

Shabbat and Service Schedule May 2024

Please check the website and Shavuon for the most current information.

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Candle Lighting 7:29 pm Yom HaSho'ah Service 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 4

Parashat Acharei Mot Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am with Elisheva Pripas using Mishkan T'filah Israel Chavurah noon

Friday, May 10

Candle Lighting 7:37 pm

Saturday, May 11

Parashat K'doshim Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am with Rabbi Ashira using Sim Shalom Weekly Parasha Study 1:00 pm

Friday, May 17

Candle Lighting 7:44 pm Graduation Shabbat Service 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 18

Parashat Emor Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am with Rabbi Ashira using Mishkan T'filah 1:00 pm Weekly Parasha Study Friday, May 24

Candle Lighting

7:51 pm

Saturday, May 25

Parashat B'har 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service with Rabbi Ashira using Sim Shalom Weekly Parasha Study 1:00 pm

Friday, May 31

Candle Lighting 7:57 pm



Dear chevre.

With Purim and Pesach behind us, we have entered the wilderness. Sefirat haOmer, beginning on the second night of Pesach, is the forty-nine day period between Pesach and Shavuot when we count each day. In ancient times, this period was the beginning of the barley harvest. Jews would bring the first sheaves of barley to the holy Temple in

Jerusalem to give thanks to God for the harvest. The word "omer" means sheaf. This practice originates in the book of Leviticus which instructs us:

You will count from the day after Shabbat, from the day when you bring the sheaf (omer) of the elevation offering, seven weeks. They must be complete. Until the day after Shabbat in the seventh week you will count fifty days. Then you will bring an offering of new grain to God.

Over time, the festival of Shavuot also became associated with the giving of Torah at Mount Sinai. As a result of this connection, the time period of the omer came to represent the journey from Egypt through the wilderness to Mount Sinai. It is easy to imagine the wilderness as some kind of vast empty desert. However, our tradition teaches that we actually received many gifts in the wilderness. One midrash (creative rabbinic interpretation) asserts that all the fine gifts that God gave to Israel were from the wilderness—the Torah, the Mishkan (Tabernacle), the Sanhedrin (ancient high court), the priesthood, prophecy, and more. Instead of a desolate wasteland, the wilderness was where our ancestors gained the knowledge and skills to become a new nation and to create a sacred society to live in the Promised Land.

As our Israelite ancestors traveled through the wilderness, they underwent a spiritual and emotional transformation.

They entered the wilderness with a slave mentality and gradually shifted to a more liberated perspective. When we count the days of the omer, we reenact this communal shift and have the opportunity to engage in our own spiritual reflection and growth. If this idea of counting the omer is new to you or something you've not done previously, I invite you to try marking the days between Pesach and Shavuot this year as a way to tune in more closely to Jewish time, to give yourself the opportunity to really notice what each day brings, and to appreciate the gifts you receive during this time in a metaphorical wilderness.

Counting the omer requires very little actual time and can be done individually or with others.

RABBI'S MESSAGE

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Traditionally, the new day is counted after sunset and begins with the following blessing:

ברוך אתה אלהינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו וצונו על ספירת העמר

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melekh HaOlam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu al sefirat ha-omer.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who sanctifies us through sacred obligations (mitzvot) and commands us concerning the counting of the omer.

After reciting the blessing, one announces the appropriate day of the count. For example:

היום שמנה ימים שהם שבוע אחד ויום אחד לעמר

Ha-yom sh'monah yamim sheh-heim shavu'a echad v'yom echad laomer.

Today is eight days, which is one week and one day of the Omer.

In addition to the actual counting of the day, consider adding a mindfulness practice or learning something new. I have tried different approaches to this period each year—journaling, practicing Zentangle art, meditating, studying Torah, or reflecting on specific areas of personal growth. There are many omer counting tools and guides available on the internet. To offer one resource as a starting point, check out the many omer rituals, readings, and reflections at RitualWell (https://ritualwell.org/topic/counting-omer/). If you have a meaningful or interesting experience counting the omer this year, let me know! I love to hear about people's spiritual journeys and relationships to Jewish traditions.

As we count and make our way through the wilderness to Shavuot and Mount Sinai, I want to mention two special events coming up this month. First, we will commemorate Yom HaSho'ah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, on Friday May 3 at 7:00 pm in our sanctuary. Sally Kaitz, the daughter of Holocaust survivors, will share her parents' experiences and how they impacted her family. We also will be joined by members of the Greater Haverhill Clergy Association, and our Makheila will offer beautiful and thoughtful music to honor the memories of Holocaust victims and survivors. Two weeks later, on Friday May 17 at 7:00 pm in our sanctuary, we will celebrate Adam Hannula's graduation from our religious school. Come offer Adam and his family blessings for what comes next and give them a hearty mazal tov on reaching this moment!

I look forward to seeing you at each of these special services or at any of our regular Saturday morning services followed by schmoozing and learning over kiddush.

