

**WEEKLY SERVICES
AT THE SYNAGOGUE**

FRIDAYS:
See Calendar

SATURDAYS:
9:30 AM Services

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MAY 2026



IYAR-SIVAN

5786



PRESIDENT MARK HOFFMAN

Thanks to all who attended our communal Passover seder this past month and to those who made it possible for others to attend, including Jewish Federation of NENY. I think we can all agree that it was a fun and meaningful Jewish experience for us.

Thank you to all who participated in our Yom Hashoa Holocaust memorial service. Thanks to Jennifer Price, our featured speaker who presented a moving history of her family's Holocaust experience. It is more important than ever to make sure that the truth is never obscured by those who traffic in falsehoods in pursuit of their own agendas.

Our special Shabbat discussion about the often overlooked and misunderstood Psalm 109 was lively and well attended. If you have a special topic to recommend for learning and discussion, please contact me. We would love to facilitate a study session, either during services or at another time.

Please plan to attend our Shavuot morning service Friday, May 22 at 9 AM. Our Shabbat service on May 23 will coincide with the second day of Shavuot and Yizkor. Our services are fun, authentic and intimate. Give them a try if you have been hesitant. We also want your feedback to make sure we are meeting your needs.

The board has decided to try to upgrade our High Holiday services to make them more meaningful and enjoyable. One step we are taking is to purchase the new High Holiday prayer book from the Rabbinic Assembly. This prayer book has more to offer than our current machzor, including a full range of traditional liturgy, better translations, more

transliteration, and better English inspirational selections and commentaries. Sponsorship opportunities are available, including book dedications. Please contact myself or Katie if you would like to dedicate a prayer book.

Please mark your calendars for our June 20 Shabbat service with visiting Rabbi Ellie Shemtov. Watch for our June bulletin for more details.

Happy Spring to all.

Mark Hoffman

SISTERHOOD GREETINGS & NEWS

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The months of Iyar and Sivan are warm weather months and are most welcome after our snowy and cold winter! They are considered months of healing and radiance. We celebrate many Jewish holidays during these two months. We start our celebrations with Rosh Chodesh, the first day of the month and the New Moon, to celebrate what's to come! Next is Yom HaZikaron, Israeli Memorial Day, a somber day to honor fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism. The 5th of Iyar is Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day. Happy 78th Birthday Dear Israel! Pesach Sheni is a "second Passover", a second chance to celebrate for those who were unable to do so last month. Some people celebrate this day with a small seder, eating matzah and maror and drinking 4 cups of wine. Lag B'Omer falls on the 33rd day of the counting of the Omer and is a joyful reminder of the halt of the plague among Rabbi Akiva's students centuries ago and of the yearzeit of

Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai. In Israel Lag B'Omer is celebrated with large bonfires, picnics, parades, archery, haircuts and weddings. Yom Yerushalaem recalls the reunification of Jerusalem after the 1967 War. Shavuot commemorates the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai and also marks the completion of the 49th day of the Omer count starting from the second day of Passover. Please join us for services on Shavuot morning, Friday, May 22? We read the parsha about the 10 commandments, study Torah and enjoy a dairy meal, especially blintzes! Not only are blintzes very delicious but they are shaped like the Torah scrolls!

Another festive celebration comes every week, Shabbat! We celebrate it each week by attending Saturday morning services, sharing beautiful prayers and interesting Torah study of what happened to our people before, during and after leaving Egypt. We welcome both members and non-members to our weekly services. Please consider coming at least once a month to help make the minyan? You will also enjoy a delicious Kiddush lunch! We celebrate birthdays and anniversaries each month with a special cake baked by our own Master Baker Joe Hoffman. Please come on down to share your simcha during your special month and consider sponsoring a kiddush for the occasion?

Many thanks to the April sponsors who made our Shabbats even more special: Sisterhood, Sunny Buchman, Barbara & Barry Ziff, Ellen & Bruce Katz, anonymous, and Ruth Shapiro & Family.

