



# 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

- May 6 6:30 p.m. Ruach Shabbat/Cantor's Farewell Service
- May 13 5:00 pm Tot Shabbat  
7:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service
- May 20 7:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service
- May 27 7:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

#### Saturdays

- May 7 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
- May 14 10:30 a.m. WRJ Lay-Led Service
- May 21 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service  
Adult bat mitzvah of Lydia Silverman
- May 28 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

In-person Shabbat services will be held in the sanctuary. Individuals wishing to attend services must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 per CDC guidelines,\* and masks are optional. 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.

**Honoring Cantor Sharett-Singer on Friday, May 6, and Saturday, May 7 (see p. 3)**

**WRJ Lay-Led Service on Saturday, May 14 (see p. 7)**

**Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 12, at 10:00 a.m. (in person and on Zoom)**

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### THE RABBI'S COLUMN

When I first started working at Beth Shalom in Baton Rouge, I was told that the previous rabbi had alternated between leading Torah study and meditation class on Saturdays. I said that I would do a Torah study every Shabbat, and if anyone wanted to meditate instead, they should feel free to do so. Meditating was great, I said, but I wasn't the one to teach it. Torah study, on the other hand, was something I had trained for.

What I didn't mention was that I used to be a pretty serious meditator. My favorite kind of meditation was centered on counting breaths—breathing in through the nose, out through the mouth, and counting each breath. When you reached a set number, say ten, you went back to one. The trick was to stay present and aware of each breath. If your thoughts wandered, you would find yourself on breath number 16, or 35.

If you did (when you did), you would just go back to one again. I read once about some neurologists who studied the brains of some very experienced meditators. They found that the changes that occurred in the brain came from the return to focus, rather than the steady focus that people sought. They also found that people who prayed a set liturgy got the same benefits. If you are doing a prayer you know well, the Aleinu, for example, and you suddenly find yourself wondering what you are going to make for dinner, you pull your focus back to the prayer. That action has a beneficial effect on your brain.

Many meditators count ten breaths. Five is harder, because you have to be more focused, at least every five breaths. If you count 100 breaths, you might be able to let your mind drift a bit, and yet still keep count. As you approach the 90s, your focus will come back, as you near the long-awaited turning point.

There is a funny thing in the Jewish calendar that is somehow similar. From the second day of Passover to Shavuot, we are instructed to “count the omer.” An omer is a sheaf of wheat, or a measure of grain. The holidays of Passover and Shavuot (“weeks”) corresponded to the wheat and barley harvests. In the Torah, we are instructed to number the days between the two holidays. Each day, in the evening, we are supposed to make a blessing and verbally say which day and week of the omer it may be.

We count seven times seven days, the forty-nine days it took the Israelites to go from Egypt to Sinai. The fiftieth day is Shavuot. It is a great mystery why we were commanded to count the days. Explanations

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have been concocted, and traditions have grown up around the count. But why should we count? Of course, “the Torah tells us to” is always a reason, but that really begs the question. What is the meaning behind it?

One of the traditions that has grown up around the counting of the omer is that the Israelites were told, when they left Egypt, that Gd would give them the Torah in 50 days. They were so excited about that, they began counting the days. As they got closer and closer to 50, they got more and more excited.

This idea of counting as looking forward to the end is really the opposite of the meaning of counting. We count each day to say that each day is valuable. Each day exists as its own individual period of time. Every day, you should be thinking of that day, not some time in the future. The same is true of counting breaths.

We cannot live focused on every individual breath, nor should we. But it is meaningful to take some time to be aware of each and

every breath. Similarly, if we counted the entire year, it would lose its meaning. But there is a value in spending 49 days of the year considering each individual day.

As Psalm 90, verse 12, has it, “Teach us to number our days, so that we may get a heart of wisdom.” We are not rushing off somewhere else, not even to Mt. Sinai. We must value the person we are, the location in which we find ourselves, and the day we are living now. A poem by Rabbi Alvin Fine that we sometimes read at funerals tells us that “victory lies/not at some high place along the way./but in having made the journey....”

So, count your breaths sometimes, and count your days sometimes. Make every day count. Our lives are made of individual breaths, individual days, and that is all we have.

—Rabbi Thomas A. Gardner

## THE CANTOR’S COLUMN

Shalom Chaveirim,

I hope you all had a wonderful Passover holiday. We enjoyed our time in Israel, reconnecting with our family and friends. It was great to be back home and take the time to cherish our relationships with our loved ones. Thank you all for allowing me to take the time to make this trip happen.

Here at Riverdale Temple, I hit the ground running with preparations for my farewell services, which I hope you can all attend. It will be musically rich and festive, and it will mean so much to me to see you all, as you have been my family for the last ten years. This is a very emotional time for me, as I cannot even imagine my life without our lives together. But I am comforted by the fact that you will always leave a footprint on my heart. I know that “because I knew you, I have been changed for good” (*Wicked*).