Bivracha, With blessing,

Rabbi Ashira



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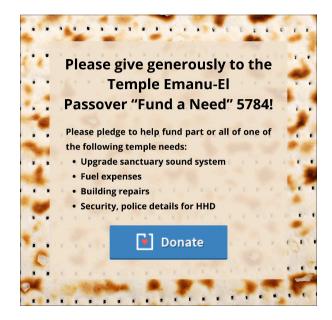
Aaron Stevens for completing the 128th Boston Marathon

TODAH RABBAH

Kim Callan, for two decades of teaching in our religious school. We were incredibly lucky to have you for as long as we did!

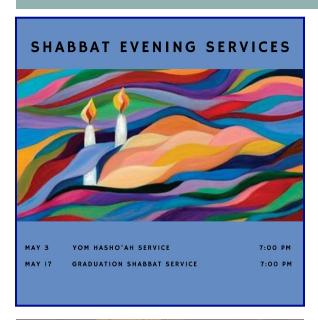
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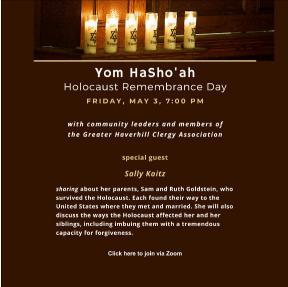
Laura Flieder, on the death of her mother, Audrey Kopelman





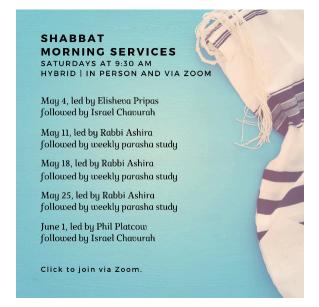
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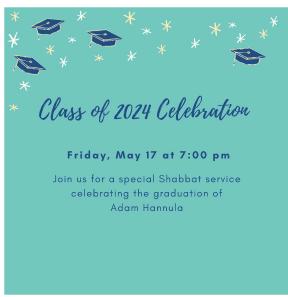




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Dear Friends,

I hope this finds you after an uplifting season of freedom and renewal. Spring is definitely here and my garden is well underway. I hope you're all enjoying the warming weather and signs of summer to come. This note will likely be my last to you during my tenure at Temple Emanu-EI.

As some of you know, I own a small consulting company that I work for during my time outside the temple. My goal was to step in and help the synagogue while this Religious School position was open, and when I had some extra time during the end of the Pandemic. I will now be turning my attentions back to that work, which I do during the week – and want to pass along the torch to someone who can focus on TE education more readily. I hope that you will not be strangers and will keep in touch. I'm always up for phone calls, emails and lunch outside of temple. You have all meant the world to me – and I was so honored to be part of your community again for these last few years.

I want to say Thank You from the bottom of my heart for all your kindness, help and enthusiasm in contributing to making the Temple Emanu-El Religious School the warm, loving place it is. We've had a great year, with some new families, some exciting new programming and staff, and I'm optimistic for our future.

Thank you to our teachers: Kim Callan, Rachel Hanson, Karen Godek, Amy Moldoff and Gwen Larsen, and Trudy Zakin (as an extension of our team) for all you've done this year. You have been a rockstar group of educators, and I have loved collaborating with you every minute. You have made our kids' Jewish lives rich and wonderful.

Thank you to Lynn Martin, who has helped me in the office with our administrative work; Thank you to Shoshana Dodge, our RS chair, for all your support and amazing work with J-Play!

Thank you to Rabbi Ashira for your spiritual inspiration and support of our school in myriad ways. Thank you to Jenn Lampron for your leadership and hard work on budgets, programs and the administrative aspects of running a school.

Thank you to Lisa Anthony, our TE Administrator whose work often is behind the scenes and is so integral to keeping the institution flowing and working seamlessly. She always has a kind word and has been wonderful to collaborate with. Thank you to Don Kumis, our Shamos. The word Shamos means guardian or keeper. Don has been such a loyal staff member at TE for so long, and I rely on his knowledge and expertise with the building and with all our programs. Don always takes good care of me and the school, anticipating our needs before we ask for them.

On May 5th, we will host a special End-of-Year potluck party to celebrate Kim Callan's years with us. Please join us at 12:00 PM in Starensier and sign up HERE for a potluck dish.

Also, please remember to join us for Graduation Shabbat on Friday, May 17th at 7:00 PM as we say goodbye to our graduating senior and enjoy one last Shabbat together as a school for this school year.

When I arrived back at Temple Emanu-EI, my goal was to help the school get back on its feet after the pandemic and try to help bring some new energy and enthusiasm to our kids, while also assisting the synagogue in future planning and transition to a new educational leader who will pick up the baton and be the next generation of educational leadership for us going forward. I know we will have some great new faces around the temple next year – please welcome them with open arms and help them be successful educators and community members, as you have done with me – and with all our staff.

Thank you for the privilege of leading your community again.

