

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Tue May 22, 2007 - 5th of Sivan EREV SHAUVUOT

Morning Services 7:00 & 7:50 AM
Candle Lighting 7:55 PM
Mincha 7:17 PM
Maariv 8:44 PM

Wed May 23, 2007 - 6th of Sivan SHAUVUOT

Morning Services 5:00 & 9:00 AM
Bible Class 7:00 PM
Daf Yomi 7:15 PM
Mincha 6:45 & 8:05 PM
Yom Tov candles after 8:55 PM
Maariv 8:55 PM

Thu May 24, 2007 - 7th of Sivan SHAUVUOT

Daf Yomi 7:15 AM
Morning Services 8:00 & 9:00 AM
Bible Class 7:00 PM
Talmud Class 7:15 PM
Mincha 8:00 PM
Maariv 8:55 PM
Yom Tov ends 8:55 PM

Fri May 25, 2007 - 8th of Sivan

Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Earliest Candle Lighting 6:40 PM
Candle Lighting 7:57 PM
Mincha 6:45 & 8:00 PM

Sat May 26, 2007 - 9th of Sivan Nasso

Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
Bible Class 8:30 AM
Morning Services. 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class 6:45 PM
Mincha 7:45 PM
Maariv/Shabbat Ends 8:57 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv 8:05 PM

Mon May 28, 2007 - 11th of Sivan MEMORIAL DAY

Morning Services 7:00 & 8:30 AM

Fri June 1, 2007 - 15th of Sivan

Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Earliest Candle Lighting 6:46 PM
Candle Lighting 8:03 PM
Mincha 6:45 & 8:10 PM

Sat June 2, 2007 - 16th of Sivan

Beha'alotcha

Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
Bible Class 8:30 AM
Morning Services. 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class 6:55 PM
Mincha 7:55 PM
Maariv/Shabbat Ends 9:03 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv 8:10 PM

Fri June 8, 2007 - 22nd of Sivan

Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Earliest Candle Lighting 6:50 PM
Candle Lighting 8:07 PM
Mincha 6:45 & 8:10 PM

Sat June 9, 2007 - 23rd of Sivan Sh'lach

Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
Bible Class 8:30 AM
Morning Services. 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class 6:55 PM
Mincha 7:55 PM
Maariv/Shabbat Ends 9:07 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv 8:15 PM

Fri June 15, 2007 - 29th of Sivan

Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Earliest Candle Lighting 6:54 PM
Candle Lighting 8:11 PM
Mincha 6:45 & 8:15 PM

Sat June 16, 2007 - 30th of Sivan Korach

ROSH CHODESH

Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
Bible Class 8:30 AM
Morning services. 7:40, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class 7:00 PM
Mincha 8:00 PM
Maariv/Shabbat Ends 9:11 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv 8:20 PM

Sun June 17, 2007 - 1st of Tamuz

ROSH CHODESH

Morning Services 7:00 & 8:30 AM

Fri June 22, 2007 - 6th of Tamuz

Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Earliest Candle Lighting 6:56 PM
Candle Lighting 8:13 PM
Mincha 6:45 & 8:20 PM

Sat June 23, 2007 - 7th of Tamuz Chukat

Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
Bible Class 8:30 AM
Morning Services. 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class 7:05 PM
Mincha 8:05 PM
Maariv/Shabbat Ends 9:13 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv 8:20 PM

Fri June 29, 2007 - 13th of Tamuz

Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Earliest Candle Lighting 6:56 PM
Candle Lighting 8:13 PM
Mincha 6:45 & 8:20 PM

Sat June 30, 2007 - 14th of Tamuz Balak

Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
Bible Class 8:30 AM
Morning Services. 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class 7:05 PM
Mincha 8:05 PM
Maariv/Shabbat Ends 9:13 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv 8:20 PM

Tue July 3, 2007 - 17th of Tamuz

SHIVA ASSAR B'TAMUZ

Fast Begins 4:17 AM
Morning Services 6:50 & 7:30 AM
Mincha 8:00 PM
Fast Ends 9:02 PM

Wed July 4, 2007 - 18th of Tamuz

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Morning Services 7:10 & 8:30 AM

Fri July 6, 2007 - 20th of Tamuz

Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Earliest Candle Lighting 6:55 PM
Candle Lighting 8:12 PM
Mincha 6:45 & 8:15 PM

