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May/June 2019

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PJC at the Dolphin

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Join Rabbi Mendelson from
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Israel's Independence Day

Sunday, May 5 @ 11:30AM

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Rabbi Alysa Mendelson Graf

“And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.”

Exodus 25:8

This verse, from the book of Exodus, has been at the center of my rabbinate from its earliest days. During my first year of rabbinical school, I was assigned to give my first d’var torah when this verse was part of the *parsha ha-shavua* (Torah portion of the week). As I have grown as a rabbi, my belief in the importance of building a “mikdash”— a sanctuary, but also more literally translated as “a holy place”— has deepened with each passing year.

I am so grateful that since 1970, the people of Port Jewish Center have been committed to create a holy place, one that has served as a true sanctuary for those who are seeking sense of community, of spirituality, of acceptance and of so much more. Together you built a synagogue that is so incredibly special, one where many of you have made some amazing memories, and that fits the description of being “haimish” perfectly. Ours is the “little synagogue that could” because of your love for it and commitment to it. Because of you, we will be celebrating FIFTY years of PJC next year.

Five years ago, my family and I found

this place, and we knew almost instantly that we had found our new home. When I had my on-site interview at PJC, someone asked what I would do first when I got here as your rabbi. I told them that I would begin by putting pictures up on the walls. The synagogue should feel like a second home for all of us, and every home has family pictures on the walls. So, that’s what I’ve done. Our pictures are up and in each smiling face, we can see the sparks of Divinity that dwell within the members of our PJC family. I have had incredible partners supporting me and my vision for PJC.

So many of you have supported me with your leadership, your time, your financial support and your kindness. Together, we have been able to do some tremendous work. We have renewed our sanctuary space, which includes giving it more warmth and adding comfortable chairs. We have a regular and committed crowd that comes to Friday night services, Lunch & Learn, and other programs that we offer. We have grown our membership and the number of students in religious school. We have pursued

justice by participating in efforts, both local and national,

to make sure that we fulfill the Jewish commitment of Tikkun Olam — repairing the world.

At PJC, we have a history of which we can be so proud. I am honored to have taken my place as your rabbi, following the extraordinary rabbis who preceded me. Thank you for welcoming me so warmly, for working alongside me so wholeheartedly, and for believing in our community so devotedly. Because of you, and the holy place you have built, my family and so many more families in Port Washington have found a mikdash, a very special place to call home. Thank you for these last five years, and I look forward to continuing our holy work together in the years to come.



Rabbi Alysa Mendelson Graf



News of the Congregation

Thank you to:

- ✻ Our Spielers: Judy Epstein, Bayla Lovens, Sarah Hogenauer, Mina Bobek, Helen Albertson, Andy Hyman, Doriana Hyman, Stefanie Seidner, Stuart Lucks and Gideon Graf
- ✻ To all of you who came to bake Hamentashen and deliver our Sh'lach Manot

Mazel tov to:

- ✻ Janice & Gary Zeltzer on the birth of their grandson, Marlowe George Zeltzer.

Shabbat Services

- Friday, May 3, 8:00 pm – Shabbat Service with Chris Mason
- Friday, May 10, 7:00pm – Shabbat Service with Teacher Recognition
- Friday, May 17, 8:00 pm – Shabbat Service
- Friday, May 24, 8:00 pm – Shabbat Service
- Friday, May 31, 8:00 pm – Shabbat Service
- Friday, June 7, 8:00 pm – Shabbat Service with Confirmation
- Friday, June 14, 8:00 pm – Shabbat Service
- Friday, June 21, 8:00 pm – Shabbat Service
- Friday, June 28, 8:00 pm – Shabbat Service

