



Kibbutz Ginosar Hotel



June 2020

Sivan-Tammuz 5780

Torah Portions June 2020

June 6—14 Sivan

Naso (Elevate)

Numbers 4:21 - 7:89

G-d describes the service of the Gershon family of Levites. The laws relating to the suspected adulteress and the Nazirite are given.

God tells Moses and Aaron the priestly blessing. The heads of tribes bring gifts to the Tabernacle.

June 13—21 Sivan

Beha'alotacha [When You Raise (The Lamps)]

Numbers 8:1 - 12:16

The Israelites receive instructions regarding Passover. They journey forth from Sinai and complain to God on several occasions, provoking God's anger. Miriam and Aaron speak against Moses.

June 20—28 Sivan

Sh'lach (Send)

Numbers 13:1 - 15:41

Moses sends 12 spies to explore the Land of Israel. Ten of them convince the people that it will be too difficult to conquer the land. G-d responds to their lack of confidence by punishing them with 40 years of wandering in the wilderness. G-d commands the Israelites to put fringes on the ends of their clothing.

June 27—5 Tammuz

Korach (Korach)

Numbers 16:1 - 18:32

Korach and his followers accuse Moses and Aaron of taking power and prestige for themselves at the expense of the community. Moses defends himself against the rebels by saying that the Lord will make God's presence known by how God kills these rebels. Then God opens the ground and swallows Korach and his followers.

Erev Shabbat services are being streamed weekly from the sanctuary. To observe the services, go to www.templesinaipd.org, scroll down and click on the TV icon.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

June 5 5:30 PM

June 12 5:30 PM

June 19 5:30 PM

June 26 5:30 PM

To participate in Shabbat morning services send an email to Arava Talve at principal@templesinaipd.org to request an invitation to participate. If you are using a mobile device, you may have to go to your app store and download *Zoom*. You will be sent an invitation on Saturday morning to participate in the morning service —just click on the link.

SATURDAY MORNINGS

Services begin at 10:00 AM

June 6

June 13

June 20

June 27

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President's Message

The following was posted on Facebook by our Temple Sinai member Sandy Eichberg.

My synagogue is open.

It's open every day.

Because my synagogue is not a building.

It's the people who are helping each other and their community.

It is the prayers for those who are struggling medically, financially and emotionally.

My synagogue never closed.

It just opened in every home.



Bob Glast, President

As the only full-service temple in the Valley, our staff and lay leaders never missed a beat in bringing you Erev Shabbat services, Torah study and Shabbat services virtually. Our religious school through the efforts of our principal and our outstanding teachers continued their lesson plans virtually.

Our office staff continues to work from home while alternating who goes to their office as needed.

Your Board of Trustees has met virtually, as well as the Executive committee and our Finance committee.

It has hardly been business as usual, but your temple has continued functioning on a daily basis.

The Board of Trustees for 2020-2021 listed alphabetically are:

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| Rosanne Ezer | Fred Fabricant | Sanford Friedman |
| Bob Glast | Micki Greenspan | Gary Levin |
| Ann Loeb | Ann Miller | Jack Olshansky |
| Nancy Pierce | Michael Sonduck | Terrie Turner |
| Joe Weiss | | |

Auxiliary Presidents: Women of Sinai—Nancy Singer
Brotherhood—Gary Kreger
PTO—Natalia Levy

L'shalom

Bob Glast, President



FROM THE TEMPLE MANAGER

Well, here we are, it is June in the desert and already very hot. For me, this is not a difficulty. I just adjust my activity to accommodate the heat. The mornings and evenings are wonderful.

Your staff and lay leaders are busy exploring all the options available to us for conducting meaningful High Holy Day services in September. Challenges abound to be sure, but you can rely on your leaders to provide you with the best possible experience depending upon where we are with COVID-19.