Have a wonderful summer -

Mindy Harris

(departing) Religious School Director



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CLERGY DISCRETIONARY FUND

Loren and Michelle Goldstein, thank you Rabbi Ashira for leading a wonderful Aufruf service

RABBI ABRAHAM AND SONIA JACOBSON FAMILY FUND

Marshall Myers, in loving memory of his mother, Ethel Myers, on her yahrzeit

JEWISH CONTINUITY FUND

Joseph Epstein, in honor of the Chesed Committee

Jennifer, Derik, Jocelyne and Jacqueline Lampron, in honor of Cory Goldstein and Amy Aisenberg's wedding

Janet Cowan, in loving memory of Larry Cowan

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Loren and Michelle Goldstein, in loving memory of Saul Nathan and Betty Tobias

Sharyn Russell, Mazel Tov to Loren and Michelle Goldstein on the marriage of Cory to Amy Aisenberg

Amy and Michael Sherr, in honor of Loren and Michelle Goldstein on the marriage of their son Cory and Amy Aisenberg

Judy Kroner, in loving memory of her father and mother, Hyman and Lee Greenbaum, on their yahrzeits

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Steven Cohen, in loving memory of his aunt Sally G. Douglas, on her yahrzeit

Marc Klein, in loving memory of his mother, Miriam Klein, on her yahrzeit

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Donald Tye, in loving memory of his grandmother Minnie Tye, on her yahrzeit Bette Freedson, in loving memory of her father, Irving Jonas, on his yahrzeit

Thelma Grant Caparell, in loving memory of her father, Nathan Berman and her grandfather Max Jacobs, on their yahrzeits

Susan Kane, in loving memory of her father, Russell Curtis Goldbaum, on his yahrzeit

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Dorothy Baker, in loving memory of her husband, David Baker, on his yahrzeit

Stephen and Sandi Lundquist, in loving memory of her father, David Baker, on his yahrzeit

Diane Forman, in loving memory her father, Hyman Cohen, on his yahrzeit

Sonny Forman, in loving memory of his father, Harry Forman, on his yahrzeit

Jerold Zelinsky, in loving memory of his mother, Edith Zelinsky, on her yahrzeit

Alvin Fogel, in loving memory of his mother, Bessie F. Fogel, on her yahrzeit

Karen Endler, in loving memory of her father, Nathan Berman, on his yahrzeit

Irving Freedman, in loving memory of his father, Herman Freedman, on his yahrzeit

Ron Weiss, in loving memory of his grandmother Rose Douglas, on her yahrzeit

Gwen Larsen, in loving memory of her mother, Joanne Hurwitz, on her yahrzeit

Margie Berkovich, in loving memory of her grandfather Morris Berkovich and her uncle Norman Berkovich, on their yahrzeits

TRUDY ZAKIN FAMILY CONTINUITY FUND

Trudy and Mitch Zakin, in honor of Cory and Amy Aisenberg's Aufruf and in loving memory of Betty Tobias











Thank you for your support!

REMEMBERING THOSE AT YAHRZEIT

May 3 & 4 26th of Nisan

Barry Berlin Sally Douglas Frank J. Forman Herman Freedman Sol Gallas Hyman Greenbaum Miriam Hervitz Sadie Jaffe Mildred Kimball Edward Kleven Myn Mandell Bette Mandell Willy Ndjibu Hertha Rath Marty Rothman Saul Silberman **Dorothy Sinsheimer** Minnie Tye Edith Zelinsky

May 11 3rd of lyyar David Baker

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May 17 & 18 10th of lyyar

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May 25 17th of lyyar Pauline Baer

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> Lisa (office@TempleEmanu-El.org). Thank you!

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Honor Your Father and Your Mother

It is a widely observed Jewish tradition to commemorate the passing of a loved one by memorializing those that have departed with a yahrzeit plaque on a dedicated memorial wall.

At Temple Emanu-EI, these plaques are lit on the yahrzeit, or anniversary of death, and for Yizkor services.

Plaques are inscribed with the name of the deceased in both English and Hebrew as well as the date of the person's death. They are available to view whenever the sanctuary is open.

The one-time cost of the plague is \$300. To purchase a plaque in honor of a departed loved one, order online or contact Lisa or Rabbi Stevens at 978.373.3861.



Fight for the things that you care about. But do it in a way that will lead others to join you.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg (1933-2020), the second woman—and first Jewish woman—to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court.



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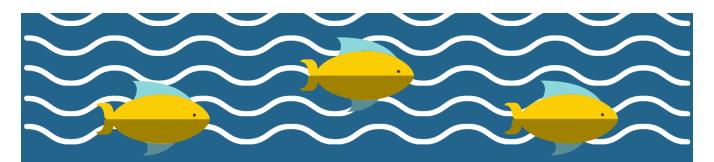












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If you are unsure about an email:

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May

| May 3 | Yom HaSho'ah Service | 7:00 pm |
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| May 4 | Shabbat Morning Service | 9:30 am |
| | Israel Chavurah | noon |
| May 5 | Last Day of Religious School | 9:00 am |
| | End of School Year Potluck | noon |
| May 8 | Executive Committee Meeting | 7:00 pm |
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| | Weekly Parasha Study | 1:00 pm |
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