</i>	<i>Louis Marks</i> <i>Lee Wolkoff</i> <i>Sarah Stein</i>
<i>Iyar 22</i>	<i>Max Hoppenstein</i> <i>Abe Lewis</i> <i>Hyman Novy</i>
<i>Iyar 23</i>	<i>Mandel H. Citrin</i>

### Kaddish will be said May 27

<i>Iyar 24</i>	<i>A. Polansky</i> <i>Mary Budin</i> <i>Orpha Starr</i>
<i>Iyar 25</i>	<i>Otto Levy</i> <i>David Harry Rubel</i> <i>Mrs. Phillip Stupak</i> <i>Steve Zelen</i>
<i>Iyar 26</i>	<i>Bessie Levin</i> <i>Dave Spero</i>
<i>Iyar 27</i>	<i>Phillip M. Citrin</i> <i>Sarah Cohen</i> <i>J. Englander</i> <i>Hannah Lasinker</i> <i>Lilly Maleh</i>
<i>Iyar 28</i>	<i>Abe Levy</i> <i>Toby Mallen</i>
<i>Iyar 29</i>	<i>Al Jacobson</i>
<i>Sivan 1</i>	<i>Rosaline Gardner</i> <i>Jacob Jacobson</i> <i>Rebecca Zoblotsky</i>

# May 2011

## 27 Nisan 5771 - 27 Iyar 5771

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 YOM HASHOAH          27 Nisan/12 L'Omer Menachos 53	2 Holocaust Service at Temple Rodef Sholom 7:00 p.m.       28 Nisan/13 L'Omer Menachos 54	3          29 Nisan/14 L'Omer Menachos 55	4 ROSH HODESH I       30 Nisan/15 L'Omer Menachos 56	5 ROSH HODESH II Food For Thought Luncheon 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.     1 Iyar/16 L'Omer Menachos 57	6 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m. ISJL Fellow Claire Solomon to speak at Religious School.  Religious School Parents Meeting 10:15 a.m.   2 Iyar/17 L'Omer Menachos 58	7 Shacharit 9:30 a.m. ISJL Fellow Claire Solomon to speak at Religious School.  Religious School Parents Meeting 10:15 a.m.   3 Iyar/18 L'Omer Menachos 59
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15       11 Iyar/26 L'Omer Menachos 67	16       12 Iyar/27 L'Omer Menachos 68	17       13 Iyar/28 L'Omer Menachos 69	18 PESACH SHEINI       14 Iyar/29 L'Omer Menachos 70	19       15 Iyar/30 L'Omer Menachos 71	20 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.     16 Iyar/31 L'Omer Menachos 72	21 Shacharit 9:30 a.m.     17 Iyar/32 L'Omer Menachos 73
22 LAG B'OMER Last day of Religious School    18 Iyar/33 L'Omer Menachos 74	23       19 Iyar/34 L'Omer Menachos 75	24       20 Iyar/35 L'Omer Menachos 76	25 Meditation Service 7:30 p.m.    21 Iyar/36 L'Omer Menachos 77	26       22 Iyar/37 L'Omer Menachos 78	27 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.    23 Iyar/38 L'Omer Menachos 79	28 Shacharit 9:30 a.m.    24 Iyar/39 L'Omer Menachos 80
29       25 Iyar/40 L'Omer Menachos 81	30       26 Iyar/41 L'Omer Menachos 82	31       27 Iyar/42 L'Omer Menachos 83				