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**Middletown, Connecticut**  
**June 2015 Sivan-Tammuz 5775**



## **YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK**

*by Rabbi Haaz*

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*by Michael Sigal*



My time as President of Adath Israel is nearing the end. It is both a sad moment and, at the same time, a satisfying moment. I will begin this article, as I've always done, with Adath Israel events and will end with a reflection of my 2 years as President.

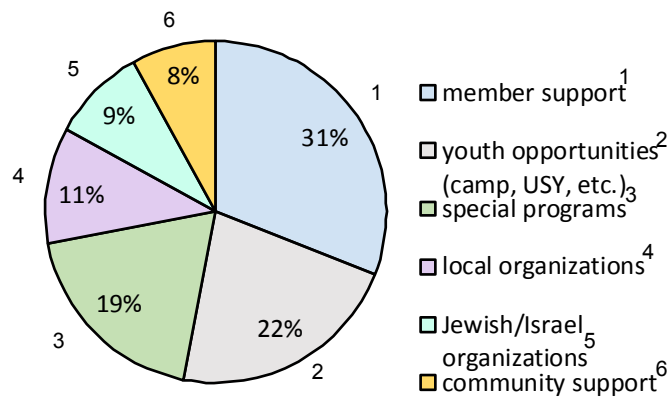
In May, we celebrated Lag BaOmer and Shavuot. Congratulations to the Confirmation Class on completing their religious school journey. As of this writing, we are still interviewing candidates for the new religious school director. We anticipate announcing a hiring in late May.

### **Upcoming events:**

**May 31<sup>st</sup> – Volunteer Brunch.** Please come as we honor the volunteers whom we've recognized in the past year for their enormous contributions to the Adath Israel community. Please be sure to call the office to RSVP. Volunteers are the life blood of Adath Israel. I shudder to think what our community would be like if they were not here.

**June 7<sup>th</sup> – Annual Meeting and Dr. Tal Becker speaking engagement,** externally co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford. Everyone should have received a letter in the mail describing these events. We need a quorum of

## **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**



Adath Israel has had a wonderful year so far in 5775, and I am so grateful for the participation, support, and commitment of our members. I am very fortunate to be your rabbi and to be trusted with

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strengthening our Jewish community. Part of this trust is placed into the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund which you support throughout the year. This fund allows me to support families and organizations in the community and also to open up unique Jewish opportunities for our members, especially for our children. While I cannot reveal the exact amounts given to and destinations of the recipients of the Discretionary Fund, I want to be as transparent as I can be, and I also want you to be proud of the significance of your contributions. Your generosity and compassion help Adath Israel make a difference in our local community and in the world. Your gifts have provided meals to those who are hungry and opportunities to attend Jewish youth events, Jewish camps, and Israel trips. Your donations help make Adath Israel a blessing to the greater Middlesex County, to our country, to Israel, and to Jewish and non-Jewish people in need throughout the world.

Thank you for remembering the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund as a vehicle to mark special occasions and people in your lives. It is an honor to share the blessings of your loved ones with our community members as well as with people whom you have never met. Through the Discretionary Fund, Adath Israel fulfills many sacred mitzvot and becomes a stronger spiritual home where we more fully *Celebrate Jewish Life*. Thank you for your generous support and compassion, and may we continue to fulfill mitzvot together and extend the positive impact of the Jewish people in our world.

Please remember that while 5775 has been an incredible year for Adath Israel, the best is yet to come. If you have not signed up for the 11am luncheon with Dr. Tal Becker on Sunday, June 7, you can still attend the public lecture at 1pm. **DO NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY.** Dr. Becker will give you **THE** inside perspective of Israel's attempts for peace with its neighbors. May we continue to learn, grow, smile, and laugh together. Have a wonderful summer and a wonderful conclusion to 5775.

**See you on June 7!**



**SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2015**

**Annual Meeting**

**9:30am**

**IN THE NESTER CENTER**

**Israel Now:  
Crucial Conversations  
with Dr. Tal Becker**

**11:00am Member Brunch**

**1pm Free Public Lecture**

**IN THE SYNAGOGUE**



The Matzah Fund Committee would like to express their grateful thanks to all who generously contributed to our yearly Matzah Fund, helping to assist many Jewish families in the community at Passover: Golde & David Palmer, Joanna Schnurman & Andy Bauer, Marcia & Richard Wrubel, and our many anonymous donors.

