

# The Message

MAY 2021



## CLERGY MESSAGE | RABBI BRIAN STRAUSS

Life has dramatically changed for all of us. For over a year, we've been unable to come together in large groups. Previously, following traumatic communal events, we poured out of our homes to support those in need. Such altruism helped all of us. We've been unable to find healing by being with each other. I have missed the filled Freedman Levit sanctuary on Friday nights, Shabbat lunches, large synagogue programs, and celebrating life with so many of you.

One aspect the pandemic has forced all of us to painfully experience is that the lack of any community can be psychologically poisonous. We have seen that social isolation can lead to serious health consequences. More than ever, we appreciate the fact that in the company of large groups, threats become challenges, painful shocks hurt less, and loneliness becomes togetherness. Because at our very essence, we are still social beings, hungry for human contact.

The second thing we have been reminded of is Judaism has always had a robust communal dimension. There is a reason that you cannot say the Mourner's Kaddish or read from the Torah without ten Jewish adults. It's not that God can't hear until there's a tenth person in the room; it's that we need one another. In Hebrew, a synagogue is a *Beit Knesset*, "a House of Gathering". Our people have always built schools, houses of study, and synagogues so Jews could come together to learn, worship God, and share in life's ups and downs. We need one another to do it right, whether it's praying together, learning together, or just being together. In so many ways, social separation is the opposite of our tradition. Ultimately, we join synagogues to connect with large groups of like-minded people who share our Jewish values. Allowing us to change ourselves, our loved ones, and our world for the better. In person, you can make the connection even stronger.

I believe all of you would agree because as this pandemic wanes and many of us are being vaccinated, we are returning to our spiritual home. I'm confident that these positive trends will continue and cannot wait to see you at services and programs, B'nai Mitzvah and weddings, school assemblies and communal events.

Please note that as we continue to open up further, you only need to pre-register for our Friday Night Shabbat Renewal Service. [BETHYESHURUN.ORG/SERVICE-REGISTRATION](https://bethyeshurun.org/service-registration)

### Tikkun Leil Shavuot - Sunday, May 16<sup>TH</sup>

**Register to join us in person or virtually**

Welcome the Festival of Shavuot, the holiday which celebrates the Revelation of Torah at Sinai, by spending the evening studying one of our most important modern rabbis, Abraham Joshua Heschel.

**Main Sanctuary Service | 8:00 - 8:15PM**

**J.B. Greenfield Chapel Service | 8:00 - 8:30PM**

**Light Shavuot Dinner in Sukkah Courtyard | 8:15PM**

**Night of Learning | 9:00 - 11:00PM**

View the recently released film *Abraham Heschel - Spiritual Audacity*. Following the film, hear from our Clergy about four important areas from Heschel's writings: Shabbat, Prayer, Social Justice, and Hassidism.

**Dessert in Sukkah Courtyard | 11:00PM**

[BETHYESHURUN.ORG/EVENT/SHAVUOT2021](https://bethyeshurun.org/event/shavuot2021)

### SHAVUOT SERVICE SCHEDULE

#### SHAVUOT I - Monday, May 17

8:30AM Chapel | 9:30AM Museum Minyan & Main Sanctuary

#### SHAVUOT II (YIZKOR) - Tuesday, May 18

8:30AM Chapel | 9:30AM Museum Minyan & Main Sanctuary

### MAZEL TOV TO OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES!

President David Stein, President Elect Cary Hoffman, Executive Committee Member Andrew Toubin and 2021-22 Board Members: Rina Camhi, Dell Coleman, Michael Hofrichter, Richard Kammerman, Corby Kelly, Paul Metter, Scott Michelman, Susan Sandler, Jeremy Sorkin, Morgan Steinberg, and Andrew Toubin were installed during our Annual Meeting on April 25<sup>TH</sup>



### Mother's Shabbat

Friday, May 7 | 6:00PM

As we head into Mother's Day weekend we celebrate our moms at Shabbat Renewal!

### Mazel Tov to our Adult B'nai Mitzvah!

**Saturday, May 22<sup>ND</sup> at 9:30AM in the Barg Sanctuary**

Aiden Bloomus, Lori Bloomus, Sandra Angeléca Ortiz Macias, Ann Vise Nunes, Emilio Fernando Vallarta Ortiz, Héctor Santiago Vallarta Ortiz, Hugo Mauricio Vallarta Ortiz, Summer Rebienot, Rodolfo Vallarta Rendon, Suzanne Rickles, Leah Schultz, and Lisa Trimarchi.

## MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

5/2	22	Robin & Dan Stein
5/3	29	Shelly & Edward Gardner
5/5	42	Teri & Harry Greenblatt
5/6	14	Beverly & Robert Pickelner
	30	Julie & Fred Wolgel
5/7	21	Michelle & Todd Gottesman
	27	Joan & David Rosenthal
5/8	21	Betty & Byron Harris
	27	Manizeh Mirza-Gruber & Nelson Gruber
	17	Jill & Steven Newman
	16	Jodi & Josh Skorupski
5/9	6	Maya Kriseman & Adam Brand
	23	Heather & Randy Reichstein
5/11	52	Charlotte & Floyd Goldberg
	19	Beth & Mark Sanders
5/12	20	Anissa & Reid Friedman
5/13	20	Barbara & Michael Gamson
	31	Valerie & Jay Resh
5/14	49	Betty & Jay Epstein
	10	Allison & Jeffrey Feinstein
5/15	33	Laura & Rory Alter
	22	Bonnie & Gary Blumberg
	38	Barbara & Geoffrey Koslov
	46	Mary & Burton Kunik
	46	Zahava & Joshua Levy
	5	Beth Ann & Myles Siegel
5/16	34	Salli & Frank Goldberg
	22	Pepi & Steve Nichols
5/17	54	Jan & Robert Kaminsky
5/18	52	Janet Ellerin & Alan Winters
5/19	5	Mari & Michael Taksa
5/21	49	Harriet & Ronald Bormaster
	32	Vivian & Julian Levin
	15	Angel & Scott Mossberg
	29	Leslie & Russ Robinson
5/22	38	Mindy & Steven Finger
	27	Andrea & David Stein
5/23	57	Linda & Sanford Herskovitz
	17	Sarah Marlin & Hershel Swartz
	50	Shirley & Larry Strauss
5/24	23	Sara & Jerrad Bloome
	40	Nancy & Arthur Brand
	12	Lindsay & Adam Cohen
	40	Pamela & Steven Rosen
	34	Sharon & Michael Segal
	51	Aileen & Jerald Zarin
5/25	18	Melissa & Andrew Brams
	46	Eileen & Josef Marom
	18	Sherrel & Keith Paull
	24	Stacy & Andy Robinson
	13	Jennifer & Adam Rosenfeld

5/25	7	Nancy & Michael Rosenthal
	25	Alberta & Andrew Totz
5/26	25	Cynthia & Jeffrey Anapolsky
	8	Heather & Adam Davidoff
	30	Beth & Clayton Dreyer
	8	Jessica & Stanton Malowitz
	30	Wendy & Lowell Rosenthal
	19	Laurel & Joshua Weinstein
5/27	14	Hilary & Roni Most
	14	Tracy & Aaron Perry
	31	Dixon & Brian Schultz
	43	Abbie & Bruce Seher
	15	Jennifer & Stuart Sperling
	42	Joy & Benjamin Warren
5/28	26	Jeryl & Jeffrey Golub
	21	Debra & Adam Greenberg
	38	Stephanie & Paul Gustafson
	26	Lisa & Phillip Turboff
5/29	27	Shirley & Alan Cohn
	38	Lorri & Jon Feiwell
	27	Hayley & Marc Feldman
	27	Melissa & Michael Friedman
	38	Fara & Jeffrey Gaitz
	10	Samantha & Samuel Lee
	27	Rochelle & Tim Lootens
	33	Arlene & Arthur Nathan
	10	Diane & Evan Weinberger
5/30	17	Shannon & Josh Aruh
	17	Adam & Robyn Burck
	22	Jennifer & Gregg Costa
	38	Nancy & Gary Glesby
	28	Wendy & Jay Gold
	47	Anita & Fredric Hochman
	28	Barbara & Jeffrey Horowitz
	34	Eileen & Edward Kisluk
	22	Peta & Jason Rubenstein
	23	Tammy & Warren Simi
	11	Jessica & Brandon Strauss
5/31	34	Juli & Alan Scheinthal

### Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah!



**Benjamin Ethan Lepow (May 1)** son of Jonathan & Emily Lepow; brother of Brooke and Bradley; grandson of Dr. Terry & Glenda Danburg Waldman and Howard & Cindy Schmerin; great grandson of Esther Lepow.



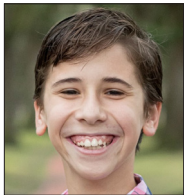
**Liam Miller (May 1)** son of Dionne Miller and Bryan Miller and stepson of Ariela Miller; brother of Holden and Lauren Miller; grandson of Lorraine Press.



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**Andrew Kaplan (May 1)** son of Laura Dew and Michael Kaplan; brother of Alex, Emily, and Josh; grandson of Judy Dew and Howard & Gladys Kaplan.



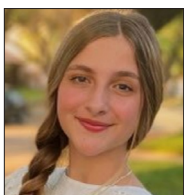
**Ethan Abramson (May 8)** son of Lori & Brian Abramson, brother of Sydney and Charley; grandson of Diana & Mark Phillips, Cathy & Hartley Chelin, and Marsha & Arnold Abramson; great-grandson of Rae & Buddy Gerson.



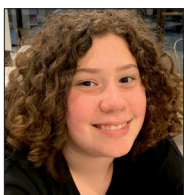
**Daniel Hirsch (May 8)** son of Lindsey & Jesse Hirsch; brother of Jonah and Nicholas; grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Lee, Dr. & Mrs. Dico Hassid and Mr. & Mrs. Steven Hirsch; great-grandson of Ms. Bernie Feld and Mrs. Julien Rosenthal.



