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# MILESTONES

## IN MEMORIAM

**Jerry Potash**  
 Husband of Jan Potash  
 Father of Sharon Cash and Robin Clemons

If there is a note you'd like us to list in the Milestone section of the Messenger, please let us know by writing us at [info@bnaiemunah.com](mailto:info@bnaiemunah.com). We'll take it from there!



BBYO's Nona Bloch Salomon is hosting a canned food drive for our StandUP cause to support the Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma. This drive will last from April 1st until May 28th. Our goal is to raise at least 500 pounds of food! We hope you can support us in providing canned goods to those in need throughout our community.

**Food You Can Donate:**

- Peanut butter
- Canned soup
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned stew
- Canned fish
- Canned beans
- Pasta (Whole grain is preferred)
- Rice (Brown is preferred)

**Drop-off Locations:**

Temple Israel  
 2004 E 22nd Pl, Tulsa, OK 74114  
 Congregation B'nai Emunah  
 1719 S Owasso Ave, Tulsa, OK 74120  
 Jewish Federation of Tulsa  
 2021 E 71st St, Tulsa, OK 74136



### ON THE COVER

He's a little bit older than he was when this picture was taken, but it's the same vest and the same pair of glasses. Please join us over the weekend of May 5 to celebrate Rabbi Fitzerman's career at the Synagogue and wish him well on Life 2.0: the next part of his work in Tulsa. He will continue to shoulder some responsibilities at the Synagogue for the next several months and then expand his labors in the larger community of activists and volunteers.

# MASTHEAD

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PLEASE CONSIDER A CHARITABLE TRIBUTE  
 TO HONOR THE MEMORY OR ACHIEVEMENTS  
 OF A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND.

SISTERHOOD ELECTION ON MAY 10

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# MAY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

## 5 HONORING RABBI FITZGERMAN: PART I

At 7:30 p.m. on Friday night, May 5, we invite the community to a Shabbat service in the sanctuary full of music and tributes. Pack your dancing shoes to seamlessly migrate from the service to the Oneg for dancing, socializing, and more cookies than you could ever imagine. The sweet sounds of Klay Kodesh, the swells of circle dances, and the warmth of decades of MBF memories will enliven the Sanctuary and Auditorium.

## 6 BAT MITZVAH OF LEAF HAMMER

The Synagogue is delighted to share in the upcoming celebration of Leaf Hammer's Bat Mitzvah. Leaf is the daughter of Courtney Hammer and Stevan Woller. Leaf has studied for this occasion under the guidance of Morah Alin Avitan and Morah Sara Levitt. The celebration will take place during Shabbat morning services, which begin at 9:30 a.m.

## 7 HONORING RABBI FITZGERMAN: PART II

**Expressions of Thanks** continues at 3:00 pm for a presentation of photographic images by Rabbi Fitzerman. At 4:00 p.m., we will commence the FitzFest Sing-a-Long, a spectacular musical program with entertaining anecdotes and rousing rounds of communal singing. A Sunday Supper immediately follows, offering us all the opportunity to share our expressions of thanks to Rabbi Fitzerman. The inclusive meal is open to the entire community. Rabbi Fitzerman's beloved Altamont Bakery cookies will be available. Please indicate your attendance at [www.tulsagogue.com/thank-you](http://www.tulsagogue.com/thank-you).

## 10 CELEBRATING MIDRASHA

It's the end of the school year, and we're celebrating! The community is invited to join us Wednesday, May 10, for the annual End of Year Celebration for Midrasha. We'll thank teachers, and honor our graduating seniors. Our celebration will begin at 6:30 p.m. at B'nai Emunah with dinner, dessert, and fun! Please be in touch with Morah Sara at [slevitt@bnaiemunah.com](mailto:slevitt@bnaiemunah.com) so we can plan for your participation.

## 14 SHUL SCHOOL BASH

Celebrate the last day of our Synagogue School programs and the kick-off to summer! It's been another wonderful year and we're ready to end the year with a bang. We'll gather our ShulSchool community offsite for a morning of fun, food, song, and gratitude. Parents and family members should plan to join their school children for the morning. Please check your weekly school communications for details in the coming weeks.

