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Through the Congregation's generosity I recently attended my first AIPAC conference. It was truly a special experience. Being with tens of thousands of fellow Israel supporters, hearing from important American, Israeli and international leaders, and learning more about the glories of our state and its significant current perils deepened my commitment to action on behalf of Israel. Soon thereafter I attended the annual Israel and Pearl Stern Memorial Lecture in Blessed Memory of Lila Stern Z"L. Rabbi Steven Weil of the Orthodox Union, an expert in Israel affairs, shared with us how significant the threat to our state is from Iran and its allies.

Allow me to mention a few salient points from these events.

◆Effectively there is no longer Syria and Lebanon; both are proxies for Iran. Iran is developing military presence that stretches from the Arabian Sea to the Mediterranean Sea, a military threat is real unprecedented in her history.

◆Hezbollah, an Iranian proxy entrenched on Israel's northern border, has between 125,000 to 150,000 rockets capable of striking nearly all of Israel's population centers. The city of Tel Aviv would have less than 75 seconds to respond to a rocket launch, Jerusalem less than two minutes. The Galilee region would have less than a minute.

◆Iran currently has the capacity to deliver a ballistic missile 1500 miles. They have declared their intent to develop missiles that could reach the

United States.

◆The threat from Hamas is also very significant. Their tunnel network allows them to hide rockets and weapons, and there is an ongoing concern that as they rebuild their tunnels they are planning to kidnap Israelis inside Israeli territory, an intent they have displayed in the past.

Not since 1973 has the state of Israel faced such a significant and powerful threat. To paraphrase Rabbi Weil, every day we should pray to G-d for three things: stop Iran, stop Iran, stop Iran.

There are so many ways we can support the state of Israel in these perilous times. The influence of the pro-Israel lobby in American government is essential to maintaining a strong bond between our two freedom-loving nations. Our financial support through Israel Bonds, Federation and other charities are essential to maintain programs and initiatives that will increase our security and prosperity. And our prayers, which emphasize our priorities and concerns to G-d above, are indispensable, whether the prayers of the Congregation or an individual. Let us continue to support those who support a strong American-Israel relationship, redouble our efforts to financially support the state of Israel, and set aside a few moments every day to recite the following prayer: Please, G-d, stop Iran, stop Iran, stop Iran, and bring lasting peace and prosperity to the Jewish people, to the entire region and to our world. Amen.

Respectfully Yours...

from the desk of

Rabbi Weinbach

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Date	Light Candles	Shabbat Ends
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11	7:19	8:24
18	7:24	8:29
25	7:29	8:34

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From the Editor's Desk...

It's that time of the year when it is okay to "brag a little."

As is tradition, the June/Summer issue of **The Scroll** lists information about your graduates--children or grandchildren. I ask that you send in the info to me (preferably via e-mail to: roberta@theliemans.com) for publication in the June/Summer issue*.

Who can be listed as a graduate? In my way of thinking a graduate is one finishing pre-K on up through post-graduate studies. If you have additional info, i.e. the next school he will be attending or the job in his future I will include that as well.

Mazel tov in advance to all the graduates, their parents, the bubbies and zadies!

Why shouldn't we take this opportunity to "kvell" a little?

**Being next month's issue is the last until September (articles due August 10th) I will hold any info too late for the June/Summer issue and publish it in the September issue.*



SHALOM

Roberta



Submissions for the Summer issue are due by May 10th. Please **promptly** send in any articles or flyers, via e-mail, to be included in the issue.--ED.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jonathan Meister

Spain. Bullfights, Don Quixote, great Red Wine and also the home of the Inquisition. Travel is a great thing, its always been an escape for me and mid-April saw Beth and me in Madrid. There is nothing Jewish about Madrid; yes it is a beautiful city, elegant and filled with beautiful museums, great restaurants and shopping. I spent two glorious days there, relaxing after Passover and trying to forget about work. Yet whenever and wherever I travel I always try to see something of Jewish interest. For me this starts even at the airport. I'll admit that one of the first things I look for at Newark is the El Al plane if I am there before 1:30 in the afternoon and as soon as I land in a foreign airport the first thing I look for out the window is the glimpse of an El Al plane.

