



#### Middletown, Connecticut May 2015 Iyar-Sivan 5775



#### **HIZDAMNUT**

by Rabbi Haaz

The Hebrew word for opportunity is *hizdamnut* (pronounced *heez-dahmnoot*). We, members and friends of Adath Israel, have an incredible hizdamnut on

Sunday, June 7, to engage Dr. Tal Becker about the future of the State of Israel and our aspirations for the future of the Jewish homeland. Dr. Becker teaches at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem and is a senior member of the Israeli peace negotiation team who works on the front lines of many of Israel's most pressing diplomatic, legal, and policy challenges. Because Dr. Becker lives and teaches in Israel and travels to the United States primarily for diplomatic business, it is rare for synagogues to host him. We are very fortunate, and I cannot emphasize enough how worthwhile Dr. Becker's presentations will be to your understanding of the identity of State of Israel and the blessings and challenges that it faces going forward. I hope that you have already marked your calendars for this special day in our congregation.

Please help Adath Israel educate our friends and community members by inviting them to join us for the public lecture at 1:00 pm titled, "Israel and the United States: Why This Partnership Matters." In addition, we will host an exclusive lunch for our

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Michael Sigal

In April we celebrated Passover, including a community second night seder. All who attended had a good time.



We will have a new religious school director next year. The Personnel committee, the chair of the Education committee and the Rabbi will conduct the interviews. We solicited questions from parents to give to the Rabbi to include in those interviews. Two interviews were scheduled in April. We want to have a new Director in place before the end of the current year. I anticipate announcing a hiring in May.

I urge everyone to attend the May Pray, Eat and Sing on May 1st. There is so much energy in our building that I want everyone to share in it.

Here's the latest chapter in the Sigal story. Ruth's Mom is slowly progressing in the rehab from her hip surgery. Amy continues to work at J Crew in SoHo. At this writing, Stacey is in the process of picking the law school she wants to attend in the fall.

There are very important events coming in the near future. The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual luncheon to honor our volunteers is on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Please be on the lookout for information and attend if you can. Volunteers are the life blood of Adath Israel. I shudder to

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members and their families at 11:00 am, where we can have a more intimate conversation with Dr. Becker. The lunch topic is, "A Sovereign State of Mind: Re-imagining the Jewish Conversation About Israel." This discussion will address new roles for Israel in today's global community. Adath Israel is subsidizing the cost of each delicious, catered meal, and we are only asking \$10 per person. While RSVPs are suggested for the public lecture at 1:00 pm, they are necessary for the Adath Israel lunch at 11:00 am. Please contact Joanna in the synagogue office to reserve seats for you and your family.\* Enthusiasm will be high for this unique hizdamnut, so RSVP ASAP to make sure that you are part of this incredible discussion. I look forward to June 7, when we will Celebrate Jewish Life with our distinguished guest, Dr. Tal Becker, and with members, families, and friends of our Adath Israel community.

\*Please note that educational childcare will be available for the synagogue lunch and the public lecture. To reserve space for your child/children, include this request in your RSVP.



#### SHAVUOT CELEBRATION

This year's Shavuot Celebration (the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai) will begin Saturday even-



ing, May 23. All are welcome to join the celebration starting at 5:30 PM in the synagogue's social hall. We'll start with a fun dinner followed by activities appropriate for the whole family. At 8 PM, we'll welcome the holiday with an evening service. Then we will move to the Nester Center to begin an evening filled with fun and lively study. Children are welcome throughout the entire evening and are welcome to bring a sleeping bag. Come for any/all of the evening's events. There is no cost but please RSVP to the synagogue office by Monday, May 18.

Shavuot Festival morning services will be held Sunday, May 24, and Mon-

day, May 25. Monday services will include Yizkor. At the conclusion of services everyone is invited to a Kiddush luncheon.

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think what our community would be like if they were not there.

There will be multiple events on June 7<sup>th</sup>. There is the Annual meeting for Adath Israel in the morning. That will be followed by an exclusive luncheon with Dr. Tal Becker. The last event of the day will be a public event with Dr. Becker. We are incredibly lucky to have him speak with us. Please be on the lookout via our various communication vehicles for information. You will need to RSVP for the exclusive luncheon.

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

In closing, please come to services, come to an event, volunteer for an event and/or volunteer for a leadership position. We need you!