Temple Manager Toni Robinson

There will be no decision made until Rabbi Novak is here and can participate in the planning. That may mean that you will not be given as much notice as you may have had in the past, but we will do our best to keep you apprised as we get closer. You will be sent a survey via email in the next few days. Please answer the 4 questions. It will help us immensely in our decision-making process

For the month of June, we will continue to stream Friday night services from our sanctuary at 5:30 PM with our lay leaders and Wayne Abravanel. Once Rabbi Novak arrives, he will assume his duties on Friday nights. We will continue to stream from the sanctuary because moving to the chapel, as we would historically do is technologically not possible at this time.

Saturday morning minyan will remain on ZOOM through the months of June & July with Rabbi Novak joining the group in July.

The administrative staff will begin observing regularly scheduled hours in June and July. If you wish to come by the temple to make a payment or ask a question or drop something off, you will know how to schedule your time.

Monday, the office is not staffed, but we will be working from home.

Tuesday, Elaine McDonald will be in the office from 9-2

Wednesday, Toni Robinson will be in the office from 10-2

Thursday, Jim Dobis will be in the office from 11-2

Friday, Toni Robinson will be in the office from 1-6:30

In addition, if those times do not work for you, please call, or email and arrange an appointment. All other normal working hours will be handled from home. In August we will revisit the schedule depending upon where we are with COVID-19 restrictions.

Calvary Chapel has elected to resume their Sunday morning services, so if you drive by and see activity, do not be concerned.

Thank you all for your support through this challenging time. We are working to find the best way to be of service to you all.



Arava Talve, Principal

It's hard to believe the school year has come to an end! We have an excellent slate of teachers that made the transition to online classrooms relatively easily. Each teacher used one of the many available online platforms to connect individually and collectively with students. Parents have been supportive and present in scheduling and making sure students have access to the technology necessary to participate. Toda raba to our amazing staff and parents!

We began the school year with a fresh new look as we cleaned, painted and repaired the five modular classrooms we use for the school. Updated exit signs and escape maps were posted, and panic buttons were purchased for every teacher. Parents were invited to view the "facelift" and it created excitement as children and parents viewed the classrooms

together on the first day of school.

We implemented two new programs this school year: The Library intergenerational and Mishpachah programs. The Library program was staffed by congregants who volunteered to read age-appropriate folktales to our students in our library. Volunteers read to the students and engaged them in dialogue. Each class participated in the program twice a month until our in-person school was discontinued in March. Our Mishpachah programs were designed to connect thematically with the curriculum. Each teacher, using the Chai family programming, designed an interactive program for parent and children to experience within the classroom. This programming has been modified and continues on our virtual school.

Our Kitah Zayin celebration service was done on Zoom and we had over 36 participants. The students had to prepare even more diligently due to the lag time on Zoom. Prayers they would normally chant together had to be done individually and the students rose to the challenge. The confirmation service has been postponed until October 1st. This date was chosen as it is another holiday, Sukkot. Confirmation traditionally occurs on Shavout. Rabbi Novak dropped in on our May 17th Zoom class to meet the students since he will be officiating for the confirmation service.

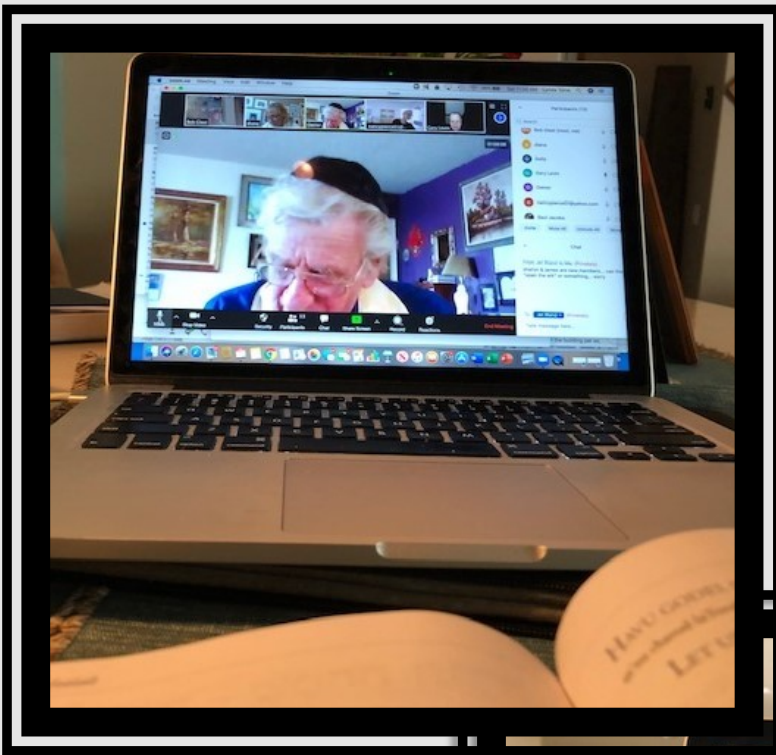
Our tutoring program has continued without missing a beat. Gary Levin continues to use his special education background to provide support to students who need to catch up in their studies and those needing extra support.

