



Service Times

Erev Shabbat - Fri, June 7 (Sivan 4)

6:35pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv **Note new time**
6:58pm Earliest Candle Lighting
8:08pm Late Candle Lighting

Shabbat/Erev Shavuot - Sat, June 8 (Sivan 5)

9:00am Shacharit
9:45am Latest Preferable Time to say Shema
10:30am Shabbat Morning Youth Groups
10:45am **New Shabbat Learner's Service**

Kiddush Sponsor:

Josh Steinert and Emily Shuster in honor of the
70th birthdays of their parents, Charles and Robyne Steinert

7:30pm Mincha
8:00pm Shavuosushi
After 9:10pm Candle Lighting
9:30pm Maariv
10:00pm Torah Slam
11:00pm Late Night Learning Begins

Shavuot Day 1 - Sun, June 9 (Sivan 6)

9:30am Shacharit
9:45am Latest Preferable Time to say Shema

Kiddush Sponsor:

The Davies family in honor of Yehoshua and Rabbi Davies'
completion of Mishnah Tractate Sukkah

12:30pm Cheesecake Competition
7:00pm Lakeside Wine & Cheese
7:00pm **New Concurrent Children's Program**
After 9:10pm Candle Lighting

Shavuot Day 2 - Mon, June 10 (Sivan 7)

9:30am Shacharit
9:45am Latest Preferable Time to say Shema
Approx. 11:00am Yizkor

Kiddush Sponsor:

Barbara & Lenny Zucker in memory of loved ones at Yizkor time

4:00pm Women's Class at the Gleatons'
4:00pm Children's Program at the Davies'
8:00pm Mincha
8:20pm Closing Shiur
9:11pm Maariv/Havdallah

Weekday Services

Mincha/Maariv on Wednesday at **6:35 pm** at Dor Tikvah.

Regular Classes

- Torah Study – The Avraham Stories at **7:30 pm** at the Dor Tikvah House is off for Shavuot. Join the Rabbi for his Late Night Learning session for a sampling of the class.
- Lunchtime Talmud – **Thurs. noon** at the Dor Tikvah house
- "Ezra Nechemiah" - with Kenny Abitbol - **Mondays following services at approx. 7:00pm** is off for Shavuot.

Upcoming Events

June 8 @ 10:45 AM - Learner's Service in the Gilston Chapel. Join Rabbi and Ora Davies for an inspiring, user-friendly, explanatory, no-Hebrew necessary service.

June 8 @ 8 PM – Shavuosushi - For those with reservations. We thank our Sponsors: The Glaubach & Rosenberg Families.

June 8 @ 10 PM - Shavuot Torah Slam - We will be studying Sefer Bereishit (The Book of Genesis). **All slots full.** Come enjoy the show.

June 9 @ 12:30 PM - Cheesecake Competition – Sample near a dozen delectable cheesecakes prepared by community members & vote which one you think is best.

June 9 @ 7:00 pm - Lakeside Wine & Cheese, A Taste of Torah at the home of Arlene & Peter Rosenthal sponsored by Congregation Dor Tikvah & Synagogue Emanu-El. Concurrent children's program at the home of Ilisa and Ezra Cappell, kids 1st grade and up.

June 23 Sunday Minyan, Breakfast and Speaker: Robert Rosen. Topic - Jews in the Confederacy. Contact Charles Steinert to RSVP.

Refuah Shelema

Robert Levinson
Hodel bat Raazel
Yehudit Elisheva bat Miriam Leah Claret (Kate Kalin Tobakos)
Laella bat Simcha
Talia bat Shoshana
Blooma bat Chaya Sara (Bertha Hoffman)
Miriam bat Mazal
Yisrael ben Chaya
Yocheved Koplowitz
Valerie Armour
Aryeh Chaim Simcha ben Yael Bracha (Teddy Mocle Levine)
Elijah Myer ben Malkah
Yisrael Haynu Ben Shimon Avraham
Sheva bat Hensa Freyda (Lolita Hasid)

Tovah Rivka bat Esther
Liba Doba Borer bat Yael Bracha (Josephina Mocle Levine)
Baruch ben Yehudit Basha
Bear Phillips
Etta Tzivia bat Leila
Eliezer ben Miriam (Larry Goodman)
Chaiah Leah bat Shier
Yaara Ami Bat Nechama (Jeremy Shecter)
Esther bat Alitza
Bracha Chaya Tzipa Sara bat Yocheved Chava
Miriam bat Yenta Gruna
Michal bat Kayla Minda
Simcha ben Ettie
Yisroel Mordechai Ben Fradel

Life Cycle

Birthday

- Lenny Zucker (6/8)
- Linda Cohen (6/14)
- Colby Grossman (6/14)

Anniversary

- Barbie & Lenny Zucker (6/8)
- Sharon & Michael Stricker (6/9)
- Ruth & Barry Warren (6/14)

Yahrzeit

- Yankel Kirshstein, Uncle of Nathan Kirshstein (6/13)

Contributions

In Honor of

- Stuart Feldman by Staci Arnovitz

Other

- From Pamela & Jeremy Harris

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Bamidbar

By Rabbi Kalman Packouz | Aish.com

Saturday evening, June 8th, begins the two day holiday of Shavuot (or Shavuos in the Ashkenazic pronunciation). (Yizkor is on Monday, June 10th.) It is the anniversary and celebration of the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai to the Jewish people 3,330 years ago. It is a time of rededication and commitment to learning Torah. (It'll be worthwhile to go to <http://www.aish.com/holidays> and click on Shavuos).

WHAT IS SHAVUOT AND HOW IS IT CELEBRATED

The Torah calls Shavuot the "Festival of Weeks" (Numbers 28:26). The very word "*Shavuot*" is Hebrew for "weeks"; it refers to the seven weeks that one counts from the second day of Passover (when the *Omer* [barley] offering is brought) until the holiday of Shavuot. It is one of the three *Regalim*, holidays, (Pesach and Succot are the other two) where every man in the land of Israel was commanded to come up to Jerusalem to celebrate the festival when the *Beit HaMikdash*, the Holy Temple, stood in Jerusalem.

Torah is the life blood of the Jewish people. Our enemies have always known that when we Jews stop learning Torah, our assimilation is inevitable. Without knowledge there is no commitment. One cannot love what he does not know. A person cannot do or understand what he has never learned.

A Jew is commanded to learn Torah day and night and to teach it to his children. If a Jew wants his family to be Jewish and his children to marry other Jews, then he must integrate a Torah study program into his life and implement the teachings into his home and his being. One can tell his children anything, but only if they see their parents learning and doing *mitzvot*, will they inherit the love for being Jewish. Remember: a parent only owes his child three things -- example, example, example.

How can we utilize this opportunity to grow and strengthen our self-identity as Jews? Just as a baby crawls, then toddles and then walks, likewise with the *mitzvot* (commandments). A person should undertake one more *mitzvah*, do it well and then build on it. For some *mitzvot* that you might enjoy taking on...

A FEW SUGGESTIONS

1. Read the Torah! The Almighty gave it to you as a gift. It is the instruction book for living -- how to be happy, choose the right spouse, make your marriage work, raise your children with values, get more joy out of life. I highly recommend the *Artscroll Stone Chumash* (Five Books of Moses).

2. Attend a Torah class -- or if you wish to listen to recorded classes, try 613.org or AishAudio.com to download over 2,000 classes for your mp3 player! Buy a copy of *Pirke Avot* (Ethics of the Fathers) and read one page a day. It contains concentrated wisdom about life!

3. Make sure you have a Kosher *mezuzah* scroll on at least your front door. (A Jewish home should have *mezuzot* on all doorposts except for the bathrooms). Learn the deep, inner-meaning of *mezuzah* and reflect on it when you look at the *mezuzah*. *To Be a Jew* by Rabbi Hayim Donin nicely explains a lot of things.

4. Pick one non-kosher food item that you won't eat -- just because you're Jewish.

5. Say the Shema and its three following paragraphs at least once a day. Learn what the words mean and the ideas included. It will change your outlook and attitudes. Artscroll publishes a book on The Shema -- or look at the commentary in the Artscroll Siddur. Lisa Aiken's book, *Hidden Beauty of the Shema*, is spectacular!

6. Do something to make Shabbat special -- light two candles with the blessing before sundown, have a Shabbat Friday night family dinner and make *Kiddush* and *HaMotzei* (the prayer before eating the *Challahs* -- the special loaves of bread). You might want to buy *Friday Night and Beyond* by Lori Palatnik which is a hands-on guide for the novice wanting to enjoy the pleasures of Shabbat.

The Talmud says, "All beginnings are difficult." If you need help or have questions, please feel free to call me at 815-301-1928 or e-mail to: kp@aish.com.

On Shavuot there is a custom to stay up all night learning Torah. Virtually every synagogue and yeshiva have scheduled learning throughout the night ending with the praying of Shacharit, the morning service. The reason: the morning the Jewish people were to receive the Torah on Mt. Sinai, they overslept. We now can rectify the tendency to give in to our desires by demonstrating our resolve through learning the whole night. It is a meaningful experience to share with your children.

TORAH PORTION OF THE WEEK

In the second year of travel in the desert, Moshe and Aharon were commanded by the Almighty to count all male Israelites between 20 and 60. There were 603,550 available for military service. The tribe of Levi was exempt because of their special duties as religious leaders. (It is probably from here that countries give divinity deferments to clergy and divinity students.)

The twelve tribes were directed regarding the formation (three tribes were on each side of the Portable Sanctuary) in which they were to camp and travel.

The 22,300 Levites were commanded in the Sanctuary service. The family of Gershon was to transport the coverings of the Sanctuary. The family of Kehos carried the Ark, Table, Menorah and Altars. The family of Merari transported the boards, pillars, bolts and sockets.