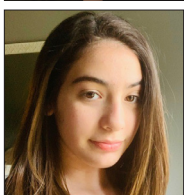
**Ella Aruh (May 15)** daughter of Shannon & Josh Aruh; sister of Maya; granddaughter of Mati & Eli Aruh and Corinne & Mark Franek.



**Maya Aruh (May 15)** daughter of Shannon & Josh Aruh; sister of Ella; granddaughter of Mati & Eli Aruh and Corinne & Mark Franek.



**Abigail Brams (May 29)** daughter of Melissa & Andrew Brams; sister of Lauren and Emily; granddaughter of Janice and David Gerber and Patricia Brams.



**Emily Brams (May 29)** daughter of Melissa & Andrew Brams; sister of Lauren and Abigail; granddaughter of Janice and David Gerber and Patricia Brams.



**Orly Kammerman (June 5)** daughter of Shari & Stephen Kammerman; sister of Molli; granddaughter of Sabra Klein and Sharon & Richard Kammerman.

## Worship Schedule

### FRIDAY EVENINGS

**May 7, 2021**

**Parashat B'har-B'hukkotai | Shabbat Mevarchim |**

**CL 7:45PM**

6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal - Mother's Shabbat

6:30 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

**May 14, 2021**

**Parashat Bamidbar | CL 7:50PM**

6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal

6:30 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

**May 21, 2021**

**Parashat Nasso | CL 7:54PM**

6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal - CanCare Shabbat

6:30 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

**May 28, 2021**

**Parashat Beha'alotcha | CL 7:58PM**

6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal

6:30 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

**June 4, 2021**

**Parshat Sh'lach | Shabbat Mevarchim | CL 8:02PM**

6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal

6:45 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

### SATURDAY MORNING

8:30 AM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

9:30 AM - Museum Minyan Service

9:30 AM - Main Sanctuary Service

### SATURDAY EVENING SERVICES

**May 1, 2021 | 7:30 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel**

**May 8, 2021 | 7:30 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel**

**May 15, 2021 | 7:30 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel**

**May 22, 2021 | 7:45 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel**

**May 29, 2021 | 7:45 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel**

**June 5, 2021 | 7:45 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel**

### WEEKDAY CHAPEL SERVICES

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

*Afternoon/Evenings: Sun-Thu 6:30PM\**

*\*With the exception of Rosh Chodesh (12<sup>th</sup>), Shavuot (16-18<sup>th</sup>), and Memorial Day (31<sup>st</sup>) service times*

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

Members can register for Shabbat Renewal by visiting: **BETHYESHURUN.ORG/SERVICE-REGISTRATION**

Join us virtually on our website, Facebook page, YouTube channel and/or Zoom.

**Friday Night Shabbat Renewal is Back!** As vaccination rates continue to increase – City of Houston guidelines and our medical advisers have given us the ability to expand the number of in-person participants for services. Our Oneg Shabbat is back, join us after services in the Sukkah courtyard. Registration is only required for our Friday night Shabbat Renewal service - space is limited and reserved for members.

In addition, our daily J.B. Greenfield Chapel service is also open to members with no registration required.

Masking, social distanced seating, and registration are all still required. Attendance is limited, so make sure to sign up soon. Registration is easy to complete on our CBY website or app. We look forward to seeing you back at Beth Yeshurun soon!

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## Upcoming Events

- 5/2** Annual Mollie and Louis Kaplan Museum Lecture, featuring Ori Soltes
- 5/5** JFS Pikuach Nefesh Mental Health Program
- 5/7** Family Friday: Tot Shabbat with Jemel Birnbaum  
Mother's Shabbat
- 5/12** 100 Jewish Men - Linda Kass
- 5/13** Lunch with the Rabbi
- 5/14** Family Friday: Story Time with Rabbi Sarah Fort
- 5/16** Erev Shavuot  
Sacred Encounter: Jewish Mindfulness Retreat  
Tikkun Leil Shavuot at Beth Yeshurun
- 5/17** 1<sup>st</sup> Day Shavuot - Admin. Office & Cemetery Closed
- 5/18** 2<sup>nd</sup> Day Shavuot - Admin. Office & Cemetery Closed
- 5/19** Virtual YES Program
- 5/20** Kids Meals/SEARCH Bag Assembly
- 5/21** CanCare Shabbat
- 5/22** Adult B'nai Mitzvah
- 5/31** Memorial Day - Administrative Offices Closed

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

"It has been important for our boys to have something "normal" to look forward to during this unique time in our lives. They enjoy both the individualized attention provided by small classes as well as the opportunity to see their friends at Religious School every week."  
-Melanie and Dan Spelkin



## Registration for the 2021 - 2022 school year has begun!

Early Registration: Register for Religious School and Sulam by JUNE 1 to receive a discount.  
Register for Kehillah High (8th - 12th grades) by JULY 1 to receive a discount.



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