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the congregation to conduct shul business. I urge everyone to come. At the conclusion of the meeting, there will be an Adath Israel members-only lunch with Dr. Becker. There will also be a few members from the Federation in attendance. It will be followed by a public lecture given by Dr. Becker. This is huge! Other congregations can't believe that he is coming to speak with us rather than with them! The Rabbi did an incredible job making this happen and I cannot thank him enough. This promises to be a great event and I hope that everyone can come. Please RSVP to the office if you plan on attending the luncheon.

**June 12<sup>th</sup> - Pray-Eat-Sing.** We will be welcoming our new members. It is a wonderful opportunity for these new members to meet the Adath Israel community and for us to meet them.

I'd love to see everyone attend as many of these events as possible. They will be terrific ways for you to enjoy yourselves, learn something and interact with the members of our Adath Israel community.

**My reflections.** The Sigal family have been members of Adath Israel for 18 years. Amy and Stacey received their religious school education here and were Bat Mitzvah'd and Confirmed here. Also, I am proud to say that they were madrachim in the Religious School through their high school years. Amy designed the space in the small sanctuary where we display the tallit that the stitchery group gave the Rabbi when he joined our community. Ruth has served on numerous committees through the years. I have been on the Board of Directors for 17 years, 1 as an at large Board member, 14 as the Treasurer and the last 2 as the President. It has been an amazing journey and it isn't over. I will continue on the Board for the next 2 years as the Immediate Past President. Most of all, we cherish the friendships we've built through the years with members of the Adath Israel community.

My proudest accomplishments of the Board of the past 2 years include, in no particular order, the formal recognition of our volunteers, the creation of our Mission Statement, Rabbi Haaz's contract renewal, community and adult education events, improved communications and starting a project to improve the vibrancy of the Adath Israel community. I've had the most fun giving the synagogue gifts to our B'nai Mitzvah students on their special days. I've enjoyed the privilege of having an Aliyah on the High Holy

Days and being asked to carry the Torah during the Torah Service. Most of all, it was wonderful to be able to get to know many members of the shul! I've also had the opportunity to develop a deeper relationship with Rabbi Haaz. We spent a lot of time discussing Adath Israel and exploring my relationship with Judaism. Please spend some time with him. It will be well worth your while!

I am personally thanking all of you who volunteer your time and/or money to enrich the Adath Israel community. In addition, my special thanks to the Executive Board - Eileen, Michael, Rob, Naomi and Stephanie. I've been friends with all of them for many years. Their talents, dedication and devotion to the Adath Israel community are second to none. All of them will be on next year's Board and I look forward to continue working with them. Thanks to the Boards of the past 2 years for everything we've accomplished together.

There are so many other people to thank:

- The members of the Chevra Kadisha
- Synagogue personnel
- Religious School staff
- Volunteers who open the building and work in the kitchen to prepare for Pray-Eat and Sings, Onegs and Kiddushes
- Volunteers who create, organize, publicize and work all of our events.
- Volunteers who reach out to those in need of help
- The Committee chairs and the members of those committees
- Volunteers who maintain and beautify our buildings

My most important goal, as President, was to continue building the Adath Israel community. One of the ways that I have chosen to do so is to share important moments of my life with you. Here's my last Sigal story. Ruth's Mom is slowly recovering from her hip surgery and will turn 90 in July. Amy continues to work for J Crew in New York City. Stacey graduated from Dickinson College in May and will attend Suffolk Law School in Boston this fall. Ruth and I cannot believe that both of our kids have graduated from college. Where did the years go? Ruth and I are still working at the Travelers and the Hartford. I celebrated my Social Security eligible birthday in May and Ruth celebrates a special birthday in July. Ruth and I will be celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in December. I cannot help but think how proud my Mom and Dad would be with my deep in-

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Looking to the future - I'm really looking forward to the next 2 years. Eileen will be a terrific President and I know that all of you will support her as much as I will.