## 14 BBG BAKE SALE

At the conclusion of ShulSchool End of Year Bash, BBG girls will be selling delicious baked goods to raise money for BBG programming activities. If you would like to donate additional baked goods for BBG to sell, please contact BBG advisor, Lydia Lapidus at [Lydia.lapidus@gmail.com](mailto:Lydia.lapidus@gmail.com).

## 15 BLATT + BLUE: STRANGERS

In 1961, identical triplets were born to a single Jewish mother. The boys were placed in three different adoptive homes; none of the families were told about the existence of the other two brothers. A chance encounter at college sparked a family reunion that made national headlines. **Three Identical Strangers** first premiered at the 2018 Sundance Film Festival. The documentary can be viewed on Hulu and Amazon Prime Video. The conversation with Alice Blue and David Blatt will be on Zoom (918 583 7121). Newcomers are welcome to join.

## 17 LIFELONG LEARNERS

Ageless seniors from every corner of the community are invited to join Rabbi Kaiman at the Synagogue for lunch and rabbinic storytelling. The sessions always begin at 11:30 a.m., and a bus leaves from Zarrow Pointe at 11:00 a.m. each time. No charge for transportation (you may, of course, come in your own vehicle), and lunch from Queenie's will be provided. It's our pleasure to provide this service in cooperation with our fellow Jewish institution. Please reserve your spot by calling the Synagogue at (918) 583-7121 or visiting our website.

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Welcome to New Resettlement Director Genevieve Jaber

Blessings on your new position and best wishes for a long and creative tenure at the Synagogue!

# FROM RABBI KAIMAN

## PULLING AN ALL-NIGHTER

For a couple of years in college, I had a unique job. I loved being active in school activities, sports, and extracurriculars. So, when it came time to holding down a job to support myself, I took advantage of a time frame that was often unprogrammed. I became an overnight security guard for our campus police department. Two nights a week, my shift began at 1:00 a.m. and lasted until 7:00 a.m. During that time, if someone needed a security escort on campus, they'd call our office, and we'd dispatch to make sure everything was okay.

Pulling an all-nighter became a regular thing for me. Of course, as a college student, I adapted my schedule by choosing times when I could sleep all morning. And everything worked out in a very positive way. But I learned a lot during those years of all-nighters. Ultimately, I'm glad that period of my life is now over, but I do have to say it prepared me well for parenthood.

I say all of this because a Jewish all-nighter (or late-nighter) is coming up on our calendar. Shavu'ot is one of our festival holidays and there's a traditional practice that asks us to stay up late learning Torah as part of our observance of the holiday.

Why would we do this to ourselves? Well, Shavu'ot is the holiday where we celebrate receiving the Torah. The tradition of studying Torah on Shavu'ot night has its roots in the Talmudic era. According to legend, the Jewish people overslept on the morning of the giving of the Torah, so to make up for this, they stayed up all night studying Torah the night before the holiday.

This practice has continued throughout the centuries, and today many Jewish communities around the world hold all-night or late-night study sessions on Shavu'ot.

This year we're preparing to do the same. On May 25, the first part of the evening will be a festival dinner where we honor our lay leaders and connect with the themes of sustainability evident in the holiday.

Following dinner, those who wish to remain will explore a variety of traditional texts as we move late into the night. We'll break by 10:30 p.m. so that those who'd like to continue with independent study can do so at home and others can be ready for yom tov services the next morning. But what we hope comes of this experiment is perspective which will help us see the world in a more nuanced way.

Happy Shavu'ot!

# BLATT + BLUE

## THREE IDENTICAL STRANGERS | MAY 15

Directed by Tim Wardle, *Three Identical Strangers* is a documentary film about the lives of Edward Galland, David Kellman, and Robert Shafran, a set of identical Jewish triplet brothers adopted as infants by separate families.

