



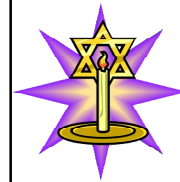
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May 2017
 Iyar/Sivan 5777

Calendar of Events– May

Friday, May 5	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Pamela & Elliott Cohen and Julie Seidman
Saturday, May 6	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Achrei-Mot-Kedoshim Leviticus 16:1—17:7
Friday, May 12	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Fran & Maurice Nagorsky and Lynn & Brendan Duffy
Saturday, May 13	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Emor Leviticus 21:1—22:16
Friday, May 19	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Hilary Frooman & John Lee and Harriet & Alan Josephson
Saturday, May 20	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Behar-Bechukotai Leviticus 25:1—27:34
Friday, May 26	Shabbat Eve Services6:00 pm Oneg Shabbat hosted by Kim Knnuti & Zvi Pasman in honor of Hannah’s Bat Mitzvah
Saturday, May 27	Shabbat Morning Services9:00 am Bamidbar Numbers 1:1—1:54 Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Pasman
Thursday, June 1	Shavuot Morning Services9:00 am Yizkor Prayers recited



**May
 Candle
 Lighting
 Times**

May 5	7:39 pm
May 12	7:46 pm
May 19	7:53 pm
May 26	7:59 pm

Save the Date:

Hadassah Donor Dinner
 Wednesday, May 24th
 5:30 pm
 Inn at 835

Other Events In May

Monday, May 1, 8, 15, 22
Talmud Class.....12:00 pm

Wednesday, May 4
Board Meeting7:30pm

Tuesday, May 9
Sisterhood Bookclub.....1:00 pm
The Muralist
B.A. Shapiro

SAVE THE DATE



CENTURY BRUNCH
 Sunday, June 25



Rabbi's ReMarks



Pesach has come and gone. I very much enjoyed our seder at home with family and also the well-attended Jewish Community Seder at Temple B'rith Sholom held on the second night of the festival. We had a respectable attendance at Temple for Yizkor services on the eighth and concluding day of the holiday. We are now in the interval on the Jewish calendar known as *sefirat ha-omer*, the period when we count off the days between Pesach and Shavuot, the second of the pilgrimage festivals mentioned in the Torah.

Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks, was originally agricultural in nature. It marked the conclusion of the springtime grain harvest that began with the reaping of barley on Pesach and finished with the harvesting of wheat. The *omer* refers to the sheaf of newly harvested grain brought to the sanctuary as an offering at the beginning of the harvest season (the exact date for bringing this offering was a matter of controversy in ancient times; the Rabbinic tradition, which we follow, maintains that it is the second day of Pesach). Shavuot is also *Bikkurim*, the festival of first fruits, the beginning of the season when it is appropriate to bring offerings from the seven species of produce considered indigenous to the Land of Israel. On our contemporary Jewish calendar, Shavuot always falls on the sixth of Sivan, but in olden times when the beginning of a new month was determined by observation of the new moon, it was the only holiday without a fixed calendar date. The time of its celebration was set by counting off seven weeks from the day the *omer* was offered.

Rabbinic Judaism provided an additional theme for Shavuot – the giving of the Ten Commandments and the Torah at Sinai. In a largely urbanized Jewish community, for whom the Torah became, as the poet Heine said, a portable homeland, this theme was to become the predominant focus of the holiday. Maimonides offered a lovely *midrash* on the reason for the *sefirah* (the counting of the days). When the Israelites were freed from Egypt, they were told that in seven weeks, they would come to the mountain of God, there to experience God's Presence and receive a precious legacy. During their trek from Egypt to Sinai, they eagerly anticipated this momentous event and impatiently counted off the days. All of us know that when we are planning a vacation trip or a special family event, the preparation and anticipation are a major part of the excitement that we feel.

In modern times, this period on the Jewish calendar has come to include a solemn commemoration of those who perished in the Shoah and the celebration of the anniversary of Israel's establishment as an independent Jewish state. Holocaust and rebirth loom large in our consciousness and continue to influence our Jewish values and our Jewish commitments.

This time of year, perhaps because of the especially beautiful weather or because it precedes the vacation season when many of the community will be traveling, has become an incredibly busy interval on our local Jewish calendar – with donor dinners, annual meetings, *b'nai mitzvah*, and social and cultural events. I take pride in how much we as a small Jewish community do, and I look forward to seeing many of you on these occasions.

May Shavuot serve as a reminder of the centrality of Torah within Jewish life. May we continue to study our precious legacy as a source of wisdom, and may we be responsive to its challenges - to be holy as God is holy, to love God with all of our heart, soul and might, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Rabbi Barry A. Marks

Mazel Tov

To Sandy and Barry Weiss on the wedding of their son, Daniel Weiss to Lizelle Obana
To Lisa and Jonathan GoldbergBelle on the wedding of their daughter,
 Staci GoldbergBelle to John Hamman

President's Message

As I move into what will be my second year as President of the Congregation, I wanted to take a moment to thank all of you for the confidence you have shown in me. It has truly been an exciting period to be in this role and to attempt to represent you. I realize that at times I may have either made statements or taken steps which did not meet with the approval of everyone. I tried to minimize those situations but acknowledge that not everyone shares the same view. I also acknowledge the possibility that I am misunderstanding the views of the Congregation. Thankfully, with the active feedback of all of you and other members of the Board, I don't believe that has happened frequently.

We enjoy the constant cycle of renewal of our congregational activities and look forward to the warm weather and planning for the future. Our new security locks and cameras on both the front and parking lot side doors of the Temple are in and are working. We continue to move forward on exploring consolidation with our friends at Temple B'rith Shalom and are looking forward to learning of the work of the five working committees currently engaged in this issue.

