



# Of Note for May 2013

## Young Israel of Sharon



Friday, April 26

6:10 & 7:00 a.m. Shacharit

7:00 p.m. Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv

7:21 p.m. Standard candle lighting

**Shabbat, April 27**

**Parshat Emor**

7:30 a.m. Early Shacharit

9:00 a.m. Shacharit

7:21 p.m. Mincha,

Mishnah Torah Shiur with Rabbi Jaffe

8:25 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah

Sunday, April 28

**Lag B'Omer**

8:00 a.m. Shacharit

7:21 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Weekday schedule for April 29-May 2:

Mon/Thurs: 6:00 & 6:55 a.m. Shacharit

Tues/Wed: 6:10 & 7:00 a.m. Shacharit

Mon-Thurs: 7:21 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Friday, May 3

6:10 & 7:00 a.m. Shacharit

7:00 p.m. Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv

7:28 p.m. Standard candle lighting

**Shabbat, May 4**

**Parshat Behar/Bechukotai**

7:30 a.m. Early Shacharit

9:00 a.m. Shacharit

7:28 p.m. Mincha, Mishnah Torah Shiur

8:34 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah

Sunday, May 5

8:00 a.m. Shacharit

7:28 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Weekday schedule for May 6-9:

Mon/Thurs: 6:00 & 6:55 a.m. Shacharit

Tues/Wed: 6:10 & 7:00 a.m. Shacharit

Mon-Thurs: 7:28 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

**Note: Wed is Yom Yerushalayim**

Friday, May 10

**Rosh Chodesh Sivan**

5:50 & 6:45 a.m. Shacharit

7:00 p.m. Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv

7:36 p.m. Standard candle lighting

**Shabbat, May 11**

**Parshat Bamidbar**

7:30 a.m. Early Shacharit

9:00 a.m. Shacharit

6:45 p.m. Shiur on the Parsha with Rabbi Sendor

7:36 p.m. Mincha, Mishnah Torah Shiur

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*Sunday, May 12*  
 8:00 a.m. Shacharit  
 7:36 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

*Monday, May 13*  
 6:00 & 6:55 a.m. Shacharit  
 7:36 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

**Tuesday, May 14**  
**Erev Shavuot**  
 6:10 & 7:00 a.m. Shacharit  
**Shavuot**  
 7:40 p.m. Candle Lighting, Shiur  
 8:48 p.m. Ma'ariv  
 11:00 p.m. Women's Learning  
**Tikkun Leil Shavuot** (late Tues/early Wed)  
 12:00 a.m. All night learning, with Shiurim (every hour on the hour), Chugim, Havrutot, and refreshments.

**Wednesday, May 15**  
**First Day of Shavuot**  
 4:19 a.m. Early Shacharit  
 9:00 a.m. Shacharit  
 7:40 p.m. Mincha, Mishnah Torah Shiur  
 8:48 p.m. Ma'ariv (light candles after this time)

**Thursday, May 16**  
**Second Day of Shavuot; Yizkor**  
 7:30 a.m. Early Shacharit  
 9:00 a.m. Shacharit  
 10:30 a.m. Yizkor  
 7:40 p.m. Mincha, Mishnah Torah Shiur  
 8:49 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah



*Friday, May 17*  
 6:10 & 7:00 a.m. Shacharit  
 7:00 p.m. Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv  
 7:42 p.m. Standard candle lighting

**Shabbat, May 18**  
**Parshat Naso**  
**Graduation Kiddush**  
 7:30 a.m. Early Shacharit  
 9:00 a.m. Shacharit  
 7:00 p.m. Shiur with Rabbi Sendor  
 7:42 p.m. Mincha, Mishnah Torah Shiur w/Rabbi Sendor  
 8:51 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah

*Sunday, May 19*  
 8:00 a.m. Shacharit  
 7:42 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

*Weekday schedule for May 20-23:*  
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 Tues/Wed: 6:10 & 7:00 a.m. Shacharit  
 Mon-Thurs: 7:42 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

*Friday, May 24*  
 6:10 & 7:00 a.m. Shacharit  
 7:00 p.m. Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv  
 7:49 p.m. Standard candle lighting

**Shabbat, May 25**  
**Parshat Beha'alotcha**  
**Daphna Spira, Bat Mitzvah**  
 7:30 a.m. Early Shacharit  
 9:00 a.m. Shacharit  
 9:30 a.m. Tefilat Nashim  
 7:00 p.m. Shiur with Rabbi Sendor  
 7:49 p.m. Mincha, Mishnah Torah Shiur w/Rabbi Sendor  
 8:59 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah

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*Sunday, May 26*

*8:00 a.m. Shacharit*

*7:52 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv*

*Monday, May 27*

**Memorial Day**

**Ranya Braverman-Goldstein, Bat Mitzvah**

*8:00 a.m. Shacharit*

*9:30 a.m. Tefilat Nashim*

*7:52 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv*

*Weekday schedule for May 28-30:*

*Tues/Wed: 6:10 & 7:00 a.m. Shacharit*

*Thurs: 6:00 & 6:55 a.m. Shacharit*

*Tues-Thurs: 7:52 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv*

*Friday, May 31*

*6:10 & 7:00 a.m. Shacharit*

*7:00 p.m. Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv*

*7:55 p.m. Standard candle lighting*

**Shabbat, June 1**

**Parshat Shelach**

**Eliezer Ehrenkranz, Bar Mitzvah**

*7:30 a.m. Early Shacharit*

*9:00 a.m. Shacharit*

*7:15 p.m. Shiur with Rabbi Sendor*

*7:55 p.m. Mincha, Mishnah Torah Shiur w/Rabbi Sendor*

*9:06 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah*

*Sunday, June 2*

*8:00 a.m. Shacharit*

*7:55 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv*

*Weekday schedule for June 3-6:*

*Mon/Thurs: 6:00 & 6:55 a.m. Shacharit*

*Tues/Wed: 6:10 & 7:00 a.m. Shacharit*

*Mon-Thurs: 7:55 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv*

*Friday, June 7*

*6:10 & 7:00 a.m. Shacharit*

*7:00 p.m. Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv*

*8:00 p.m. Standard candle lighting*

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## *From the Rabbi:*

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The period of Sefirat ha-Omer that precedes Shavuot is understood in Torah tradition as a time to prepare ourselves to receive the Torah, just as Am Yisrael did on their way to Sinai. Rabbenu Nissim at the end of his commentary on the Gemara Pesachim cites an aggadah that when Moshe told B'nei Yisrael, upon leaving Egypt, that they were to worship Ha-Shem on Mount Sinai, they asked him "Moshe Rabbenu, when will this service occur?" He answered that it would be at the end of fifty days. So each person began counting the days for themselves. On the basis of this aggadah, Rabbenu Nissim understands the counting of the Omer as an anticipation and preparation for Kabbalat ha-Torah, commemorated on Shavuot.

The Kabbalistic tradition structures this period as a time to work on improving our middot, our personal virtues and character traits. Each day that we count of the Sefirah period is dedicated to a specific personal moral quality, and the idea is to work on that quality which serves as the theme of that day. Some Siddurim include the list of these kabbalistic designations in the section on Sefirat ha-Omer. In this way we prepare ourselves personally to receive the Torah.

There is also a collective dimension to this preparation. Based on the Gemara Yevamot 62b, the Omer period is characterized as a period of mourning for the 24,000 students of Rabbi Akiva who perished between Pesach and Shavuot because "they didn't treat each other with respect." R. Shmuel Eliezer ha-Levi Edels explains that "each one was not sensitive to the honor of the Torah of their colleague." His point is that this disrespect was not crude, it was a subtle, intellectual disrespect, and all the more devastating for that. The students did not respect the diversity of opinion of their fellow students, and so their community collapsed. The Gemara goes on to say that after their demise "the world was desolate, until Rabbi Akiva went to the Rabbis of the South and taught them, Rabbi Meir, Rabbi Yehudah, Rabbi Yosi, Rabbi Shimon and Rabbi Elazar ben Shmu'a, and they were the ones who reestablished Torah." These are the Rabbis who argue vigorously throughout the Mishneh and Gemara, and yet respect each other's Torah.

The customs of mourning during the Sefirah period are not merely intended to prompt a sadness for the losses and missed opportunities of the past, but to serve as a call to action. The Sefirah period is a time to work on strengthening our communal relationships, our appreciation for each other, our embrace of diversity. It's not a question of merely tolerating differing opinions and approaches to Torah and to life, but affirming and celebrating these differences, when these differences are rooted in responsible apprenticeship to Torah tradition. Just as the health of an ecosystem is conditioned by biodiversity, so, too, the health of a community, a Torah community, is based upon legitimate diversity of opinions and ideas, by which we challenge each other to reach towards the truth of Torah, which transcends any one perspective.

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During this Sefirah period, may we all work on ourselves and on our relationships together, to embrace our diversity and feel that all of us and each of us are valued and necessary members of a robust Kehillah, to be worthy to receive the Torah together on Shavuot, "like one person, with one heart (Rashi, Ex. 19:2)."