This has to do with the fact that I carry with me as I think we all do a shared history of being a Jew and a sense of togetherness, seeing the star of David in a foreign airport is like "comfort food", it's just good to know it's there. We landed in Madrid on a Friday morning and after 10 minutes of taxiing to the gate, no El Al sighting; of course not, the plane had gone home for Shabbat. So after two days of Madrid, we went to Toledo, a city steeped in Jewish history which should have made me feel good, I would be in an area filled with a link to our shared past. Instead, I spent an entire day with a deep sense of unease.

Toledo is certainly a destination for Jewish tourists. There is a well-defined Jewish quarter and it is clearly marked. As you walk the narrow alleyways you must be sure to look down as you are walking as there are tiles scattered in the streets every few meters that have a chai or a menorah or a Jewish star. This was meant to mark where Jews lived. Continuing in the narrow alleyways you come upon Santa Maria Blanca. Not a church (anymore), but the sight of one of Toledo's main synagogues. Now fully restored and truly beautiful but an example of a synagogue that was taken over

by the Church after 1492, converted to a church despite having all of the Hebrew engravings all over the walls. The outside courtyard has an old well and it's all very pretty and there is a gift shop selling Jewish stars and *kippot* and bottles of Kosher wine. Setup on the left side of the courtyard was an art exhibition. Biblical scenes of Jerusalem. However, when I looked closer even with my limited Spanish the scenes depicted were from the New Testament and the group sponsoring the exhibition were Spanish evangelical Christians.

Just a few feet away from this ancient synagogue were three or four shops. Signs outside had Hebrew writing, announcing Kosher drinks/food, gifts. Great, I thought. I'll have an opportunity to grab some kosher food, Jewish books. In all three stores, like the gift shop at the first synagogue were lots of dusty books in Spanish about the ancient Jewish community, a few bottles of Kosher wine and water bottles that had an OU marking, *kippot*, *tallit* from Israel and Jewish stars. Plus, lots of tile magnets with Chai, a menorah, or Jewish stars like in the streets (and of course all made in China).

The last "Jewish stop" of our day in Toledo was at the Museo Sefardi, Toledo's Jewish Museum which is also a restored synagogue. It was beautiful BUT ... it is a museum. The synagogue part that has been restored is really something to see. It is evident all throughout that the building was a synagogue where the *Aron Kodesh* is clearly visible, the women's section for prayer has been restored as well and you walk through this building and there are exhibits about Jewish life in Spain before 1492 as well as an area detailing Jewish rituals/customs. There is a beautiful courtyard filled with pieces of tombstones from the 1300's. There is an area of excavation even in the compound showing what may have been a mikvah. Most importantly

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however, there is NOTHING about Jewish life in Spain TODAY. Why? Because there really isn't any. I stepped out of the museum and of course on the opposite side of the street as well as several feet away were gift shops, again Jewish stars, *kippot*, Chinese made magnets with Jewish stars and "kosher food" (really just a couple of bottles of wine and an OU marked bottle of Coca Cola.

I mentioned to Beth throughout the day in Toledo how I was just having a difficult time with being there, I couldn't wrap my head around it. I certainly was enjoying Spain, the weather was great, the wine was even better. Yet I was disturbed. Once again I was in so called "civilized" Europe in an area that had been a true center of Jewish life where again our people had become just a part of "ancient history", in fact a tourist attraction.

Two days later I was back in our shul. It was *Yom HaZikaron*. The evening began with a truly dignified memorial for those that have bravely fallen in defense of the Jewish People and those victims of terror who fell because they were Jewish. I have to thank Bill Bradin and his committee for organizing this event which was followed by another event of equal if not greater importance, *Yom Ha'atzmaut*. There is no *Yom Ha'atzmaut* without *Yom HaZikaron*. I have always felt that Israel is life insurance for the Jewish People. We certainly did not have an Israel in 1492 nor in 1942. Our history is a heavy one yet our future is bright. In Spain and in Germany an El Al plane lands everyday (except Shabbat), showing these places that the Jewish people live on. That is why I also look for that Star of David everytime I'm in an airport. That is a sign of Jewish life to me, not a dusty *kippa* in a gift shop. Am Yisrael Chai!



Schedule of Shavuot Services

Saturday, May 19th

Candlelighting not before 9:00 pm

Mincha at 7:45 pm

8:15-9:00 pm Rabbi's Class

"When Sunday Isn't Sunday"

Davening at 9:00 pm

Dairy Meal* at 9:15 pm

*(Please RSVP to the office if you are planning on attending the dairy meal)

Sunday & Monday, May 20 & 21

Services At 8:45 am

Sunday evening, May 20

Services At 6:20 pm. Mincha followed by Mariv

Candlelighting Sunday not before 9:01 pm

Monday, May 21 – Yiskor, approx. 10:30 am

Holiday ends at 9:02 pm

Condolences to...

