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Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation

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Not to be Missed

- o Delicious Shabbat Dinners on Fridays, May 29th and June 19th
- o Rabbi Ginsburg's Extraordinary sermons at services
- o Jewish United Fund Brunch on May 17th
- o Shabbat Shavu'ot services on May 29th with Rabbi Ginsburg and Cantor Warschawski

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From the Rabbi's desk ...

The holiday of Shavu'ot falls during the middle of the period covered by this bulletin, May 29th and 30th. Shavu'ot has, as do the other **Shlosha Regalim** food festivals, an agricultural dimension as well as a historical dimension. The agricultural dimension is that of "first fruits". Our ancestors were commanded to bring the first yield of their produce in the spring to the Temple and declare their affiliation with the children of Israel. The Torah instructs them to recite a special formula that actually becomes the basis of the Passover Hagaddah.



Shavu'ot is linked with Passover. We start counting the forty-nine day seven week Omer period from the second night of Passover that concludes just before Shavu'ot. Shavu'ot, in that way, is a climax of the Passover holiday. The main theme of Passover is liberation from bondage and renewed freedom, but that begs us to ask "What are the limits to our freedom?". That leads us to the historical and religious significance of Shavu'ot. According to our sages, it is the anniversary of the giving of the Torah. And so the answer to the Jew of "what is the limit of our freedom?" is that the limit of our freedom is being yoked to the Torah that is commanded by God to live a certain holy way.

Later in this bulletin, we have more information about the holiday of Shavu'ot, but the key notion that I'd like to stress is that of the way in which we celebrate the receiving of the the Torah. That should be a renewed understanding for Jews of the importance of Jewish study. There are many ways that we express our Jewishness: through prayer, tikkun olam, social action, tzedakah, committee meetings, supporting Israel, fighting anti-Semitism, etc. But there is one very salient passage in the Talmud which bears reflection as we honor the giving of the Torah. It's a passage recited every morning and the essence of it is, "in fulfilling the following commandments, one enjoys the yield in the world while the principle remains for all eternity".... it then lists many wonderful mitzvot including honoring your parents, performing deeds in loving kindness, praying with devotion. But it ends with "the merit of Torah studies is equal to all of these".

We have wonderful resources in our congregation for Torah study, including my weekday Maimonides class, our monthly Shabbat Lunch and Learns, our Yiddish class, our Introduction to Judaism class, our Hebrew courses plus the 500 videos we have online, the many blogs and a three times a week Torah email. That is just a drop in the bucket of the plethora of learning opportunities both in the city of Chicago and on the internet. We pray that this Shavu'ot inspires us to deepen our knowledge of Judaism and of God's will for us.

Celebrate Israel's 61st Birthday

Coordinated by Enthusy

1. Sunday, May 3rd.

✦ Israel Solidarity Day, featuring The Walk with Israel – Contact the office to reserve your spot on the bus from EHNTJC

- 6k Walk and Family Walk
- Acclaimed Israel musical group
- A taste of Kosher Chicago
- Activities for Teens, Kids, and Families

2. Our Annual JUF reception - May 17th, 9:30 AM RSVP (Joel Farber Chairman) \$8

Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg

Officiating on **FRIDAY NIGHTS**
May & June 2009
Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg

M a y	1	8:00 PM	Bibi Marcell
	8	8:00 PM	Jeff and Janis
	15	8:00 PM	Dr. Sandy Finkel
	22	8:00 PM	Baye Miller
	29	6:00 PM	Shabbat Dinner
	29	8:00 PM	Cantor Warschawski

J u n e	5	8:00 PM	Dr. Sandy Finkel
	12	6:00 PM	Single's Service
		7:00 PM	Single's Dinner
		8:00 PM	Lori Lippitz
	19	6:00 PM	Shabbat Dinner
		8:00 PM	Cantor Warschawski
	26	8:00 PM	Jeff and Janis



Candle Lighting Times

May		Standard Time
Friday	1	7:31
Friday	8	7:38
Friday	15	7:45
Friday	22	7:52
Friday	29	7:59
June		Standard Time
Friday	5	8:04
Friday	12	8:08
Friday	19	8:11
Friday	26	8:12



AVAILABLE EHNTJC CDS

- Cantor Warschawski's High Holiday CD is available in the office, only \$18.
- "Intro to Our Synagogue" available on the table in Social Hall; give it to the friend looking for a synagogue.

