



The Bulletin Riverdale Temple

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*From the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof,
the name of the Eternal One is to be praised.*

Worship Services (see calendar on p. 2 for details)

Fridays

June 3	7:00 p.m.	Shabbat Evening Service
June 10	7:00 p.m.	Pride Shabbat Evening Service
June 17	7:00 p.m.	Shabbat Evening Service
June 24	7:00 p.m.	Shabbat Evening Service

Saturdays

June 4	10:30 a.m.	Shabbat Morning Service Eli Caplan Bar Mitzvah
June 11	10:30 a.m.	Shabbat Morning Service
June 18	10:30 a.m.	Shabbat Morning Service
June 25	10:30 a.m.	Shabbat Morning Service

In-person Shabbat services will be held in the sanctuary. Individuals wishing to attend must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 per CDC guidelines.* Masks are optional (at present) for those 5 and over. Children under 5 must wear a mask. Proof of vaccination will be required for admittance into the sanctuary. Children 5 to 12 have to be vaccinated to enter the sanctuary. Services will also be streamed via Zoom.

*To be considered fully vaccinated by CDC guidelines, two weeks must have passed since you received the second dose in a two-dose series or two weeks since you received a single-dose vaccine.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 12, at 3:00 p.m.

(in person and on Zoom)

See p. 4 for details.

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THE RABBI'S COLUMN

I recently saw the first episode of the TV show *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*. It had some good points and some bad points, but a major plot point turns on something that is one of my pet peeves. A drunk Mrs. Maisel gets up on stage and, never having performed stand-up comedy before, having written no material, proceeds to do a decent stand-up set. Another character tells her that, while the act needed work, she could tell that Mrs. Maisel had the spark, and could be a great comedian.

I have read a number of stories in which people discover they have a knack for sword-fighting, or boxing, or singing. I have been reading my children the Harry Potter stories. Harry, on his first time flying on a broomstick, turns out to be better at it than people who have been flying for years.

I have been doing the martial art *Aikido* for 40 years, and I have been playing guitar for longer than that. I have seen many people begin studying Aikido, and music as well. Some of them do seem to have a knack for it. It makes sense to them right away, while other people always seem to have to struggle. But I have never seen a beginner who is anywhere nearly as good as someone who has been doing it for a long time.

Aikido, music, stand-up comedy, painting, riding a bicycle, any skill that you hope to acquire, takes time, and takes practice. You get out of it what you put into it. You can always improve your skills if you want to, and if you are willing to do the work.

It turns out the same is true of Judaism.

A person who walks into a synagogue for the first time and sits down for a Shabbat service will probably get something out of it. But unless she is a natural, the visitor will experience only a fraction of what she would get out of it if she was familiar with the service.

To know the order of the service, to know the tunes, to understand Hebrew, to know the other people in the sanctuary, these are all things that make Shabbat much more meaningful. If you make Friday dinner a special occasion with your family, if you light candles and bless your children, Judaism will mean more to you. If you read the Torah portion and discuss it with your partner, if you give tzedakah and feel connected to Jewish people, you will get better at Judaism, and it will mean more to you.

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6th of Sivan 5782 10:00 am Shavuot Service	7th of Sivan 5782 10:00 am Shavuot Service with Yizkor	8th of Sivan 5782	9th of Sivan 5782	10th of Sivan 5782 7:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting	11th of Sivan 5782 7:00 pm Pride Shabbat Evening Service	12th of Sivan 5782 <i>Parashat Naso</i> 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
13th of Sivan 5782 3:00 pm Annual Congregational Meeting (in person and on Zoom)	14th of Sivan 5782	15th of Sivan 5782	16th of Sivan 5782	17th of Sivan 5782 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	18th of Sivan 5782 7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service	19th of Sivan 5782 <i>Parashat Behaalotecha</i> 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Chavurah following communal lunch
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
20th of Sivan 5782 Father's Day	21st of Sivan 5782	22nd of Sivan 5782	23rd of Sivan 5782	24th of Sivan 5782	25th of Sivan 5782 7:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service	26th of Sivan 5782 <i>Parashat Shlach</i> 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service Fred Schweitzer book celebration and catered Kiddush following service
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
27th of Sivan 5782	28th of Sivan 5782	29th of Sivan 5782	30th of Sivan 5782	1st of Tammuz 5782		
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JUNE

Temple events and services take place in person and/or on Zoom. Check the bulletin and e-blasts for specific information and latest updates.
 Publication of *The Bulletin* will resume in September.