I hope you will keep the Temple in mind and look for ways to both be involved and supportive. In June we will have our Century Brunch, our major fundraiser of the year, under the leadership of Sari and Mark Wancket. I hope to see you all there and that those who are able will consider finding ways in addition to your attendance and financial support to help put on this exciting event.

Saul J Morse

JCRC MITZVAH MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

As all of you no doubt know, the third annual mobile food pantry will be held in the parking lot of Temple B'rith Sholom on Saturday, May 20 between the hours of 9 a.m. and approximately noon. What you may not know, is the need in our community for food supplements and the wide spread problem of food insufficiency. Last year we served almost 150 families who came, and in some cases, waited hours for our food distribution. The people we served were of different races and ethnic groups, young and old, some with children and some without. They are our nearby and faraway neighbors. And, all were uniformly grateful for our mobile food pantry.

In order to make the event a success, we still need more volunteers. If you are available for even part of the morning, please contact Jordan Litvak at jjlitvak@gmail.com. Jordan will make assignments that accommodate your availability and any limitations that you might have. I don't know of a single person who worked on the project the prior two years who didn't feel that they got out of it more than they put in.

We are also soliciting full sized and unopened tooth paste, tooth brushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant and sunscreen for distribution to our patrons. Collection boxes are available at both Temples and the Federation office. For additional information on the toiletry collections and ways to help, please contact Mary Beth Cohen at marybeth.cohen@comcast.net.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the businesses and organizations who have made contributions to the event. This includes Bank of Springfield (financial support), Schnuck's (shopping carts), McQuinn Auto Services, Inc. (flatbed to pick up shopping carts), Siciliano, Inc. (forklift and forklift operator), Target (plastic bags), and genH (fresh produce). In addition, the Jewish Federation of Springfield, Temple B'rith Sholom, Temple B'rith Sholom sisterhood, Temple Israel, Temple Israel sisterhood, Hadassah, and B'nai B'rith provide financial support. It is their generosity that makes this event possible. If you come in contact with any of these businesses or organizations be sure to pass along our thanks.

See you all on May 20 and thank you again for your support.

Ralph Loewenstein

Yahrzeits—May

1 Nathan Oberman,
 1 Andrea Reynolds
 2 Ruth Potish
 3 David J. Erenske
 3 Isaac Robinson
 3 Skovronsky Family
 4 Henry Skovronsky
 4 Anna Sherman Wolff
 5 George Goldstein
 5 Isidore Sokolow
 6 Max Cohn
 7 Sylvia Berle Herrick
 7 Mel Matlins
 8 Della Cohn
 8 Harry N. Goodman
 8 Rose Pianko
 8 Edith Alice Rosenberg
 9 Adele Wainer
 11 Lena Oberman
 12 Sarah Cohen
 12 Edith Goldstein
 12 Samuel Stern
 13 Richard Lee
 14 Abraham Barnholtz
 14 Lena Fishman
 14 Simon Wasser
 15 Michael Victor
 16 Helen Ash
 16 William S. Rosenberg
 16 Rona Seigel
 18 Janice Dunas
 18 Hyman A. Feuer
 18 Max Gingold
 18 Ralph Snyder
 19 Leo D. Cohn
 19 Shim Schwartz
 21 Larry M. Wolfson
 23 Donald M. Judd
 23 Max Pell
 24 Abraham Cohen
 24 Jacob Gralnick
 24 Dr. J.S. Kruger
 24 Isadore Paris
 25 Ethel Snyder Herman
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Daniel Weiss & Lizelle Obana's engagement by
Deborah & Harry Berman

Sisterhood Tributes

Yahrzeit of

Bessie Routman
Margaret Schoenfeld

Tributes

Community News

Sandy's Sisterhood Spiell

Spring is in the air and what better way to enjoy the season than to have a delicious "Taste n' Tell" dinner at the beautiful home of Barbara Seidman on Thursday, May 18. This year our "Taste and Tell" theme is "dairy dishes" in preparation for the holiday of Shavuot (May 31-June 1). Barbara will supply cold/hot drinks and table settings. You supply the food! Since this will be a dairy meal, please no meat inspired food. Bring your recipes too!!! Please refer to enclosed flyer for all the details.

On Saturday, May 20, 2017 the Jewish community of Springfield is sponsoring the 3rd annual Mitzvah Mobile Food Pantry. Our sisterhood has already participated with a financial contribution of \$100.00. In addition, they are asking for volunteers on that day and/or preliminary work. Volunteers should contact coordinator, Jordan Litvak, at jilikvak@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please call chairman Ralph Loewenstein at 622-1948.

Mark your calendars and save the date for the TI Sisterhood Donor on Sunday, June 11, 2017. An invitation will follow.

Sandy Weiss

4th Annual JEWISH FILM SERIES

Four Thursdays in June 2017 (June 8, 15, 22, 29) at 7:00 pm

Theatre Room at Capital City Bar & Grill
3149 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield IL 62703

TICKETS: \$7 Per Film OR \$25 series pass (\$5 per film with Student ID)

Contact: 787-7223 x18 or rsvp@shalomspringfield.org for series passes

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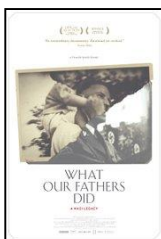
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Thursday, JUNE 8
The Last Laugh (2017)



Thursday, JUNE 15
The Kind Words (2015)



Thursday, JUNE 22
What Our Fathers Did (2014)



Thursday, JUNE 29
The Women's Balcony (2016)

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