Special May birthdays to all born in May and to Cher Hoffman, Bonnie Yanklowitz, Susan Matzner, Laura Fram, Sunny Buchman, Melissa Korot.

Mazel Tov to Cher & Mark Hoffman on their 45th wedding anniversary!

Thank you again for your Sisterhood donations, which are always appreciated. We offer different selections of meals of varying affordable cost. We thank you for volunteering your time and donating extra food and beverages. We also want to thank the volunteers (you all know who you are) who always provide tremendous assistance to Sisterhood and the Synagogue by helping with all the Onegs, Kiddushim, Holiday Meals and Mourner's Meals. A special thank you to Joe Hoffman, who prepares our delicious Shabbat Kiddushim and to Cher Hoffman, Sue Matzner,

Lorraine Hochman, Francine Torra, Bill Brender, Lorrie Seabury and Bonnie Yanklowitz.

Mother's Day is coming up! Consider purchasing a gift from our gift shop for the Mom in your life? And for your various gift-giving or holiday needs? We have many lovely pieces of Judaica jewelry and holiday items for sale. Contact Bonnie Yanklowitz at 518-222-5624 with any questions. Gift certificates for the gift shop or for Sisterhood Membership are available in the office.

Please keep our members, friends & families in your prayers. We pray for Safety, Peace, Strength and Good Health! Healing thoughts and prayers to synagogue, temple members and friends. Refuah Shelaima, Get Well/Heal Quickly! We pray for the safety and security of our Israeli brothers and sisters. We pray for a swift end to the current war and for a permanent peace accord for our beloved State of Israel.

Stay safe and healthy!

Shalom!

Ellen Katz
Sisterhood
President



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

May 2

Cher Hoffman

May 17

Susan Matzner

May 3

Bonnie Yanklowitz

May 20

**Laura Fram
Gerald Goldstein**

May 4

Dominick Guglielmo

May 26

Nona Radin

May 5

Steffi Bobbin



May 27

**Sunny Buchman
Samuel Gersten**

May 6

Jezebella Cohen

May 28

**Robin Cohen
J. David Shabat**

May 10

Michael Gersten

May 29

Melissa Korot

May 12

David Schwartz

May 31

Jason Kantrowitz

May 14

Marilyn Bazan

WEEKLY TORAH PORTIONS

Torah Reading: *Parashat Emor*

May 1: Light Candles at 7:38 PM

May 2: Shabbat Ends at 8:45 PM

Torah Portion: [Leviticus 21:1-24:23](#)

Haftarah: [Ezekiel 44:15-31](#)

Torah Reading: *Parashat Behar-Bechukotai*

May 8: Light Candles at 7:46 PM

May 9: Shabbat Ends at 8:54 PM

Torah Portion: [Leviticus 25:1-27:34](#)

Haftarah: [Jeremiah 16:19-17:14](#)

Torah Reading: *Parashat Bamidbar*

May 15: Light Candles at 7:54 PM

May 16: Shabbat Ends at 9:03 PM

Torah Portion: [Numbers 1:1-4:20](#)

Haftarah: [I Samuel 20:18-42](#)

Torah Reading: *Shavuot II*

May 22: Light Candles at 8:01 PM

May 23: Shabbat Ends at 9:12 PM

Torah Portion: [Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17](#);

[Numbers 28:26-31](#); [Ruth 1:1-4:22](#)

Haftarah: [Habakkuk 3:1-19](#)

Torah Reading: *Parashat Nasso*

May 29: Light Candles at 8:08 PM

May 30: Shabbat Ends at 9:19 PM

Torah Portion: [Numbers 4:21-7:89](#)

Haftarah: [Judges 13:2-25](#)

HONORABLE MENTCHEN:

Thank you to April Kiddush Sponsors:

- ◇ Sisterhood in honor of April birthdays and anniversaries
- ◇ Sunny Aronson Buchman and Barbara Aronson Ziff & Barry Ziff in memory of William Aronson, Anna Snyder Aronson, Esther & Harry Ziff, Howard Hirsch and by Ellen & Bruce Katz in memory of Mark & Peggy Chanis
- ◇ Anonymous Sponsor in honor of Israeli Independence Day
- ◇ Ruth Shapiro & Family in memory of Ralph Shapiro


Upcoming May Kiddushes:

- ◇ Sisterhood in honor of May birthdays and anniversaries
- ◇ Anonymous Sponsor in memory of Y'chiel Mendel

- ◇ Laura Fram in honor of Elizabeth's high school graduation and attendance at William Paterson University
- ◇ Ron Schmidt in memory of Karl Heinrich Schmidt
- ◇ Anonymous Sponsor in memory of Moshe Laban

If you would like to sponsor a Kiddush, please contact Katie in the office.



You're Invited

AN EVENING WITH RENA BERNSTEIN

Survivor, artist, educator

A Young Holocaust Survivor's Amazing Story



Wednesday, May 6th 2026
6:00 - 7:00 PM

 CRANDALL LIBRARY
Community Room

Educators, Students (8th grade and above), Families & Community Members Welcome!

 (518) 792-6508  crandall.librarycalendar.com

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Melanie & Vance Cohen

May 12—8th Anniversary

Cher & Mark Hoffman

May 24—45th Anniversary

Monica & John Guglielmo

May 26—34th Anniversary



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

GENERAL FUND

In honor of Sue & Dave Matzner's anniversary
Sunny Buchman

In honor of Judy & Al Korot's anniversary
Sunny Buchman

In Memory of Myron Rapaport
Stacey Mandelbaum & Alex Frank

Get well soon wishes to Elizabeth Fram
Ronald Schmidt

In Memory of Phillip Schwartz
Roslyn Winston

In Memory of Nettie Slawsby
Roslyn Winston

In Memory of Nathan Slawsby
Roslyn Winston

SISTERHOOD FUND

Prayers for the end of antisemitism
Laura Fram

In Memory of Sarah Schenirer
Laura Fram

Happy Belated April & May Birthday and
Anniversary Wishes to All
Bonnie Yanklowitz

Congratulations to Elizabeth Fram on her
acceptance to William Paterson University
Bonnie Yanklowitz

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Aronson Fund:

In honor of Linda Bush on her birthday
Sunny Buchman

In honor of Martin Meyer on his birthday
Sunny Buchman

In honor of Roslyn Winston on her birthday
Sunny Buchman

In honor of Jo-Ann Rapaport on her birthday
Sunny Buchman

In honor of Harry Goldstein on his birthday
Sunny Buchman

In honor of Daniel Schwartz on his birthday
Sunny Buchman

In appreciation of Sisterhood for the Purim goodies
Kathy & Bryan Bilfield

Mazel Tov to Pinchas Shabat on his 75th birthday
Sunny Buchman

Mazel Tov to Peter Kudan on his 75th birthday
Sunny Buchman

Mazel Tov to Lynn & Martin Meyer
on their 65th anniversary
Sunny Buchman

Mazel Tov to Judy & Bob Korcz on their 60th
anniversary
Sunny Buchman

Mazel Tov to Nancy & Jerry Goldstein
on their 59th anniversary
Sunny Buchman

Mazel Tov to Amy & Michael Gersten
on their 43rd anniversary
Sunny Buchman

Mazel Tov to Charles Vengrove
on his 96th birthday
Sunny Buchman

Happy birthday wishes to Barbara Ziff
Sunny Buchman

Happy birthday wishes to Rena Bernstein
Sunny Buchman

Happy birthday wishes to Judy Aronson
Sunny Buchman

Happy birthday wishes to Michael Rapaport
Sunny Buchman

Happy birthday wishes to Barbara Rapaport
Sunny Buchman

In Memory of Shirley Aronson Kanofsky
Roslyn Winston



MAZEL TOV!

*Mazel Tov to Cher & Mark Hoffman
on their 45th anniversary!*

MAZEL TOV!