Weekly Torah Portions

03 May	28 Nisan	Acharei Mot	Leviticus 16:1-18:30
10 May	5 Iyyar	Kedoshim	Leviticus 19:1-20:27
17 May	12 Iyyar	Emor	Leviticus 21:1-24:23
24 May	19 Iyyar	Behar	Leviticus 25:1-26:2
31 May	26 Iyyar	Bechukotai	Leviticus 26:3-27:34
07 Jun	4 Sivan	Bamidbar	Numbers 1:1-4:20
14 Jun	11 Sivan	Nasso	Numbers 4:21-7:89
21 Jun	18 Sivan	Beha'alotcha	Numbers 8:1-12:15
28 Jun	26 Sivan	Shelach	Numbers 13:1-15:41



Co-President Nancy Kaplan

It has been about a year since I was confirmed as your co-president alongside Gail Thrope, who will be stepping down following the PJC annual meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2019. As I look back on the year, I am pleased to say that the job has been challenging, satisfying and even jubilant at times. I have greeted and met so many friendly and kind congregants. I have embraced PJC and Rabbi Mendelson and all of our member families with affection and respect.

In looking back over the year I smile when I think of the outstanding year it was. We welcomed new member families, including Hugh and Kristy Goldson and their son, Hudson, Marcie Rubin and Adam Schaffner and their children, Brett, Miles and Sybil, Minna Scholl, Karina and Jeffrey Brodsky and their daughters, Ashley and Kayla, and we welcomed returnees Michele Greene and Andrew Hollander, and Linda Berman and James Koo.

Following a busy summer during which time our sanctuary was renovated and renewed by our own congregants, we celebrated the High Holy Days at the United Methodist Church. We were delighted to welcome back Cantor Ines Kapustiansky whose voice, energy, joyfulness and spirituality enchanted and moved us.

Our religious school, under the direction of our amazing, Lauren Chizner, opened in the fall with more than 30 students. The theme of the school year was “What’s Cooking at PJC?,” which explored Jewish foods with hands-on food preparation each month. During this school year, Lauren traveled with teenage students to Houston, Texas where they

volunteered with an organization called “Project Row Houses,” whose mission is to empower and enrich people through engagement, art and direct action.

We celebrated Simchat Torah as we unrolled the Torah, making a huge circle while holding its pages. Rabbi Mendelson read the end of Book 5 and the first paragraph of Genesis. Then we rerolled the Torah from the end to the beginning. This holiday was followed by Sukkot when members of PJC built the Sukkah, decorated it with tree branches and arts and crafts, and held the etrog and waved the lulav inside of it.

How proud were we to see our students come to the bimah as Bar and Bat Mitzvah. Congratulations to Emily Bersin, Jack Oringer McNaughton, Jack Bogensberger, Gideon and Solomon Graf, and Jackson McGuire. Congratulations to our congregants who experienced other happy occasions, including weddings, births and baby namings. Mazel tov to everyone who celebrated a mitzvah this year.

Rabbi Mendelson and the PW Clergy Association participated in the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving service at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior. This well-attended service is always very spiritual. Support by PJC members was given to the turkey trotters as they competed in the annual PW 5-mile run on Thanksgiving Day. Beverages and healthy snacks were handed out to runners as they passed by PJC.

At PJC a Chanukah dinner and party was attended by PJC families who shared latkes, lit menorahs, played games, did crafts and had lots of fun. Super Bowl Sunday saw dozens of PJC members and

their friends watch the game on our new large-screen TV while munching on pizza, hot wings and assorted snacks and beverages, including wine and beer.



Throughout the year Rabbi Mendelson traveled to Dolphin Bookshop where she entertained young children with stories about Jewish holidays. The children had the opportunity to make related crafts and art work. The kids are adorable and their parents were exposed to our Rabbi in a very positive way. Lunch and Learn, held twice monthly at noon on Tuesdays, was led by Rabbi Mendelson, who prepared soup and baked a challah for all to enjoy while discussing a portion of the Torah. We finished Genesis and are now studying Exodus. The PJC Book Club met once a month on Wednesday evenings to discuss the selection of that month. Discussions were led by Rabbi Mendelson and congregant Marsha Appel.