Learn, Live & Love Jewishly

1. Introduction to Judaism/Conversion Program

Tuesday Night at 7:30 p.m. View details at www.ehnt.org/conversion

2. Hebrew Language

Beginners & Intermediate. These 8-week courses will start with the basics of letter recognition and will move on through basic reading skills. The course will also help the students become more familiar and competent in navigating the Siddur (prayer book). Offered several times a year.

- **Mondays 6:30-7:30 PM –Intermediate**
- **Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 PM -Advanced**

\$25-members, \$40- non-members, taught by Charles Kriesberg

3. Videos

550 brief videos of Jewish content by Rabbi Ginsburg. Search on the internet for Youtube at www.youtube.com/rjhgins and see them all listed. Enroll in Rabbi's Video University & earn a degree.

4. Shabbat LUNCH & LEARN

Monthly: Study the commandments and their rationale-Shabbat after services, taught by Rabbi Ginsburg. (\$5 for lunch) (May 2)

5. Yiddish at Kiddish Tish

Marvell Ginsburg leads this Yiddish class after Shabbat Services monthly, \$5 per person. (May 23)

6. Spirituality Maimonides/ Mishneh Torah

Taught by Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg. Mishneh Torah, Meets weekly, Wed. afternoons, 1:15-2:30 PM; E-mail rabbi@ehnt.org. May 6, 20, 27 and June 3, 10, 17 and 24

7. Yehntta

Your Ezra-Habonim Niles Township Torah abstract. Regular e-mails on topics of Jewish interest from Rabbi J. Ginsburg. To be added, e-mail rabbi@ehnt.org.

8. Websites & Blogs:

- www.rabbireflects.blogspot.com
- www.conservativejew.blogspot.com
- www.weeklyvideodvartorah.blogspot.com
- www.cybershabbatservices.blogspot.com
- www.jonathanginsburg.net
- www.israelgreatest.blogspot.com
- www.anti-semitismtoday.blogspot.com
- www.jewisholidays.blogspot.com



Mazel Tov and Thank You to:

Frank Gerber on his 70th Birthday celebrated on March 28 with a Kiddish Lunch sponsored by his children,

Ezra Schacher on his 34th birthday celebrated on May 23 with a Kiddish Lunch sponsored by his mother Ellen Goldstein and Grandmother Anne Goldstein.

Mert & Marsha Brody on the Bat Mitzvah on June 6 of their granddaughter, Shira, daughter of Anne and David Elovic.

Frances Gray, on the birth of her great grandson, Thomas Brent Cowen, son of Chris and Michael Cowen.

Dalya Horowitz on becoming a Bat Mitzvah and who with her husband Michael, sponsored the Kiddish Lunch on May 16.

Baye Miller on becoming a Bat Mitzvah and to her parents Hope and Jess who sponsored the Kiddish Lunch on June 6 in honor of Baye.

Matthew Reid Klem on becoming a Bar Mitzvah and to his parents, Vicky Klem and Paul Liebenson and to his grandmother Eugenia and Yury Kaplunov who are also sponsoring the Kiddish Lunch.

Sherry & Benjamin Rontal on their March 25th anniversary.

Leonore & Jack Wolfe on birth of granddaughter Rebecca Mollie Wolfe, daughter of Susan and Jeff Wolfe.

Thanks to:

Thank you to our congregation family for your thoughts of condolence on the passing of our mother Sylvia Post. They were appreciated by our family in Skokie as well as in Phoenix. (Phyllis and Sheldon Post)

Muchas Gracias – Danka and Merci:

Much Thanks to the many congregants who have wished me and recited prayers for my recovery from my recent surgery.

Whether by personal visits, cards, donations, phone calls and homemade chicken soup, they all contributed to my returning to EHNTJC.