Our madrichim mentoring program, where students are paired with an older student mentor who checks in with them weekly as they begin their final year of preparation for becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, has been a big asset. The madrichim have done an excellent job showing up ready to work both in person and online. They have also helped aid in technology challenges and assisted teachers to more efficiently connect with students as we transitioned to a virtual school. On our final Sunday of religious school the students and parents rode in their cars greeting teachers. They exchanged gifts and notes and it was joyous to see everyone in person! Many thanks to the PTO for arranging this event in appreciation of our teachers.

Currently we are making plans to stay connected with the students throughout the summer. Some of our programs in the works are, three Sunday morning school services, a talent show, a scavenger hunt, challah making and Hebrew games. I pray everyone continues to stay safe!

L'shalom

Arava



TEMPLE LIFE GOES ON



Thanks to those of you who have been members of Women of Sinai this past year. We appreciate your support. In July, we will send out letters requesting your dues for 2020-2021 and hope that all of you who have been members will renew and those who haven't will join us. Our primary goal is to provide financial support for the Rabbi Avi Levine Religious School.....and the students need our support!

Thanks also to Sandie Eichberg, Gladys Layne, Reesa Manning, Gloria Rudetsky, Nancy Shorr, and Carol Woodward for devoting your time and talents to the Women of Sinai Board.

We look forward to welcoming Rabbi Novak next month and to the start of a new year of camaraderie and financial success.



Nancy Singer, President
Women of Sinai



Congratulations to Nancy!

Nancy Singer has been nominated by Desert Arc for recognition as Fundraising Volunteer of the Year to the Association of Fundraising Professionals Desert Communities Chapter.

This award recognizes an individual who has, within the past 2 years, demonstrated exemplary voluntary involvement in fundraising and innovative leadership in service to others.