Unfortunately, this means you can also fall out of practice. In one of our last Hebrew classes, I begged the children not to forget the Hebrew they have learned over the summer. One of them stared at me incredulously. “Are you kidding?” he asked. “I forgot everything I learned just over the Passover break!”

Many of us take time off in the summer, go away, or just take things easier. We should use the extra time, not to forget our Jewish skills, but to work on them. I get a vacation in the summer, but I use it to experience Shabbat services in other synagogues, and to have leisurely Shabbat dinners, something I cannot do during the year. You get back what you put into it.

This month, we say goodbye to our dear Cantor Inbal Sharett-Singer. Next month we will welcome Cantor Joshua Finkel. As

two trained and ordained cantors, we should not compare their cantorial or Jewish skills. But Cantor Sharett-Singer has the “Riverdale Temple” skills, while Cantor Finkel does not. It is common for a new cantor to come in, and for people to feel a little disappointment—Cantor Finkel doesn’t remember my name, he doesn’t sing the right tunes, he wasn’t at any of my life cycle events. Cantor Sharett-Singer is at the peak of her Riverdale Temple skills. Let us give Cantor Finkel some time to build his.

We are in a time of graduations, weddings, and vacations. Let us use our time wisely to work on our skills. Nothing comes without a little effort!

—Rabbi Thomas Gardner

THE CANTOR’S COLUMN



Top: from the May 7 service honoring Cantor Inbal Sharett-Singer.

Bottom left: Cantor Sharett-Singer with NYC Mayor Eric Adams at City Hall in May after a meeting with a group of women rabbis and cantors representing a cross-section of Jewish denominations from the five boroughs to discuss issues facing their congregants.

THE PRESIDENT’S COLUMN

When I was growing up in my secular Jewish household, I never heard of Shavuot. Well, that is not strictly true—my grandmother used a Yiddish expression that roughly translates as “a cold day Shavuot,” to refer to an unlikely event. When I got older and joined Riverdale Temple, I learned that Shavuot was one of the pilgrimage holidays mentioned in the Torah. So, Shavuot, along with Passover and Sukkot, were festivals when Jews, including those living in the Diaspora, were supposed to come to Jerusalem to sacrifice an animal on the altar in the Temple.

The Torah refers to Shavuot as a harvest festival, and unlike Passover and Sukkot, it has no connection to the Exodus from Egypt. It is probable that it was an ancient holiday, from pagan times, that migrated into the Torah because of its popularity. Deuteronomy calls Shavuot the “feast of weeks,” because it is celebrated seven weeks after Passover. The counting of the seven weeks by seven days per week leads to Shavuot occurring on the 50th day after Passover, the counting becoming the ritual of the

counting of the Omer. You count the Omer for 49 days and the next day is Shavuot. (By the way, an Omer is a sheaf of barley.)

Besides its two mentions in the Torah, there is little written about Shavuot until the ninth century. Then, we learn of a Shavuot completely transformed from a simple harvest festival to a celebration of the giving of the Torah. It is actually surprising that the giving of the Torah to the assembled masses at Mount Sinai did not have its own commemoration before this. After all, it is such a dramatic, cinematic set piece in the Torah and marks the Israelites’ transformation from a pathetic, ragtag group of tribes, into a nation with a set of rules that ensures cohesion. Perhaps the rabbis recognized this lacuna and set about to remedy it by co-opting an already extant holiday. But the rabbis would never admit to pragmatism, so they engage in a lot of discussion to determine a date for the giving of the Torah that corresponds to Shavuot.

Over time, the observance of Shavuot was enhanced with additional references to the giving of the Torah, such as staying up

all night to study. Some follow the practice of reading the whole book of Deuteronomy, but most congregations create their own programs of study with refreshments.

Ah, refreshments! This brings us to the custom of eating dairy on Shavuot. The rabbis say it is to remember the Land of Milk and Honey. But, since Shavuot occurs when animals have given birth and are lactating, it helps that there is a lot of milk to be drunk and turned into cheese.

To say that a holiday has been transformed from its simple roots is not to diminish its importance. If anything, it increases one's admiration for our sages, who used mystical insights and popular customs to continually breathe new importance into a living Judaism. The multiple levels of meaning and symbolism are a feature of our religion, not a bug.