Rabbi Meir Sendor

### *From Our President*

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Dear Friends,

On the morning of Shavuot, after the Kohen is called to the Torah (and just before the reading begins), it is the Ashkenazi minhag to recite Akdamut, a 90 line poem praising Hashem, His Torah and His People. Written by Rabbi Meir of Worms (one of Rashi's teachers), the poem conveys the spirit of love of Hashem and Judaism even in difficult times. Crusaders killed Rabbi Meir's son and the Rabbi himself died soon after a "forced debate" with the town's Christian clergy. The poem is a "celebration of Torah" – very much appropriate for Shavuot morning. We note that each line of Akdamut ends with the syllable TA, spelled TAV- ALEF, the last and first letters of the Hebrew alphabet. This is a reminder of the cyclical nature of the Torah itself – as soon as we complete reading or learning the Torah, we immediately begin it again.

Similarly, May represents the TAV of the cycle of the Young Israel Board. The month of May represents the end of the Board year; an election will be held at the end of May to select the new Board. June, representing ALEF, begins the cycle again as the new Young Israel Board takes effect on June 1st. For me personally, this month represents my TAV – the end of my tenure as your shul President. It has truly been my pleasure to serve this community, to work with Rabbi Sendor, and to work with wonderful, dedicated individuals who unselfishly devote many hours to enriching our kehillah. Thank you for this opportunity. It has been a privilege. My TAV will certainly cycle to ALEF again....in some capacity, as dedicating time and effort to the kehillah has been personally rewarding.

My parting words: "Get involved". Make this coming year your beginning, your ALEF; join the Board or a committee, help plan or run an event, let your energy, ideas and creativity shine through. Please be responsive when someone asks for help. There are so many ways to assist, enrich, and grow our kehillah. To do this, your help is needed. Please be part of the effort.

Michael



*Young Israel's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Shul Event – Congrats and Thanks!*

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**Congratulations once again** to our honorees Steven and Randy Bergel, and to our Julius Reitman service awardees: Danny Silverman, Deborah (Dinka-Etta) Fineblum, and Shirley Stein. **Thanks** to all those who organized the event, put together the ad journal, donated, and participated!



## *Upcoming Shul Events*

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### **Graduation Kiddush – Shabbat Morning May 18<sup>th</sup>**

We would love to include your graduate's photo on a celebratory display board that weekend. Pictures should be no larger than 5X7. Please include graduate's name, where they are graduating from, and degree. Please submit pictures to Suellen Beiser (68 Pleasant Street) or Anne Diamond (102 South Main Street) no later than Friday, May 10.

Each family is asked to contribute \$25 towards the cost of the kiddush. Please email Suellen asap at [sjbeiser@msn.com](mailto:sjbeiser@msn.com) if you plan to participate so we can plan accordingly. Send Checks to YI Sharon, and note "Graduation Kiddush" on the memo line,

### **Tikkun Leil Shavuot – Tuesday night May 14<sup>th</sup>**

For Shavuot, we will have, as usual, an exciting and diverse array of speakers. The women's shiur runs 11-12, and co-ed shiurim continue every hour on the hour through 4 am. There will also be shiurim for high school and middle schoolers for part of that time, and all-night learning by individuals or groups in the social hall. Refreshments will be served. Last year, we had about 100 people show up! Please come join us for a fun and exhilarating night that exemplifies learning Torah for its own sake.

## *Updates*

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Tefilat Nashim has a booklet available in the Young Israel office illustrating the structure for Tefilat Nashim; what we do and don't do, page numbers for the service and ideas for celebrating a Bat Mitzvah. It is especially helpful for those planning to celebrate a bat mitzvah in Tefilat Nashim. The handbook is approved by Rabbi Sender. (We will be gathering on Shabbat 5/25 at 9:30a to celebrate Daphne Spira's Bat Mitzvah.)

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## *Get To Know Our Members*

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This month we feature Mark Fisher, Bryana Zaplin-Fisher, and Isabel.

*How long have you been living in Sharon?*

3 ½ years.

*Where were you living before and what brought you here in the first place?*

Prior to coming to Sharon, we got married and lived in Park Slope, Brooklyn, for 2 years. Bry is originally from Newton, which brought us back to the area.

*What is your family's favorite part of Sharon?*

The lake. Or maybe Sweethearts 3, if we're being honest.

*What do you do to keep busy, for work and play?*

For work, Mark is a Rheumatologist. Bry is a Podiatrist. For play, we have a 19 month old who is a bundle of energy and we love to play with her!

We also enjoy hiking in some of the local state parks, and spending time with our friends here in town!

*Tell us an interesting tidbit about yourselves!*

We are both Brandeis grads, but didn't meet there (we didn't overlap). We both had to end up in Philadelphia to meet randomly, and the rest is history!





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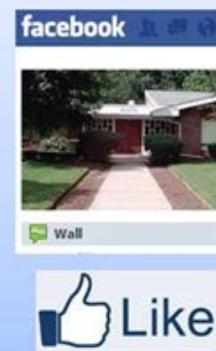
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