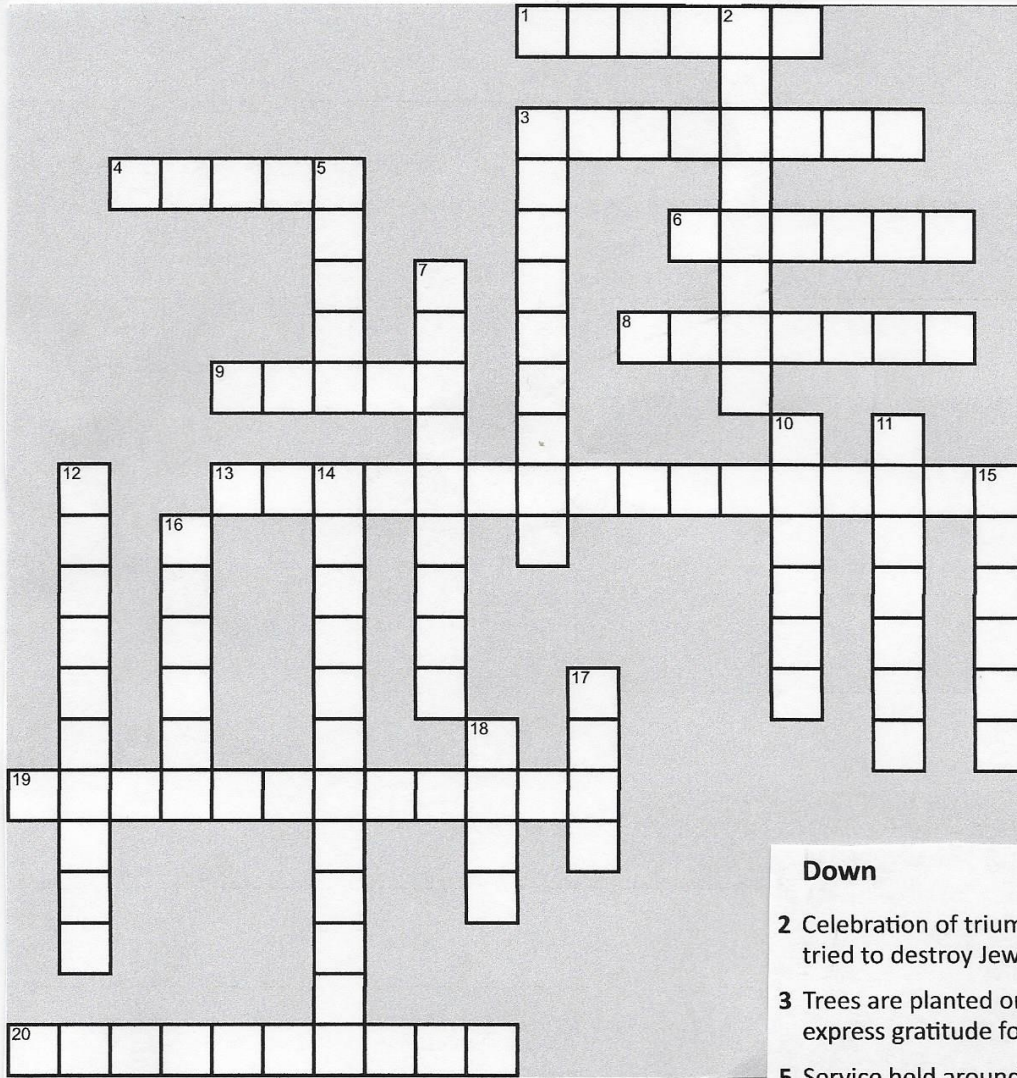
Awards will be announced on National Philanthropy Day,
Friday, November 6, 2020.

KIDS' ZONE



From IsraelForever.org

Jewish Holiday Crossword Puzzle



Across

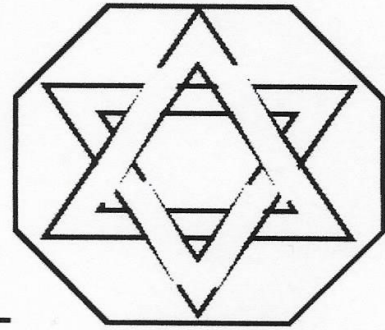
- 1 Holiday that centers around the story of the Jews liberated from Egypt
- 3 Book of Lamentations is read and there is fasting and prayer throughout the night
- 4 Feast of ____; reminder of the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people at Mt. Sinai
- 6 Festival of Booths
- 8 Weekly celebration; Friday sundown to Saturday sundown
- 9 Commemoration of Queen Esther's foiling of the plot to kill all Jews in ancient Persia
- 13 Jews give thanks for religious freedom in our country while lighting 8 candles on a menorah
- 19 Israel Independence Day
- 20 Holocaust Remembrance Day

