



Middletown, Connecticut May 2016/Nisan-Iyar 5776



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

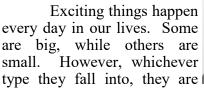
by Rabbi Haaz

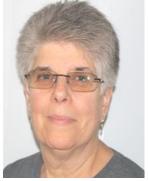
Through creating and editing one of the skits and sketches for this year's Purim Spiel, it became clear that most of our congregants do not know what the name of

our synagogue, Adath Israel, means in Hebrew. While the lack of this particular piece of knowledge does not prevent prayer services from running or programs from being planned, this is unfortunate because our name was carefully chosen by the founders of our synagogue to embody certain values and to inspire us to achieve them. When we forget our name, we forget the intentions of our ancestors who built our Jewish community; we lose touch with our founding values and our identity. The name of our synagogue is one way that our ancestors continue to communicate with us today and transmit their hopes and dreams for our Jewish community. Although the phrase "Adat Yisrael" appears in the Bible a number of times and in several different formats, I believe that the founders of our beloved synagogue chose the name from I Kings 8:5, a verse from the Haftarah for the Torah portion P'kudei. The Torah portion, P'kudei, celebrates the completion of the Tabernacle, and this corresponding Haftarah from Kings celebrates the completion of the Temple and the role that the community played. I Kings 8:5

LOOKING TO OUR FUTURE

By Eileen Daling



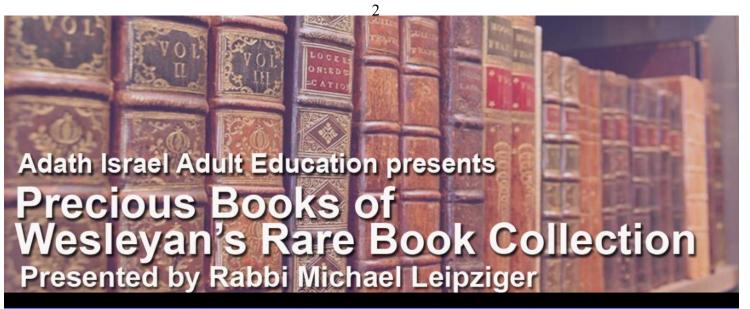


always life changing. It is no different here at Adath Israel. I would like to take this opportunity to make you aware of two very exciting things about to happen that will revolutionize Adath Israel profoundly into the future.

The first is the installation of an Assistive Listening System in the main sanctuary and large social hall that will make it easier for our hearingimpaired congregants to fully participate in our services and activities. On behalf of the Board, our members, and myself, I want to take this opportunity to thank Marc Glass, one of our newest members, for taking on this project and for all his hard work to accomplish this mission. It started him thinking when his mother attended last year's High Holy Days with us. It was difficult for her to follow the service, hear the speeches and understand Rabbi Haaz's D'var Torah. Marc jumped into action. He made a proposal to the Board to see if we would be interested in him pursuing information and the cost of such a system. He also suggested that he would investigate a possible funding source for this project. Now we find ourselves ready to complete the project

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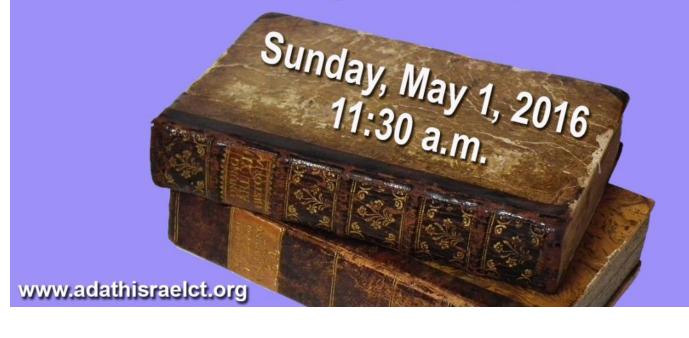
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in the NESTER CENTER 16 Broad Street Middletown, CT 06457

Rabbi Leipziger will share a few of the books from Adath Israel's Museum on long term deposit in Wesleyan's Rare Book Collection and explain their importance. Light refreshments will be served.

Free and open to the public. RSVP appreciated to: office@adathisraelct.org or 860-346-4709



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reads, "Meanwhile, King Solomon and the whole *Adat Yisrael*, who were assembled with him before the Ark, were sacrificing sheep and oxen in such abundance that they could not be numbered or counted." Here, "Adat Yisrael" means "community of Israel."

