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May 2022
June 2022

Iyyar 5782
Sivan 5782



WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 2022

Iyyar 5782

June 2022

Sivan 5782

Friday, May 6

6 PM Online
K'doshim / קדושים
Leviticus 19:1-20:27
Haftarah: Amos 9:7 - 9:154

Erev 6 Iyyar

Friday, June 3, 2022

6 PM Online
B'midbar / במדבר
Numbers 1:1-4:20
Haftarah: Hosea 2:1 - 2:22

Erev 5 Sivan

Friday, May 13, 2022

6 PM Online
Emor / אמור
Leviticus 21:1-24:23
Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15 - 44:31

Erev 13 Iyyar

Friday, June 10, 2022

6 PM Online
Naso / נשא
Numbers 4:21-7:89
Haftarah: Judges 11:1 - 11:33

Erev 12 Sivan

Friday, May 20, 2022

6 PM Online
B'har / בהר
Leviticus 25:1-26:2
Haftarah: Jeremiah 32:6 - 32:27

Erev 20 Iyyar

Friday, June 17, 2022

6 PM Online
B'haalot'cha / בהעלותך
Numbers 8:1-12:16
Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7

Erev 19 Sivan

Friday, May 27, 2022

6 PM Online
B'chukotai / בחקותי
Leviticus 26:3-27:34
Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19 - 17:14

Erev 27 Iyyar

Friday, June 24, 2022

6 PM
Sh'lach L'cha / שלח לך
Numbers 13:1-15:41
Haftarah: Joshua 2:1 - 2:24

Erev 26 Sivan

LIVE STREAMED SERVICES

Until further notice, the sanctuary will not be open for services due to the repairs being made following Hurricanes Laura and Delta. We will continue to stream services with Rabbi Barry, and we will keep everyone informed and updated as situations change.

You may watch past services and events on our YouTube Channel at [temple-sinai.tv](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPujIK_V4hMqI5s5GXxqOTQ) -OR-

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPujIK_V4hMqI5s5GXxqOTQ

MAZEL TOV!

- Sarah and Terry Hodnett on the birth of their new nephew, Oren Oliver Damstetter. Oren was born on March 5, around 1:30pm.
- Charlene and Tim Blevins on hosting the "bicycle girl" at their home for 1st night Seder.
- Corene Davidson on reaching her 96th birthday!!!

Mi'she'bei'rach

Wishing a refuah shleimah, a complete and speedy recovery, to:

Me Sh'Berachs

- Linda Weinstein for her upcoming hip surgery
 - Ellen Raley for upcoming foot surgery.

May Anniversaries:

- 1 Tevya & Matt Turner

June Anniversaries:

- 14 Susan & Bill Battestin
- 15 Micol & Barry Rosen
- 18 Judy & Bruce Katz
- 19 Lisa & Hector Garcia

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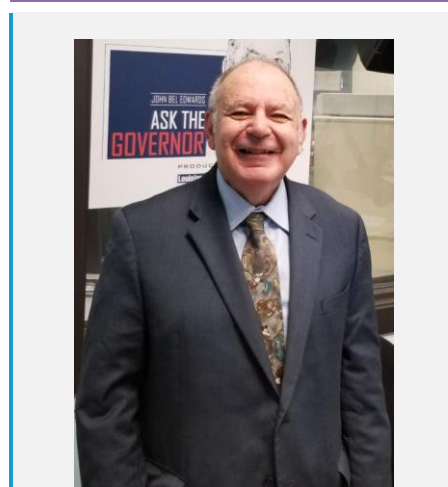
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Message from the Rabbi:

A Two Seder Week

Wednesday, April 13 and Saturday, April 16 found two beautiful Seder Celebrations in Lake Charles! I was so pleased to have been invited to lead the Seder at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd on Wednesday. The Haggadah we followed is my favorite for the Interfaith Seder. It is published by the Anti-Defamation League. It is filled with most helpful Inter-Faith commentary leading to understanding and deeper learning. Our cherished friends at Good Shepherd, Mother Boo, Father Jim and Ms. Ann Lindsay prepared a most beautiful meal and individual Seder Plates for each of us. My thanks to Sandy and Joel for offering most helpful support and guidance. Following the Seder, the grateful comments of those in attendance were so very heartwarming to Joel and to me. Joel's words to all were so very important in the continuing strong relationship between our two congregations.