Combining archival footage, re-enacted scenes, and present-day interviews, it recounts how the triplet brothers discovered one another by chance at age 19, their public and private lives in the years that followed, and their eventual discovery that their adoption had been part of an undisclosed scientific "nature versus nurture" study of the development of genetically identical siblings raised in differing socioeconomic circumstances.

Participants can see the film on Amazon Prime, for a small fee, and on Hulu for free. Call the Synagogue at (918) 583-7121 if you have any difficulty locating the program at home. The Zoom meeting ID is 918 583 7121, and the session will conclude at 8:00 p.m.

Blatt + Blue is the longest-running project at the Synagogue dating from the height of the pandemic. It is now thirty-eight months old and continues to spotlight a diverse and provocative roster of films and television. The series expresses the Synagogue's commitment to an inclusive and pluralistic vision of the Jewish world.



# FROM RABBI FITZGERMAN

## ■ ANOTHER HERO

I wish it were otherwise, but I've got a thing for cynicism. Give me a saint and I will nose around for frailty, the shadow of corruption at the edge of the halo. I can't help it. I wasn't raised to worship heroes.

But I've decided to give my better instincts some exercise. My hero of the month is Ben Ferencz, the last surviving prosecutor at the Nuremberg trials. He died last month at 103, blessed with his faculties intact until the end. He was in his twenties during the war and its aftermath, and yet, despite his youth, he was promoted to the leadership of the most important tribunal in the history of the modern world. He had a degree from Harvard, but no practical experience—just a passion for justice and the painstaking methods of jurisprudence. He assembled a mountain of documentary evidence and brought the full force of his selfhood into the courtroom at Nuremberg. The result was the conviction of virtually everyone he prosecuted. Despite his opposition to the death penalty, many were executed.

But for Ben Ferencz, the process didn't end there. You get the sense that his interlude as prosecutor left him feeling contaminated by exposure. Too many Nazis. Too many horrors. I'm sure that I am projecting, but I imagine his nightmares: the endless newsreel of barely living skeletons, the pictures of vivisection, the bodies of small children. And so he devoted the next part of his life to restoration, to reclaiming property for survivors and their heirs.

And when he finished with that, he went on to grand-scale justice. To the extent that we have a functioning world court which is empowered, in theory, to prosecute genocide, it's because of the dream that competed with Ben Ferencz's nightmares. It's a shameful failure on the part of our own country that we have never affirmed the legitimacy of that court, but let's add it to the list of Things That Must Be Done.

Yet, whatever happens, Ben Ferencz lived a noble life. What does the Lord, our God require? Pain and suffering are unavoidable. But every one of us is commissioned by God to force the issue of justice for all. The loss of millions has to be somehow redeemed by acts of courage, restoration, and righteousness, however long it may take to achieve them. If you look at the pictures of Ben Ferencz, you might see a man without the grand look of a hero. For me, he was a roaring force for good, who spoke a message of eternal justice. May Ben Ferencz's memory be for a blessing, and an inspiration to those who come after him—and us.

# SISTERHOOD—J. DUNDEE

## ■ SISTERHOOD BIENNIAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 10 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. is the biennial meeting of Sisterhood, to be held at the home of Sophia Noshay, 253 East 34th Street. Parking is on the north side of the street.

With a theme of **Meet and Mix**, those attending will enjoy appetizers, desserts, wine, mocktails, and the opportunity to socialize with each other.

During the evening, a slate of officers and board members will be presented for a vote.

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THERE IS ALWAYS AN ARMED GUARD ON DUTY EACH DAY

# CONGRATULATIONS

## ■ HONOR ROLL MAZAL TOVS

To Genevieve Jaber, our new Director of Refugee Resettlement, who began work at the end of April. Genevieve comes to the Synagogue with a wealth of experience in refugee services. Most recently, she worked in Denver for IRC, the largest Resettlement Agency network in the United States. She's excited to return to Oklahoma where she previously served as Assistant Director of Refugee Resettlement for Catholic Charities of Oklahoma City, with responsibility for their resettlement efforts in Tulsa. Genevieve is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and received a Fulbright Scholarship for study in Syria. Welcome to the Synagogue!