Down

- 2 Celebration of triumph over an enemy who tried to destroy Jewish religion and culture
- 3 Trees are planted on this holiday in Israel to express gratitude for God's creation of trees
- 5 Service held around dinner table; foods are used to retell the Exodus story
- 7 Solemn holiday when people must forgive each other before seeking God's forgiveness
- 10 Special memorial prayer said on Shavuot
- 11 Remembrance of the destruction of the First Temple in Jerusalem 2500 years ago
- 12 Responsibility for Jewish people to work towards a better world
- 14 The day after the final day of Sukkot; Torah's yearly cycle is completed
- 15 Ram's horn which is sounded at the opening of holiday ceremonies
- 16 Unleavened bread; symbolizes the haste Jews made in leaving their homes during the Exodus
- 17 Feast of ____; the story of Esther is read from a scroll and costumes are worn
- 18 Abstaining from food and liquid unless health concerns exist

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Jewish Anagram



Hidden Word

(solve the circled letters): _____

a e **(k)** l t s

b e e **(h)** r w

e h **(k)** o r s

a e h m **(n)** o r

(a) d d i v

a e e j l m r s **(u)**

(a) e o p r s s v

a **(h)** m o t z

On the last day of religious school, the students and their parents were given the opportunity to drive through the temple parking lot and show their appreciation to the teachers.



Many thanks to the PTO for arranging this fun and meaningful sendoff!

GENEROUS DONATIONS

GENERAL FUND

Yahrzeit

Frank Paul and Nate Paul

By: Marv Paul

Aviv Katz

By: Bracha Katz

Glann Fitkin

By: Harriet Oren

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By: Lynn Hannan

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By: Sandy Weisenberg

Rabbi Eugene Gottesman

By: Estee Gottesman

Philip Sachs

By: Irving Sachs

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By: Mitzie and Jack Olshansky

Harold Sonduck

By: Michael Sonduck

David Layne

By: Gladys Layne

IN MEMORIAM

Tom Hernandez

By: Linda Jacobs

Art Hersh

By: Lynn Hannan

Ryle Sonduck

By: Mitzie and Jack Olshansky

Herman Lew

By: Dorothy Steinman

IN HONOR OF

For the speedy recovery of Elaine Pearlman

By: Martin Pearlman

By: Stephanie and Paul Ross in thanks to Gail & Saul Jacobs

In thanks to the congregation

By: Zelda Friednash

TZEDAKAH

By: Arthur Shorr

By: Marcia & Rick Stein

RABBI AVI LEVINE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Yahrzeit

Ida Sachs

By: Irving Sachs

Ryle Sonduck

By: Fred Fabricant

By: Frances & Mark Kaufman in memory of Max Ramenofsky to the Doroshow Religious School Fund