Our own temple Seder the following Saturday evening was so grand for our congregation in many ways. As our first in-person Seder in two years, we all so enjoyed being with one another in "real time", in person! Temple Sinai friendships were renewed as we could once again join together for this most important congregational Passover observance. At the Seder's conclusions, many of us simply could not leave as we so appreciated being together and welcoming new folks to our Seder.

I find this whole week preceding Passover, as Lent was drawing to a close, most meaningful for us and for Good Shepherd. Lent is a time of prayerful reflection and prayer with acts of charity and special personal observance. Passover is our time of deepest gratitude for deliverance from Egypt. Still, it is customary not to consume Matzah thirty days before Passover. In Lent one custom is to "give up" something during these days. While we refrain from Matzah for the month preceding Passover, Christians will choose a favored item to remove from diet. Often Lent observers will do their best to not engage in gossip. These practices are surely forms of fasting. And this year both Lent and Passover took place during Ramadan, also a time of deep introspection and prayer, and fasting.

In Passover we "fast" from all leaven, removing Chametz from our homes. This is why I find our 2022 Lake Charles Week Preceding Pesach so deeply meaningful and spiritual. How thankful each of us can be for the blessings of our sound and deepening Inter-Faith relationships in our city. At both Seders we prayed so very deeply for Ukraine and a swift end to their horrific suffering. As each Seder concluded, we again prayed, as we do each year, "Next Year in Jerusalem."

This is our prayer for Safety for our Brothers and Sisters in Israel, and also our yearning for Peace and Security for all our world. "Eternity utters a day." Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

Rabbi Barry

Dear Friends,

Our Congregational Family thanks you for your generous donation after the traumatic events on January 15th. We are touched by your support and kindness. It is also inspiring to know there are people like you, from all over the country, who truly care.

Sincerely,

Congregation Beth Israel / CSP



Congregation
Beth Israel
COLLEYVILLE, TEXAS

RABBI BARRY'S WORD OF THE MONTH: OMER

Omer! What is it?
Why do we count it?
How long do we count?
When does it end?

An Omer is the offering of new barley in the springtime in biblical days. As we count the Omer, we understand it signifies the offering of a measure of barley that was given in the ancient Temple in Jerusalem. Spiritually, the counting of the Omer is symbolic of our ancestors' journey our in the desert who spent these 49 days between the Exodus (on Passover) and the Giving of the Torah (on Shavuot) in spiritual preparation and anticipation (Chabad.org)

For me, this counting also is my personal manner of thanking H'm for the continuing Gift of Life, One Day At A Time!

The Torah tells us:

"And you shall count for yourselves from the morrow of the Shabbat, from the day that you bring the omer (offering) that is raised, seven complete weeks there shall be until the morrow of the seventh weeks you shall count fifty days." (Leviticus 23:15-16).

Thus, we begin counting on Passover's second evening, actually the night of our Second Seder outside the land of Israel. This would be from the sixteenth of Nissan till Shavuot, which is the fiftieth day of counting of the Omer. So the actual "Counting" of for forty-nine days, for the Rabbis taught that when the Torah stated "Fifty" this meant "Until" the fiftieth day.

On page 570 of Mishkan T'filah you will find the blessing for the Counting of the Omer.

The actual blessing is:
Baruch Atah A—nai, Eloheinu, Melech Ha-olam,
Asher Kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al s'firat
Haomer.