To Ahylin Arce-Ramos, our new Volunteer Coordinator working in our Refugee Resettlement office. Ahylin and her family have been active participants in Synagogue life for many years. After completing her degree in psychology, she's excited to begin work connecting volunteers to opportunities within our resettlement efforts. If you'd like to learn more about ways to get involved in refugee resettlement, email [ahylin@bnaiemunah.com](mailto:ahylin@bnaiemunah.com).

To Andrew Spector, who was recently named a Fellow with the Patterson Foundation in Tampa, Florida. The fellowship supports aspiring philanthropic leaders with opportunities to gain experience and learn innovative principles.

To Eric Hunker, whose solo album, *Beautiful Endings*, is set to be released in early May. To support his efforts, Eric has launched a Kickstarter where friends and fans can contribute to the costs of bringing this music to life.

# BUILDING PROJECT

## ■ THE PARKING LOT

As you may already have heard, our parking lot renovation is about to begin. Barring the unforeseen, work will begin sometime between the middle of May and the first part of June. During the project, our lot will be closed for normal traffic. **Please be prepared to use street parking for the duration.** We regret the inconvenience and ask that you pay special attention to the comfort of our neighbors on nearby streets.

Please note that fundraising for this project will continue for the next several months. If you'd like to participate in this project as a benefactor, please contact Rabbi Fitzerman at (918) 850-4054 or (918) 583-7121.

# EXHIBITION IN MAY

## ■ MARC FITZGERMAN: PHOTOGRAPHIC WORKS

Congregation B'nai Emunah is pleased to present **Marc Boone Fitzerman: Photographic Works**, an exhibition of images by Rabbi Fitzerman beginning Friday May 5, at the Synagogue. This selection of photographs represents four distinct bodies of work shot within the last decade. Positioned on the border between staged and naturalistic, the exhibit explores themes of ceremony, ritual, the passage of time, and artifice, and includes images of exhausted cowboys and teenagers glaring in the sharp evening light before prom.

All of the photographs are taken from life and represent Fitzerman's interest in the punctuation marks of human life. Many of the images provide a snapshot of where Fitzerman's eye goes and alternate with mundane vistas of the city at night and the peculiar world of model train enthusiasts. The subjects are easily ignored but have the power to provide our life with memory, a sense of place, and meaning.

Located in Memorial Hall at the Synagogue, the exhibition can be previewed before a celebratory gathering at 7:30 p.m. The occasion is **An Expression of Thanks: A Musical Shabbat Service** paying tribute to Rabbi Marc Fitzerman. The exhibition will remain open through the night for viewing and conversation.

On Sunday, May 7 at 3:00 p.m., all are invited to join Rabbi Fitzerman in celebrating the opening of his exhibition. He will give a brief talk about his selection of photographs in Memorial Hall.

Also on view in the exhibition is a Torah Mantle, crafted by Rabbi Fitzerman, which will be available for dedication to the Synagogue by an individual or family. The dedicatory text will be inscribed on the crown of the mantle and be visible as the Torah is walked through the congregation.

Beginning at 3:00 pm, the photographs and Torah Mantle will be opened for bids in a silent auction, with all proceeds directly benefiting the Program Fund of the Synagogue. The auction will pause at 4:00 p.m. for **Fitz-Fest: a Community Sing-a-Long**, then reopen once the concert is concluded. It will then officially close at the end of supper. The exhibition itself will remain in Memorial Hall through the month of May.



# MORAH SARA LEVITT

## ■ IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE

And just like that, another successful year of ShulSchool ends. This year rounds out the seventh school year in my role at B'nai Emunah. Seven! It feels like yesterday that I took a leap of faith and a phone call with Rabbis Fitzerman and Kaiman to explore what might be in Tulsa.