In closing, I want to thank all of you who have helped and supported me over the past couple of years. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Adath Israel's President. I wish everyone a long, healthy and happy life! I will take my leave by simply saying, l'chayim!



## **THE INTERFAITH GOLF TOURNAMENT IS LOOKING FOR YOUR HELP**

The Golf Tournament is Tuesday August 4th 2015 and we need new people to help sponsor the event. Money raised by the tournament helps fund Adath Israel as well as an anti-bullying campaign in our local schools and other worthy causes in the Middletown/Portland area. Last year we raised over \$68,000 and if we are to continue to grow we need your help.

All the money raised goes directly back into the community.

All sponsors receive recognition the day of the event with signage on the golf course and of course your donation is always tax deductible. Sponsorship levels are as follows:

	\$2500 Corporate Sponsor (includes a foursome)
	\$2000 Gold Sponsor
	\$1000 Silver Sponsor
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For more information about the tournament and sponsorships contact Mike Daling at (860) 638-8665.

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## **STRENGTHENING OUR KEHILLAH THROUGH THE ANNUAL APPEAL**

“(A) *kehilla* is a sacred community, a group formed by Jews who have joined with each other to seek God, to explore and live out their understanding of Jewishness, to offer and to get support, to share joy and sorrow, to learn and grow together, to explore the meaning of their lives and the wisdom of their ancestors.” - USCJ

Our Adath Israel *kehillah* can't fulfill its mission without gifts of time and money from congregants. A successful Annual Appeal is crucial to maintaining Adath Israel, which is more than a religious school, more than a *bimah*, more than a place for social gatherings. It is our community's Jewish home.

*Todah rabbah*, Thank you, to the following individuals for contributing to our 5775 Annual Appeal, helping to ensure that Adath Israel remains a place where we can gather, grow and share the events in our lives, to be the place where we Celebrate Jewish Life: Irena May and Susan & Doug Miller.

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## ***Daf Beit Haseifer shel Kayitz***

### **The School Page for Summer**



Congratulations to our Confirmation students. Please enjoy reading their final speeches below. Wishing everybody a wonderful summer!

#### **Torah Wahnnon Ferreebee - Jewish Homeland**

It is very important for Jewish people to have a homeland (Israel) because a lot of bad things would happen if there was none.

One reason that it is so important for Jewish people to have homeland is because they need a place that they are always welcome to come to. In World War II there was no Jewish homeland and places like America did not allow any Jews to come in. However if the Jews had Israel at the time then they could go there.

Another reason that there needs to be a Jewish homeland is because of persecution. Jewish people get persecuted very often so now that we have Israel the Jews have a permanent homeland. According to the right of return in Israel any person that has Jewish grandparents have the right to go to Israel at any time they would like and become citizens. That is proof that Israel helps Jews at all time and is a very good homeland for the Jews.

Not only is it important that Jewish people had a homeland it is also important that Israel was the homeland. It was important that this was the homeland because to Jews Israel is very holy. One reason that Israel was holy is because the holy temple is in Israel. Another reason that Israel became the homeland is because the Jewish people fought very hard in multiple wars to win it.

Even though Israel is a Jewish homeland it does not mean that no other people can live in it. 20% of Israel is Arabs which includes Muslims and Christians.

In conclusion it is very important for Jews to have a homeland so they always have a place to go to even if Jews are not the only people living there.

#### **Elise Gendrich — Confirmation Paper**

In confirmation class this year, we have been studying the history of what now is Israel, from it being Canaan to Palestine to being fought over and then becoming Israel. We have also been finding out the importance of having a Jewish homeland, and I have come up with three reasons why it would be important. First, protection; next, it has spiritual meaning; and lastly, it connects Jews all over the world at a common place.

If there were anything ever again to happen like the Holocaust, or a time when Jews were being persecuted, a Jewish homeland would protect them. In its first years, Israel experienced many wars against

neighboring hostile Arab countries, so they quickly developed a good defense system. This will be very important if we ever need a safe place to go again, one reason why it is vital for Israel to exist.

Because of the times when five countries attacked at once (The Israeli War of Independence), because of the Suez Campaign, Six Day War, Yom Kippur War, and Operation Peace for Galilee, Israel has a strong defense system. This will be very important if we ever need a safe place to go again, one reason why it is vital for Israel to exist.