*Mazel Tov to Susan Matzner
on her 75th birthday!*

MAZEL TOV!

*Mazel Tov to Sunny Buchman
on her 91st birthday!*

MAZEL TOV!

*Mazel Tov to Marilyn Bazan
on her 85th birthday!*

Yahrzeit Record

MAY 2026

Friday, 05/01/2026 * Iyar 14, 5786

Jacob Seigel
Lillian Snyder
Bernadette Suckman

Saturday, 05/02/2026 * Iyar 15, 5786

Betty Foster
David Nonkin
Frances Pletman
Sarah Spar

Sunday, 05/03/2026 * Iyar 16, 5786

Benjamin Aronson
Mary Aronson
Paul Beck
Leba Grebova
Joseph Krell
Yitzchak Orshansky
Benjamin Swirsky
Estyr Yaffee

Monday, 05/04/2026 * Iyar 17, 5786

Isaac Gordon
Samuel Grode
Maurice Rosenberg

Tuesday, 05/05/2026 * Iyar 18, 5786

Bessie Aronson
Bruce Kantrowitz
Leon Rogell
Philip Schwartz
Louis Silverman

Wednesday, 05/06/2026 * Iyar 19, 5786

Dora Cantor
Regina Charhon
Selma Hafter

Thursday, 05/07/2026 * Iyar 20, 5786

Hattie Solomon Cohen
Philip Frank
Sophie Novak
Rose Rodman

Friday, 05/08/2026 * Iyar 21, 5786

David Chesler
Harry Kaplan
Abraham Koble

Saturday, 05/09/2026 * Iyar 22, 5786

Isaac Alfred Alkes
Sol Goldstein
Louise Kanofsky Goodman
Ralph Leinoff
Emma Rosenberg
Sara Tate