I am so glad I did. In Judaism, we find meaning in almost everything. We stop to show gratitude when we eat, go to the bathroom, and when something happens for the first time in a year. The number seven in our tradition connects us to the creation story: for six days, God worked to create the world, and on the seventh day, Shabbat. On this holy day, we take time to pause, connect with others and ourselves, and to rejuvenate for the week ahead. The lucky number is seven.

At the end of year seven, I'm finding myself reflective, introspective, and even a bit nostalgic. In the past seven years, our program has grown tremendously. I've watched children evolve into young adults, teachers hone their skills, and parents grow alongside their children. We've added new programs and teaching methods, developed our Youth Choir, elevated professional development, engaged new families, and expanded our youngest classes beyond my wildest dreams. It's been an incredible year of growth, creativity, community, and connection.

In our Hebrew Language Lab program, our students have become true scholars, challenged to ask questions and think about our texts in new and exciting ways. Our Madrichim are both teaching assistants and students, developing skills they'll have for a lifetime and exploring their own Jewish identities.

This does not happen in a silo. We have an incredible teaching team, a group of committed Madrichim, supportive parents, and eager students who make this job a dream come true. At the end of this **Shabbat** year, I feel reinvigorated, cooking up new ideas to better meet the needs of our families, teachers, and community.

Please join me on Friday, May 19, to celebrate this wonderful year of learning at our **Shabbat for Everyone: Graduation Edition**. We'll honor our students, teachers, Madrichim, graduating seventh graders, and graduating seniors and hand out siddurim to our fifth-grade students. You don't want to miss it!



# SERVICE SCHEDULE

## ■ AFTERNOON AND EVENING SERVICES

On Wednesday and Fridays at 5:30 p.m., we gather to experience traditional daily prayer and establish a quiet space for those mourning a loved one or observing the anniversary of a loss (**yahrtzeit**). Wednesday gatherings take place in the Synagogue Sanctuary, with full participation available through the Synagogue Zoom Room: **918 583 7121**. Friday services take place on Zoom.

## ■ SHABBAT MORNING

Each week, we convene on Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. to sing the liturgy of the tradition, study the weekly Torah portion, and spend time amongst family and friends. All are welcome. Members and friends can access the Synagogue Zoom Room at **918 583 7121** or come in person.

### QUESTIONS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP?

WRITE RABBI K. AT [rdk@bnaiemunah.com](mailto:rdk@bnaiemunah.com)  
OR STEVE ABERSON AT [saberson@gmail.com](mailto:saberson@gmail.com)

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU AS  
A MEMBER OF THE SYNAGOGUE FAMILY



*Looking back: Scott F. Zarrow, President and longtime leader of CBE.*

# MAY HIGHLIGHTS [CONTINUED]

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## 18 PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

We take great pride in the work of our preschool. School Director Shelli Wright and her staff have created a vibrant learning environment that is looked upon as one of the premier learning institutions in the city. Members are invited to attend a graduation ceremony at 10:00 a.m. for students who will continue in kindergartens across Tulsa next year.

## 18 MAGIC CITY BOOKS

In partnership with Magic City Books, the Synagogue is proud to welcome Oklahoma native and *New Yorker* staff writer Burkhard Bilger for an in-person event to celebrate his new memoir, *Fatherland: A Memoir of War, Conscience, and Family Secrets* on Thursday, May 18 at 7:00 pm. He will be joined in conversation by Tulsa Literary Coalition Board Member and President of the Synagogue, Dr. John Schumann and following their conversation, will sign copies of his books. Please indicate your attendance at [www.tulsagogue.com](http://www.tulsagogue.com).

## 19 SHABBAT FOR EVERYONE GRADUATION

A special Shabbat service honors graduates, students, and faculty on the completion of another school year. Additionally, we're glad to partner with the Jewish Federation of Tulsa to welcome former Tulsa *Shlichim* as part of the weekend-long anniversary celebrations. No reservation is needed for the service at 7:00 p.m. But please call or visit our website by Wednesday, May 17, to guarantee your place at the dinner table.