Our Praise to You, A—nai, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with the mitzvah commanding us to count the Omer. Today is the ____ day, which is ____ weeks and ____ days of the Omer.

I hope you have one of the beautiful Jewish Calendars provided us annually by the Blevins Family. If you'd like one, please notify me and I will arrange for one to be sent to you!

For your information, following are the Days of the Counting of the Omer from the Second Night of Passover till Shavuot:

1st night of Passover: April 15, 2022

2nd night: April 16. We begin counting the Omer!

Week One of the Omer Counting

Count Day 1 on Saturday night April 16
Count Day 2 on Sunday night April 17
Count Day 3 Monday night April 18
Count Day 4 Tuesday night April 19
Count Day 5 Wednesday night April 20
Count Day 6 Thursday night April 21
Count Day 7 Friday night April 22

Week Two of the Omer Counting

Count Day 8 Saturday night April 23
Count Day 9 on Sunday night April 24
Count Day 10 Monday night April 25
Count Day 11 Tuesday night April 26
Count Day 12 Wednesday night April 27
Count Day 13 Thursday night April 28
Count Day 14 Friday night April 29

Week Three of the Omer Counting

Count Day 15 on Saturday night April 30
Count Day 16 on Sunday night May 1
Count Day 17 Monday night May 2
Count Day 18 Tuesday night May 3
Count Day 19 Wednesday night May 4
Count Day 20 Thursday night May 5
Count Day 21 Friday night May 6

Week Four of the Omer Counting

Count Day 22 on Saturday night May 7
Count Day 23 on Sunday night May 8
Count Day 24 Monday night May 9
Count Day 25 Tuesday night May 10
Count Day 26 Wednesday night May 11
Count Day 27 Thursday night May 12
Count Day 28 Friday night May 13

Week Five of the Omer Counting

Count Day 29 on Saturday night May 14
Count Day 30 on Sunday night May 15
Count Day 31 Monday night May 16
Count Day 32 Tuesday night May 17
Count Day 33 Wednesday night May 18
Count Day 34 Thursday night May 19
Count Day 35 Friday night May 20

Week Six of the Omer Counting

Count Day 36 on Saturday night May 21
Count Day 37 on Sunday night May 22
Count Day 38 Monday night May 23
Count Day 39 Tuesday night May 24
Count Day 40 Wednesday night May 25
Count Day 41 Thursday night May 26
Count Day 42 Friday night May 27

Week Seven of the Omer Counting

Count Day 43 on Saturday night May 28
Count Day 44 on Sunday night May 29
Count Day 45 Monday night May 30
Count Day 46 Tuesday night May 31
Count Day 47 Wednesday night June 1
Count Day 48 Thursday night June 2
Count Day 49 Friday night June 3

WE HAVE ARRIVED! Erev Shavuot is Saturday, June 4 Count Day 49, Friday night June 2, is the LAST DAY of the Counting of the Omer as June 4 in the evening is the start of Shavuot, which is June 5 AND actually is Shavuot, the Festival of Weeks!

Shavuot is the plural of Shavua which means Week; Shavuot means Weeks. Shavuot is thus Seven Weeks from the second day of Passover, Nissan 16. If you find Hebrew Numbers as fascinating as do I, you are surely not surprised at the prominence of "7" in Torah.

Shabbat is the Seventh Day of the Week of Creation.

Shavuot is Seven Weeks; that is, Seven X Seven.

Circumcision of a newborn male infant is on the eighth day, so that he has observed one Shabbat, one Seventh Day!