Another reason is that the land where Israel is has deep spiritual meaning to many Jews, because it was first where Abraham went to “become” Jewish, it has the Western Wall, it’s where the Jewish people went after leaving Egypt. Its history, involving the fighting mentioned above, is important to many people. Making an aliyah to Israel is of great significance to almost all Jews, including me, as Jerusalem is considered the holiest place in the world for Judaism. It makes for a special place to go on vacation, have a bat-mitzvah (or bar-mitzvah), or do some sight-seeing.

The third reason we need a Jewish homeland is because it connects all Jews, no matter where they live. They know that if they go to Israel, there will be Jews, people who will accept them knowing nothing about them except that they are Jewish. When Israel was first formed, it accepted Jews from anywhere in the world so long as they have a Jewish grandparent, parent, or they are Jewish. It was doing that to build up its population, and they still give a Jew citizenship even if said Jew has never been to Israel before.

Jews need a homeland, a place to go in times of need; a holy place to go which was the beginning of Judaism; a place to go that brings together people all over the world based only on the fact that they believe in one God and our laws. It clearly is very important to have a Jewish homeland, and we all should be happy that it exists even after all the battering it took in its early years.

### Grace Poliner—Confirmation Paper

I have to confess that I didn't have to think very hard to come up with multiple arguments for the significance of a Jewish homeland. I've learned a lot about this in Hebrew school and also at home. Israel, is, in my opinion, something that all Jews should be informed about, and be able to discuss. I believe it boils down to three main points: security for all Jewish people, biblical and historical significance for the Jewish religion, and as a showcase for Jewish values, strengths, and unique abilities.

Before Israel was established in 1948 the Jewish people never truly had a place where they were safe. Historically Jews have been persecuted across the world. During my grandparents young life European Jews flocked to Israel. When my parents were younger it was Russian and Ethiopian Jews and now we hear stories of French Jews fleeing persecution with their own country to find peace and security in Israel. There, they find not only refuge but the freedom to live a Jewish life. In doing so the state of Israel protects not only the individuals security but protects the Jewish religion itself from being terminated by enemies.

Israel has great significance historically and biblically as well. First of all the land was promised by God and therefore has innate holiness and significance. The places and relics found there provide physical evidence of the passages of the Torah. It is a unique place where you can go and visualize the Torah, and make it come alive. Because Israel is a place where Jews are free to be Jewish, it has become a place where they gather. This, I think it strengthens a person's connection to religion while also creating a stronger sense of global Judaism.

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This holy place and refuge which the Jews have created for themselves also become a place where they can showcase their unique strengths and values. The Israeli military is one of the most feared and respected in the world. The agriculture and environmental practices lead the globe and their medical system is one of the best in the world. Just like in the Torah, the Jews have been able to recover gracefully from past conflicts. Israel's government also reflects Jewish values by providing aid to other countries, like Egypt, during a crisis. In this way, Israel shows the world our strength and compassion.

The Jewish cry in response to the holocaust was "never again". Now that Israel has been created never will happen again. Jews will never be turned away from another country when looking for protection because we are independent and have the ability to protect ourselves. In fact any individual with Jewish ancestry and their spouses are permitted through Israel's right of return. Permitted to live a safe, happy, and productive Jewish life.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to multiple people who have helped me achieve this. So thank you to my class and Hebrew school friends and teachers for always keeping learning fun. Thank you Grae for helping me understand Israel on a higher level. Thank you Rabbi Haaz for always helping us go above and beyond. Thank you to my grandparents for instilling a strong sense of Judaism in me. Thank you to the community for always having my back and supporting me. Thank you to my dad for pushing me to do my best and thank you to my mom for helping me not only on my paper but on everything.





# ISRAEL NOW: CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS

## WITH DR. TAL BECKER

**Sunday, June 7, 2015**

Congregation Adath Israel  
8 Broad St., Middletown

***A Sovereign State of Mind: Re-imagining  
The Jewish Conversation About Israel***

**11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

Lunch (\$10, RSVP by May 26)

***Israel & The United States:  
Why This Partnership Matters***

**1:00 PM – 2:45 PM**

Public Lecture (free & open to all)



*Dr. Tal Becker*

Dr. Tal Becker is the Principal Deputy Legal Advisor at the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Senior Fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute and a Senior Member of the Israeli peace negotiation team.