This year we will celebrate Shavuot on the evening of June 4 with a lively study session chaired by Rabbi Gardner and Rabbi Shriner-Cahn of Congregation Tehillah. We will bring in dairy

foods to share in fellowship. On Sunday, June 5, there will be a First Day Festival service at 10:00 a.m., and on Monday, June 6, we will have a Second Day Festival Service that includes Yizkor, prayers that remind us of the loved ones we have lost. I personally love singing the psalms of the Festival Service. Some are incantatory and some are lively. All are ancient and connect us with our forebears standing at Mount Sinai.

Finally, if you are around on August 6, please consider attending our lay-led Tisha B'Av service at 7:00 p.m. Tisha B'Av has not been a favorite of the Reform movement because it commemorates multiple catastrophes that have befallen the Jewish people over the millennia. A bummer. But it is a long-standing custom at Riverdale Temple to have a Tisha B'Av service with the reading of Lamentations. At past services, we have also read parts of Josephus's *The Jewish Wars* and have read the actual document that expelled the Jews from Spain. Mark it in your calendar.

—Ronna Weber, President

Uvalde Tragedy

If you wish to support the survivors of the children and teachers who were killed in the May 24, 2022, massacre in Uvalde, Texas, here are charities that have set up funds to help:

League of United Latin American Citizens: lulac.org/uvaldefund. This is a 501 3(C) charity.

First State Bank of Uvalde: www.fsbuvalde.com. The Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District has set up a donation fund, the Robb School Memorial Fund, at robbschoolmemorialfund@gmail.com, 200 East Nopal St., Uvalde, TX 78801.

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Dr. Frederick Schweitzer Book Celebration on June 25

Join Frederick Schweitzer, Ph.D., professor emeritus of history at Manhattan College and long-time temple member, as he introduces his book *What Love Can Do* at the special Kiddush following the Shabbat morning service on June 25. The work is a memoir of his life with his late wife Jacqueline. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to Riverdale Temple.



Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 12, at 3:00 p.m.

(in person and on Zoom)

Help forge the future of Riverdale Temple by joining us at this important meeting. Your attendance is vital as reports from our clergy, president, treasurer, officers, committee chairs, and fellow congregants will be shared. A review of the temple year 2021–2022 will be presented, as well as a look at the year ahead.

Please note: only fully vaccinated people will be able to attend this meeting in person. Proof of vaccination is required. Parking will be available.

BULLETIN BOARD

Temple activities take place in person and/or via Zoom. For updates, please consult the calendar on p. 2, the temple website at <https://riverdaletemple.org>, and e-blasts.

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If you are a Holocaust survivor or a family member of a survivor, you can register to be included in the Benjamin and Vladka Meed Registry of Holocaust Survivors, at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. For more information, go to ushmm.org/resourcecenter.

Contact information: Holocaust Survivors and Victims Resource Center, Registry of Holocaust Survivors, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW, Washington, DC 20024-2126

Riverdale Temple is now part of the organics/compost pilot program in the Bronx. We can now recycle our food scraps. Please observe the different signs on the garbage receptacles and put throwaways in the proper container. We are pioneers in a wonderful program—please join the effort in caring for our environment.



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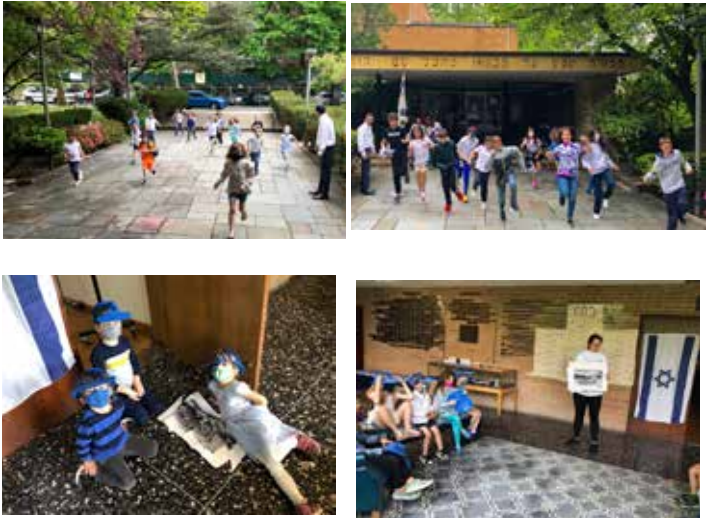
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Our mission is to ensure that the building and grounds of our synagogue best respond to the spiritual, educational, cultural, and social needs and activities of our congregation. We are concerned about safety, cleanliness, comfort, and appearance and maximizing the functionality of our facilities. The committee works closely with the maintenance staff to ensure that the facilities are well managed and meet the needs of our community efficiently and economically. The committee benefits from members with varied experience in facilities management, engineering, construction, and related fields. Write to: administrator@riverdaletemple.org or president@riverdaletemple.org

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SIMCHA LEARNING CENTER

Thanks for a wonderful year at the Simcha Learning Center!