Several times during the year the kitchen brigade volunteers prepared dinner for the religious school students and their families after school. The brigade also helped out on Family Shabbat nights, when the congregation was welcome to enjoy a Shabbat dinner before the early service. As always, Rabbi Mendelson prepared challah to be enjoyed at every Oneg Shabbat. Musical Shabbats *(continued on page 6)*



Religious School Director

As I write, I am sitting on a bus in my happy place — Israel. I am here to help prepare our Israeli staff for their summer at an American, Jewish summer camp. But I am also here thinking about how we bring the Israel narrative into our camp and our schools. We began our time together here by sharing our six-word story about Israel. My six words were 1980s, family, Jerusalem, husband, love and comfort. I am happy to share more details about my story. Our group is driving from our home base of Tel Aviv to Holon, and I am looking out the window and contemplating the role of this country that I love and care about so deeply, and how it is described and discussed at PJC and, more specifically, our school.

A huge statement about our Israel story is that we have a Shinshin as one of our teachers. A Shinshin is an Israeli teen who has graduated from high school

and is putting off his/her army service for a year to come to the United States. The Shinshin teaches in our synagogue schools and shares stories about Israel. While many of my colleagues dictate what is taught in their schools, I feel strongly that our Shinshin (who changes every year) should share their Israel, not mine. Our 3rd-6th graders spend a trimester each year learning with the shinshin. My goal is a connection not just to the land of Israel but the people of Israel. This year, Yoav has shared his Israel with our students. He shared his love of movies and music, as well as his role as the son of a member of the K'nesset. It has been an honor and pleasure to work with Yoav this year.

We will continue as a part of the shinshin program for the 2019-2020 school year. I look forward to meeting our new shinshin and helping him or her figure out the Israel narrative that will be

shared with the students.

When I come to Israel, I feel I'm at home. I love the land and people of this tiny country. I happened to be here for the Israeli elections. It was an emotional and complicated time for Israel. On the flip side, tonight, Israel will land on the moon! It is an exciting time in Israel's history and I am blessed to be here and experience it. My Israel story evolves every time I come. I look forward to returning this fall with my PJC and Temple Judea families. I look forward to learning what their Israel story is as well. What would be your six word Israel story?



Lauren Chizner

Co-President's column *continued*

with Chris Mason, song leader, were held on the first Friday of every month. Chris always managed to get the congregation singing.

This year we held the 5th Annual PJC Hamentash-a-thon, where congregant families were invited to prepare and bake hamentashen. Some of the more than 1,000 hamentashen were added to the Purim baskets, along with other treats, which were distributed to all members of the synagogue. The annual Purim spiel, created by and starring our own congregants, was wonderful. Some of us gathered at Finn McCool's for

“Pints for Purim” at which Rabbi Mendelson read the Megillah while we dined and imbibed.

A group of PJC congregants traveled to HUC-JIR for the senior recital of our former cantorial intern, Leah Shafritz. Leah was amazing. Her program was educational and beautifully sung. Spring Fling was a fabulous event where we honored Rabbi Mendelson on the anniversary of her fifth year as religious and spiritual leader of PJC. More than 100 friends danced, dined, and schmoozed all evening.

Thank you to all members and

friends of PJC who donated your time and money to help keep PJC alive and well. Thanks to Rabbi Mendelson, the synagogue and religious school staff, the Board of Trustees, my co-president and all those who volunteer to help with various tasks and events. You are the backbone of our synagogue and you are much appreciated. I am grateful to all of you for helping to make this year so successful.

Nancy Kaplan



**You've heard about
our Religious School.
Now see for yourself!**

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5:00-6:30 PM**

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PJC AND TEMPLE JUDEA ARE GOING TO ISRAEL!

*Join Rabbi Mendelson and Rabbi Chizner for an unforgettable Israel adventure for adults:
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October 31 - November 10, 2019

Cost is approximately \$4,000 plus airfare

Join us **Wednesday, March 6th, at 7 pm at Temple Judea** for an informational meeting.
We will welcome EHUD KLINGER, from ARZA World Travel, who will share with us
the itinerary and answer any questions about this incredible experience.