May our Counting of the Omer be of help in Counting Our Blessings Each and Every Day of our Lives!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May Birthdays:

- 1 Corene Davidson
- 2 Daniel Gall
- 4 Dawana Holtzman
- 6 Alexandra Battestin Foster
- 8 Randy Fuerst
- 11 Lee Schwalben
- 15 Linda Riff Parker
- 15 Millie Mylander
- 16 Elizabeth Dondis
- 16 Lee Garcia
- 17 Barbara Peck
- 18 Hannah Gold
- 19 Ellen Michel Raley
- 20 Benjamin Katz
- 20 Richmond Reinauer
- 22 Heidi Hankin Walker
- 24 Craig Ferguson
- 26 Bailey Ferguson

June Birthdays:

- 4 Robby Reinauer
- 5 Taylee Lacombe
- 8 Sarah Katz
- 10 William Battestin
- 11 Mitchell Darbonne
- 12 Linda Wygoda
- 16 Stan Levy, Jr.
- 16 Mary Katherine Ginsburgh
- 21 Matt Turner
- 24 Ruth Bachrack Gerrard
- 25 Matthew Goldsmith
- 29 Percy Johnson

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

May 2022

To all Congregants and Friends of Temple Sinai of Lake Charles:

For a change I would like to share with you a trip that Jan and I took to celebrate our 9th wedding anniversary on April 20th. We decided to travel to Corpus Christie for "The Birdiest Festival in America". We both love nature, birds, and the outdoors so it just made sense to give it a try! What we experienced was quite something. Birders came from all over the country to what they call "ground zero" for the timing of the migration of birds. We viewed over 45 species of birds in the wild along with discussions of other animals, native food for the wildlife and met some very interesting people with a passion.

God's creations are worth the time to reflect on and then add in the discussions of evolution, you get some very interesting discussions. We have learned from Rabbi a beautiful blessing which will certainly become part of Jan's and my life since our experience with the beautiful birds that we watched:



"Praised are you, Sovereign of the universe, who has such as these in Your world."

This is the blessing upon seeing beautiful trees or animals. These words from our tradition really capture the magic of our experience on our wonderful anniversary journey.

Our vacation trip occurred just after our beautiful Passover Service in Lake Charles. We had close to 50 people, young and old, enjoying a beautiful service led by Rabbi and George, along with wonderful food provided by friends and the cooks at Reeve's. It was a great time of fellowship and reflection. Prior to Saturday's service, Rabbi, George, and I led a beautiful Passover Service hosted at Good Shepherd Church. The participants were so engaged and so appreciative of Rabbi leading this service that I have received beautiful emails and notes of appreciation. Now what next!

We'll get ready for the June solstice on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 5:14 A.M. EDT.

This solstice marks the official beginning of summer in the Northern Hemisphere, occurring when Earth arrives at the point in its orbit where the North Pole is at its maximum tilt (about 23.5 degrees) toward the Sun, resulting in the longest day and shortest night of the calendar year. (By longest "day," we mean the longest period of sunlight hours.) On the day of the June solstice, the Northern Hemisphere receives sunlight at the most direct angle of the year. In the Southern Hemisphere, the June solstice marks the beginning of winter.

Construction and rebuild continues at our beautiful Temple Sinai. It may seem slow yet so much must be done with electrical improvements that we have to give it the time it needs. I will update everyone in a separate email soon, when we have a better feel for the timeline.

With the continued needs of many, always remember our "dedicated fund" for Tzedakah, thereby making a tikkun olam difference! Our Board chooses the ways that we can help so let us know if you are aware of a need. Please consider giving to the Tikkun Olam Fund. We need and appreciate your support.

Please stay focused on your needs and please communicate if you need to talk or require any financial support. We are a K'hi'lah (a Jewish congregation), not individuals alone.

Shalom,

Joel Davidson, President
337-529-6710

REMINDER

Please submit all donations and dues to Sandy at 10048 Gulf Highway, Lake Charles, LA. 70607 until further notice.

If you have automatic bill pay, please change the address with your bank. Some mail is bypassing the forwarding request, causing a delay in receiving the mail.

Please email any Mazel Tov and Mi'she'bei'rach announcements to Sandy at: sdesadier@gmail.com to be included in the bulletin.