IN HONOR OF

By: Fred Fabricant for the speedy recovery of Jack Olshansky

TZEDAKAH

By: Amy & Barry Baker

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Yahrzeit

Milton Weiss

By: Joseph Weiss

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By: Ardith Marguleas

Fani "Mama" Weiss

By: Joseph Weiss

Pearl Bookin

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Yahrzeit

Selma Fogel

By: Gloria & Edwin Rudetsky

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Yahrzeit

Oscar Gusto

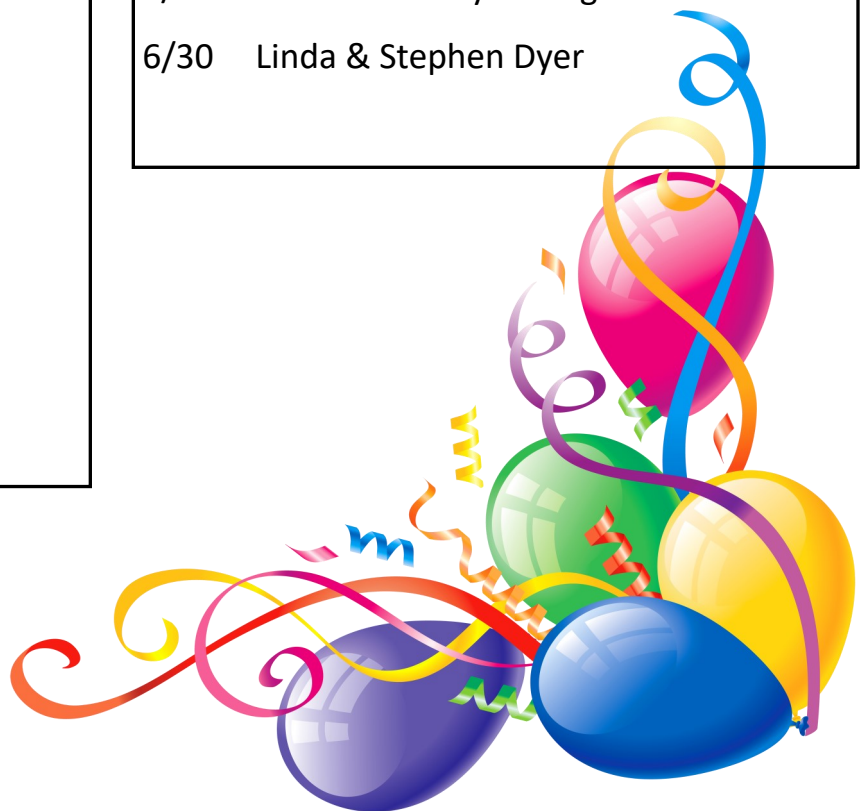
By: Lynn Hannan

Birthdays

6/1 Darwin MacGill
Ariel Sanford
6/3 Rhoda Eblowitz
Krista Fleischner
Giorgia Balbini
6/7 Aaron Hoffman
6/9 Howard Vogel
6/10 Barbara Hochberg
Beryl Sandor
Charles Mazet
6/11 Janet Harris
6/13 Natalia Levy
6/15 Tony Paoletta
Lynne Livingston
Samuel Winett
6/17 Mark Kalkoske
6/19 Howard Burkholz
6/20 Ron Caudill
6/21 Leslie Hirschberg
6/24 Judy Monetathchi
6/26 Sally Narodick
6/30 Mary Beth Mittleman

Anniversaries

6/3 Rosa & Harris Weinstein
6/6 Sari & Lloyd Miller
6/7 Carrie & Paul Stone
6/8 Carol & Roy Leibowitz
6/9 Lorraine & Herbert Pregozen
6/12 Rosanne & Steve Ezer
6/14 Nicole & Gary Cherlin
6/15 Bobbie & Shelly Rosenberg
6/20 Bobby & Mike Sacks
6/21 Linda & Howard Vogel
6/22 Charlotte & Howard Burkholz
6/26 Norma & Steven Jacobson
6/27 Gloria & Ed Rudetsky
6/28 Fran & Mark Kaufman
6/29 Sandi & Harvey Danciger
6/30 Linda & Stephen Dyer





How to Create a Meaningful Shabbat Experience at Home

By Chris Harrison

As the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) continues, we're all on high alert and getting used to life spent mostly at home, even on Shabbat. So long as you're feeling well, why not take some time to plan a meaningful at-home Shabbat experience? Here are just a few ways you can make the most of Shabbat and feel like part of a larger Jewish community – even when you can't leave the house.

1. Make Shabbat your own.

Many Reform Jews see Kabbalat Shabbat services as an integral part of Jewish living, but when synagogue isn't an option, there's nothing quite like a cozy Shabbat at home.

Try to see this time as an opportunity for personal observance, whether alone or with your loved ones. Even if you've never lit Shabbat candles or recited blessings over your wine and bread, now is the perfect time to begin.

2. Watch services online.

If you can't leave home but don't want to miss the joy of Shabbat services, you're in luck. Many congregations livestream services each week, and even amid safety-related cancellations, some congregations are offering online worship opportunities.

For those who are comfortable using technology on Shabbat, "attending" services online is a great alternative to being there in person (and you don't even have to change out of your pajamas!) Ask your congregational leadership whether your synagogue is hosting any online opportunities, or search for a congregation online to identify synagogues near you that might be offering virtual services.

3. Spend time talking Torah.

Observing Shabbat from the comfort of home provides an opportunity to have thought-provoking and enriching discussions with your family about Torah.