#### **FUNDRAISING ARTICLE**

On Saturday, March 21 at 8:00 pm in the large social hall, a rather small group of members gathered to participate in Adath Israel's Fifth Annual Raffle. It was a delightful evening of socializing with friends, enjoying delicious refreshments, and having a chance to win many wonderful prizes, including our Grand Prize of \$3,000 or second prize of \$2,000 or third prize of \$1,000. You could also have had a chance to win one of almost 45 Tea Cup prizes. There was a chance you could have won one of 11 Live Auction Prizes including a one night stay with breakfast at the Inn at Middletown, a Quiozel Tiffany Lamp donated by CT Lighting Centers, a pair of Diamond Earrings donated by Malloves Jewelers, Two Red Sox Tickets donated from Hymie Paley, three different Jewelry pieces by Swarovski donated by Paul Finkelstein, a \$100 Gift Certificate to the Max Group and tickets to Late Night with Seth Meyers donated by Matt Finkelstein. One of our members won the grand prize and another won the second prize. Congratulations to them both!

We would like to thank all those who sold almost all of our 700 tickets, especially our top sellers: Jack Alder, Anita Hennessey, Bobette Kahn, Robert Poliner, Stan Sadinsky and Irwin Zagoren. Without their efforts and the efforts of everyone else who sold and those who bought tickets, this event would not have raised the money it did. We would also like to

thank those members who gathered items for our Tea Cup and Live Auctions. A special thank you to

Richard Kamins for emceeing the event again this year. He always does a fantastic job and adds to the evening. A thank you to Mike Lafontaine for helping with room set up and transporting items from the Nester Center to the synagogue.

The Fundraising committee worked for several months before this event to plan and the day before and day of the event to ensure it would be an enjoyable evening. Thank you to Shirley Schloss for the lovely centerpieces that she made, to Michael Daling, Lynn Bennett, Richard Kamins, and Stephanie Meadow for shopping for the refreshments. Also thank you to them along with Linda Adler for helping prepare the platters for the night's festivities.

One last thing. As with the last fundraising event, the turnout for this event was a disappointment. Those who attended, we believe, had a great time. It was a shame that more of our members could not have arranged their schedules to be able to support Adath Israel at this fun event. If the turnout was larger, it would have raised more money for the synagogue and enabled more of you to socialize with each other and perhaps to meet someone you did not know before.

Again, thank you to those who did support the efforts of the Fundraising Committee and Adath Israel.

**Fundraising Committee** 



### Daf Beit Haseifer shel Iyar/Sivan

# סיוון

#### The School Page for Iyar/Sivan

Hard to believe that May is already here! Another religious school year will be coming to an end this month. Over the course of this year our students engaged in some interesting and exciting Jewish learning activities. I think the highlight for me was the project based learning program this year focusing on Passover.

Before the year comes to an end, we have some important dates coming up.

#### May 1, 2015 - Confirmation

Please join us for Pray, Eat, Sing on Friday, May 1st at 5:30 PM for our confirmation ceremony. The ceremony will take place during the service. Dinner will follow, which is free for members and \$18.00 a family for synagogue guests.

#### May 3, 2015 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

We will have our spring conferences on Sunday, May 3rd. All parents should sign-up in advance for an appointment time with their children's teacher.

#### May 9, 2015 Shabbat L'hol Adat

All students, families, entire community is invited for a *Shabbat L'<u>h</u>ol Adat* (Shabbat for Everyone). Services for everyone begin at 9:30 AM. Students from each grade will help to lead. Tot Shabbat begins at 10:30 AM in the purple room. A special *kiddush* luncheon follows. There is no Sunday school on May 10. This replaces Sunday school for that week.

#### May 17, 2015 - Yom Yerushalayim

This will be the last day of religious school. Since it is Yom Yerushalayim we will be ending the school year with presentations/performances around Jerusalem. Each grade will be bringing this year's curriculum to a close by exploring aspects of Jerusalem through this lens. K-2 will focus on the holiday. 3-4 will look at the city of Jerusalem, and its attributes within the country of Israel. 6th grade will look at heroes from Jerusalem and the values that they represent. 7th grade will focus on the history of Jerusalem.

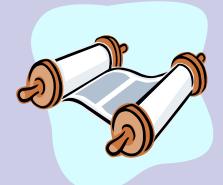
Parents are invited to join us starting at 10:30 AM for snack in the social hall followed by presentations.

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SHABBAT FOR EVERYONE

## & Tot Shabbat



#### Saturday, May 9

Everyone in our community is invited to celebrate!