The Adventures of a Real-Life Bicycle Girl

Last fall I made a small sketch on an index card of a young woman on an old-fashioned bicycle. I named her Bicycle Girl. From that small sketch came a series of equally simple, equally small sketches that I shared on my Facebook page, that I called "The Adventures of Bicycle Girl". Bicycle Girl did adventurous things like climb a mountain and paddle her own canoe, but she also did things like go the gym and read books. She only made an appearance every now and then.



Then I got an email, forwarded to me by Sandy, our Temple secretary. A woman named Betsy Ami, a member of URJ congregation Beth El in Berkley, CA, was on a cross country bicycle trip, from San Diego, CA to St Augustine, FL and would be in DeRidder on Friday, the first night of Passover. Were there any congregants in the area who might be willing to host a traveler for seder? I replied the same night that we would be glad for her to join us for a family seder, and that led to our meeting with a real life Bicycle Girl, adventure and all.

Although Betsy is a lifelong bicycle rider, this is the first time she's done a long trip like this one---53 days, coast to coast, averaging 65 miles a day. She bought a new bike, took a couple of short but grueling trips to be sure she could handle it, quit her job, leased out her condo, and started on a trip with 39 other cyclists, plus support staff. Betsy is in her mid 50's and is among the youngest on this trip. But though this is her first big bicycle trip, it's far from her first adventure. Born and raised in Miami, she moved to Atlanta, and has lived in Israel twice, living in both Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, where she studied and worked for several years, and now lives in the San Francisco Bay area, where she's an IT consultant. She speaks and reads fluent Hebrew, has studied at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Israel, as well as being trained in cooking [I'm so glad I didn't know that before she had a meal at my house] She was so very interesting to meet and to talk with, but was also the most pleasant, down-to-earth person, and fit right in at our seder table.

My Bicycle Girl will have a lot to live up to compared to the one I met in real life.

As of this writing, Betsy is currently riding through the panhandle of Florida, and is scheduled to reach her destination on May 2, 2022.





Zichronam Livracha
May their memories be a blessing



May 6, 2022

Edward Hewitt Clapham (1)
 William Prater (1)
 Henry Avner (2)
 Martha Levy (2)
 Morris Guttman (3)
 Elizabeth Helman (3)
 Solomon Paymar (3)
 George Cohen (4)
 Shirley Reinaur Cohn (4)
 E.J. "Buddy" Gillespie (4)
 Sol B. Klaus (4)
 Daniel Louis Kleinman (4)
 Doris "Sis" Bowsky Armentor (5)
 Harriet Fink (5)
 Bessie Heller (5)
 Bill Barnhart (6)

Uncle of Millie Mylander
 Father of Dan Prater
 Husband of Leona Avner
 Mother of Stan Levy, Jr.
 Husband of Irene Gutman
 Mother of Tootsie Helman Fournet
 Grandfather of Corene Davidson
 Husband of Princess Cohen
 Mother of David Reinauer
 Friend of Deborah Darbonne
 Great Uncle of Leslie Katz

Mother of Gail Johnson
 Sister of Ethel Love
 Sister-in-Law of Tena Davidson
 Uncle of Barbara Peck

May 13, 2022

Meyer Love (7)
 Lois Cowen (8)
 Benjamin Schoolsky (9)
 Edward "Hewitt" Clapham (10)
 William Holtzman (10)
 David Lehman (10)
 Roland Bodin (11)
 Ruth Chozen (12)

Husband of Ethel Love
 Mother of Cherie Cowen Landry

Uncle of Millie Mylander

Father of Millie Mylander's BFF
 Father of George Bodin

May 20, 2022

Rosalind Kaufman (14)
 Arthur Landsman (14)
 Rita Donn Raphael (14)
 David Dwight Barnhart (15)

Grandfather of Leslie Katz
 Aunt of Bill Kushner
 Cousin of Barbara Peck



Zichronam Livracha
May their memories be a blessing

May 20, 2022 (continued)