A special thanks goes to Rabbis Jonathan Ginsburg and Neil Brief for their prayers, phone calls and *mishzbaytachs*. (Joel Farber)

Condolences

Victor Drower on the death of his wife, Harriet Drower

The family of Lee Ann and Herman Granat on their deaths

Sheldon Post on the death of his mother, Sylvia Post

Sherry Rontal on the death of her mother, Sally Silverman

Diane Rosenfeld on the death of her mother, Ruth Raynes

Marlene Singer on the death of her father, Sigman Derman

Otto Wilner on the death of his brother, Jack Wilner

Ken Goldberg on the death of his sister, Cookie Sater

Welcome New Members

Benji and Faye Bearman

Nina Cunningham

Linda and Michael Hoffenberg

David Eisenberg and Karen Lobl

Gloria Swanson



WISH LIST FOR OUR SYNAGOGUE

There are so many items the synagogue truly needs that our congregants, if only they knew, would be pleased to provide. Here are some of our Wish List items with approximate costs. Funding any of these would be gratefully accepted.

* Silk Hallah Covers from Jerusalem for our Communal Dinner, 20x20	\$ 400
*50 copies of the 5 Megillot for Festivals	\$ 500
*Refresh coat room	\$ 2,000
*Landscaping crucial areas	\$ 2,000
*Per landscaping tree, w/plaque	\$ 1,500
* Refurbish the Cantor's office	\$ 5,000
* New Printer	\$ 300
* New Computer	\$ 900

SPONSORS NEEDED

Please help support EHNTJC programs and budget by sponsoring a weekly Shabbat Oneg, Kiddush, or Lunch for \$350.00

In memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion

For more information on the above or for other special occasions and costs, please call Sonya at :(847) 675-4141

You Are Invited

May 29th, 8:00 p.m. for Shabbat Shavu'ot Services.

Mazel Tov to our Religious School graduates for 5769:

Laura Kek, Matthew Klem, Rachel Shvartser and Anna Zavell



Save the Date for a Post-Shavu'ot Treat
 Sunday, May 31st, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
 "How Can I Pray What I Don't Believe?"

Come learn with an extraordinary teacher (on a rare visit to Chicago), **Rabbi Elie Kaunfer**.

Do traditional prayer formulas express our values?
 Often they do, but what do we do when we "disagree" with a prayer's content? Rabbi Kaunfer will examine these questions about prayer through a discussion of the first blessing of the *Amidah*.

No Charge. Refreshments will be served.

OUR ANNUAL JEWISH UNITED FUND BRUNCH SUNDAY, MAY 17TH, 2009 AT 9:30 A.M.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS BRUNCH IS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE NEEDS OF JEWS IN CHICAGOLAND AND AROUND THE WORLD. THE COST OF THE BRUNCH WILL BE \$8 PER PERSON. THE GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE PROFESSOR JONATHAN ADELMAN. DR. JONATHAN ADELMAN, A FULL PROFESSOR AT THE JOSEF KORBEL SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER, HAS WRITTEN AND EDITED 12 BOOKS. HIS MOST RECENT BOOK IS "THE RISE OF ISRAEL: A HISTORY OF A REVOLUTIONARY STATE."

CALL THE OFFICE AT 847-675-4141 TO REGISTER FOR THIS BRUNCH IN ADVANCE.

Religious School Calendar

May 2009

Wednesday May 6, 13, 20, 27

Saturday, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

May Specials: Saturday, May 23, Last Saturday of Hebrew School. Wednesday, May 27, Last Day of Hebrew School. Friday, May 29- Graduation



Midwest Region of the Jewish Educators Assembly Thursday May 14th at 6:30 PM

We will be honoring Michael Rosenberg, our beloved teacher of 20+ years, and Howard Romanek, our hard-working Religious School Chair, as well as a teacher and lay person involved in education from each. Dinner will take place at Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah, \$75 per person for dinner. Email sbrownwinter@amyisrael.org or call 847-446-7215 ext. 12 to register.

Memorial Plaques

When a member of your family passes away, we at EHNTJC can provide you with a venue to memorialize them.

A bronze memorial plaque is \$400 and will be placed on our wall. Each year at the time of Yahrzeit, a special plaque will be placed on our lighted memorial.

Call the office to order your memorial plaque at (847) 675-4141. We can send you a brochure with more details.



