

The Message

JULY 2022



MESSAGE FROM RABBI SARAH FORT

Recently someone asked me, “Rabbi, is it Jewish to celebrate the Fourth of July? It’s not like it’s a Jewish holiday.” Indeed, the independence day of the United States of America is not, on face value, a religious Jewish holiday. Do we have to skip all those backyard BBQs? The parades? The brilliant fireworks displays?

On the contrary! There is an important, if less-well-known, Jewish value that is well-expressed by celebrating the Fourth of July! *Hakarat haTov* comes from two words: “*lehakir*,” meaning “to recognize,” and “*tov*,” meaning “good.” It is a Jewish value to recognize the good in our lives. To acknowledge what in our lives we have to be grateful for. Living in a country that allows us to be openly and unreservedly Jewish is certainly something to be grateful for! How many generations ago do any of us have to go to find family who did not enjoy this freedom where they were living? Who came to this very land seeking it, opening the door to our own present-day freedoms?

It is important to acknowledge all we have to be grateful for too, our rabbis teach, because in expressing gratitude we see all we have done and all that there is still to do. Our country, like ourselves, is a work in progress—continually becoming the absolute best version of itself it can be. To become a place, as George Washington wrote to Touro Synagogue in 1790, “where everyone shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree and there shall be none to make him afraid” (Micah 4:4). “The citizens of the United States of America have a right to applaud themselves for having given to mankind examples of... policy worthy of imitation,” Washington wrote to the Jewish citizenry in Rhode Island.

And as to those BBQs and parades and fireworks displays? It is a long-established Jewish tradition to express *Hakarat haTov*, recognizing what is good in our lives and our gratitude for it, with a *seudat hoda’ah*, a feast of gratitude meant to be shared with others. Sounds like a backyard BBQ to me!

So enjoy your grills, parades, and fireworks (safely please!) on this Fourth of July, resting assured that celebrating the independence day of the United States is most certainly Jewish. Happy Fourth!

Check out what’s happening on and around campus!

Annual Meeting, YES Luncheon, Kevin Lefkowitz Ordination, Rabbi Strauss Ziegler Honorary Doctorate, and Reynolds Elementary Playground Dedication



We would love to have you join us in Religious School, Sulam, or Kehillah High for the upcoming year!

Registration is completed online by logging in to your account through the membership portal. Details about the program and registration can be found on the Beth Yeshurun website,

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For more information, contact Education Director, Sheryl Eskowitz, at seskwitz@bethyeshurun.org or 713-255-8034

“The William S. Malev Schools for Religious Studies at Congregation Beth Yeshurun affords our daughter the opportunity to nurture her connection to Judaism with lifelong friends in a creative and safe environment. We are thankful to the leadership for their thoughtful approach to virtual and in-person learning during the pandemic.” - Lynn and Jason Roth

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

7/1	43	Judy & Michael Feinstein	7/13	52	Sue & John Goott
	38	Martha & Donald Freedman		42	Cindy & Barry Weinstein
	21	Rysse & Brian Goldfarb	7/16	44	Louise & Charles Goldberg
	38	Gayle & Scott Hoffer		22	Ali & Jeff Kalina
	27	Lauren & Ronald Karkowsky	7/17	17	Erin & Jeffrey Newman
7/2	27	Patricia & Jonathan Kagan	7/18	30	Renata & Leon Nelkin
	45	Esther & Lynn Levine		29	Phyllis & Robert Nelson
	22	Robin & Evan Melamed	7/19	52	Karen & Edwin Freedman
7/3	11	Amy & Adam Mincberg		52	Sheryl & Larry Smith
	34	Sylvia & Martin Mintzer	7/21	20	Melissa & Daniel Levin
	14	Amanda & Jason Staller		20	Sandra & Bernard Sugar
7/4	40	Cathy & Robert Binstock	7/24	28	Edie & David Amran
	52	Deborah & Marvin Crane		39	Susan & Randal Farber
	48	Linda & Zvi Schiffman		29	Shara Fryer & Barry Silverman
	48	Ilona & James Thomson	7/25	14	Abigail & Joel Davis
7/6	47	Sharon & Arnold Kagan		40	Carol & Leonard Hershkowitz
	19	Susan & Gary Whitman	7/26	58	Pamela & Walter Bazarsky
7/7	22	Sabrina & John-Patrick Clubb		24	Madeline & Robert Bresalier
	65	Josie & Joseph Diamond	7/27	42	Rhonda & Ariel Bass
	54	Charlett & Marshall Frumin		36	Rodi & Robert Franco
	10	Carolyn Rubenstein & Greg Lerner	7/28	54	Marsha & Martin Block
	31	Cynthia & Barry Weinberger	7/29	15	Ronna & Mandel Selber
7/8	32	Donna Cohen & Mitch Sirotkin		11	Deborah & Matthew Strauss
	32	Linda & Alan Rosen	7/30	65	Larisa & Michael Kaliya
	43	Helen & Stanley Spinner		44	Brena & Howard Moglovkin
	34	Marina & Boris Zuskov		50	Rochelle & Irwin Novak
7/9	55	Helene & Steven Gould		11	Meghan & David Stein
7/10	17	Rachel & Jesse Teichman	7/31	46	Candace & Arnold Lipp
7/11	7	Leslie & Cory Itkin			
7/12	30	Shannon & Danny Sheena			



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Condolences

*The congregation extends its
sincerest condolences to the families of:*

Elaine J. Altschuler, Milton Faigen, Dr. Gertrude Goetz,
Evelyn Pauly Roth, Evelyn Bank Sandler,
and Inez Rachel "Rae" Silberman
May their memories be for a blessing.