Tommy McManus (15)
 Helen Wise (15)
 Sarah Levin (17)
 Anna Gorin (18)
 Isaac T. Hart (18)
 Hermann Wygoda (18)
 Henry Milstein (20)
 Esther Painter (20)
 Beatrice Smith (20)

Father of Barbara Peck
 Grandmother of Carol St. Dizier
 Mother of Barbara Maxey
 Mother-in-Law of Rhoda Gorin
 Grandfather of Paul Hart Miller
 Father of Mark Wygoda
 Father of Corene Davidson
 Mother of Leona Avner
 Sister of Pat Seamons

May 27, 2022

Edith Kristal (22)
 Jeannette Fry (23)
 Udith Milford (23)
 Clyde Arabie (26)
 Augusta Fish (26)

Mother of Rochelle Miesel

 Niece of Titter Wise
 Brother of Pat Seamons

June 3, 2022

Charles Fredrick Mylander (28)
 John Robert Toerner (28)
 Adolph Marx (May 29)
 Shirley Goldsmith (May 30)
 Jane Kleinman (June 1)
 Jessie Winner (1)
 Leanora M. Hoffman (2)
 Robert James Hebert (3)

Grandfather of Millie Mylander
 Uncle of Parbara Peck
 Grandfather of Susan Battestin
 Mother of Leslie Katz
 Mother of Harry Kleinman
 Grandmother of Harry Kleinman

 Brother of Barbara DiBartolo

June 10, 2022

Nellie Edelstein (5)
 Isadore K. Bowsky (6)
 Bernard (B.A.) DiBartolo (6)
 Rosa Hart (7)
 Gertrude Lowenthal (7)
 Joseph Liebman (9)

Grandfather of Gail Johnson
 Brother of Tony DiBartolo
 Aunt of Paul Hart Miller



Zichronam Livracha
May their memories be a blessing

June 10, 2022 (continued)

Riva Roseman (9)
Marie Berkowitz Schoolsky (9)
Ray Weill Weil (9)
Estelle Frank Craft (10)

Grandmother of Bruce & David Katz

Mother of Simone Levy

June 17, 2022

Gertrude Adler (11)
Simon Davidson (12)
Manuel Lowenthal (13)
Beatrice Zakroff (13)
Estelle Stopnik (14)
Hyman Roseman (15)
Alex Fish (16)
Edward Eliyahu Weinstein (16)
Julia Greenberg Rosenthal (17)

Mother of Rhoda Gorin
Husband of Corene Davidson
Father of Joe Lowenthal
Mother of Betsy Doucet
Great-Aunt of Davidson Siblings
Grandfather of Bruce & David Katz

Brother of Rabbi Barry Weinstein
Mother of Sheldon Rosenthal

June 24, 2022

Cathy Greenberg Milgrom (18)
Joel Adler (20)
J. Leo Gross (21)
Abraham Lindenberg (21)
Pauline Kaufman (22)
Solomon Reinaur (22)

Sister of Jill S. Greenberg
Brother of Rhoda Gorin

Grandfather of David Reinauer

July 1, 2022

Alexander Helman (25)
John Blevins (26)
Marie Ferguson (26)
Ethel Horn (June 28)
George Kamm (28)
Allen Kristal (28)
Ben Rosen (28)
Morris Tankel (28)
William Coleman, Jr. (30)

Father of Tootsie Helman Fournet
Father of Tim Blevins
Mother of Craig Ferguson

Husband of Edith Kristal

Brother of Anne Reinauer



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We have changed the format of our Yahrzeit list to include our congregante relationships to the remembered. We have filled in the list as best as we could with the current documentation on file. If you have information that would help us complete this list, please send it to Sandy Desadier at sdesadier@gmail.com.

As always, if you have any corrections or additions that need to be made to our Yahrzeit list, please send this information to Sandy as well.