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THE CANTOR'S CLOUD by Cantor Menachem Bazian

The Best Teacher

The following story is based on a video I received from my brother in law which is, in turn, based on a lecture given by Rabbi Paysach Krohn.

The man was well past his prime. His face was deeply lined with the effects of many years. But it was a kind face too. The eyes were warm and he had a smile that somehow made time show less on his face. He was wearing a jacket and a hat despite the intense desert heat.

Standing beside him at the bus stop was a much younger man, perhaps still in his twenties. He too wore a hat but his was a baseball cap. He had earbuds in his ears and was listening to his music intently.

The elderly man turned to his young neighbor and said, "*Achi* (my brother), could you tell me what time the bus is due to arrive?"

The young man turned to face him with a sneer. "You are not my brother," he practically snarled.

Unfazed, the man responded, "Why do you say that we are not brothers?"

"Because I am an educated, worldly, Jew whereas you are a religious fanatic. I fought for my country in the army. I deserve to be buried in a Jewish cemetery because I fought for Jews." He rolled up his sleeve to show a tattoo of an infantry rifle. "You see this tattoo? I have this tattoo because I fought for Jews. I am not a religious fanatic! You are not my brother!"

The man smiled sadly and answered, "I also have a tattoo." He slowly rolled up his sleeve to expose a crude number tattooed in his arm. The young man fell silent. The elderly man continued sadly, "I had an excellent teacher who taught me that all Jews are brothers."

"Who was that teacher?" asked the young man softly.

"Adolf Hitler," came the reply.

The young man's cell phone rang. He excused himself and took the call briefly. He hung up and turned back to the

elderly man. "*Achi* (my brother)", he began...

Learning never ends. We continue to learn even after we leave our formal education years behind. After high school, trade school, college, etc., we continually increase our base of knowledge, through life's experience. Each situation that life presents, whether personal or professional, is an opportunity for us to learn and grow.

Psychologically, the human being learns in two ways: repetition and pain. We hope that our children and loved ones will always learn easily and painlessly, but we know that is not always the case. Who of us has not experienced the agony of a broken heart? Who has not experienced conflict at work and had to find ways to resolve it appropriately? We all have our challenges in life and they provide the lessons we learn to improve for the future.

Life is our teacher, time is our headmaster. Our lives are the source of our continued individual learning and our collective lives, our history, teaches us as a people. One has but to look at the last 80 years of Jewish History to see how our group experience has provided knowledge, experience and guidance for our lives today. All we have to do is look around us and the lessons can become clear. But we have to be open to these messages from history so we can learn from them. Indeed, the true mark of the Jewish people has been our willingness to look at our history and to try and learn from them. It is how we have survived for millennia in a world that wants to see us dead merely because of who we are.

So, let's look to our past, some events that occurred during this time of the Jewish year, and let's see what lessons can be gleaned for the future.

During the period between *Passover* and *Shavuot*, we count the Omer. Each day we count upwards starting at 1 on the second day of *Passover* until we get to 49 on the day before *Shavuot*. Many Jews have the custom to exhibit some signs of mourning because



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CH' MAREH

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20,000 students of Rabbi Akiva died during this period. They died, as the *Talmud* tells us, because they did not properly show respect to each other. These *Torah* scholars neglected to treat each other properly and, as a result, tragedy struck.

On April 19, 1943 (Passover Eve), the Jews of the Warsaw Ghetto rose up against their Nazi murderers and fought a heroic battle. Armed with little, they withstood the full might of the SS onslaught almost as long as the entire Polish army withstood the Wehrmacht. They came together on the eve of our greatest redemption and fought side by side against a tremendous tyranny. They fought street by street and house by house against experienced infantry with the latest arms and tanks. They fought with little more than some guns, many home-made zip guns, and some Molotov Cocktails. And still, for almost 30 days, until May 16th on the 26th day of the Omer, they persisted. Their legacy is a tale of brotherhood and bravery that will shine for all time.

