



Of Note for May 2014

Young Israel of Sharon

Sunday, May 4

8:00 a.m. Shacharit

7:32 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Weekday schedule for May 5-8:

Mon: Yom Ha-Zikaron

Tues: Yom Ha-Atzmaut

Mon/Tues/Thurs: 6:00 & 6:45 a.m. Shacharit

Wed: 6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit

7:27 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Friday, May 9

6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit

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

7:34 p.m. Standard candle lighting

Shabbat, May 10

Parshat Behar

Noa Epstein, Bat Mitzvah

7:30 a.m. Hashkama Minyan

9:00 a.m. Shacharit

9:30 a.m. T'filat Nashim

6:45 p.m. Zohar on the Parsha w/Rabbi Sendor

7:34 p.m. Mincha, Mishneh Torah Shiur w/Rabbi Sendor

8:41 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah

Sunday, May 11

Mother's Day

8:00 a.m. Shacharit

7:34 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Weekday schedule for May 12-15:

Mon/Thurs: 6:00 & 6:45 a.m. Shacharit

Tues/Wed (**Pesach Sheni**): 6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit

7:34 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Friday, May 16

6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit

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

7:41 p.m. Standard candle lighting

Shabbat, May 17

Parshat Bechukotai

Ami Katz, Bar Mitzvah

7:30 a.m. Hashkama Minyan

9:00 a.m. Shacharit

7:00 p.m. Zohar on the Parsha w/Rabbi Sendor

7:41 p.m. Mincha

8:49 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah

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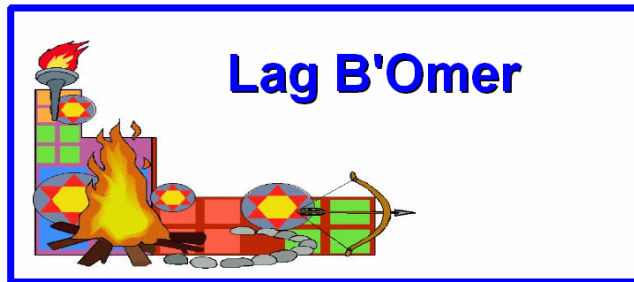


Sunday, May 18

Lag B'Omer

8:00 a.m. Shacharit

7:41 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv



Weekday schedule for May 19-22:

Mon/Thurs: 6:00 & 6:45 a.m. Shacharit

Tues/Wed: 6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit

7:41 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Friday, May 23

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

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

7:48 p.m. Standard candle lighting

Shabbat, May 24

Parshat Bamidbar

Ari Rapalino, Bar Mitzvah

7:30 a.m. Hashkama Minyan

9:00 a.m. Shacharit

7:00 p.m. Zohar on the Parsha w/Rabbi Sendor

7:48 p.m. Mincha, Mishneh Torah Shiur w/Rabbi Sendor

8:57 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah

Sunday, May 25

8:00 a.m. Shacharit

7:48 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Weekday schedule for May 26-29:

Mon/Thurs: 6:00 & 6:45 a.m. Shacharit

Tues/Wed: 6:10 & 6:50 a.m. Shacharit

7:48 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv

Friday, May 30

Rosh Chodesh Sivan

5:55 & 6:45 a.m. Shacharit

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

7:54 p.m. Standard candle lighting

Shabbat, May 31

Parshat Naso

7:30 a.m. Hashkama Minyan

9:00 a.m. Shacharit

7:00 p.m. Shiur w/Rabbi Sendor

7:52 p.m. Mincha, Mishneh Torah Shiur w/Rabbi Sendor

9:03 p.m. Ma'ariv, Havdalah

Sunday, June 1

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From Our President


On Sunday night April 27th we commemorated Yom Hashoah. Those who were in attendance heard a remarkable story of strength and commitment to survival from Sam Nathansohn, a longtime Sharon resident and survivor from Poland. With the help of Akiba Covitz, Mr. Nathansohn discussed the devastation and destruction to his family and community, that he witnessed as a teenager. One of the most difficult questions that Mr. Nathansohn answered was how he continued to believe in G-d after experiencing the Shoah. His answer was simple and eloquent: Jews have continued to practice after so many pogroms throughout our history, it is just who we are.

As this Generation of Survivors gets older, we will have a limited opportunity to hear directly from them and I hope our community will continue to attend these events as a show of support and admiration for their willingness to share their stories.

Thank you to Akiba Covitz and Fred Calm for coordinating this program.

- David

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“So teach us to number our days, to bring to our heart wisdom (Ps 90:12).”