—Judy Weinberg, Education and Engagement Specialist

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

It is hard to believe that the school year is almost over. The children are very busy with end-of-year projects and preparing for many of our upcoming events. Over the last few weeks, we have been inviting our families back into the classroom, which has been so special. We have had visits from doctors, dentists, and parents who baked with the children and read stories.

On May 12, we were so happy to have our annual truck day in the parking lot. We had visits from the fire truck, the police car, ambulance, Hatzalah, a tumble bus, and everyone's favorite, the ice cream truck!!! We even made an appearance on News12!

The week of May 22 we were preparing to have our "Special Person Day," which will be held under the tent in front of the temple. Special person day is a day on which each child invites one special person to visit our art show that is displayed around the tent, play games, do art together, and enjoy a treat from our bake sale.

The Twos will have their end-of-year party on June 15. The children will sing songs, enjoy a special breakfast, and take home all of their end-of-year projects and gifts from their teachers. 3-K and Pre-K will celebrate their end-of-year party and graduation on June 17 and 18 in a similar fashion. The parents are all looking forward to sharing these celebrations with their children. We are also planning to have a special surprise for our graduates.

As we prepare for the next school year, we are happy to announce that we will be adding a third Twos classroom. We have only a couple of spots left in this new class.

We are also looking forward to the beginning of camp. This year we have an additional group, making a total of five. Camp begins June 27 and runs until August 5.

We hope you have a wonderful summer!!!

—Alexandra Abikzer, Director

Toddler Camp at RTNS

Regular Registration \$450

CAMP DATES
6/28, 7/8,
7/13, 7/20
7/27, 8/3
10:00AM-
11:30AM

4545 Independence Ave
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WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM (SISTERHOOD)

Dear Friends!
Welcome, June!

Thank you to EVERYONE who participated in the WRJ Lay-led Service. What a joyous occasion, to be able to share and truly celebrate together. It always seems to be the “right” way to end the season. I want to thank everyone who volunteered to make this service possible. There are too many people to name, but I wanted to do a quick shout-out to Ronna Weber and Lisa Fischel-Wolovick. They were unbelievable chanting the Torah, and Amy Bensen ... WOW! I think she recited the whole Haftarah without taking a breath! And what do I say about Shelley Ast? Thank you for being the “direct link” and giving your ALL to WRJ.

I am very lucky and grateful that so many of our events have dedicated individuals who go above and beyond. Our members are so important to WRJ—Shelley Ast, Rachel Radna, Susan Birnbaum, Ronna Weber, Dorothy Kay, Arline Davis, Margaret

Ross Griffel, Helen Silber, Sherrill Spatz, Fay Statsky, and Fanta Davis—THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS BEING THERE. I especially want to thank Helen Krim and Ronni Stolzenberg for carrying the torch—every month your events are always exciting.

If you have an idea for an event that you would like to see on our calendar, please let me know. Amazing things can happen when we work together.

Here’s hoping that your summer is joyful and with low humidity. We’re counting down the days to The Honey Project. If you want to help, please let me know.

Best Wishes As Always,

—Joanne Heyman, President

The Book Club will continue its discussion on June 1, at 7:30 p.m., of *The Books of Jacob*.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to all recent graduates! We wish you continued success. Mazel tov! RT would like to congratulate each graduate. Please send the name of the graduate, school, degree/area of study or grade completed, and honors to mjadams427@gmail.com.

Mazel tov to **Lydia Silverman**, who celebrated her Adult Bat Mitzvah! Lydia led the high-spirited Shabbat evening and morning services on May 20 and 21 and read from the Torah. The simcha had been postponed because of the pandemic—but it finally came to pass!

Congratulations to **Sherrill Spatz and Rob Katz**, on the marriage of their daughter **Zoe Katz** to Ryan Nowicki Stewart. The wedding was officiated by her sister **Emma**, who was awarded her Ph.D. in clinical psychology on the same day.