On May 14th, 1948, the 5th day of *Iyar* and the 20th day of the *Omer*, the State of Israel was declared. The fiscally and militarily poor state with many survivors of the Holocaust fresh from their sojourn in the Nazi created hell, withstood the onslaught of their Arab neighbors. They stood side by side and fought, like their brothers in Warsaw did, against tremendous odds. Their story of bravery and heroism is celebrated by the very existence of the State they helped bring to life through their sacrifice. With each passing year, the State of Israel has faced monstrous opposition from all corners of the world and yet it thrives as a model of prosperity, innovation and freedom.

On April 13, 1975, on the 2nd day of *Iyar* and the 17th day of the *Omer*, the Lebanese civil war began. In the second year of the war, I was 12 and in 7th grade. To this day I can clearly recall how my *Rebbe* that year, Reb Yaakov Chaim Amsel of blessed memory, would start our day. His first question was almost always "Vos Tit Zuch in Levunon?" (What's going on in Lebanon?) Reb Amsel, as we called him, was an intensely religious, chassidic man. In modern terms, he was as *Chareidi* as they come. His first thought and concern each morning was the worsening situation on Israel's border. I do now know if he was "pro *Medina*" or anti. I just know that

he worried about his fellow Jews.

This year, on May 19th, we will celebrate the holiday of *Shavuot*, when *Hashem* gave us the *Torah*. The Jewish people accepted it, as the *Talmud* tells us, "K'Ish Echad, B'Lev Echad," Like one person with one heart. The *Torah* has been our guide and salvation for thousands of years. Interestingly, the *Torah* has never referred to the Jewish people as "Jews." We are known Children of Israel. We are all brothers and sisters.

If there is one lesson that we can learn from this time of the year, both through repetition and pain, is that the Jewish people are one family and we must treat each other in that fashion. When we are divided, we are at the mercy of our enemies and ripe for tragedy. When we are united, we can, and do, accomplish what any sane, thinking person would consider to be impossible.

Like any family, we will have our internal squabbles and politics but, when the chips are down, we can only rely on ourselves. The world has shown us too many times that we cannot count on them. When all is said and done, all we have is our family, *Acheinu Bnei Yisrael*, "Our brothers, the Children of Israel."

As our *Chassidic* brothers say, "May you merit to accept the *Torah* with love" and may that love reach out and unite all of *Hashem's* chosen people as it truly was meant to be.

Chana and I wish you a truly happy Chag Shavuot.

Note: The opinions expressed in this article are mine and mine alone. Have a comment? Disagree with me? Please let me know. You can email me at njChazzan@gmail.com. © Menachem Bazian, 2018



SISTERHOOD MESSAGE

I've Run Out of Things to Say

Julie Feldman, President

This is not good! It's my next-to-last column as President of Sisterhood. Next month I will write about the end of my term, how wonderful it has been, yadda, yadda, yadda. But what do I write about now? Its really no fun if you fancy yourself a writer and the page refuses to fill up with little letters.

I could write about my next vacation and the wonders I hope to see on my Alaskan cruise, but I can't twist that into anything about the Congregation or Sisterhood. I could write about my Israeli cousins visiting the US for the first time in about 40 years, but that hasn't happened yet. Besides, they will probably just annoy me by continually asking why I'm not planning to retire to Israel. I could tell you about my retirement plans (3 years, eight months to go, but who's counting?), but again, that is personal.

We will be having a Women's Service this month. Please join us. It is always uplifting for the women who attend. In June, we will have another movie night, and this time we will be showing *The Producers*, the film that made Mel Brooks famous.

So, what can I write about?

Here's something... I usually don't get involved with things on Facebook. I generally just read what's on there and leave it be. Sometimes I might be moved to give something a "thumbs-up." But just recently one contact, who happens to be an older African American man, has been reposting things that express his support of Barak Obama. This morning, he received some really terrible racist rants as a response to his reposts.

This has nothing to do with how you feel about Barak Obama vs. Donald Trump. This has nothing to do with the Democratic or Republican agendas. It has everything to do with "Us vs. Them." And that is something everyone reading this should be concerned with, because all too often we have been and continue to be "Them."

Nativism has never been extinguished in the country. It was only forced underground for a few decades. Whatever your political feelings about our previous president, I hope you find it hard to ignore the resurgence of racism that his election incited in a subset of the white population.

is not male, white and Christian has faced increasing hostility in our country. Donald Trump did not start this, although it's my personal opinion that he allowed those around him and some of his supporters to fan those flames, either consciously or not.