Baye Miller

Saturday, June 6th, 2009 Bat Mitzvah
 Proud Parents: Hope and Jess Miller

Baye is looking forward to her upcoming Bat Mitzvah at Ezra Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation. Baye is in 7th grade at Solomon Schechter Day School. She enjoys swimming, soccer, shopping and cooking. She also loves being with her friends and family.
Mazel Tov Baye!



Dalya Horowitz

Since I was raised in a secular family, I never had a formal Bat Mitzvah. As I became more observant, I realized this rite of passage was missing from my life. Now, with the encouragement of my sweet soul mate, Mike, Rabbi Ginsburg and the members of our congregation, God willing, I will fulfill that dream. *Mazel Tov Dalya!*



Matthew Reid Klem

Saturday, May 9th, 2009 Bar Mitzvah
 Proud Parents: Victoria Klem and Paul Liebenson

Matthew is looking forward to his upcoming Bar Mitzvah at Ezra Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation. Matthew is in the 7th grade at Wilmette Junior High School. He loves to spend time outside, playing basketball and football. Matthew also has a very large extended family and loves having his whole family over for holidays, especially Thanksgiving. *Mazel Tov Matthew!*



**Congregational SHABBAT
DINNER and SERVICE**

JUNE 19TH, 2009
JOIN RABBI JONATHAN GINSBURG

Shabbat Dinner - 6:30 PM, Shabbat Service - 8:00 PM
Dinner reservation deadline: Tuesday, June 16th, 5 PM
No transfer credit or refunds if cancelled after June 16th.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail
address _____

_____ # of Adult Members at \$15/person = \$ _____
_____ # of Adult Non-members at \$17/person = \$ _____
_____ # of children 6 to 12 at \$6.00/child = \$ _____
_____ # of children 5 and under (free) (Please list ages) _____
_____ Total attending Total Enclosed \$ _____

Payment method (Payment must accompany reservation):

_____ Check (Please make checks payable to EHNTJC – Check # _____

_____ Credit card Visa/MasterCard – (Over \$50)

Account # _____ exp _____

Authorized Signature: _____

**The Untold Story Behind the
Skokie Holocaust Museum**

May 30th, 2009 at EHNTJC

- Services 9:30 am, Rabbi Ginsburg and Cantor Warschawski
- Shabbat Shavuot Yizkor Lunch after Services
- Kiddush lunch 12:15 PM-The Town Meeting response at EHNTJC over thirty years ago -Rabbi Neil Brief
- The Battle to keep the New Museum in Skokie- Calvin Sutker

**Moderator Sen. Howard Carroll -Sponsor of the
Mandatory Holocaust Education Law**

**SKOKIE HOLOCAUST MUSEUM GROUP
TOUR FOR EHNTJC**

SUNDAY, JULY 12TH, 2009

WE WILL MEET AT THE MUSEUM AT 10:45 A.M.
FOR AN 11:00 A.M. TOUR.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT IN ADVANCE. \$10 PER ADULT



Rabbi Ginsburg in Israel Trip 2008

ISRAEL TRIP

Study & Experience the Many Faces of Israel; November 2009

10 days touring, Round trip air Chicago/Tel Aviv, 6 Nights Jerusalem, 2 Nights Galilee, 1 Night Tel Aviv, (2 Nights Elilat – optional):
all breakfasts, 5 Dinners

Highlights

- Shabbat services and kiddush brunch with an Israeli Congregation.
- Old City of Jerusalem – Jewish past, archaeology, and city of three religions.
- New City of Jerusalem – city of today – politics, an everyday life Knesset, Yad Vashem, Supreme Court, and more.
- A day in the Judean Mountains – enjoy nature, military, history, and Mini – Israel.
- Kabbalat Shabbat at the hotel, and private Friday night dinner.
- Tour Massada and swim in the Dead Sea.
- The Galilee, Golan Heights, Mystical and artistic Tzefat, Haifa, Tiberius, ancient ruins and new mansion of Casarea...
- Tel Aviv tour, museum, and farewell dinner.
- Optional extension to Elilat.