RSVP to Lauren Chizner (lauren.chizner@gmail.com) if you are interested in the trip and attending the meeting.





Lunch & Learn
Tuesdays at 12

May 14, 28; June 11

We are studying the last chapters of Genesis and beginning Exodus. No prior experience necessary!

A lite lunch & fresh challah will be served.

Questions? Reach out to rabbi@portjewishcenter.org

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PJC Book Group
Wednesdays at 8PM

May 15, 2019:
The Debt of Tamar, by Nicole Dweck

June 19, 2019:
**Angels in the Sky: How a Band of Volunteer Airmen
Saved the New State of Israel, by Robert Gandt**

Summer 2019: Bonus book two
The Plot Against America, by Philip Roth

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PJC's 2019
**ANNUAL
MEETING**

June 13 @ 7:30pm

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The doors of the synagogue are locked at all times. If you come to Friday night services please press the white doorbell to the left of the main entrance to summon someone to let you in. Thank you for your cooperation.



Adult Education

Lunch and Learn

Tuesday, May 14 & 28 at 12 pm.

Book Club Wednesdays at 8:00 pm

May 15, *The Debt of Tamar*, by Nicole Dweck

In 2002, thirty-two-year-old Selim Osman, the last descendant of Ottoman Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent, flees Istanbul for NY. In a twist of fate he meets Hannah, the daughter of a Holocaust survivor and an artist striving to understand a father she barely knows. Unaware the connection they share goes back centuries, the two feel an immediate pull to one another. But as their story intertwines with that of their ancestors, the heroic but ultimately tragic decision that bound two families centuries ago ripples into the future, threatening to tear Hannah and Selim apart. 304p. 2015

June 19, *Angels in the Sky: How a Band of Volunteer Airmen Saved the New State of Israel*, by Robert Gandt

In 1948, the newly founded nation of Israel came under siege from a coalition of Arab states. The invaders vowed to annihilate the tiny country and its 600,000 settlers. Outnumbered sixty to one, the Israelis had no allies, no regular army, no air force, no superpower to intercede on their behalf. The United States, Great Britain, and most of Europe enforced a strict embargo on the shipment of arms to the embattled country. In the first few days, the Arab armies overran Israel. The Egyptian air force owned the sky, making continuous air attacks on Israeli cities and army positions. Israel's extinction seemed certain. And then came help. From the United States, Canada, Britain, France, South Africa arrived a band of volunteer airmen. Most were World War II veterans - young, idealistic, swaggering, noble, eccentric, and courageous beyond measure. Many were Jews, a third were not. Most of them knowingly violated their nations' embargoes on the shipment of arms and aircraft to Israel. They smuggled in Messerschmitt fighters from Czechoslovakia, painting over swastikas with Israeli stars. Defying their own countries' strict laws, the airmen risked everything - their lives, careers, citizenship - to fight for Israel. One review on Amazon: "just about the best nonfiction book I've ever read." 449p. 2017; paperback will be out in October 2018.

Summer: Bonus book, *The Plot Against America*, by Philip Roth

In an extraordinary feat of narrative invention, Philip Roth imagines an alternate history where Franklin D. Roosevelt loses the 1940 presidential election to heroic aviator and rabid isolationist Charles A. Lindbergh. Shortly thereafter, Lindbergh negotiates a cordial "understanding" with Adolf Hitler, while the new government embarks on a program of folksy anti-Semitism. For one boy growing up in Newark, Lindbergh's election is the first in a series of ruptures that threaten to destroy his small, safe corner of America—and with it, his mother, his father, and his older brother. 400p. 2004