The Jewish population of the United States should not think that we are so accepted that we cannot be harmed. We have already heard the cries of "Blood and Soil" in Charlotte. We must not only stand up and say, "Never Again," we must say, "Not in MY Country." We must link arms with the other minorities in this land and with immigrant communities (because we were once the immigrants, shunned and ghettoized) and remind our co-citizens what is great and good about the American experience.

Like Chazzan Bazian says at the end of his column, feel free to disagree with me. Until next (and last) month!



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THE MEN'S CLUB MESSAGE...

Mark Pfeffer

Spring has definitely arrived, the days are getting longer, the weather is milder. Passover is behind us, and we are counting the Omer with just Lag Ba' Omer to give us a short break. We continue to search for opportunities to serve as an active Men's Club and provide activities of interest and encourage your involvement. I've recently met two speakers that I am considering for a Men's Club event. One is a genealogist who spoke about Jewish origins in history and another speaker discussed contributions of military officers with Jewish affiliations, during and after World War II. Give us some feedback if either of these topics hold some interest for you.

Mother's Day is rapidly approaching, and the Men's Club always traditionally plays a major role in honoring all of the mothers of Congregation Shaarey Israel. In past years we strove to bring everyone together at a Breakfast Program, but with children, and grandchildren scattered in many locations, not just in Rockland, it became increasingly difficult to host a Mother's Day Sunday Breakfast at our site. The Men's Club has come up with an alternate plan to honor all of the mothers we are so fond of, and will pay tribute to all mothers in an appropriate and meaningful way. Mother's Day this year falls on May 13th. We wish to honor our mothers, the mothers of our children, and our grandchildren (if appropriate) on Saturday, May 12th, instead of on Sunday, May 13th, by hosting the Saturday Kiddush after the regular Shabbat Service. We invite all of the women of the Congregation, as well as their entire families, including spouses, partners, children and grandchildren to join us on Saturday, May 12th, so they may be appropriately honored. We are planning some added foods and some out of the ordinary events to make this a truly special day and weekend for our mothers. Won't you plan to join us on that day? Maybe in this way we shall be starting a new tradition, by making Mother's Day a weekend long event to be celebrated. Look for our flyers for added details and specifics.

Thank you for supporting the Yom Ha Shoah Yellow Candle Project. Lighting a memorial candle is an important part of remembering the horrors of the Holocaust. We must never forget and continue to educate the younger generation as to what happened so that it will never happen again. Many thanks to the people who supported the Men's Club to continue to do this important work. Hopefully next year we shall do it even better for it is meaningful, valuable and inspirational.

We have not forgotten about the evening of playing Military Bridge as an event we wish to host along with the women of the Sisterhood. With upcoming, competing programs, many Sunday evenings have become unavailable and scheduling has been difficult up until now, but we still are committed to hosting a night of Military Bridge. This date has yet to be firmly set but will be available one night soon. Stay tuned for additional information. We will guarantee you will have a good time.

Men's Club is going back to our traditional meeting time of the first Tuesday of each month. We are planning on having live, face to face meetings. Won't you please join us, at our next meeting, and offer your ideas, and your involvement. Come down to a meeting and attend an activity.



CALLING ALL MEN...



Come help sustain our

daily morning and evening minyons.

We need YOU!