Most commentators understand this numbering of days as a *momento mori*, giving thought to the horizon of life, so we treat each day as precious (e.g. see the commentary of R. Moshe Alsheikh). But there is also a positive way to number our days that is life-affirming in itself: The mitzvah of Sefirat ha-Omer in which we are engaged at this season of the year between Pesach and Shavuot. Sefirat ha-Omer teaches us that each day is a precious opportunity to serve Ha-Shem and help others. The Omer was a specific measure of barley brought as a public offering on the day after Pesach, representing the omer's-worth of Manna that fell “*devar yom be-yomo – each day by day*” for every person during the wandering in the desert (Midrash Vayikra Rabbah, parshat Emor). We count the Omer to remember to take each day and its opportunities on its own, not to worry inordinately about the future, not to hoard, but to live each day with full commitment and trust in Ha-Shem.

The Kabbalistic tradition has expanded the significance of Sefirat ha-Omer by assigning each day and week a Sefirah designation standing for a particular moral quality by which we imitate Ha-Shem: love, judgment, compassion, inspiration, spiritual discipline, creativity, right action, in that order. Each day and each week of the Sefirah period we dedicate ourselves to working on the particular moral quality of that day by finding opportunities to put that quality into action. In this sense, the Mitzvah of Sefirat ha-Omer paces us in a progress of moral development preparing us to be ready to receive the revelation of Torah on Shavuot.

May we all use this season of Sefirat ha-Omer as a time to increase our commitment to Torah learning and deepen our halakhic practice, to perfect ourselves to be worthy to receive higher revelations of Torah as we approach Shavuot together.

Rabbi Meir Sendor

From Maayan and Dvora (our B'not):

Last week, we practiced all week long with the kids for the big show for Yom Ha'atzmaut on Tuesday (5/6). The topic of the show will be "my dream". The dream in the play is of course the establishment of a Jewish state. The whole week we had different activities like dreams night, movie night, and ice cream night. During the week we discussed with the children the topic of the show. We learned about people who had dreams and aspirations like Herzl, David Ben Gurion, Martin Luther King etc. We learned that everyone should have a dream, and even if sometimes it is difficult to fulfill these dreams, we need to work hard and not be afraid to dream big dreams like these people did.

Thank to the children and especially to the parents for their cooperation!



To host Maayan and Dvora for a meal, please contact Ilyse at iehrenkranz@stiarhebrew.org.



Shul Activities and Announcements:

Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration Tues May 6th 5-7PM:



Please join Young Israel of Sharon and Striar Hebrew Academy of Sharon at our annual Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration to celebrate Israel's 66th Birthday! Join us for a light dinner of falafel, french fries, hummus and salad. Dessert includes ices and cut fruit! We will also have A Play, Daglanut, Dancing, Games and Activities. We hope to see you there!
Cost: \$8/adult & children 7+, \$4/child (6 & under).
\$40 Family Maximum.



All Sharon-based Torah classes listed on one site! Young Israel's classes are included on SharonTorah.org, which lists all the Torah classes being offered by Eitz Chaim, Chabad, Young Israel, and The Kollel. Just this coming week, there are 28 classes from which to choose, such as Daf Yomi at Eitz Chaim, "Prayer and Jewish Thought" at Chabad, Rambam Mishna Torah at Young Israel, to the Kollel's Monday Night Beis Midrash taking place at Eitz Chaim. Check it out!

Chased: Our Rabbis taught: Gemilut Chesed (loving-kindness) is greater than charity in three ways. We all know people in our community, who at one time or another, could use the support and help of our community. So please, if you know of anyone who could use assistance or you are in need, please call Cyna Reisman at 781-784-8684. Also, if you are willing to help drive people to/from medical appointments, please let Cyna know. Thank you.

Ideas welcome: If you have an idea for a shul event - and are willing to help plan it - please contact Jodi (josalt17@gmail.com)

Community Lag BaOmer BBQ:



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This month we get to know the Buchman family: Debbie, Josh, Samara, and Tal!

How long have you been living in Sharon?
We moved here in September.

Where were you living before and what brought you to our lovely town?

We are from New Jersey originally but have lived in Brookline for the past 10 years. We moved to Sharon because we wanted to live in a suburb with an active Jewish community.

What is your favorite part of Sharon?

We love the friendly community and the natural beauty of the town.

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

Debbie is a high school math teacher and Josh works in intellectual property law. Tal is in demolition.

Samara is still figuring it all out. We love to try cooking new things, going on easy hikes as a family, and listening to our record collection. We also love family dance parties.

Tell us an interesting tidbit about yourselves!

Debbie was the captain of both her high school and town color guards. Josh knows how to make a mouse brain glow.



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