MEN OF REFORM JUDAISM (MEN'S CLUB)

“You say good-bye and I say hello.”

As I write the final article of the temple bulletin for the year 5782, I want to share my thoughts on our cantors. Yes, Cantor Inbal Sharett-Singer and Cantor Joshua Finkel.

I have known Cantor Inbal Sharett-Singer since she was our student cantor. I had the privilege of attending her thesis recital from the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music, at the Hebrew Union College, NYC—one of the greatest performances I have ever witnessed. I attended her wedding to Jonathan, and shared in the congregation’s joy when her three beautiful children, Amit, Noa, and Emmanuelle, were born.

With all of this, you may conclude that I am very sad to see Cantor Inbal Sharett-Singer and her family leave our congregation. Not so! That would be selfish of me, and I am actually so happy for her and her entire family for the opportunity that lies ahead.

For Cantor Inbal Sharett-Singer, the big bimah awaits as she will become the Senior Cantor at a very large and active congregation of 2,000 families. For someone who is as passionate about her work as Cantor Sharett-Singer is, this is a dream come true.

Therefore, to Cantor Inbal Sharett-Singer and her family I say Mazel Tov. May you go from strength to strength. I am sure that I speak for the Riverdale Temple community when I say how proud we are of you for achieving this moment in your career. Cantor Inbal Sharett-Singer, to you and your wonderful family, I say good-bye affectionately.

And now, for something completely different . . . I wish to warmly welcome Cantor Joshua Finkel and his lovely wife Emily, daughter Sophie, and son Jakob. Cantor Finkel, who has recently moved to Riverdale and who has already demonstrated to those who have seen him at work his marvelous voice, his terrific sense of purpose, and his desire to help Riverdale Temple grow. Cantor Finkel’s love of music is obvious from the moment he begins to sing. In addition, he is an accomplished musician and teacher who will add much to our growing temple youth members.

It is truly our good fortune and the hard work put in by the search committee that give me the opportunity to say to Cantor Finkel and his family, hello and welcome to Riverdale Temple.

L’Shalom,

—Steven Rosenfeld, President

SOCIAL ACTION

Grocery Needs

As we all start to think about summer activities, please keep in mind the continuous need for grocery donations. With the high cost of groceries and rents, many people are in need of: healthful cereals, canned fish, canned beans and vegetables, pasta, rice, healthful soups, and canned fruits. In case anyone has baby formula, that is also greatly needed. Please continue to donate now and throughout the summer. (Note: Please let the Social Action Committee know if you can help check groceries for freshness once a month.)

The Kingsbridge-Riverdale-Marble Hill Food & Hunger Project, Inc., will continue to provide grocery cards in June and in September through the Interfaith Clergy Group and Riverdale Y and can be of help in an emergency during the summer. We continue to support the Afghan family sponsored by the Northwest Bronx Refugee Coalition.

Accomplishments

Riverdale Temple should take pride in having accomplished several mitzvahs and acts of charity and kindness throughout this year:

- Ongoing grocery collections that went to KHCC Community Pantry and Broadway Transitional Housing; collection of about 46 pairs of new pajamas for kids and teens—we were matched with a church on Bailey Avenue in Kingsbridge in need.

- Collection of winter coats, strollers, women's handbags, shoes, and sneakers for Afghan refugees at Ft. Dix via the Westchester JCCs
- Collection of winter coats distributed via AAA in Yonkers
- Our annual Mitzvah Day, where so many of our members came together to help donate and organize donations of new, white socks for men—The Midnight Run
- Boxes and bags of diapers and wipes for women to use for their children at the Concourse House shelter
- Medical supplies for the people of Ukraine
- Making 100 flower cups of pansies and violets for recipients at the Women's Shelter and the Hebrew Home
- Large clothing collection for all seasons for adults and children for Big Brothers Big Sisters

As we thank everyone who has helped, we also want to recognize and thank Marge Griffel, who has helped us present the Social Action activities through the bulletin each month.

Wishing everyone health, safety, and happiness, during the summer and always!

—Frances Segan, Ph.D., Chairperson, Social Action Committee

ADULT EDUCATION



This study year has flown by quickly. We are pleased that we were able to feature programming that covered a variety of subjects. I want to particularly thank Rabbi Gardner for providing classes to the congregants on a variety of subjects, always bringing to us new insights from the Torah. His class in which he reviewed the works of selected Yiddish writers linked us to our spiritual roots and to the Old World of many of our congregants whose ancestors came to the United States from Eastern Europe.