MEN'S CLUB CALENDAR SWEEPSTAKE WINNERS

March

April

March	#	Winners	\$	April	#	Winners	\$
1	229	Joseph Moskovic	23	2	153	Grace Zechnowitz	18
2	261	Rochelle Prestipino	18	3	97	Jules Stern	14
4	153	Grace Zechnowitz	20	4	258	Matthew Leifer	20
5	238	Seth & Laura Nulman	18	5	238	Seth & Laura Nulman	14
6	13	Howard Mark	14	8	62	Shelly Ohren	14
7	154	Natalie Finkel	18	9	206	Sandra Pfeffer	14
8	84	Martin Goldstein	14	10	217	Morty Julius	20
9	3	David Stein	20	11	11	Evie Maher	14
11	195	Barbara Weisel	18	12	139	Dr. Myron & Barbara Block	20
12	88	Jules Stern	18	13	167	Joseph Cohen	20
13	245	Michael Harbus	18	15	182	Madison Harris	20
14	109	Sheila & Daniel Goldman	14	16	5	Joyce Trubitz	18
15	102	Lucille Wexler	20	17	129	Jack & Deborah Perel	14
16	253	Gadi Klebanov	18	18	249	Barry Haberman	14
18	127	Sandy Fried	14	19	156	Ryan Donath	14
19	34	Neil Kaplicer	14	20	9	Sue Weiss	18
20	57	Lewis Glantz	14	22	260	Ken Podos	18
21	40	Kamran Amona	18	23	85	Martin Goldstein	18
22	147	Judith & Gerald Goldberg	18	24	109	Sheila & Daniel Goldman	18
23	242	Amanda & Brian Bates	14	25	40	Kamran Amona	14
25	204	Sandra & Paul Chaitin	14	26	200	Don Rodriques, Jr.	18
26	51	Bob & Loretta Burton	18	27	229	Joseph Moskovic	20
27	166	Joseph Cohen	20	29	67	Marv Lieman	18
28	150	Jody Mager	23	30	56	Marvin Joachim	14
29	188	Marcy Samuels	18				
30	263	Lori Ottman	18				



שבועות
SHAVUOT

INTERESTING CLASSES COMING UP!

WITH RABBI WEINBACH

4/17 **An Unthinkable Controversy:
Should Yom Ha'atzmaut Be A Holiday?**

4/24 **How Will You Measure
Your Jewish Life?**
Based on "How Will You Measure Your Life",
by Clayton Christensen

5/1 **The Mystic and the Rationalist:
Are You Sure You're Not Chassidic?!**
5/8 How mysticism pervades Jewish life,
5/15 and why Maimonides fought so hard against it

5/19 **Tikun Leil Shavuot –
Our annual night of Torah Study**
(and dinner, and a BBQ)



*CSI Men's Club
is hosting a
Kiddush
after services on
Saturday, May 12
in honor of
Mother's Day.*

Please join us.

CHAI LIGHTS

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For those unfamiliar with this holiday, the observance of Chag NewCard includes many familiar Jewish practices--anticipation of the event, a date that shifts from year to year but always within the same season, the joy and excitement upon the arrival of the ritual text, followed by a period of deep contemplation and study of that text, a gathering of community members to share in the study, to debate interpretations through textual analysis and the wonder of sharing this process with one another.

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Sunday, June 10

honoring

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Kamran Amona

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Minyons

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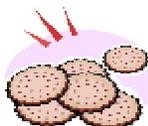


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Date	Event	Location	Time	Person Responsible
1	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
2	Forever Young Seniors	Multipurpose Rm	11:00 am	Barbara Kleinman
2	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
2	Yoga Class	Room 1	7:30 pm	Jean Gastfriend
3	Sisterhood Board	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Julie Feldman
4	Ann'y Shabbat & Services	Sanctuary	6:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
5	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
6	J.F.S. Room Rental	Ballroom	5:00 pm	Jewish Family Service
8	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
9	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
9	Yoga Class	Room 1	7:30 pm	Jean Gastfriend
10	Sisterhood Meeting	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Elly Egenberg
11	Services	Sanctuary	6:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
12	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
12	Mother's Day Kiddush	Multipurpose Rm	12:00 pm	Men's Club
14	Private Room Rental	Ballroom	5:00 pm	Einhorn
15	Book Discussion Group	Daily Sanctuary	11:00 am	Paulette Frankel
15	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
16	Forever Young Seniors	Multipurpose Rm	11:00 am	Barbara Kleinman
16	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
16	Yoga Class	Room 1	7:30 pm	Jean Gastfriend
18	Services	Sanctuary	6:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
19	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
19	Shavuoth Services--schedule on page 5			
21	Yiskor	Sanctuary	10:30 am	Rabbi Weinbach
22	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
23	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
23	Yoga Class	Room 1	7:30 pm	Jean Gastfriend
25	Services	Sanctuary	6:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
26	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
26	Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Bressler			
27	Private Room Rental	Ballroom	7:00 pm	Dr. Fromm
28	Memorial Day			
29	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
30	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
30	Yoga Class	Room 1	7:30 pm	Jean Gastfriend
30	Private Room Rental	Ballroom	7:00 pm	Mendelwitz
31	Budget/Finance	Room 2	6:00 pm	Joe Moskovic
31	Board of Trustees	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Jack Perel
June 1	Services	Sanctuary	6:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
	2 Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach