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## **Celebrate Jewish Life Through Prayer**

Morning Minyan:

Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM

Sunday: 9:00 AM

Early Risers Minyan: 7:00 AM,

1st Wednesday of the month

Shabbat Evening Service: Friday, 7:00 PM

Pray-Eat-Sing Service: 5:30 PM, one Friday night a month; see calendar for details

Shabbat Morning Service: 9:30 AM

All prayer services at Adath Israel are public events, open to the community as a whole. Members, guests, and other religious seekers who desire the warmth of Jewish prayer and the fellowship of being together are always welcome.

**IT'S NEWS****BARUCH HABAH!**

Welcome to our newest members: Robyn-Alisse & Jim Hyland and their daughter, Arella Blossom.

**MAZAL TOV!**

Robyn-Allise & Jim Hyland on the naming of their daughter, Arella Blossom

Katie Gendrich for advancing to the 2015 National Finals of the National History Bee which will be held in Louisville, KY.

Liya Simon for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 8-12 age bracket of the "Chai-ku" contest hosted by the Aim Chai Endowment Campaign of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford.

Our Confirmation Students: Grace Poliner, Elise Gendrich, Torah Ferrebee

Our Graduating High School Seniors: Holly Bauer, Jeffrey Beit, Jennifer Kahn, Rebekah Kahn, Brian Goldstein, and Sammy Palmer

Our Graduating College Seniors: Stacey Sigal and Carly Marie Slossberg

**TODAH RABAH****"Where There Is No Bread, There Is No Torah"**

Thank you to the following people for sponsoring and assisting with meals:

**Pray- Eat-Sing  
Helpers**

A BIG thank you to Colleen Poliner, Grace Poliner, Holly Bauer, Myra and David Finkelstein, and Hinda Niemeyer for helping prepare dinner during Harriet's convalescence. And where would we be without our clean-up crew: Lynn & Star Bennett, Myra & David Finkelstein, Lee Zagoren, and Marion Irizarry?

**Sponsors**

Morty Pear, Ruth & Mike Sigal, Stephanie & Eliot Meadow, Anita Hennessey, Marion & Ray Irizarry, and Myra & David Finkelstein.

**Special Shout Out**

A special thank you to Lynn Bennett for making a beautiful Tree of Life cake incorporating the names of our confirmands which was not only a treat for the eyes but also the taste buds.



**Oneg & Kiddush**

The Hyland Family for sponsoring Shabbat Kiddush in honor of their daughter, Arella Blossom's, naming.

**OTHER GIFTS & ACTS OF GENEROSITY**

Todah Rabah to Connecticut Lighting Centers, on behalf of the Director Family, for completely underwriting the inaugural Nathan Olshin Scholar-in-Residence Lecture.

Thank you as well to Jo-Ann & Michael Price, Attorney Robert Poliner, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford for their generous co-sponsorship of our day with Dr. Tal Becker.

Thank you to Stephanie Meadow and Terri Klein, Redeemers Extraordinaire, who return all the cans and bottles dropped off. If you've ever done this for your own household, you can imagine what it's like to stand at the machines to redeem all the bottles and cans we receive.

Thank you to Merle Loza and Lynn Bennett for preparing our Kolot and Annual Meeting mailings.

Many thanks to Terri & Michael Klein for writing, producing, performing in, and working the box office for *You Can't Be Serious* and then donating half the proceeds to Adath Israel. Thanks as well to the Vintage Players – Hours Apart for their talented performance under the skilled direction of Jenny Hawkins Lecce. This labor of love not only resulted in a generous donation, but also brought a diverse group from the synagogue together to Celebrate Jewish Life.

Thank you to Morty Pear for his donation of a knife set for the Nester Center kitchen.

Thank you to Joan & Mike Needle for sharing their experience travelling through Poland as part of our Yom Hashoah service and program.