Happy Birthday to Us – May and June Birthdays

5/2	Adam Silverstein	5/27	Adam Graf	6/10	Michael Thaler
5/2	Ryan Abend	5/30	Andrew Beberman	6/10	William Keller
5/3	Eva Bersin	5/31	Aviv Cohen	6/11	Rafi Graf
5/3	Bartholomew Fuchs	5/31	Shayne Bersin	6/13	Amy Hyland
5/4	Ian Kohs	6/2	Barbara Lemyre	6/14	Matt Klemes
5/5	Stuart Morgenstern	6/3	Adam Fried	6/15	Jill Beberman
5/9	Richard Feldman	6/3	Corey Friedman	6/17	Cindy Baskin
5/9	Jessica Shevitz Rauch	6/5	Rachel Weiselberg	6/17	Evelyn Strauss
5/17	Scott Bersin	6/7	Jeffrey Curtis	6/20	Maggie Weiselberg
5/17	Dax Scharfstein	6/7	Jonathan Klopp	6/22	Jacob Keller
5/18	Stefanie Seidner	6/8	Joe Labenson	6/25	Ilise Tow-Friedman
5/20	Jennifer Bernstein	6/8	Jake Beberman	6/30	Jane Bernstein
5/22	Giovanni Guzzo	6/10	Larry Stern		

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A licensed social worker will respond promptly to provide you with information and support.

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Donations

General Fund

Observing the yahrzeits of Nate Bernhard, father of Steve Bernhard and Miriam C. Tekulsky, grandmother of Kathy Bernhard;

In honor of the birth of Amira Pearl Klazmer, daughter of Jordana (Cohen) & Jason Klazmer, granddaughter of Renae Cohen & Arlene Wasserman

Kathy & Steve Bernhard

In honor of Rabbi Mendelson Graf
Vladimir Lapin and Elle Muhlbaum

Observing the yahrzeit of Jack Klemes
Angie & Steve Klemes

Observing the yahrzeit of Roger Levy
Ellen Levy

Observing the yahrzeit of Barbara Johnson
Stuart Johnson

Observing the yahrzeit of Leah Silverstein
Stephanie & Adam Silverstein

Observing the yahrzeit of Bob Graf
Lynn Graf

In appreciation of my PJC friends;
Observing the yahrzeit of Sadye Feldhun;
Observing the yahrzeit of Leon Feldhun
Mina Bobek

In appreciation of PJC
Barbara & Leonard Schultz

Observing the yahrzeits of Lucille and Bernard Helfat
Robin & Jonathan Helfat

Observing the yahrzeit of Nettie Alpert
Rob & Lisa Alpert

Observing the yahrzeit of Etta Charney;
Observing the yahrzeit of Estelle Vicente;
Observing the yahrzeit of Elliot Charney
Joan Charney

In honor and thanks to my dear friend Mark Meltzer — thank you for your guidance and generosity
Melinda Damico

Observing the yahrzeit of Walter Schneider
Andrew & Corbey Hyman

Observing the yahrzeit of Harold Mohel
Muriel & Bert Brodsky

Observing the yahrzeit of Lillian Rosenberg
Susan & Len Rosenberg

Observing the yahrzeit of Faye Engle
Robin & Jon Helfat

Observing the yahrzeit of Bernard Feldman
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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In honor of Rabbi Mendelson's 5th Anniversary
Lynn Graf



Purim Spielers

Port Jewish Center has a proud tradition of raucous, enthusiastic, HILARIOUS amateur productions for the Purim Spiel, and 2019 was no exception! I just want to thank ALL of you for your indispensable parts in pulling off this year's Spiel!

Huge thanks to Helen Albertson, who wrote ALL of the songs, with the single exception of Vashti's song, which was penned by Vashti, I mean Bayla, herself. I'm so glad the lyrics were distributed so everyone had a chance to appreciate the wicked sense of humor that Helen hides under a demure, "Beauty Contestant" facade! (And thanks to Cindy for that distribution and so much else!)

Huge thanks to Stuart Lucks, whose gifts at the keyboard and patience with us are equally generous, appreciated — and indispensable!

Thanks to Bayla, a terrific writing partner, partner in crime, and the true organizing spirit of this event. Also a great Vashti!

Thanks to Sally and Stu H., who are the costume (and merriment) department!

Thanks to Stefanie, a new and brilliant addition to the mix — we hope you join us for many more!