There is an obvious parallel between building the ancient Temple and building our synagogue in Middletown, but the founders of our synagogue were more focused on the people than on the structure in their selection of this passage. While the context of I Kings 8:5 deals with the establishment of a centralized place for worship, this particular verse highlights the emotion and participation of the people. The entire community gathered in front of the ark, and, in their joy and optimism for the future, they brought so many offerings to God that their contributions were beyond measure. The people were passionate, joyful, energized participants, and their love of God, Torah, and the people Israel created a spiritual abundance. This is the moment to which our founding Middletown ancestors want us to connect each time we walk into Adath Israel, and we must recognize that it is only through the enthusiasm and participation of every member of our community that we will achieve this pinnacle of Jewish experience. Adath Israel is a beautiful dream that we inherited from our ancestors, and together we can realize this dream and celebrate Jewish life in spiritual abundance.

"...My cup overflows. Surely goodness and kindness will be my portion all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of God forever." – Psalm 23

SERVICE TIMES

Morning Minyan:

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Early Risers Minyan: 7:00 a.m., 1st Wed. each month

Shabbat Evening Service:

Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Pray-Eat-Sing Service: 5:30 p.m., one Friday night a

month; see calendar for details Shabbat Morning Service: 9:30 a.m.

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.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

by Anna Elfenbaum

Religious School Principal

Spring is here and we are preparing for the last few sessions of Religious School. Our last day of school will be Sunday May 22, when we will celebrate with outdoor festivities. What a great year it has been. Our students come to class looking forward to learning and being with their friends and their teachers, teachers come with creative lessons and a deep desire to teach their students. Parents are participating in their children's education and are working on the Education Committee and attending Town Hall Meetings to help guide our school to an even stronger place. I would like to extend a big Todah Rabah (thank you) to our students, faculty, volunteers, Rabbi Haaz, Sharon Ferrari and the leadership of Adath Israel for welcoming me so warmly and for helping me navigate my first year here.

DAN LAROSA SHOW

I have never been hypnotized before and I found it to be a very interesting experience. The Dan LaRosa show on March 26, was a lot of fun and enjoyed by those who did attend. I was very sorry to see the poor turn out and felt that those that did not come lost out on a wonderful evening. It was embarrassing that Dan had to entertain so few, but he is a trouper and preformed as if he had an audience of 100, I wish he did. It takes effort to organize Fundraising Programs, and the congregation's support would be appreciated.

I would like to thank my team for all their efforts, especially Lynn, for all the delicious homemade baked goodies. Good job Anita, Lynn, and Bobette.

Arlene Pressman, Fundraising Committee



Conversations that We're Avoiding

With

Dr. Marjorie LehmanAssociate Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics

JTS Rabbinic literature enables us to broach sensitive topics that help us think more deeply about our relationships. We will explore a selection of texts dealing with topics including gender, sexuality, and the body to spark discussion about the social and emotional challenges we all face. Themes for each session: "The Mother/Son Relationship as Narrated through Sexual Innuendo," "The Father/Son Relationship as Narrated through the Husband/Wife Relationship," and "Reciting Shema: What Does Sex Have to Do with It?"

Three Wednesdays: May 4, 11, 18
9:00–10:00 a.m. in the Nester Center
16 Broad Street
Middletown, CT 06457

Register with the synagogue office by May 2

office@adathisraelct.org

860-346-4709

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with total funding thanks to Mr. Marc Glass and his mother, Mrs. Faye Glass from a grant made from the Glass/Lipman Family Fund, a donor advised fund of the Jewish Community Foundation established by Marc's grandparents, David A. and Esther S. Lipman. This system enables Adath Israel to move in the direction of a more inclusive future.

The second matter I want to make you aware of is the decision to purchase new High Holy Day prayer books. While our present prayer book was the latest and greatest for its time, it no longer works for our present congregational needs. The new prayer book, *Mahzor Lev Shalem* includes contemporary language, transliteration, a broad range of literature from rabbinic to modern poetry to assist one in capturing and experiencing the meaning of prayer and tradition. Rabbi Haaz spoke in an earlier Kolot about how the Ritual Committee has made the decision to secure this prayer book for the upcoming High Holy Days. Soon they will be sending out a letter asking for member support to purchase a book or books, or even to make a donation towards this purchase.

As your president, I am asking you to be part of moving us toward an exciting future for Adath Israel. Our future looks awesome but only if everyone joins in to be part of that future. I look forward to seeing this happen with everyone's help!

As always, please remember to check out the rest of this Kolot for more events and other exciting happenings in the months to come. Especially, watch for the date of the much anticipated dedication of our long overdue Holocaust Memorial.