May should be an extra festive month at Riverdale Temple, with my farewell services, the WRJ lay-led Shabbat, and the adult Bat Mitzvah of Lydia Silverman. I look forward to celebrating all those milestones together.

With blessings and L’hitraot,  
—Cantor Inbal Sharett-Singer



## THE PRESIDENT’S COLUMN

This month we say goodbye to our much-loved cantor, Inbal Sharett-Singer, with a Shabbat of song and festivities on May 6 and 7. Cantor Sharett-Singer has been with Riverdale Temple for ten years, starting as a student cantor and continuing on as a (more than) part-time cantor. Over the years, I have had the privilege of hearing her voice mature into a lush, gorgeous mezzo. Listening to her has been one of the highlights of my Shabbats. But, our cantor’s voice is only the tip of the iceberg. The success of Riverdale Temple was always paramount to her. She has worked indefatigably to create services that were both moving and energetic. When COVID first sent us to Zoom, she created a series of lovely healing services. And she has packed our sanctuary with her high octane Ruach Shabbats. She has taught in the religious school and prepared countless students for *b’nei mitvot*. Most of all, Cantor Sharett-Singer is a kind and caring person, who has given of herself without reserve. She has touched my life in ways

too numerous to count.

Our cantor is part of an ancient tradition. Historically, a case can be made that the role of the cantor in Jewish religious observance predates that of the rabbi. There were proto-rabbis when the Temple stood in Jerusalem, but they had no role in the observances enacted there, which were primarily the offerings of sacrifices presided over by the priesthood. However, there was a Levitical choir that sang psalms, so the idea of beautiful singing has a very long history. With the destruction of the Temple, the priesthood lost its primary function, and rabbis filled the void, but the role of singing persisted. As prayer gained in importance, and new types of worship developed, so did the job of the cantor transform, to function as the representative of those worshipers who were without knowledge of the liturgy, the *sheliach tsibur*.

The tradition of using some sort of vocal ensemble in the synagogue has been documented as far back as the third century.

In the Ashkenazi world, the professional cantor as a paid employee emerged in the seventh century. The cantor's role was to take the relatively fixed sequence of prayers and imbue them with emotional resonance. In the best of feedback loops, synagogue worshippers came to value not just the words but also the musical aspects of prayer, and the cantor, or *hazzan*, came to occupy a central role in the service.

While the role of the cantor has been a constant in worship services, the ways in which the cantor has functioned has changed over time. In the late Middle Ages, an Eastern European style of singing began to develop. This was characterized by vocal ornamentation, incorporating strains of folk melodies. Later, the Hasidic movement influenced cantorial music with the introduction of repetitive *nigunim*, wordless melodies intended to create a mystical experience. Under the influence of Christianity, by the turn of the 20th century, choirs were introduced to enhance the beauty of the service.

The most significant change in recent years has been the transformation of a congregation of listeners into a congregation of participants. I have seen this happen during my years as a member of Riverdale Temple. When I first joined, in 1991, Riverdale Temple

had a choir and a choir leader who was not a cantor. The choir sang most of the prayers and the people in the pews mostly listened. Our first professional cantor was Rebecca Garfein. While her singing was magnificent, it was to be listened to, not to be joined with. The change from a performative service to a participatory one was not without great controversy and acrimony at the temple. Change is never easy.

Today, we expect a participatory service with melodies that encourage singing along, and cantors judge their success by the fervor of the congregation's engagement. So, although the cantors usually do not sing solo, the role of the cantors has become even more important, as they work to provide the congregation with a fulfilling emotional experience.

Just as Cantor Sharett-Singer has influenced and enhanced our worship at Riverdale Temple, she will surely do so at her new congregation. I know you join with me in wishing her, Jonathan, Amit, Noa, and Emmanuelle success and fulfillment in this new adventure in their lives. I will always hold them close in my heart.

—Dr. Ronna Weber



Wine Cheese and Karaoke  
Honoring Our Favorite Rainbow  
Connection Singer,  
Jonathan Singer



Farewell Shabbat, May 7, at 7:30 p.m.

Please join us to celebrate, say good bye, and wish a Mazal Tov to  
Jonathan Singer  
for his many years of enhancing our services with music.

**Wine (BYOB), Cheese, and Karaoke** (temple provides snack)

**still only \$10**

*RSVP by May 5 via email for entry.*

To attend Karaoke, you must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 per CDC guidelines.  
Proof of vaccination will be required for entry.

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Copy for the next issue of *The Bulletin* is due by **May 15**. You can email it directly to [administrator@riverdaletemple.org](mailto:administrator@riverdaletemple.org) (put "Bulletin" in subject line).



**Congratulations**

**Yvette Marrin**, on her special birthday



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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

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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.