Services start at 9:30 am

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During the Torah Service, children in Kindergarten through Grade 6 enjoy Shabbat activities in their classrooms.

At 10:30 am, Tot Shabbat begins for children Preschool age and younger and their families in the Purple Room of the religious school.

Then we all come together for concluding prayers and a festive Kiddush lunch.

This is the last day of Religious School.



#### **WEEKLY ENEWS**

Get your **FREE** subscription to Adath Israel's email newsletter.

Don't delay – send your email address to <u>office@adathisraelct.org</u> and begin getting your copy free of charge.

If you were receiving the enews but somehow you aren't anymore, maybe you changed your email address. Let us know of any changes also.

#### **LIFE CYCLES**



Linda & Jack Adler
Barbara & Bill Cohen
Jodi & Chuck Gendrich
Paula & Rob Goldstein
Terri & Michael Klein
Stephanie & Eliot Meadow
Jackie & Allen Schatz



Lilly Goldberg
Alan Steele
Lauren Weiss
David Friedlander
Michael Sigal
Star Bennett
Sadie Haaz
Shirley Millen
Eric Weiss
Adam Guy
Sharon Mittelman
Mark Kantrowitz



#### Join us in celebrating our wonderful volunteers at Adath Israel's

#### **Annual Volunteer Recognition Benefit Brunch**

#### Honoring

Jack Adler Marc Levin

David Director Stephanie and Eliot Meadow

**Hortie Kabel** Myron Poliner

Naomi Kamins Dave Shulman

Sunday May 31st, 2015 @ 10:00am

Adath Israel-8 Broad St, Middletown CT

RSVP by: May 22nd, 2015 to the synagogue Office: 860-346-4709 or office@adathisraelct.org

Cost \$25 per person

Donations go towards the Maxine Thumim Campership Fund which will provide funds to children for a fun summer at a Jewish camp or offset their trip to Israel.

#### **TUTORING**

As some of you may be aware, I was brought up in Brooklyn, NY, and attended full-time Yeshivah for 13 years.

I was lucky to have received such a rich Jewish education and I feel obligated to use it in a positive manner.

To that end, I would like to offer tutoring services to the children of our members – whether enrolled in the Religious school or not.

At first I would like to concentrate on Hebrew reading skills and Torah study.

Depending on circumstances, I may expand this to include Bar/Bat Mitzvah practice.

Additionally, if there are any adults who may need help with Hebrew reading, I am open to that as well.

## ONE WHO GIVES LENDS TO THE LORD

### HOWARD FELDMAN BEAUTIFICATION FUND

IN HONOR OF BEING CALLED TO THE TORAH Juliana Simon by Marge & Stanley Sadinsky

IN MEMORY OF

Estelle Goodman by Louise Feldman Emma & Bernard Eisenstein by Diane Guthart Myra & David Finkelstein

REFUAH SH'LEIMAH (SPEEDY RECOVERY)

Morty Pear by Louise Feldman Hortie Kabel by Louise Feldman Arthur Director by Louise Feldman Arlene Pressman by Marge & Stan Sadinsky

#### **MAXINE THUMIM CAMPERSHIP FUND**

REFUAH SH'LEIMAH (SPEEDY RECOVERY) Randy Parks by Eileen & Michael Daling Arlene Pressman by Eileen & Michael Daling

### NATHAN OLSHIN SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE FUND

Eva Bardwell

#### **SYNAGOGUE**

IN MEMORY OF

Estelle Goodman by Lee & Irwin Zagoren

REFUAH SH'LEIMAH (SPEEDY RECOVERY)

Arlene Pressman by Anita Hennessey Morty Pear by

Ethel Peltz

Ann & Arthur Lerner

Seth Axelrod by Ann & Arthur Lerner

IN APPRECIATION OF HEBREW TUTORING Bern Padawer by Neal Cone & Ellen Blanker

#### YAHRZEIT FUND

Edith & Harry Zaientz by Joseph Zaientz
Nettie Betts by Edith Betts
Beatrice Cohn by Linda & Jack Adler
Ralph Adler by Linda & Jack Adler
Hazel Dubin by Joseph Dubin & Family
Julius Wail by Edythe Rosenfield
Alan Pressman by Evan Pressman & Caryl Diengott
Helen Palmer by Sue & Steve Palmer

Jean Ann Osber by Stuart Osber Edna Resnikoff by Judith & Daniel Merida Abram Jabes by Corinne Brodie



The Matzah Fund Committee would like to express their grateful thanks again this year to all who generously contributed to our yearly Matzah Fund, helping to assist many Jewish families in the community at Passover: Paulette & Herb Gewirtz in memory of Nathan Olshin, Hortie Kabel, Ann & Arthur Lerner, and Phyllis & Arthur Waldman.