## 25 SHAVU'OT: LEADERSHIP + LEARNING

We begin this harvest festival with a celebratory dinner featuring seasonal and sustainable foods connected to the central ideas of the holiday. Following dinner, we'll explore themes of sustainability and leadership as they are found in traditional Jewish texts. Optional study will continue into the evening. We'll also use this opportunity to formally install our new board leadership and honor outgoing lay leadership. Special tribute to Dr. John Schumann on the completion of his term as President of the congregation. Make your reservations by visiting us at [tulsagogue.com](http://tulsagogue.com). It all begins at 6:00 p.m. Services continue at 9:30 a.m. on May 26 and 27.

# LIFE 2.0 CELEBRATION

## ■ EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS: MAY 5-7

For members and friends of the Synagogue, May will bring several opportunities to honor Rabbi Fitzerman as he enters the next season of his life in Tulsa. The celebration as a whole is called *Expressions of Thanks: A Weekend Celebrating Rabbi Marc Boone Fitzerman*.

At 7:30 pm on Friday night, May 5, we invite the community to a Shabbat service in the Sanctuary full of music and tributes. Pack your dancing shoes so that we can migrate from the service to the Oneg Shabbat for dancing, schmoozing, and more cookies than you could ever imagine. The sweet sounds of Klay Kodesh, the swells of circle dances, and the warmth of decades of MBF memories will bring life to the Sanctuary and Kaiser-Miller Auditorium.

All are invited back to the Synagogue on Sunday, May 7. At 3:00 p.m., the doors will open for an exhibit of photographic images Rabbi Fitzerman has been working on for several years. Rabbi Fitzerman will speak briefly, and each image will be available for purchase in a silent auction. All proceeds will directly benefit the Synagogue and its programs of service, education, and culture. See the article on page 6. Rabbi Fitzerman has also sewn a High Holiday Torah Mantle, which will be available for dedication to the Synagogue by an individual or family with the appropriate name plaque on the cap.

At 4:00 p.m. we will continue with *FitzFest: a Community Sing-a-long and Supper*. We hope to have you join us for a lively musical program of both Jewish and secular favorites, with sure-to-be entertaining anecdotes and rousing rounds of communal singing. A complimentary *Sunday Supper* modeled after our High Holidays Break Fast will follow immediately so that all of us will have the opportunity to personally share our expressions of thanks to Rabbi Fitzerman.

This inclusive meal is open to our entire community at no cost to participants. Rabbi Fitzerman's beloved Altamont Bakery cookies will be available for purchase as a benefit to intermittently homeless men and women in our community.

In order for us to be able to plan, please indicate your attendance on Friday night, Sunday afternoon or both at [www.tulsagogue.com/thank-you](http://www.tulsagogue.com/thank-you). We look forward to seeing you in May.

EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS + FITZ-FEST. SEE ARTICLE ABOVE.



# NEW FACES AT CBE

## WELCOME TO RICHIE BOLUSKY



# GOVERNANCE

## THE BUSINESS OF THE CONGREGATION

On Tuesday evening, April 18, Sally Donaldson presented the 2023–2024 budget for congregational approval. Those new figures were vetted earlier by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors, and were unanimously approved. This vote is the culmination of many months of hard work by the volunteers and professionals of the congregation, who engage in this process in an act of mutual openness and trust.

Congratulations are also due to those who consented to have their names placed in nomination for positions of congregational leadership. We are delighted to welcome new members of the Board, along with new officers. Special congratulations to Mark Goldman, who now takes on his role as President of the Congregation. Although the election results are now officially in, a special celebration will take place on the first evening of Shavu'ot, May 25, at 6:00 p.m. Please see Rabbi Kaiman's article on page 4 of this issue for an encouraging message.

# BAT MITZVAH

## BAT MITZVAH OF AVERY HAMMER

Avery “Leaf” Morgan Radka Hammer, daughter of Courtney Hammer and Stevan Woller, and sister of Solomon, Sarah, Lyla, and Aliyana, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 6, at Congregation B’nai Emunah.