Thanks to Mina, who "comes from afar" (outside of Port Washington, I mean) to make sure we have the best possible bunch of singers!

Thanks to Andy Hyman, who came from even farther this year, what with fouled-up travel connections that kept him away from all our rehearsals but who came through anyway!

And special thanks to Doriana Hyman, who took time away from an EXHAUSTING schedule to be, once again, our beautiful and melodious Queen!

Thanks as always to the Rabbi, who tells SUCH a good story and makes it a real holiday, every year. Having the Spiel as the crown to the Hamantaschathon this year made it especially fun — and delicious — I have to say!

And thanks to Gideon for his flag-waving participation this year!

I hope I didn't accidentally overlook anyone. If so, please let me know. Thank you, once again, to ALL of the Spielers, who always make this my actual favorite holiday tradition!

With love and admiration and pride in our team,
Judy Epstein





Rosh Chodesh

What is Rosh Chodesh? A special day that Jewish feminists have “reclaimed” for feminine spirituality. Tradition says that as a reward for our faithfulness, God gave women Rosh Chodesh, the first day of the new month, and even exempted us from our usual household duties. Take a morning just for yourself, and for Jewish study and renewal. The Port Washington Rosh Chodesh Group meets at the start of every new Jewish month. We are a warm, friendly inter-generational group of Jewish women (men welcome, too!) exploring new and timeless topics and texts.

The May 9, 2019 meeting will be held at Temple Beth Israel, 9:30 – 11:00 am

Join us as we discuss

Sing for Your Supper: Shabbat Table Songs, led by Cantor Sharon Grainer

Zemirot are table songs describing the pleasures of celebrating Shabbat – food, drink, rest, and hope for a better day. They are a unique Jewish invention halfway between folksongs and sacred poetic prayer. While synagogue-based services have a sacred formality rigorously governed by Jewish law and community custom, the singing around the Shabbat table that developed between the 10th and 16th centuries in Europe, has a light, supple use of melodies and an openness to contemporary additions. The songs are not obligatory, though the printing of the Zemirot in the Siddur in the last few centuries has created a sense of formal structure and has assigned the classic poems to each of the three Shabbat meals as if that is their required place. Come explore these poems and learn to sing a few!

About Cantor Grainer:

Born and raised in Chicago and having lived in Canada, Ireland, Paris, and Israel, Cantor Grainer is happy to be returning to the greater NY area to make her home in Port. Cantor Grainer received her Honors B.A. from the University of Toronto where she double-majored in Jewish History and Literature and Literary Studies with a minor in Yiddish. She studied at YIVO (NY) and the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies (Jerusalem) before continuing her education at the Jewish Theological Seminary in NYC. She was invested as a Hazzan in May 2006. She further developed her pastoral skills as a Chaplain Resident at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. Building community for Jews from all walks of life has been a passion for Cantor Grainer throughout her career, first as the Director of Perspectives: The Rhode Island Jewish Young Adult Project and subsequently as a student Hazzan in Orange, CT, Watertown, NY and Wayne, NJ.

She comes to Temple Beth Israel having served as the Hazzan with Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel in Philadelphia, PA for eleven years. In Philadelphia her focus was on creating warm, welcoming and friendly services that made Judaism accessible to everyone. She transformed the community into a participatory, singing community, helping worshippers from all backgrounds engage with our liturgy and traditions.



May Yahrtzeits

To be read May 3

- May 1 Lucille Isaacs, grandmother of Muriel Brodsky*
May 2 Beverly Halm, wife of Jerry Halm

To be read May 10

- May 4 Emma Beckerman, grandmother of Dick Silverman
May 4 Bob Wolf, uncle of Michele Greene
May 7 Arthur M. Small, uncle of Mark Meltzer*
May 10 Raleigh Good, mother of Sarafae Lucks*