**L'HITRAOT**

We wish Terri & Michael Klein health and happiness as they ride off into the sunset for New Mexico. For decades they have been part of the core of what makes Adath Israel so special, and leave us the legacy of their example of how to nurture a community through one's passions and talents.

**ADATH ISRAEL GARDENERS (Those who have donated trees to be planted and cared for in the Adath Israel Garden by Jewish National Fund)**

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**IN MEMORIAM**

Our sincerest condolences are extended to the family of Herb Gewirtz who came to his eternal rest on April 28 (9 Iyar).

**YOUR OPINION MATTERS!**

The synagogue will be conducting a series of surveys of our members via email. **If you are not currently on our eNews List but wish to receive the survey only**, please contact the synagogue office at [Office@AdathIsraelCT.org](mailto:Office@AdathIsraelCT.org) or 860-346-4709.

**MUSEUM NEWS**

Wesleyan students have been busy again this semester researching artifacts in our museum. See for yourself the scholarly contribution they make by visiting on our website [www.AdathIsraelCT.org](http://www.AdathIsraelCT.org) where we have posted a link to a research paper by Zachary Brint, *Irving Gurland's Conservative Prayer book in America from Germany*.



Mark your calendar for  
**"Pray - Eat - Sing"**

Join us to  
**Welcome Our New Members!**

**Friday night - June 12**  
 Services at 5:30 pm followed by  
 Shabbat Dinner at 6:30 pm

**MUST RSVP by June 5:** Contact the Synagogue office at 860-346-4709 or [Office@AdathIsraelCT.org](mailto:Office@AdathIsraelCT.org) in order to be sure we have enough food for all who join us.

**Please, remember to bring a non-perishable food item for the Amazing Grace Food Pantry.**

**Cost:** Free to all members (reservations are a must.) Non-members must also RSVP and are free the first time. After that, there is a charge of \$10 per person or \$18 per family.

**Please lend a hand if you can.** Please contact the office if you can help with set-up, clean-up, or food prep. Many hands make light work.

## **LIFE CYCLES**



### **June**

Stacey Sigal  
Wendy Peterson  
Julia Poliner  
Carol Director  
Paula Goldstein  
Roberta Glass  
Sondra Beit  
Mark Lerner  
Josephine Poliner  
Elise Gendrich  
Gregory Tischofer  
Donna Finkelstein  
Ruth Nisse  
Howard Rosenbaum  
Rebecca Axelrod  
Marge Sadinsky  
Anita Hennessey  
Holly Bauer

### **July**

Lee Osborne  
Howard Lerner  
Ruth Sigal  
Irena May  
Morton Pear  
Gertrude Steele  
Lisa Caron  
Julie Weiss  
Sophie Haaz  
Arielle Caron  
Nedra Schwarz Mirkin  
Leah Tischofer  
Daniel Merida  
Michael Daling  
Marc Levin  
Hortie Kabel  
Lily Shapiro  
Elyse Caron  
Jan Wahnnon  
Jeffrey Walter

### **August**

Abigail Guy  
Stephanie Meadow  
Steven Small  
Michael Price  
Eileen Daling  
Susan Miller  
Francine Goldberg

Lorraine Michael  
Anne Machuga  
Maya Finkelstein  
Chuck Peterson  
Brian Goldstein  
Ari Poliner  
Ari Shapiro  
Steven Machuga  
Grace Poliner  
Harris Friedlander  
Ray Irizarry  
Alice Gordon



### **June**

David & Nona Horn  
Mark & Cynthia Kaplan  
Marc & Judith Levin  
Douglas & Susan Miller

### **July**

Daniel & Reesa Belin  
Timothy & Susan Dickes  
Sol & Betty Laufer  
Steven Machuga & Sari Rosenblatt  
Myron & Josephine Poliner  
Jim & Colleen Poliner  
Stanley & Marge Sadinsky  
Philip & Sheila Saxe  
Eric & Julie Weiss  
Alvin Wolfgram & Linda Savitsky

### **August**

Mark & Donna Finkelstein  
Rabbi Seth Haaz & Bonnie Rose Schulman  
Carl & Sandy Haftel  
Richard & Naomi Kamins  
Arthur & Ann Lerner  
Andy Bauer & Joanna Schnurman  
Steven & Linda Small  
Irwin & Lee Zagoren

## **HOSTING A KIDDUSH OR ONEG** **MENU, COSTS & PROCEDURES**

Share a family simcha, honor a friend or relative, or remember a loved one by sponsoring a Friday night Oneg Shabbat or a Morning Kiddush. This is a delightful way to let others in our community celebrate a special occasion or share a memory with you. Our hope is that you would be present which will only add to the occasion.