Leaf is a sixth-grade student at Tulsa School of Science and Arts, where she thrives in drama classes and excels in art. Leaf’s musical interests include guitar and piano. When not at the mall, she can be found reading, writing, and sewing with friends.

Leaf attends Congregation B’nai Emunah ShulSchool and has been preparing for her Bat Mitzvah with Morah Alin Avitan, her lifelong Hebrew teacher and dear family friend.

The community is invited to celebrate with Leaf and her family at 9:30 a.m. at Congregation B’nai Emunah or on Zoom using Zoom ID [918-583-7121](https://zoom.us/j/9185837121).



EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS + FITZ-FEST ON MAY 5–7.

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## The Synagogue

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# MAY | IYAR-SIVAN

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 4:00 PM Hebrew Lab 5:30 PM Weekday Service 7:00 PM Midrasha	4	5 5:30 PM Friday Service 7:30 PM Expressions of Thanks Musical Shabbat and Oneg 7:56 PM Candles	6 9:30 AM Bat Mitzvah of Leaf Hammer and Shabbat Morning 8:57 PM Havdalah  Torah: Emor
7 9:00 AM ShulSchool 4:00 PM Expressions of Thanks FitzFest Concert and Supper	8	9 7:00 PM Board of Directors	10 4:00 PM Hebrew Lab 5:30 PM Weekday Service 7:00 PM Midrasha Celebration 7:00 Sisterhood Meeting	11	12 5:30 PM Friday Service 8:02 PM Candles	13 9:30 AM Shabbat Morning 9:04 PM Havdalah  Torah: Behar-Behukotay
14 9:00 AM ShulSchool BBG Bake Sale	15 7:00 PM Blatt + Blue	16	17 11:30 AM Lifelong Learners 5:30 PM Weekday Service	18 10:00 AM Preschool Grad. 7:00PM Booksmart: Burkhard Bilger	19 5:30 PM Friday Service 6:15 PM Shabbat Dinner 7:00 PM Shabbat for Everyone   Graduation 8:08 PM Candles	20 9:30 AM Shabbat Morning 9:11 PM Havdalah  Torah: Bamidbar
21	22	23	24 5:30 PM Weekday Service	25 6:00 PM Shavu'ot Dinner: Sustainability and Leadership 8:12 PM Candles  Erev Shavu'ot	26 9:30 AM Yom Tov Service 5:30 PM Friday Service 8:13 PM Candles  Preschool and Offices Closed Shavu'ot Day I	27 9:30 AM Shabbat and Yom Tov Morning 9:17 PM Havdalah  Shavu'ot Day II
28	29  Preschool and Offices Closed Memorial Day	30	31 5:30 PM Weekday Service			

# THE SYNAGOGUE

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### YAHRTZEIT CALENDAR — 10 IYAR THROUGH 11 SIVAN

**Monday, May 1 - 10 Iyar**  
Bess Fell Wolfe Green  
Maurice Frank  
Ray Bryan Miller  
Bessie Starr

**Tuesday, May 2 - 11 Iyar**  
Morris Goltz  
Mildred Leff Paull

**Wed., May 3 - 12 Iyar**  
Eleanor Dorskind  
Jean Pedott  
Zdenka Weinberg

**Thurs., May 4 - 13 Iyar**  
Ethel Rae Roberts  
Fuller Scott

**Friday, May 5 - 14 Iyar**  
Sander Davidson  
Max Eichenberg  
Murl Mandelbaum  
Barbara K Selzer  
Patricia Sokol

**Saturday, May 6 - 15 Iyar**  
Hans Eichler  
Joe Erdberg  
Dora Freed  
Jonathan Jeffy  
Sidney Klein  
Isidore S. Pertofsky  
Rose Storch