**Riverdale Temple House Committee**

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](mailto:administrator@riverdaletemple.org) or [president@riverdaletemple.org](mailto:president@riverdaletemple.org)



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## SIMCHA LEARNING CENTER



May is the last month of the school year for the SLC. Although this year was not the normal kind we had before the pandemic, we created a new normal with much learning, creative programs, and opportunities for friendship,

worship, and community. None of this could have happened without our amazing staff of teachers. Thank you to Michelle Shteingart, Michael Billet,



Yardena Alon, Hanita Hayim, Cantor Sharett-Singer, Rabbi Gardner, and our teacher's aide, Zoe Shulman. To our beloved Cantor Sharett-Singer, we will

miss you in so many ways. Thank you for instilling such *Ruach*—spirit—into our school and elevating us to great heights.

The SLC has been blessed with a wonderful School Committee: Rebecca Sherman, Wendi Shulman, Fanta Davis Clarke, Mac Psachie, and Ronna Weber, led by Lydia Silverman, who met

monthly to discuss and assist in supporting, building, and guiding our school. We have grown in strength and are grateful for their devotion to the success of our school. To our wonderful parents and students, who were flexible, understanding, and accommodating, we thank you. Greeting you each Sunday and Tuesday, eagerness to be part of our community with a “yes we can” attitude was apparent in so many ways, and in particular at our first-ever SLC Family Model Seder that we had last month. More than 60 parents and children gathered around our Passover model Seder and participated in this joyous celebration, emphasizing living in freedom and valuing and appreciating all we have.



So, as we close this year, I would like to thank you all. *Todah Rabbah*. May we continue to grow *michayil l'chayil*, from strength to strength.

—Judy Weinberg, Education and Engagement Specialist

## NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Spring at Riverdale Temple Nursery School is amazing. The weather is getting warmer, and the flowers all around the building are in bloom. The children have been spending a lot of time outdoors and taking walks to the pond down the street.

This past month all the classes have been studying spring. Each class has caterpillars. It is truly magical for the children to watch them turn into butterflies and then release them into our playground!

The children have also been doing a lot of planting of flower and vegetable seeds to see what grows. They have been learning about what plants need to grow and the different parts of a plant. Some classes have created rainbow gardens on their bulletins, others have made gardens in shoe boxes, and they have created art out of recycled products.

This month we are also talking about Earth Day and what we can do to keep our earth nice and clean. The children are recycling their food and containers and are learning how to recycle properly. We are reusing items like milk cartons to use as watering cans for our plants and coffee tins as vases for flowers.

The chicks and the eggs have arrived. The Green Room class hosts the chicks. The children will be voting on names for the animals, and the names with the most votes will be chosen. It is magical to see the chicks grow, and then to watch the eggs hatch. Once the babies grow up, they go back to the farm, where they can be free.

This month we also have our annual Truck Day on May 12, and our Special Person Day on May 26. For the latter, the children will be creating art pieces to display in an art gallery; each child and their special person will be invited to do activities together, and the children will be baking treats to sell at the bake sale to raise money for our PTA.

### Toddler Camp

This summer we will have toddler camp for children ages 12 to 24 months with our favorite Mommy & Me teacher, Danya. The camp dates are June 28, July 8, 13, 20, 27, and August 3, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. (see next page). To register, please email [director@riverdaletemplens.org](mailto:director@riverdaletemplens.org).

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## Summer Camp

We still have openings in our summer camp for 2s, 3s, and 4s. If you are interested, please contact me at [director@riverdaletemplens.org](mailto:director@riverdaletemplens.org). Space is limited. We are also looking for counselors and CITs for the summer, so if you know anyone who may be interested, please let us know.

## Exciting News!!

We are so excited to announce that RTNS will be opening a third Twos class for the 2022–2023 school year. If you are interested in setting up a tour, please email [director@riverdaletemplens.org](mailto:director@riverdaletemplens.org).

— 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

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## WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM (SISTERHOOD)

The **WRJ Lay-Led Service** on Saturday, May 14, is a wonderful opportunity for WRJ and all of the Riverdale Temple women to celebrate a joyous Shabbat. One reason it is so special is everyone's participation. Shelley Ast and I will be organizing this event and assigning all of the readings. Please let us know if you would like to participate. There are passages/readings in Hebrew and English, so please tell us your preference. You can recite alone or with others. If you must participate remotely, please let us know that, too, by indicating "In-person" or "Zoom only" when you respond.

If you would like to participate, please send us your response as soon as possible. Thanks in advance for your involvement in this wonderful occasion!

— Joanne Heyman, President

**Book Club:** The book we are reading next is *The Books of Jacob* by Olga Tokarczuk. The author is Polish, and the book is a translation. Because this enormous, Nobel prize-winning book is very long, we are going to meet next on Wednesday, **May 25**, at 7:30 p.m.