ADATH ISRAEL DEDICATED FUNDS

ONE WHO GIVES LENDS TO THE LORD

HOWARD FELDMAN BEAUTIFICATION FUND

Supports the beautification of our synagogue building and grounds and the Nester Center

IN MEMORY OF

Emma & Bernard Eisenstein

by Myra & David Finkelstein

MAXINE THUMIM CAMPERSHIP FUND

Provides scholarships to children of Adath Israel members attending Jewish camp or travelling to Israel MAZAL TOV

Ellen Blanker & Neal Cone on the bar mitzvah of their son, Gabe by Eileen & Michael Daling

IN MEMORY OF

Max Ellis Bengtson-Belin

by Eileen & Michael Daling

Robert William Balaban by Rabbi Andrew Hechtman

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Allows the Rabbi to support individuals and causes in our community

IN MEMORY OF

Ronald Rubel by Sandra Beckman

ROBIN ARCHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY (in

the Religious School)

IN MEMORY OF

Max Ellis Bengtson-Belin by Marian Katz

SYNAGOGUE FUND

Supports the general operation of Adath Israel Sarah & Joseph Glaz

IN HONOR OF

Edith Kabatznick's Special Birthday

by Anita Hennessey

Gabe Cone's Bar Mitzvah by Anita Hennessey

REFUA SH'LEIMA

Eileen Daling by Sara Paley

IN MEMORY OF

Max Ellis Bengtson-Belin by

Ethel Peltz

Shirley Millen

Anita Hennessey

Joan Gordon

Mary H. Saraceno

Victor White by Joan Gordon

YAHRZEIT FUND

Supports the general operation of Adath Israel Ida Sadinsky & Hyman Sadinsky

by Marilyn & Nat Wolicki

Ronnie Hennessey by Anita Hennessey & Family

Lawrence Kurlansky by Hazel Kurlansky

Ralph Adler by Jack Adler



& Tot Shabbat



Everyone in our Community is invited to celebrate

Services start at 9:30a.m.

During the Torah service, children in Kindergarten-Grade 4 enjoy Shabbat activities.

10:30a.m. Tot Shabbat for

Preschoolers & younger and their families meet in the Purple Room of the Religious School.

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

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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:

Early Risers Minyan

Joanna Schnurman & Andy Bauer in memory of

Jack Schnurman & Lois Schnurman Hock

Oneg & Kiddush

The Blanker & Cone Family for sponsoring oneg and Kiddush in honor of their son, Gabe's bar mitzvah Marie-Dominique Boyce Hymie Paley in memory of Riva Paley

Pray-Eat-Sing

Anita Hennessey
Aaron, Marcey, and Harriet Thiela
Sharon Slossberg
Eliot & Stephanie Meadow
Myra & David Finkelstein
Lynn Bennett
Sharon Neuwirth
Eileen & Michael Daling
Linda & Jack Adler
Ruth & Mike Sigal

Community Seder -

Many more folks helped but these are the names we have as of going to press:

Rabbi Haaz Michael Lafonatine Eileen & Michael Daling Sharon Slossberg Harriet Thiela Marcey Thiela Aaron Thiela

OTHER GIFTS & ACTS OF GENEROSITY Todah Rabbah

Merle Loza & Lynn Bennett for assembling and mailing Kolot every month Marge & Stan Sadinsky, Eileen Daling, Bern Padawer, and Andy Bauer for bringing our Holocaust Memorial to fruition Stan Sadinsky and Dave Shulman for helping to spread ice melt early one icy morning this month

MAZAL TOV!!!

Gabe Cone on becoming a bar mitzvah. Kol Hakavod to his entire family.

SPEEDY RECOVERY

Hal Kaplan, Art Director, Mark Itkin, Bob Soll, Randy Parks, Rich Bruno, Edie Betts, Eileen Daling, Irwin Zagoren, Lisa Caron



DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

To the Caron Family on the loss of their mother & grandmother, Christine Caron.