Our sponsored Kiddush menus are prepared and tastefully arranged by the Crown Supermarket in West Hartford. **Please call the synagogue office at 860-346-4709 at least a week in advance to make ordering and pick-up arrangements with the office administrator.**

The following is a breakdown of the menus and costs for a Morning Kiddush:

### **Regular Simple Kiddush (25-30 people): \$225**

#### **Small Simple Kiddush (15 people): \$120**

Bagels  
Tuna salad  
Egg salad  
Cuke, tomato, onion platter  
Lox spread, plain, and chive cream cheese platter  
Fruit platter (fruit salad for Small Kiddush)  
Pastry (2 dz cookies for Small Kiddush)  
Cold and hot drinks

### **Regular Deluxe Kiddush (25-30 people): \$400**

#### **Small Deluxe Kiddush (15 people): \$180**

Bagels  
Tuna salad  
Egg salad  
Lox platter  
Whitefish  
Cuke, tomato, onion platter  
Plain and chive cream cheese platter  
Sesame Noodles  
Fruit platter (fruit salad for Small Kiddush)  
Pastry (2 dz cookies for Small Kiddush)  
Cold and hot drinks

### **Friday Night Oneg Shabbat (15 people): \$54**

Pretzels  
Raisins/nuts  
M&M's  
Pastry  
Cold and hot drinks

Prices for both a Kiddush and/or an Oneg Shabbat will be adjusted if there is a larger group in attendance for special life cycle events (Bar/Bat Mitzvah, baby naming, or wedding, etc.).

Of course, you can always purchase the food, bring it to the synagogue and do the set up yourself while also following the synagogue's Kashrut guidelines. Some assistance may be available on the day of your Kiddush.





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## sivan/tammuz

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	1          <b>14 sivan</b>	2 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm AA & AI Anon      <b>15 sivan</b>	3 7 am Early Risers Minyan 8 am Torah Study 10:30 am Stitchery 7 pm Executive Bd Mtg      <b>16 sivan</b>	4          <b>17 sivan</b>	5 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service          <b>18 sivan</b>	6 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service          <b>Beha'alotecha 19 sivan</b>
7 9:30 am Annual Meeting Israel Now: Crucial Conversations with Dr. Tal Becker 11 am Member Luncheon 1 pm Free Public Lecture          <b>20 sivan</b>	8          <b>21 sivan</b>	9 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7 pm Calendar Meeting 7:30 pm AA & AI Anon          <b>22 sivan</b>	10 8:30 am Torah Study 7 pm Evening Minyan 7:15 pm Board Mtg          <b>23 sivan</b>	11          <b>24 sivan</b>	12 5:30 pm Pray-Eat- Sing Service & Dinner—New Member Welcome          <b>25 sivan</b>	13 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service          <b>Shelach 26 sivan</b>
14          <b>27 sivan</b>	15          <b>28 sivan</b>	16 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm AA & AI Anon          <b>29 sivan</b>	17          <b>Rosh Chodesh 30 sivan</b>	18          <b>Rosh Chodesh 1 tammuz</b>	19 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service          <b>2 tammuz</b>	20 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service          <b>Korach 3 tammuz</b>
21 9:30 Jewish War Veterans Brunch          <b>4 tammuz</b>	22          <b>5 tammuz</b>	23 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm AA & AI Anon          <b>6 tammuz</b>	24 8:30 am Torah Study          <b>7 tammuz</b>	25          <b>8 tammuz</b>	26 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service          <b>9 tammuz</b>	27 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service          <b>Chukat 10 tammuz</b>
28          <b>11 tammuz</b>	29          <b>12 tammuz</b>	30 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm AA & AI Anon          <b>13 tammuz</b>	1          <b></b>	2          <b></b>	3          <b></b>	4          <b></b>