#### 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 Services: Fridays, 7:00 PM

Pray-Eat-Sing Services: 5:30 PM, one Friday night a

month

Shabbat Morning Services: 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.





Mark your calendar for "Pray - Eat - Sing"

Featuring D'vrei Torah by the
Confirmation Class of 2015:
Elise Gendrich
Torah Ferrebee
Grace Poliner

Friday night - May 1

Services at 5:30 pm followed by a Shabbat Dinner at 6:30 pm

MUST RSVP: Synagogue office at 860-346-4709 by <u>April 24</u> 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.

#### **IT'S NEWS**

#### 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**

Erika Illyes-Zanotti & Stephano Zanotti Ruth & Mike Sigal Stephanie & Eliot Meadow Myra & David Finkelstein Lynn Bennett for her delicious dessert Sharon Slossberg for shopping and preparing the fruit Harriet, Marcey, and Aaron Thiela for cooking and

generally getting everything done

Star Bennett for lending a BIG hand with clean up.

#### Oneg & Kiddush

Deb Hall in appreciation of her time at Adath Israel Rebecca & Seth Axelrod in honor of Seth being 1 vear cancer-free

#### **Community Seder**

It takes a community to host a community seder. Thank you to

Linda Savitsky for donating a seder meal. Marcey and Harriet Thiela for helping to prepare the kitchen for Passover.

Our Community Seder planners, shoppers, cooks, prep & clean-up crews: Eileen Daling, Michael Daling, Jennifer Bouchard, Stephanie Meadow, Sharon Slossberg, Myra & David Finkelstein, Harriet, Marcey, and Aaron Thiela, and Joanna Schnurman

Rabbi Haaz for leading our seder We are especially grateful for the many hours of cleaning, room set up, and food prep Michael Lafontaine works during this season and his attention to detail in following *halacha* allowing our community to enjoy a "chag kasher v'same'ach" - a happy and kosher Passover.

#### Other Gifts and Acts of Generosity:

Todah Rabbah to

Michael Daling for taking the donations of food to Amazing Grace Food Pantry.

Robert Poliner for sponsoring Passover gifts to our college students.

Merle Loza and Lynn Bennett for getting Kolot ready to mail and for packaging the Passover gifts for our college students.

#### **BARUCH HABAH! WELCOME!**

Welcome to the newest member of the Jewish com-



munity, the daughter of Robyn-Allise and Jim Hyland, who will receive her name May 9 during Shabbat morning

services.

#### SPEEDY RECOVERY

Wishing Refuah Sh'leimah, complete healing, to Hal Kaplan, Art Director, Michael Schulman, Naomi Kamins, Morty Pear, Mark Itkin, Arlene Pressman, Iris Klinger, Hortie Kabel, Aestheta Wahnon, Jan Wahnon, Bob Howard, Devorah bat Freida, Meyer Hayim ben Gittel, Randy **Parks** 

#### IN MEMORIAM

Our sincerest condolences are extended to the family of Estelle Goodman who came to her eternal rest on March 18 (28Adar).

#### **RULES FOR NEW PARKING CLINGS**

By now, everyone should have received 2 parking clings for your car(s) window. If you have not done so yet, they need to be placed in the car(s) window no later than Saturday, May 9th. If for some reason, you do not want to permanently place them. the clings **must** be placed in the window when parked in any of Adath Israel's parking areas (i.e., behind the Nester Center, in the William Street lot and at the Traverse Square spaces.) We will be looking for these clings and if they are not in the window, we will be towing cars at the owner's expense after that date.

The cling will also help when you park in the Old Church Street metered spaces on Saturday mornings from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Some of you may be having problems with the cling. The manufacturer suggests putting the cling on all at once and holding it there for 30 seconds. That should work but if not, some have used packing tape over the cling to hold it in place.

Thank you for your cooperation.

#### Tikkun Olam/Fundraiser



We continue to collect cleaned \$.05 returnable bottles and cans for Tikkun Olam/Fundraiser.

From March-June we will be collecting Bottles and Cans, and the money will go towards Middletown's Relay for Life Organization. In March we collected \$36.20.