For more information contact Rabbi Ginsburg at:
(847)675-4141, rabbi@ehnt.org



<u>A. STAMPFER ISRAEL FUND</u>	<u>IN HONOR OF</u>
Gloria Horwitz	50 th anniversary of Judy Frank and Diane Rosenfeld's Bat Mitzvah
<u>CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND</u>	<u>IN HONOR OF</u>
Mickey & Phil Gordon	a speedy recovery to Cantor Warschawski our granddaughter Lindsey's Bat Mitzvah
<u>CONGREGATION FUND</u>	<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>
Sylvia & Marvin Asher	Lena and Joseph Asher
Jeanette Ansell	Mandel Cohn
Shirley & Victor Becker	beloved mother, Ida Cohen Shulman
Harriet Berland	Harold Becker
Judith Blumenthal	beloved father, Julius Blumenthal
Eda & Howard Carroll	Sigman Derman
Vivian Coretz	Goldie Riederman
Donald Davidson	Jacob Davidson
Libby Dolgin	beloved grandmother, Sarah Feldberg
Max Dolins	beloved husband, Max Dolgin
Marilyn & Jerry Epstein	beloved father, Harry Dolins
Sylvia Footlik	beloved grandfather, Julius Shapiro
Barbara & Fred Frankston	beloved mother, Anna Gollay
Sarah Friedman	beloved father-in-law, Louis Footlik
Adie Fuchs	beloved brother-in-law, Dr. Harold Randell
Franklin E. Gerber	Louis Landesman
Frank Gerber & Family	Isabel P. Miller
Melba Levitt Gold	Alice Klehr
Jerry & Ronia Gross	Morrie Kominsky
Celia Gruenebaum	Anna Glass
Lilly Heidelberger	beloved wife, Shirley Gerber
Lilly Hutter	beloved father, Irving Gerber
Alvin L. Kaplan	Morrie Kominsky
Beverly Kovin	Ruth Raynes
Craig Kovin	Morton Lee Levitt
Leah A. Lazere	Ammon Dallal
Eva B. Levi	Sol Gross
Ethel Levy	Aziza Dallal
Shaynee & Michael Lichtenstein	Dalia Dallal
Alan & Pauline Lifton	Golda Fatel
Shirley & Marty Lubowich	Martha Gruenebaum
Howard Mirsky	devoted husband and father, Arthur
Alfred S. Nathan	beloved husband and father, Ernest Hutter
Norm & Rosalie Persky	Lenore Rosenfeld Kaplan
The Powell Family	Robert Kovin
Ada & Beryl Rabinowitz	Robert Kovin
	beloved brother, Meyer Auerbach
	beloved parents, Esther and Nathan Auerbach
	Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kaufman
	Ruth Lesh
	Samuel Malkoff
	Ruth Raynes
	Dorothy W. Freedman
	Julius S. Freedman
	Nathan Shaw
	Janice Shaw
	Ruth Raynes
	Sigman Derman
	Ben Lavin
	Renae Byron Nathan
	Leo Berman
	Ruth Raynes
	Iris Feldman
	Henry Powell
	Jack Wilner
	Sam Sutker