Brush up on this week's Torah portion, then choose one of our many modern commentaries to read and discuss; this week's episode of our podcast *On the Other Hand* is about the Torah portion, as well. Talking Torah with kids? Try Torah for Tots, Torah for Tweens, and Torah for Teens.

You can facilitate a meaningful, productive Shabbat conversation with your family by fostering participation, encouraging questions, and engaging with Jewish text and learning in unique ways. For guidance in doing so, check out "Tips for Leading Weekly Family Discussions."

4. Cook a special meal.

With nowhere to go, why not take the time to cook a memorable Shabbat meal? Browse our many Jewish recipes to find a dish that will make this evening special for you and your family, from Ashkenazi staples like kugel and brisket to entrees, sides, and desserts inspired by global Jewish cuisine.

To try your hand at baking challah, choose from our plethora of unique challah recipes – and don't forget to say *HaMotzi* before you enjoy the delicious fruits of your labor!

5. Try a fun family activity.

During Shabbat, a time when we set aside time for meaningful engagement, doing a Jewishly themed arts-and-crafts projects can inspire kids' creativity while helping them engage more deeply with their Judaism.

BimBam's animated videos will guide you in making a paper hamsa, learning the art of Jewishly inspired papercutting, and even creating "Jewish slime." Don't forget to turn on our favorite Shabbat playlist for some family-friendly background music!

No matter how you decide to observe Shabbat, take a moment to say the *Mi Shebeirach* prayer, which wishes a *r'fuah sh'leimah* (complete healing) to all those suffering from coronavirus. You may also wish to say a prayer for the wisdom and skills of medical scientists, researchers, and public health officials around the world as they fight the spread of virus.

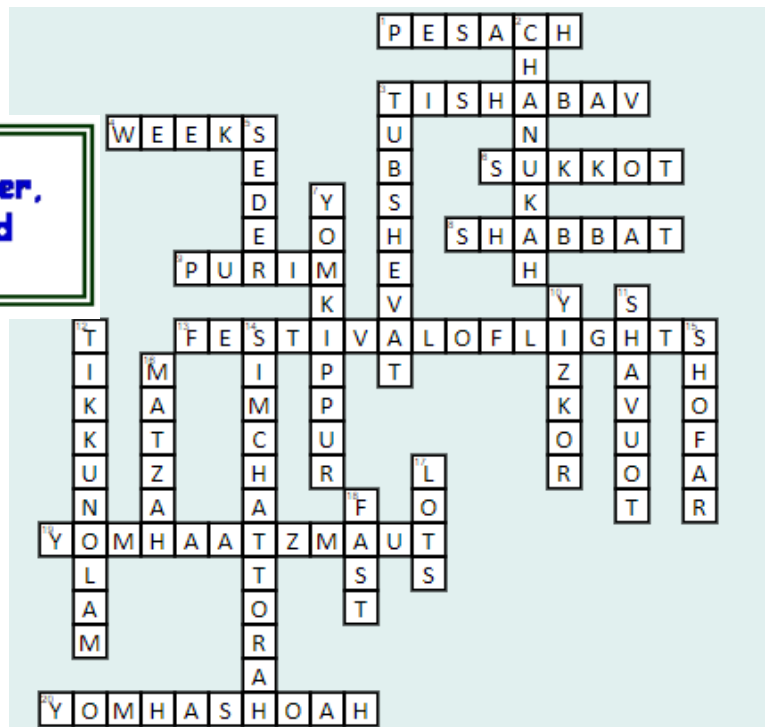
May we soon see an end to these uncertain times.

From Reformjudaism.org

June 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Jewish Federation Community Prayer for Healing 10 AM | 5 Streaming Erev Shabbat 5:30 PM | 6 Shabbat Morning Services (Zoom) 10:00 AM |
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| 21 Father's Day | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Streaming Erev Shabbat 5:30 PM | 27 Shabbat Morning Services (Zoom) 10:00 AM |
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