Sunday, 05/10/2026 * Iyar 23, 5786

Jacob Kantrowitz

Monday, 05/11/2026 * Iyar 24, 5786

Jean Rosenberg
Sarah Suckman

Tuesday, 05/12/2026 * Iyar 25, 5786

Frank Greenberg
Morris Yaffee

Wednesday, 05/13/2026 * Iyar 26, 5786

Bessie Goldberg
Stanley Robinson
Morris Weiner

Friday, 05/15/2026 * Iyar 28, 5786

Lillian Klein Kopelovitz
Stanley Oppenheim
Mollie Schweitzer Stewart

Saturday, 05/16/2026 * Iyar 29, 5786

Rosa Joseph Mintzer

Sunday, 05/17/2026 * Sivan 1, 5786

Sol Charhon
Mordecai Ginsburg
Max Halperin

Monday, 05/18/2026 * Sivan 2, 5786

Allen Elliott
Mary Levin
Nathan Slawsby
Nettie Slawsby
Mary Fannie Snyder

Tuesday, 5/19/2026 * Sivan 3, 5786

Herman Kingon

Wednesday, 05/20/2026 * Sivan 4, 5786

Joan DelSignore
William Cohen
Irene Vengrove
Aaron Barney Yanklowitz

YAHREZEIT RECORD

JUNE 2026

Monday, 06/01/2026 * Sivan 16, 5786

Harry Brezner
Arline Hochman
Pearl Kitmacher
Hyman Yanklowitz

Tuesday, 6/02/2026 * Sivan 17, 5786

Joseph Levy

Wednesday, 6/03/2026 * Sivan 18, 5786

Steven Cohen
Judah Kaplan

Thursday, 6/04/2026 * Sivan 19, 5786

Isadore Levine
Charles Kasper
Dorothy Kopelovitz

Friday, 6/05/2026 * Sivan 20, 5786

Irving Abels
Abraham Markoff
Ida Novark

Saturday, 6/06/2026 * Sivan 21, 5786

Harry Berkowitz
Louis Berkowitz
Bernard Diskin
Anna Mann
Anna Shubert

Sunday, 6/07/2026 * Sivan 22, 5786

Gerald (Jerry) Rothstein
Irving Vengrove

Sunday, 6/07/2026 * Sivan 22, 5786

Gerald (Jerry) Rothstein
Irving Vengrove

Monday, 6/08/2026 * Sivan 23, 5786

Mildred Berg
Rose Chernow

Tuesday, 6/09/2026 * Sivan 24, 5786

Jennie Dorfman
Celia Dube
Albert Shubert

Wednesday, 6/10/2026 * Sivan 25, 5786

Jacob Diskin
Dora Metzner
Frances Sagan
Scott Sheerer
Helen Silverstein

Thursday, 6/11/2026 * Sivan 26, 5786

Ruth Brender
Lena Silverman Every
Betty Adair Roberts

Friday, 6/12/2026 * Sivan 27, 5786

Theresa Greenberg

Saturday, 6/13/2026 * Sivan 28, 5786

Abram Corton
Ruth Yanklowitz Stewart Dominick
Joseph Spiegel

Sunday, 6/14/2026 * Sivan 29, 5786

Rabbi Elliott Marmon
Martha Schiffman

Monday, 6/15/2026 * Sivan 30, 5786

Alfred Frost
Sender Goldstein
Charles Tate

Tuesday, 6/16/2026 * Tammuz 1, 5786

Anna Berkowitz
Elvira Capone
Doris Pletman
Marjorie Robinson
Lena Silverman
Barbara Slater

Wednesday, 6/17/2026 * Tammuz 2, 5786

Ruth Gendon
Abraham Pletman
Jill Yanklowitz Shannon

Thursday, 6/18/2026 * Tammuz 3, 5786

Rose Kaplan
Irving Levin
Anthony Passaro
Fannie Poretz

Friday, 6/19/2026 * Tammuz 4, 5786

Isidore Ashendorff
Mary Berkowitz Ryan

Saturday, 6/20/2026 * Tammuz 5, 5786

Robert Cahn
Judy Drazin

Sunday, 6/21/2026 * Tammuz 6, 5786
Dr. Albert Berkowitz
Rachel Ginsburg
Gertrude Greenberg

Monday, 6/22/2026 * Tammuz 7, 5786
Jack Friedman
Morris Mandwelle
Bernard Radin

Tuesday, 6/23/2026 * Tammuz 8, 5786
Risa Cohen
Nathaniel Isaacman
Anna Markoff

Wednesday, 6/24/2026 * Tammuz 9, 5786
Murry Dubner
Berta Rotfeld

Thursday, 6/25/2026 * Tammuz 10, 5786
Lisa Seaman DeLong
Milton Rosenberg

Friday, 6/26/2026 * Tammuz 11, 5786
Arnold Mandwelle
Henrietta Oppenheim
Joseph Rosenthal

Sunday, 6/28/2026 * Tammuz 13, 5786
David Aronson
M. Louis Paltrowitz
Myer Snyder

Monday, 6/29/2026 * Tammuz 14, 5786
Paul Buchman
Andrew Torra
Jennette Zelda Schultz Kanoff

Tuesday, 6/30/2026 * Tammuz 15, 5786
Max Hoffman
Samuel Roseman



If you have an upcoming
yahrzeit and need a
minyan, please let us
know.

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HOLIDAYS AND YAHRZEIT
REFERENCES**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome member articles and news to our monthly Bulletin. We reserve the right to edit submissions for content and length. We reserve the right, at our discretion, to refuse to publish or remove any content we deem inappropriate. The due date for the **June** issue is **Tuesday, May 19.**

Please submit items to Katie at
cstgfny@gmail.com.

THANK YOU!

We appreciate our Bulletin sponsor. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact Katie in the office. Your business card or contact info will be advertised for one year.



MAY 2026.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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17	18	19 <i>Deadline to Submit Articles for the June Bulletin</i>	20	21	22 9:30 AM Shavuot Service <i>Shavuot Day I Office Closed</i>	23 9:30 AM Shavuot / Shabbat Service with Yizkor * Kiddush in memory of Karl Heinrich Schmidt
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