<u>CONGREGATION FUND</u>	<u>IN MEMORY OF cont'd.</u>
Howard Romanek	Jane Romanek
Marion Rosenberg	Rose Romanek
Nora & Rubin Saposnik	Jack Wilner
Leonard Schechtman	Hymen Rosenberg
Sheldon A. Shapiro	Abe Zitomersky
Yuri Shvartser	Bertha Saposnik
Cynthia Toback	Anna Schwartz
Barbara Wax	Martin L. Shapiro
Joel Wax	Sylvia Ruth Shapiro
David Weinberg	Cuernella Shvartser
Priscilla Wish	Yosef Shvartser
Jack & Lenore Wolfe	beloved husband, David Wish
<u>CONGREGATION FUND</u>	<u>IN HONOR OF</u>
Judy & Howard Frank and Henely Friedman	to wish Joel Farber a speedy recovery
Frank Gerber & Family	to wish Carol Straus a speedy recovery
Betty & Keith Harvie	Diane Rosenfeld and Judy Frank
Linda & Barry Lewison	Harry Heftman's 100 th birthday
Judith & Louis Rabin	Aaron and Bill Gerber's special birthday
Ada Rabinowitz	best wishes to Toby and Irv Rosenfeld
	a speedy recovery to Joel Farber
	a speedy recovery to Marcia Rosenberg
	a speedy recovery to Elena Batman-Levin and Lee Levin
	a speedy recovery to Esther Mainzer
	a speedy recovery to Molly Sweet
	a speedy recovery to Irv Koppel
	a speedy recovery to Judith Rae Ross
Ada & Beryl Rabinowitz	best wishes to Arline and Leonard Dubow
David & Andy Reich	thanks to Rabbi Ginsburg and Rabbi Brief for their kindness and concern
<u>GAN YELADIM FUND</u>	<u>IN HONOR OF</u>
Gan Staff	Andrea Upin Deutch's new grandson
Carol Singer & Family	the Spector's new son
<u>H. GREENBAUM CAMP RAMAH FUND</u>	<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>
Jackie & Stanley Schwartz	beloved father, Sol Greenblatt
	beloved brother, Edward Robert Schwartz
<u>H. GREENBAUM CAMP RAMAH FUND</u>	<u>IN HONOR OF</u>
Arona Sarfatty	my birthday
<u>HILLMAN LIBRARY FUND</u>	<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>
Holli Rosenberg	Robert Hykan
<u>PRAYER BOOK FUND</u>	<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>
Mickey & Phil Gordon and Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Horar	Elmer Sayre
Marsha & Richard Newman	Ruth Raynes
Sandra & Richard Schultz	Sylvia Post
	Sylvia Post
<u>RABBI'S SPECIAL FUND</u>	<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>
Perry & Anita Toback	beloved mother, Ann Toback
	beloved grandparents, Betty and Morris Rosen
<u>RABBI'S SPECIAL FUND</u>	<u>IN HONOR OF</u>
Lloyd & Sheri Stein	a speedy recovery to Jack Adler
Howard & Luisita Graff	Franklin Gerber's 70 th birthday



SHAVUOT ACTIVITIES 5769
Join Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg & Cantor Benjamin Warschawski

1. **Thursday, May 28th, 2009, 5 Sivan 5769**
 Minyan Service at 7:00 p.m.
 Followed by **Tikkun** Study Session with Rabbi Ginsburg from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. It is customary on Shavuot to study late into the night to honor the giving of the Torah. No reservations necessary. Cheesecake will be served.

2. **Friday, May 29th, 2009, 6 Sivan 5769**
 First Day **Shavu'ot** Services at 9:30 a.m.
 "Hear the Ten Commandments"
 Second Night **Shavu'ot** Shabbat Services at 8:00 p.m.
 We will honor our teachers and Religious School seventh grade graduates

3. **Saturday, May 30th, 2009, 7 Sivan 5769**
Shabbat Shavu'ot Services – **Yizkor**, 9:30 a.m.

Celebrate Shavu'ot
Congregational SHABBAT DINNER and SERVICE
 MAY 29TH, 2009

Milchik dinner because of Shavu'ot custom
Tot Shabbat 6:00 PM, Shabbat Dinner 6:30 PM, Shabbat Service 8:00 PM
 Reservation form for Shabbat Dinner on Friday, May 1st, 2009
Dinner reservation deadline: Tuesday, May 26th, 5 PM
No transfer credit or refunds if cancelled after May 26th

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail address _____

_____ # of Adult Gan parents at \$15/person = \$ _____

_____ # of Adult Non-members at \$17/person = \$ _____

_____ # of children 6 to 12 at \$6.00/child = \$ _____

_____ # of children 5 and under (free) (Please list ages) _____

_____ Total attending Total Enclosed \$ _____

_____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian

Payment method (Payment must accompany reservation):

_____ Check (Please make checks payable to EHNTJC – Check # _____)

_____ Credit card Visa/MasterCard – (Over \$50)

Account # _____ exp _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Please seat us with: _____

Shavu'ot

You shall count for yourselves -- from the day after the Shabbat, from the day when you bring the Omer of the waving -- seven Shabbats, they shall be complete. Until the day after the seventh sabbath you shall count, fifty days... You shall convoke on this very day -- there shall be a holy convocation for yourselves -- you shall do no laborious work; it is an eternal decree in your dwelling places for your generations. -Leviticus 21:15-16, 21

Shavu'ot, the Festival of Weeks, is the second of the three major festivals with both historical and agricultural significance (the other two are Passover and Sukkot). Agriculturally, it commemorates the time when the first fruits were harvested and brought to the Temple, and is known as Hag ha-Bikkurim (the Festival of the First Fruits). Historically, it celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, and is also known as Hag Matan Torateinu (the Festival of the Giving of Our Torah).