HACHNASAT ORCHIM— THE MITZVAH OF WELCOMING



LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER

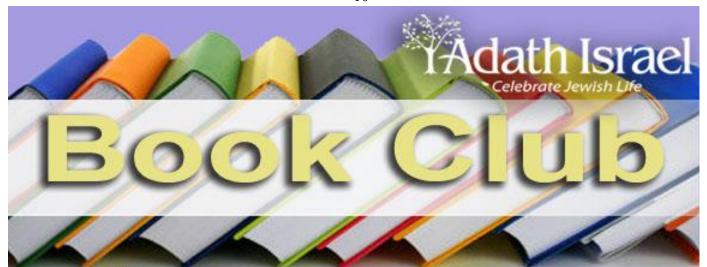
On November 29, 2015, your Board of Directors met and voted to support the newly formed "Welcoming Middletown Fund" formed by the Middletown Interfaith Committee in conjunction with the Community Foundation of Middlesex County. This fund was established to assist 3 refugee families in the resettlement process in the greater Middletown area. The committee has been meeting on a regular basis (approximately 1x/month) to assist these refugees. It sends updates to Rabbi Haaz who has been forwarding them to me. Unfortunately, I have been amiss with finding someone to attend these meetings as Adath Israel's representative. Therefore, I am now looking for someone who would be willing to take on this task. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me @edaling21@att.net or 860-346-0667 and I will be more than happy to discuss the details with you.

Thank you in advance, Eileen K. Daling, President





Important Notice to the Congregation The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, June 5 at 9:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. The agenda for the meeting will include: Report of the auditor Election of Officers Election of Members to the Board of Directors Adoption of Budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year Light refreshments will be served. Winning Raffle tickets will be drawn at 10:15 a.m. Winner need not be present. Our long-awaited Holocaust Memorial will be dedicated. Please make every effort to attend this important congregation meeting.



Next Meeting
Tuesday, May 17th at 7pm in the Nester Center

Next Book

A Backpack, A Bear and Eight Crates of Vodka
by Lev Golinkin

For More Info:

Roberta Levine Glass- rilevine610@gmail.com 860-632-1320

> Holly Simon- hfpsimon@gmail.com 860-395-8989



MATZAH FUND



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 Gewirtz in memory of Nathan Olshin Myra & David Finkelstein Andy Bauer & Joanna Schnurman Ann & Arthur Lerner Donna & Mark Finkelstein Edythe Rosenfield Linda Savitsky Marcia & Richard Wrubel

KOLOT DUE DATE

Do you have an article or event you'd like to submit to Kolot? We'd love to share it, so please keep in mind the following deadlines.

<u>Issue</u> <u>Submission Deadline</u>

June May 16

Note: June's Kolot is the last until September!



Thank you to:

The Congregation for donating **70 lbs** of food To Amazing Grace Food Pantry!

Thank you to:

Mike Daling for delivering it!

HONOR THOSE SPECIAL PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE WITH A PLAQUE ON OUR "SIMCHA" MENORAH

Whether it celebrates a Bar Mitzvah, Bat Mitzvah, Birth of a Child or Grandchild, Wedding, "Special" Birthday, special event/honor, etc. share your joy with our synagogue community –

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Jonathan Goldstein
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Contact Joanna at 860-346-4709 or office@adathisraelct.org.





paffle Time

Net proceeds to benefit Adath Israel Religious School.

Ticket holder need not be present to win.

Grand Prize: \$3,000 Second Place: \$2,000

Third Place: \$1,000

\$20/ticket



Drawing to be held
June 5, 2016
during Adath Israel's
Annual Meeting
which begins @ 9:30 a.m.,
8 Broad Street, Middletown
(860) 346-4709

info: www.adathisraelct.org

LIFE CYCLES



Linda & Jack Adler Jodi & Chuck Gendrich Paula & Rob Goldstein Stephanie & Eliot Meadow Jackie & Allen Schatz



Carolann Schwartz
Alan Steele
Lauren Weiss
Max Finkelstein
David Friedlander
Michael Sigal
Star Bennett
Sadie Haaz
Shirley Millen
Eric Weiss
Adam Guy
Sharon Mittelman

Tikkun Olam/Fundraiser



IT'S A WIN-WIN-WIN!
Save time, aggravation, and the planet while providing funds for important causes by donating your cleaned \$.05 returnable bottles and cans.

From April-July the money will be donated to Middletown's Relay for Life.

From August-November the money collected benefits the Religious School.

From December–March the money collected benefits the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund.

In April your efforts generated \$17.55 for Middletown's Relay for Life

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

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

Stephanie Meadow

SAVE

THE

DATES!

Friday, June 3 @ 5:30 p.m.

Pray-Eat-Sing &

New Member Welcome

Sunday, June 5 @ 9:30 a.m.

Annual Meeting,

Raffle Drawing,

Holocaust Memorial

Dedication







Travel Through 200 Years of Jewish History in Hartford









Jewish Hartford Bus Tour

Monday, May 16, 2016 at 9:30am and 1:30pm

Take a professionally guided bus tour through the city's neighborhoods as we follow in the footsteps of those who created this special community.