Our thanks to congregants who shared their talents in several different ways. Thanks to Josh Greenfield, who shared his skill as a writer by talking about and reading from his latest work, *Continue Breathing*; to Muriel Adams, for helping us celebrate Tu B'Shvat through an excellent online Seder; and a grateful thank-you to Marilyn Reinhardt, for her six-session course on grief that was supportive to congregants who had experienced the loss of dear ones in their lives.

The YIVO Yiddish Culture Series gave us an opportunity to meet directly with individuals who brought us their important contributions to adding further understanding of our cultural past. Dr. Jeffrey Shandler, distinguished professor of Jewish studies at Rutgers University, introduced us to his book on the origins and history of Yiddish. What a great opportunity it was to learn more about a language that seems very familiar and yet is unknown to most these days. He is currently the National Endowment for the Humanities Scholar in Residence at the Center for Jewish History in New York and is the author, editor, or translator of 16 books

on modern and contemporary Jewish culture. He is an interesting speaker, and we will invite him back in the future.

We were thrilled to have Anita Norich, who spoke about Isaac Bashevis Singer, the renowned Jewish author and Nobel Prize recipient. Anita Norich is Collegiate Professor Emerita at the University of Michigan and a scholar. Finally, we recently featured the Posen Library of Jewish Culture and Civilization. Dr. Alison L. Joseph, a Bible scholar and senior editor at the Posen Library, discussed *The Posen Library of Jewish Culture and Civilization, volume 1: Ancient Israel, from Its Beginnings through 332 BCE*.

We are very proud of our partnership (since 2011) with the YIVO Institute of Jewish Research. The next study year will bring us further links to the scholars YIVO interacts with from around the world. Have a good summer. See you in the study year 2022–2023.

—Dr. Yvette Marrin, Chair, Adult Education Committee

The **Chavurah** will meet on **June 18**, following the communal lunch, to study and discuss the Torah portion *Behaalotecha*. In this fascinating reading, the Israelites receive instructions regarding the need to recreate the Passover ritual as an observance for all time, and the theme of rebellion against Adonai continues with the Israelites repeatedly complaining, provoking His anger. Prior knowledge of the Torah is not needed to join in this wonderful learning opportunity.

—Dr. Ronna Weber

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Ya'akov Sharett
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IN HONOR

Rabbi Thomas Gardner and Dr. Ronna Weber
Lydia Silverman, on her Bat Mitzvah celebration
Lydia Silverman, on her Bat Mitzvah celebration
Nursery School
Rabbi Gardner's classes and YIVO
Cantor Josh Finkel and his family on coming to Riverdale Temple
Cantor Sharett-Singer and her family on her new position and their move to Minneapolis
Sherrill Spatz and Rob Katz, on their daughter Emma Katz receiving her doctorate degree, and on the wedding of their daughter Zoe
Evelyn Weiler, on her birthday

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IN MEMORY

Rita Resnick

Condolences

To

Craig Katz, Linda Chokroverty, Maya Katz, and Lev Katz
Cantor Inbal Sharett-Singer, Jonathan, Amit, Noa, and Emmanuelle; Gili Sharett, Rafi Malkiel, Mai, and Liana

On the Loss of

Howard Katz, beloved father, father-in-law, grandfather
Ya'akov Sharett, beloved grandfather, great-grandfather