A Notice About Bereavement Communications

Bereavement notices for our synagogue family are distributed with the permission of the deceased's family, and the timing of these notices is dictated by the family's request. Of course, each family grieves in its own way, and we are grateful for our congregation's patience and understanding with different families' preferences about how their loss is publicized.

Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome the newest member to our congregational family. Please be sure to introduce yourself to new comers as the become a part of our community.

**Michelle Greenberg
Toby Grimm**

**Amy & David Rahmani, Lily and Noah
Raquel & Michael Wachter, Jack and Chloe
Arnold and Rita Wasserman**

Amanda & Keith Wolf, Mila, Elia, and Samantha

Know someone interested in becoming a part of our community? New to town? Looking to connect with us?
Contact Mindi Stern at MSTERN@BETHYESHURUN.ORG
or 713.666.1881 x360.

Family member or friend in the hospital or nursing care?

The CBY Clergy and/or Hospital Visiting Group members are
happy to reach out to them with spiritual comfort.

Please contact Lisa Unsell at LUNSELL@BETHYESHURUN.ORG
or 713.255.8017 to request a phone call
(or visit in person, if possible) for your loved one.

It's a Mitzvah!

Interested in making a donation towards the Chapel Minyan weekday breakfast, or a Chapel or Museum Minyan Shabbat Kiddush in memory of your loved one or in honor of a simcha? Please contact Eileen Pettigrew at **EPETTIGREW@BETHYESHURUN.ORG** or 713.666.1881 x368.

IN HONOR OF

Samuel Paul's Graduation by Sherrel & Dr. Keith Paul

IN MEMORY OF

Irl Bernstein by Marsha Bernstein, Melissa Bernstein Rosenberg & Lainey Bernstein

Joseph Hyman Charendoff by Sandra Michelle Charendoff Rich

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Fanny Naggar by Fifi Goodfellow and the Naggar Family

Anne Abovitz Rattner by Sharon Levit & Family, Stephen Rattner & Family, Nathan Rattner

Mind the Museum - "Torah Finials"



That's an interesting name, isn't it? You know those fancy ornaments that cap the Torah scrolls—we call them *RIMONIM*. And every community of Jews who have decorated their Torah scrolls have been influenced by the surrounding culture.

The Kaplan Museum of Judaica has several examples from the 19th century. They all have bells, but ones from Eastern Europe are often decorated with eagles, symbolizing Poland or the Russian Empire. Rimoni from Arabic (Mizrachi) communities are simpler, rounder, and look more like pomegranates, the English translation of the word rimoni.

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Worship Schedule

FRIDAY EVENINGS

July 1, 2022

Parashat Korah | CL 8:09PM

6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal

6:45 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

July 8, 2022

Parashat Chukat | CL 8:08PM

6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal

6:45 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

July 15, 2022

Parashat Balak | CL 8:06PM

6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal

6:45 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

July 22, 2022

Parashat Pinchas | Shabbat Mevarchim | CL 8:03PM

6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal

6:45 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

July 29, 2022

Parashat Matot-Masei | CL 7:59PM

6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal

6:45 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

August 5, 2022

Parashat Devarim | Shabbat Hazon | CL 7:54PM

6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal - Jerusalem Peacebuilders

6:30 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

SATURDAY MORNING

8:30 AM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

9:15 AM - Museum Minyan Service

9:30 AM - Main Sanctuary Service

11:30 AM - Torah Study

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICES

July 2, 2022 | 8:00 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

July 9, 2022 | 8:00 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

July 16, 2022 | 7:45 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

July 23, 2022 | 7:45 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

July 30, 2022 | 7:45 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

WEEKDAY CHAPEL SERVICES

Mornings: Sun 8:00AM, Mon-Fri 7:00AM*

*Rosh Chodesh Av: July 29th 6:45AM

Afternoon/Evenings: Sun-Thu 7:30PM

Visit **BETHYESHURUN.ORG/CHAPEL** to view the complete schedule for Daily Chapel Service.



We invite you to share with us your simchas - births, engagement, weddings, or award and recognitions. Fill out our Mazel Tov form with your information a picture and share your great news with the rest of the congregation.

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Upcoming Events

- 7/4** Independence Day - Admin Office Closed
- 7/21** Kids Meals/SEARCH Bags Assembly
- 7/28** Gathering Place
- 8/5** Shabbat Renewal: Jerusalem Peacebuilders
- 8/12** Moment at the Ark: Prayers for Healing
Shabbat Renewal: College Send Off Shabbat
Ongoing: Wednesdays - Jewish Meditation

**For information about these dates and more visit
BETHYESHURUN.ORG/CALENDAR
also make sure you are receiving our weekly emails!**

PLAY PICKLEBALL

Pickleball is coming to Beth Yeshurun!

The rules of pickleball are simple and the game is easy for beginners of all ages to learn. Games can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competition for players of all skill levels. Pickleball combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong and can be played singles or doubles. Gather some friends or come meet new players! Registration opens this month. Look for more information in your email and on social media.

Intergenerational High Holy Day Choir

Calling all singers for our new Intergenerational Choir! Led by Cantor Rachel Goldman and Julie Sacks, we will sing a few special prayers during High Holy Day Services and we want **YOU** to join us!

Requirements: You love to sing, are between the age of 8 and 118, and are available for 2-3 practices before the High Holy Days.

Be on the lookout for more information coming in August.



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