VISIT The first congregation to be built in Connecticut, Congregation Beth Israel (presently Charter Oak Cultural Center) and the landmark sites of the former Agudas Achim and The Emanuel Synagogue.

VIEW The places where people worked, worshipped, shopped, and played as they built lives for themselves and their families.

HEAR About Hartford's Jewish leaders, their accomplishments and contributions, as we return to a special time and place.

LEARN About the first Jew to arrive in Hartford in the 1600s, and the challenges faced by the growing Jewish population in the following decades.

All tours will begin and end at the JSHGH office, Community Services Building, 333 Bloomfield Ave, West Hartford. Tours will last approximately three hours, but are subject to change. Please note that some buildings require climbing stairs and are not handicapped accessible. For more info call 860-727-6171.

Please fill out and return this portion with your check made out to: JHSGH, 333 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117. You may also register online at: www.jhsgh.org/bustour.html

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may 2016 nisan/iyar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots 11:30 a.m. Adult Ed. Precious Books of Wesleyan's Rare Book Collection	2 3 p.m. Intro to Hebrew 7 p.m. Golf Mtg	3 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	4 7 a.m. Early Risers Minyan 9 a.m. Torah Study 4 p.m. Religious School	5	6 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	7 9:30 a.m. Shabbat L' <u>h</u> ol Adat Morning Service
23 nisan	24 nisan	25 nisan	26 nisan	Yom Hashoah 27 nisan	28 nisan	Acharei Mot 29 nisan
8 No Religious School or Mazel Tots Mothers Day	9 3 p.m. Intro to Hebrew	10 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	11 9 a.m. Torah Study 4 p.m. Religious School Yom Hazikaron	12 Yom Haatzma'ut	13 5:30 p.m. Pray- Eat-Sing Shabbat Evening Service	14 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
Rosh Chodesh 30 nisan	Rosh Chodesh 1 iyar	2 iyar	Observed 3 iyar	Observed 4 iyar	5 iyar	Kedoshim 6 iyar
15 9 a.m. Religious School 9:30 a.m. J.W.V. Brunch 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots	16 3 p.m. Intro to Hebrew	17 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Book Club 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	18 9 a.m. Torah Study 4 p.m. Religious School	19	20 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	21 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
7 iyar	8 iyar	9 iyar	10 iyar	11 iyar	12 iyar	Emor 13 iyar
22 9 a.m. Religious School 10 a.m. Volunteer Recognition Brunch 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots	23 3 p.m. Intro to Hebrew	24 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	25	26 Lag Ba'omer	27 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	28 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
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21 iyar	22 iyar	23 iyar				



june 2015 iyar/sivan

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
29	30	31	1 7 a.m. Early Risers Minyan 7:30 a.m. Torah Study	2	3 5:30 p.m. Pray-Eat- Sing Shabbat Even- ing Service & New Member Welcome	4 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
			24 iyar	25 iyar	26 iyar	Bechukotai 27 iyar
5 9:30 a.m. Annual Meeting & Raffle Draw. Holocaust Memorial Dedica- tion	6 3 p.m. Intro to Hebrew	7 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	8 8:30 a.m. Torah Study	9	10 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	11 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service 7:30 p.m. Tikun L'eyl Study
Yom Yerushalayim 28 iyar	29 iyar	Rosh Chodesh 1 sivan	2 sivan	3 sivan	4 sivan	Bemidbar Erev Shavuot 5 sivan
12 9 a.m. Festival Morning Service	13 9 a.m. Festival Morning Service Office closed	14 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	15 8:30 a.m. Torah Study	16	17 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	18 9:30 a.m. Shabba Morning Service. Tovah Caron Bat Mitzvah
Shavuot 6 sivan	Yizkor Shavuot 7 sivan	Flag Day 8 sivan	9 sivan	10 sivan	11 sivan	Naso 12 sivan
19 9:30 a.m. Jewish War Veterans Brunch	20 3 p.m. Intro to Hebrew	21 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	22 8:30 a.m. Torah Study 6 p.m. Executive Board Mtg 7 p.m. Evening Minyan 7:15 p.m. Board of Directors Mtg	23	24 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service	25 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
Fathers Day 13 sivan	14 sivan	15 sivan	16 sivan	17 sivan	18 sivan	Beha'alotecha 19 sivan
26	27 3 p.m. Intro to Hebrew	28 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	29	30	1	2
20 sivan	21 sivan	22 sivan	23 sivan	24 sivan		