**Sunday, May 7 - 16 Iyar**  
Solomon Lack  
Morris T. Lubin  
Harriet M. Tannenbaum

**Monday, May 8 - 17 Iyar**  
Etta Silberg  
Bertha Palow Stein

**Tuesday, May 9 - 18 Iyar**  
Jeanette Frieden  
Theodore Geffen  
Julie Jackson

**Wed., May 10 - 19 Iyar**  
Rose Perl  
Raymond Stekoll  
Joseph E. Stiefel  
Abbott Wittels

**Thursday, May 11 - 20 Iyar**  
Mary Ann Bessolo  
Betty J. Kaiser  
Helen Dan Spector  
Oscar Stavinsky

**Friday, May 12 - 21 Iyar**  
Morris Brietfeld  
Manuel Brown  
August Gabel  
Nettie Lederman  
Henry Melville Mason  
Gershon Weisman

**Saturday, May 13 - 22 Iyar**  
Selig Sorkin

**Sunday, May 14 - 23 Iyar**  
Estelle Aberson  
Robert Paul Cohen  
William Fitzerman  
Miriam Kahn  
Leah Lapkin  
Zoltan Sollosy  
Sam Winer

**Monday, May 15 - 24 Iyar**  
Ralph Goldsmith  
Charles Kaufman  
Nathan Livingston  
Ruth Poznik  
Joshua Price

**Tuesday, May 16 - 25 Iyar**  
Pauline Bercutt  
Cy Gershone  
Philip Oberstein

**Wednesday, May 17 - 26 Iyar**  
Julius Bergman  
Nathan Dundee  
Herbert Kallmeyer  
Jane Kaufman  
Charles H. Solow

**Thursday, May 18 - 27 Iyar**  
Issac Alcouloumre  
Gretl Neuwald  
Nathan Rips  
Ruth Marie Watt  
Florence Wolens

**Friday, May 19 - 28 Iyar**  
Lila Berger  
Sarah Goodall  
Bessie Markovitz  
Meyer Miller  
Chaye Gitel Plost  
Pauline Rabinovitz  
Sarah Spector  
Zelma Zeldich

**Saturday, May 20 - 29 Iyar**  
Anna Gruwer  
Beatrice Newman  
Abraham Pollock  
Yetta Zolt

**Sunday, May 21 - 1 Sivan**  
Ida Taxon

**Monday, May 22 - 2 Sivan**  
Joann Darby  
Golde Finkelstein  
Isadore Teichman  
Albert Weise

**Tuesday, May 23 - 3 Sivan**  
Meyer Greenberg  
Leah Kraus  
Richard "Dick" Raskin  
Maurice N. Solow

**Wed., May 24 - 4 Sivan**  
Adelle Bookman  
Hazel Loftis  
Albert Mizel

**Thursday, May 25 - 5 Sivan**  
Rose P. Alamar  
Jennie Myers  
Jan Pastor  
Eide Rochverger  
Rosalie Cohen Rosen

**Friday, May 26 - 6 Sivan**  
Sam N. Dundee  
Louise Karchmer  
Aaron H. Kirsh  
Hersh Schneider

**Saturday, May 27 - 7 Sivan**  
Sol Eisen  
Eunice Frank  
Sylvia Gore  
Sayde Rita LeVine  
Leonard Rozin  
Hyman Teller

**Sunday, May 28 - 8 Sivan**  
Jeanette Bookman  
Beverly Laura Gabel  
Irvin Lenovitz  
Jean Panken  
James Franklin Smith  
Harold Stein  
Rebecca Zoblotsky

**Mon., May 29 - 9 Sivan**  
Norman Bortel  
Frank Fitterman  
Fannie Guller  
Fannie Hoffman  
Rabbi Arthur D. Kahn  
Morris B. Lhevine  
Edgar R. Sanditen  
Sara Shapiro  
Florence Weisberg

**Tues., May 30 - 10 Sivan**  
Richard (Rick) Dyer  
Jewels E. Fuhrman  
Celia Glasser  
Marion Janson  
Barnett Unger

**Wed., May 31 - 11 Sivan**  
Irving Antell  
Rita Joyce Mason  
Jean Rubinoff  
Irving Shalom  
Betty Siegel  
Seymour H. Taxon  
Hymie Viner



May their souls be bound up in the bond of life everlasting. Please note that each yahrtzeit begins at sunset on the day before the date listed.