The period from Passover to Shavu'ot is a time of great anticipation. We count each of the days from the second day of Passover to the day before Shavu'ot, 49 days or 7 full weeks, hence the name of the festival. See The Counting of the Omer. The counting reminds us of the important connection between Passover and Shavu'ot: Passover freed us physically from bondage, but the giving of the Torah on Shavu'ot redeemed us spiritually from our bondage to idolatry and immorality. Shavu'ot is also known as Pentecost, because it falls on the 50th day; however, Shavu'ot has no particular similarity to the Christian holiday of Pentecost, which occurs 50 days after their Spring holiday.

It is noteworthy that the holiday is called the time of the giving of the Torah, rather than the time of the receiving of the Torah. The sages point out that we are constantly in the process of receiving the Torah, that we receive it every day, but it was first given at this time. Shavu'ot is always on the 6th of Sivan (the 6th and 7th outside of Israel). Work is not permitted during Shavu'ot.

It is customary to stay up the entire first night of Shavu'ot and study Torah, then pray as early as possible in the morning.

It is customary to eat a dairy meal at least once during Shavu'ot. There are varying opinions as to why this is done. Some say it is a reminder of the promise regarding the land of Israel, a land flowing with "milk and honey." According to another view, it is because our ancestors had just received the Torah (and the dietary laws therein), and did not have both meat and dairy dishes available. The book of Ruth is read at this time.

Birthdays - May

Dvora Aldort
Joseph Baron
Howard Bartman
Victor Becker
Marvin Bero
Kenneth Blum
Marsha Brody
Sylvia Callistein
Rachel Cowen
Frances Denberg
Rachell Eisenberg
Margot S.
Eisenhammer
Howard A. Gilbert
Marla Hara
Margot Herz
Michael Hoffenberg
Dalya Horowitz
Stanley Kaplan
Carolyn Katz
Michael Korey
Jacqueline Levin
Dorothy Nixon
Janice Page
Sylvia Pekay
Hilda Reich
Michael Reinstein
Vladimir Resnick
Shirley Rudd
Jewell Schaps
Larry Schoeneman
Bernard Schutz
Deanna Shoss
Stanford T. Shulman
Lillian Silber
Alexander Sirlin
Jack Solway
Alex Stein
Cynthia Stein
Ileana Steiner
Calvin Sutker
Veronika Urban
Yigael Weltman
Sherrine Zaransky
Sharon Zite
Jay Zite
Howard Zusel

Birthdays - June

Rochelle Adler
Shirley Becker
Merton Brody
Paula Carroll
Gordon M. Denberg
Linda Fox
Lauren Goepfingier
Luisita Graff
Larisa Grinberg
Neil R. Gurevitz
Michael Horowitz
Roberta Kaiser
Josephine Kamin
Charles Klinenberg
William Scott Kruzel
Kaurryne Lev
Joel Levin
Julian Levy
Sheri Lisitza
Sara Mayer
Lisa Ottenfeld
Rosalie Persky
David Reich
Debra Reich
Diane Rosenfeld
James Sanders
Barbara Schwartz
Yuri Shvartser
Donald Thomas

Please Let us Know

Please let us know when there is a death of a member or loved one. All congregation deaths will be listed on our website. Let us know if you prefer a call or an e-mail.

Hospitalized?

Federal regulations make it very difficult for us to find out who is hospitalized.

If you know of a member who is hospitalized, contact the Rabbi at ehnt@ehnt.org or (847) 675-4141.

Anniversaries - May

Gerti and Jacob Baum
Sheldon Kirshner and Jan Baiden
Charlotte and Samuel Nemtzow
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