The Departed Whom We Now Remember: June Yahrzeit Observances

1 Marcia Engelsler	8 Alberto Mejicovsky	13 Libby Silverman	19 Ira Kleinman	26 Edith Alin
1 Sidney Simon Holzman	9 Ira Arnowich	14 Pauline Avedon	19 Rachel Kramer	26 Ethel Bernstein
2 Rose Burns	9 Frieda Blaustein	14 Lillian Fuhrman	19 Noel Robert Rubinstein	26 Elizabeth Herrup
2 Jacob Franklin	9 Ettie Brandt	14 Gilbert Weiskopf	19 William Shalof	26 Dr. Morton Spivack
2 Isidor Rothstein	9 Rose Friedman	15 Hyman Bialek	20 Dr. Daniel Brown	27 Rose Poster
2 Celia S. Wendrow	9 Mary Goldman	15 Louis Feinman	21 Rose R. Aronson	27 George Rosenblum
3 Sam Hamada	9 Max Heimowitz	15 Dr. Reuben Gell	21 J. Edward Bennett	27 David Silverman
3 Max Kovitz	9 Mitchell S. Nalitt	15 Isidore Reibeisen	21 Susan Fisher	27 Zona Silverstein
3 Sitta Spatz	9 Rose Seefer	16 Harry Kalinsky	21 Lawrence Fox	27 Dorothy Zwyer
4 Charles J. Bensley	10 Debra Evers	16 William Ripps	21 Renee Heyman	28 Mabel Adler
4 William Fuhrman	10 Nathan Sumner	17 Robin Agusta	21 Abraham J. Horowitz	28 Nathan Bernstein
5 Sheila Brenner	11 Wolf Avrach	17 Martin J. Brenner	21 Irving Schneeweiss	28 Norman Kane
5 Max Handler	11 Irving Bennett	17 Dorothy Giserman	22 Philip Carlinger	28 Gilya Krutkovich
5 Rabbi Charles E. Shulman	11 Alex Gottlieb	17 Rose Hindlin Kurtz	22 Kathryn Grant Belleau	28 Ethel Regan
5 Ilene Zolt	11 Philip Hoffman- Levene	17 Dr. Mae Maskit Lord	22 Anne Kaiser	28 Dr. Jordan Tobias Rosenbaum
6 Morris Kolin	11 Arthur Krilov	17 Rita Resnick	23 Morton David Stein	28 Lena Zwickel
6 Marcus Lessin	12 Dorothy Karsh	17 Ilyse Segal	23 Harry David Wachs	29 Bertha Holzman
6 Morris J. Levy	12 Melville C. Levene	18 Murray Goldberg	24 Pauline Kalinsky	30 Debendranath Chakrabarti
7 Donald E. Brotherson	13 David Fenster	18 Bertha Lipshultz	24 Louis J. Kovar	30 Julius Horowitz
7 Samuel Hirshowitz	13 Rabbi Dr. Arnold Lazarus	18 Richard Neubauer	25 Dr. Hyman A. Elman	30 Ruth Richman
7 Francine Messinger	13 Rose Morris	18 Rose Noy	25 Max Levy	30 Paul Sandler
8 Dr. Charles K. Jaeger	13 Steven Jay Ott	18 Rose Schwartz	25 Sara Sawyer	30 Vera Shatin
8 Ray Kolin	13 Chaim Poster	19 Mayer M. Ackerson	25 David Socolof	
	13 Sam Schantz	19 Dr. Max A. Bruck	25 Jacob Aaron Stam	
		19 Harriet Ivers		

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1 Annie Becker	6 Max Shankman, M.D.	14 Marcelle Dubrow	18 David Ungar	25 Frances W. Aaron
1 Hilda Bensley	6 Miriam Yohalem	14 Walter Jaffe	18 Gene Weissman	25 Troy Theodoratos
1 Dora Brill	7 Miriam Yohalem	14 Julius Samuelson	18 Charlotte Wiener	25 Emanuel Traugott
1 William Sherit	7 Julia Hartman	14 Lillian Waill	19 Robert Davis	27 Albert Barshatzky
1 Betty Tager	7 Rozalya Krutkovich	15 Moe Elias Greisman	19 Lola Friedman	27 Minnie Fass
2 Herman Fein	8 Philip (Skitch) Ivers	15 Rhea Katz	19 Marion Harriet Kaplan	27 Elaine Ruth Isenberg
2 Norma D. Haber	9 Rose K. Fein	15 Selma Genevive Miller	20 Harriet Landau	27 Bernard L. Spanier
2 Ida Loveman	9 Anna Kovar	15 Clara Propper	21 Alvin Bender	28 Ichel Blumenstock
2 Fred Rapp	10 Gilmore Bales	15 Jacqueline Schweitzer	21 Susan Dwork	28 Louis Cragar
2 Julia Schwartz	10 Cele Corn	15 Julia Sundheim	21 Helen Knopping	28 Leon Djivre
2 Yetta Weinberg	10 Olive L. Rosenfield	16 Senior Aronson	21 Emily Felsenthal Loeser	28 Jack Frei
3 Lillian Benardo	11 Albert B. Avedon	16 Carrie Blumenthal	21 Leo Segan	29 Mella Blumenstock
3 Rae Lillian Gillman	11 Maxine Fischel	16 Sidney Lyman	21 Edna Turtletaub	29 Jean Greisman
3 Bessie Solowey	11 Yetta Rosner	16 Rose Poster	22 Hannah Batkin	29 Albert Pearlman
4 Helena Barcia	11 Frances Selma Siegel	17 Senior Aronson	22 Abraham Cohen	29 Nathan E. Rosenthal
4 Eleanor R. Kern	12 Esther Dubinsky	17 Sylvia Denker	22 Constance Gordon	29 Stanley Tenenbaum
4 Judith Leber	12 Philip Greenglass	17 David Greenblatt	22 Herbert A. Lewis	30 Tillie Binder
4 Sidney Rogofsky	12 Harriet Morse	17 Fannie Haas	23 Steven Wolfe Alpert	30 Rebecca Gluck
5 Albert Feit	12 Samuel R. Ripps	17 Joan Resnik	23 Susan Gordon	30 Wallace Ott
5 Abe Spirer	12 Mary Robinson	17 Trude Stransky	23 Joan Paula Resnik	31 Leo Benardo
5 Eva Zerkowitz	13 Michael Auerbach	18 Ruth Block	24 S. Robert Friedman	31 Eric Alan Elias
5 Pearl Zolt	13 Anna Dalick	18 Toni Rafkind	24 Harry Mendelson	31 Irene Kleinberg
6 Phyllis Post Goodman	13 Henry Groner	18 Walter F. Spiegel	24 Jack Schwartz	31 Jeanette Krein
6 Frances Messing	13 Joseph F. Loveman			31 Nathan Turtletaub
	14 Sophie K. Dancis			31 Abraham Zolt