Each month a reminder notice will go out to let you know that we are collected from all your bottles and cans (5 cent ones only) and which area is benefitting.

Please drop your **CLEANED** cans and bottles off in the designated bucket in front of Joanna's office.

Thank you so much for helping to repair the world (Tikkun Olam) and raise a few dollars as well.

Stephanie Meadow

## NOW OFFERING ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS

For \$35/month you can place a business cardsize ad in our monthly Kolot newsletter. All submissions need to be in JPEG or PNG format and no larger than business card size.

To place your ad, please send payment to Adath Israel for \$35 X the number of months you would like the ad to run.

For more information, please contact Joanna Schnurman at office@adathisraelct.org or (860) 346-4709.



#### **GOT GIFTS?**

Have you seen our Gift Shop lately? If not, we invite you to visit the newly organized, newly stocked and newly rejuvenated shop. You may be able to find something for the High Holy Days, or a B'nai Mitzvah gift, wedding gift,



Passover gift or just something new for your Shabbat celebration. Please note that there is a catalogue from The Source Everything Jewish available near the gift shop, so if there is something special you're looking for but we don't have in stock, let us know what it is and we would be happy to order it for you. You pay less then the catalogue price.

Items can be purchased from the gift shop during the following hours:

Monday-Friday: 10 AM-Noon Saturday: Closed

## NEW MENU, COSTS, AND PROCEDURES FOR SPONSORED KIDDUSH

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.

The new Kiddush menus will be prepared and tastefully arranged by the Crown Supermarket in West Hartford. Please call the synagogue office at 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 new 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

Lox spread, 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.



## Terri & Michael Klein L'hitraot Oneg Friday, May 15

Shabbat Evening Service 7 PM Oneg following service

Join us as we reminisce and show our appreciation for the many years of care, support, friendship, wit, and laughs Terri & Michael have given us for over two decades. A dynamic duo, Terri & Michael have been in the spotlight and behind the scenes of every aspect of our community from plays to bookkeeping to Purim Schpiel to Religious School to Community Seder to Synagogal Singers to Annual Book Sale to putting up the community sukkah to Adult Education programs to returning bottles for tzedakah. This couple has done it all—and we are so grateful.





## may 2015 iyar/sivan

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	27	28	29	30	1 5:30 pm Pray-Eat- Sing Service & Dinner Confirmation	9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Parshat Acharei Mot- Kedoshim 13 iyar
3 9 am Religious School 10:30 am Mazal Tots	4 7 pm Golf Mtg	5 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm AA & Al Anon	7 am Early Risers Minyan 8 am Torah Study 10:30 am Stitchery 4 pm Religious School 6 pm Executive Bd Mtg 7 pm Board Mtg	7	8 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service	9 9:30 Shabbat L'chol Adat Service & Hyland Baby Naming
14 iyar	15 iyar	16 iyar	17 iyar	Lag B'Omer <b>18 iyar</b>	19 iyar	Parshat Emor <b>20 iyar</b>
10 No Religious School or Mazal Tots	11	12 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm AA & Al Anon	13 8:30 am Torah Study 4 pm Religious School	14	7 pm Shabbat Evening Service Terri & Michael Klein L'hitraot Oneg	9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service  Parshet Behar- Bechukotai
21 iyar	22 iyar	23 iyar	24 iyar	25 iyar	26 iyar	27 iyar
17 9 am Religious School—Last Day 9:30 am Jewish War Veterans Brunch 10:30 am Mazal Tots— Last Day	18	19 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm AA & Al Anon	<b>20</b> 8:30 am Torah Study	21	7 pm Shabbat Evening Service	9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service 6 pm Tikun L'eyl Shavuot Dinner & Family Activities 8 pm Shavuot Evening Service 8:15 pm Tikun L'eyl Shavuot Adult Study
Yom Yerushalayim <b>28 iyar</b>	29 iyar	Rosh Chodesh <b>1 sivan</b>	2 sivan	3 sivan	4 sivan	Parshat Bemidbar <b>5 sivan</b>
24	25 Office Closed Yizkor	26 11 am & 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 7:30 pm AA & Al Anon	27 8:30 am Torah Study	28	29 7 pm Shabbat Evening Service	30 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service
Shavuot <b>6 sivan</b>	Shavuot <b>7 sivan</b>	8 sivan	9 sivan	10 sivan	11 sivan	Parshat Naso <b>12 sivan</b>
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10:30 am Volunteer Recognition Brunch						