To be read May 17

- May 11 Harold Keller, father of Bill Keller
May 11 Aaron J. Littman, father of Cheryl Littman
May 14 Marvin Becker, husband of Barbara Becker, father of Susan & Brian*
May 14 Sandra Cohen, mother of Renae Cohen
May 15 Samuel Small, grandfather of Mark Meltzer*
May 16 Staci Love, niece of Barbara & Joseph Mayer
May 16 Hilda Greene, mother of Michele Greene
May 16 William Hochhauser, uncle of Arlene Labenson

To be read May 24

- May 18 Alfred Ilton, father of Evelyn Strauss, grandfather of Julie Safran
May 19 Ira Julian Schulman, father of Elyse Lemonda
May 21 Charlotte Potak, mother of Rochelle Potak
May 23 Jack Love, father of Barbara Mayer
May 24 Francis Graham, uncle of Janice Zeltzer

To be read May 31

- May 25 Moe Klang, father of Robert Klang
May 27 Leon Rauch, father of Jeremy Rauch
May 28 Ronald "Sonny" Pugliesi, father of Susanne Guzzo
May 30 Harold Alpert, father of Rob Alpert*
May 31 Zeena Thrope, mother of Jeff Thrope



*Zichronam livrachah.
May their memories
be a blessing
for us all.*

**Asterisks indicate that a loved one has been permanently memorialized with a plaque in the temple sanctuary.
If you are interested in acquiring a plaque for your loved one, please contact the PJC office.*



June Yahrzeits

To be read June 7

- Jun 2 Ruth Leopold, mother of Leslie Sucher*
- Jun 3 Ethel Alpert, grandmother of Rob Alpert
- Jun 6 Amy Seidner, baby of Barbara Lemyre
- Jun 7 Henrietta Heden, mother of Arlene Labenson*
- Jun 7 Esther Rose Yatkowitz, mother of Fredda Meltzer

To be read June 14

- Jun 8 Max Federlein, father of Jerry Federlein*
- Jun 15 Sara Shaw, aunt of Nancy Solomon

To be read June 21

- Jun 15 Eva Brodsky, grandmother of Bert Brodsky*
- Jun 17 Sheldon Horton, uncle of Sandy Hyman
- Jun 17 Helene Isaac, grandmother of Evelyn Strauss
- Jun 18 Ilse Philipsohn, aunt of Jerry Federlein
- Jun 18 Charles Herman, father of Stuart Herman
- Jun 19 Lester Corn, father of Judith Corn
- Jun 21 Edith Strum, aunt of Jessica Shevitz Rauch

To be read June 28

- Jun 23 Sandra Low, stepmother of Corbey Hyman
- Jun 25 William Engle, father of Robin Helfat*
- Jun 25 Jack Kassell, father of Laury Kassell
- Jun 26 Nettie Schneck, great aunt of Andy Hyman
- Jun 27 Goldie Katz, grandmother of Ralph Katz*
- Jun 28 George Bobek, husband of Mina Bobek

To be read July 5

- Jun 29 Dorothy Labenson, aunt of Joe Labenson
- Jun 30 Marjorie Voss, sister of Carolyn Horn, aunt of Daniel Wallick

Remember a Loved One

Our Memorial Board is a way of remembering loved ones and keeping them in our minds when we are in the sanctuary, particularly during the month in which a yahrzeit falls. A plaque on our memorial board is a beautiful tribute to a blessed memory.

Please contact Cindy for more information.



Port Jewish Center Organization

PJC office hours:

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Upcoming Events

<p>Community-Wide Yom Hashoah Service at Community Synagogue Wednesday, May 1</p>	<p>Teacher Recognition/Graduation Shabbat Friday, May 10</p>	<p>Memorial Day/Office Closed Monday, May 27</p>
<p>PJC at Dolphin Sunday, May 5</p>	<p>Monday Night Dinner/Last Day of School Monday, May 13</p>	<p>Confirmation Friday, June 7</p>
<p>Rosh Chodesh Thursday, May 9</p>	<p>Lunch and Learn Tuesday, May 14 & 28</p>	<p>Lunch and Learn Tuesday, June 11</p>
	<p>Book Club Wednesday, May 15</p>	<p>Annual Meeting Thursday, June 13</p>

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