## Honoring Cantor Inbal Sharett-Singer

**For Her Decade of Service!**

**Farewell Shabbat May 6–7**

**Friday, May 6, 6:30 p.m.**

Ruach Shabbat, with a full band celebrating Israel, followed by a festive oneg of Israeli food.

**Saturday, May 7, 10:30 a.m.**

A musically rich Shabbat Service with our full band and High Holy Days singers, with guest speakers: Rabbi Martin A. Cohen and Rabbi Emerita Judith Lewis, followed by a festive catered luncheon at 12:30 p.m., with a musical tribute and remarks.

To attend services and luncheon, you must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 per CDC guidelines. Proof of vaccination will be required for entry.

## MEN OF REFORM JUDAISM (MEN'S CLUB)

Sending you best regards.

— Steven Rosenfeld, President

## SOCIAL ACTION

### Human Kindness

Before and up to April 10, 2022, Riverdale Temple's Mitzvah Day, we experienced many examples of human kindness and caring for others. People who donated clean white socks for homeless men via the Midnight Run, those who purchased boxes of diapers and wipes for women to use at the Concourse House, medical supplies for people from Ukraine, groceries for the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, and a total of 46 bags of clothing and stuffed animals for Big Brothers Big Sisters. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously.

We want to thank Rabbi Gardner and Judy Weinberg for highlighting the Mitzvah Day activities. Special appreciation goes to Mr. Osorio, Mr. Santana, and other staff, as well as the ongoing support from David Greenfield and Linda Eisenkraft. Vinny Gomez of the 235th Street Key Food donated the plastic cups for our flower creations. Thanks to Shira Silverman of the Riverdale Y, who also publicized our Mitzvah Day via the Riverdale Greenmarket.

Much appreciation is extended to the following volunteers: Jessie Mechanick, Dr. Craig Katz, Phil Clarke, Fanta Davis

Clarke, Dr. Ronna Weber, Danielle Scher, Rita Pochter Lowe, Gloria and Mac Psachie, Barbara Ferber, Debbie Rios, Doug Cortese, Sherrill Spatz, Jeff Sklar, and Helen and Tom Krim. Jeff served as liaison to the Hebrew Home for some of the flower cups, and Helen Krim worked with AFYA. Thanks to Joanne Heyman for publicizing Mitzvah Day collections and activities with the *Riverdale Press* and on social media.

Special memories were created when the children and teens helped make more than 100 flower cups that went to brighten the day for women at the Concourse House and for residents of the Hebrew Home. It was touching to see two young sisters hand in some of their stuffed animals. Other participants brought medical supplies and even in a box decorated in turquoise and yellow, the colors for Ukraine.

With the pandemic, Riverdale Temple's Mitzvah Day has had to change to doing more outdoor activities and collections, but the true human kindness and the spirit of helping others are stronger than ever.

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

## ADULT EDUCATION



### Study with Rabbi Gardner at the Temple

Lunch and Learn: Torah Portion of the Week with Sforno, Mondays, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. (also accessible via Zoom)

"A Tale or Two: Selected Yiddish Stories," Thursdays, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. (also accessible via Zoom)

Join Rabbi Gardner in a class that highlights the richness of thought that was expressed through Yiddish stories and connects us to a world that bridges us to our spiritual roots with discussions about such issues as the crisis of Jews and identity in the modern period.

### Life after Life: What does Judaism say about what happens when we die?

Thursdays, from 8:15 to 9:15 p.m.

### Adult Education Presents

The Posen Library of Jewish Culture and Civilization, Volume 1: *Ancient Israel, from Its Beginnings through 332 BCE*

Wednesday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Watch for the e-blast of the weekly "News from Riverdale Temple" for the Zoom link.

Speaker: Bible Scholar Dr. Alison Joseph

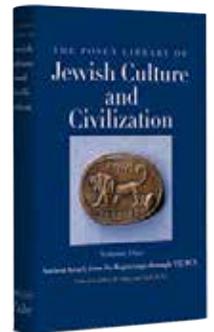
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are translated into English for the first time, with the sacred and secular texts side by side. There are currently five volumes in print, and they can be read in the Posen Digital Library at [www.posenlibrary.com](http://www.posenlibrary.com).

—Dr. Yvette Marrin, Chair Adult Education Committee



The **Chavurah** will meet on **May 28**, at 1:30 p.m., following the communal lunch, to read and discuss the Torah portion *Bechukotai*, which translates as "In My Laws." In this reading, the Eternal tells the Israelites that they will be provided with rain to nurture their crops and then proceeds to describe a long list of punishments that will be inflicted on them if they do not follow His commandments. How we long for a world of perfect justice! Join us as we explore this fascinating parashah. All are welcome.

—Dr. Ronna Weber

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