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1 Benjamin Michael Kurtz	8 Ben Rattner	14 Anna Kaminer	21 Morton Kleinman	26 Alexander Lessin
2 Morris Cohn	8 Joseph Silverstein	14 Larry Meisler	21 Matthew Rosen	26 Bea Rosberg
2 Herbert Maier	9 Mary Fisher	14 Leah M. Robinson	22 Charles H. Goodman	26 Joseph Sawyer
3 Joseph Arnowich	9 Paul Hirsch	14 Morris Semmel	22 Robert Scher	26 Samuel Schneeweiss
3 Hazel Nalitt Kaplan	9 Dr. Solomon M. Robinson	15 Philip M. Dancis	23 Shirley Auerbach	27 Herman Kronman
3 Betty R. Rosenberg	9 Stanley Roger	16 Dr. Henry Horn	23 David Fisher	27 Otto Kucera
3 Meta Rothschild	9 Susan Angstreich	16 Gary Lichtenstein	23 Bernard Kramer	28 Margaret Elkus
3 Roslie Small	9 Abraham Wiener	17 Samuel Bloustein	23 Erwin A. Merson	28 Valeria Gerard
4 Mildred Jaffe	9 Irving C. Nachbar	17 Jessie Glick	23 Anna Schulman	28 Gregory Grinn
4 Ellen Mozlin	10 Samuel Wessler	17 Sophia Greenberg	24 Mac S. Albert	28 Morris Wachtel
4 Louis Solowey	10 Alexander Gordon	17 Morris Kramer	24 Philip Knopping	29 Max Fondiller
4 Dora (Devorah) Wachtel	11 Dr. Charles Mandel	18 Frances Goldsmith	24 Irving Margulies	29 Rachel Leah Fritz
5 Philip Reaboy	11 Larry Brockman	18 Alice Krim	24 Frederick David Bernstein	29 Nathan Horn
5 David Rosner	12 Anny Ross	18 Louis Posin	25 Rita Fauer Franklin	30 Harry Fuhrman
5 Andrew Sandler	12 Louis Schwartz	18 Charles R. Seidner	25 Louis Froehlich	30 Judith Saxe Kuvin
7 Abraham Max Brown	13 Marsha Blum	19 Fred Alwaise	25 Abraham Heisner	30 Esther Resnik
7 Elliot Liskin	13 Caryl Klein	19 Annie Eisen	25 Harry Schlifftman	30 Mildred Rosenthal
8 Joseph Benardo	13 Julia Silberkleit	19 Ruth Fertig	26 Freda Block	30 Karl F. Ross
8 Saly Haas	13 Hellen Tausk	19 Charles Rapaport	26 Seymour Hirsch	30 Dr. Frederic Stern
8 Alfred E. Hochstein	13 David Weiner	19 David Sadkin	26 Harry Kaplan	
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