Sat July 7, 2007 - 21st of Tamuz Pinchas

Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
Bible Class 8:30 AM
Morning Services. 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Bible Class 7:00 PM
Perek Class 7:00 PM
Mincha 8:00 PM
Maariv/Shabbat Ends 9:12 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv 8:15 PM

Fri July 13, 2007 - 27th of Tamuz

Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Earliest Candle Lighting 6:52 PM
Candle Lighting 8:09 PM
Mincha 6:45 & 8:15 PM

Sat July 14, 2007 - 28th of Tamuz

Matot-Masei

Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
Bible Class 8:30 AM
Morning Services. 7:40, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Bible Class 7:00 PM
Perek Class 7:00 PM
Mincha 8:00 PM
Maariv/Shabbat Ends 9:09 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv 8:15 PM

Mon July 16, 2007 - 1st of Av

ROSH CHODESH

Morning Services 7:00 & 7:40 AM

Fri July 20, 2007 - 5th of Av

Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Earliest Candle Lighting 6:48 PM
Candle Lighting 8:05 PM
Mincha 6:45 & 8:10 PM

Sat July 21, 2007 - 6th of Av Devarim

HAZON

Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
Bible Class 8:30 AM
Morning Services. 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Bible Class 6:55 PM
Perek Class 6:55 PM
Mincha 7:55 PM
Maariv/Shabbat Ends 9:05 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv 8:05 PM

Mon July 23, 2007 - 8th of Av

EREV TISH'A B'AV

Mincha 8:10 PM
Fast Begins 8:21 PM
Maariv & Kinnot 8:52 PM

Tue July 24, 2007 - 9th of Av TISH'A B'AV

Morning Services 6:30 & 8:30 AM
Early Mincha 1:38 PM
Mincha 7:50 PM
Fast Ends 8:51 PM

Wed July 25, 2007 - 10th of Av

Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Chatzot 1:02 PM

Fri July 27, 2007 - 12th of Av

Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Earliest Candle Lighting 6:47 PM
Candle Lighting 7:59 PM
Mincha 6:45 & 8:05 PM

Sat July 28, 2007 - 13th of Av

Vaetchanan NACHAMU

Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
Bible Class 8:30 AM
Morning Services. 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Bible Class 6:50 PM
Perek Class 6:50 PM
Mincha 7:50 PM
Maariv/Shabbat Ends 8:59 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv 8:00 PM

Fri August 3, 2007 - 19th of Av

Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Earliest Candle Lighting 6:40 PM
Candle Lighting 7:52 PM
Mincha 6:45 & 7:55 PM

Sat August 4, 2007 - 20th of Av Eikev

Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
Bible Class 8:30 AM
Morning Services. 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Bible Class 6:40 PM
Perek Class 6:40 PM
Mincha 7:40 PM
Maariv/Shabbat Ends 8:52 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv 7:50 PM

Fri August 10, 2007 - 26th of Av

Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Earliest Candle Lighting 6:31 PM
Candle Lighting 7:43 PM
Mincha 6:45 & 7:50 PM

Sat August 11, 2007 - 27th of Av Re'eh

Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
Bible Class 8:30 AM
Morning Services. 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Bible Class 6:35 PM
Perek Class 6:35 PM
Mincha 7:35 PM
Maariv/Shabbat Ends 8:43 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv 7:40 PM

Tue August 14, 2007 - 30th of Av

ROSH CHODESH

Morning Services 7:00 & 7:40 AM

Wed August 15, 2007 - 1st of Elul

ROSH CHODESH

Morning Services 7:00 & 7:40 AM

Fri August 17, 2007 - 3rd of Elul

Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Earliest Candle Lighting 6:27 PM
Candle Lighting 7:34 PM
Mincha 6:45 & 7:40 PM

Sat August 18, 2007 - 4th of Elul Shoftim

Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
Bible Class 8:30 AM
Morning Services. 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Bible Class 6:25 PM
Perek Class 6:25 PM
Mincha 7:25 PM
Maariv/Shabbat Ends 8:34 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv 7:30 PM

Fri August 24, 2007 - 10th of Elul

Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Earliest Candle Lighting 6:16 PM
Candle Lighting 7:23 PM
Mincha 6:45 & 7:30 PM

Sat August 25, 2007 - 11th of Elul

Ki Teitzei

Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
Bible Class 8:30 AM
Morning Services. 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Bible Class 6:15 PM
Perek Class 6:15 PM
Mincha 7:15 PM
Maariv/Shabbat Ends 8:23 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv 7:20 PM

Fri August 31, 2007 - 17th of Elul

Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Candle Lighting 7:12 PM
Mincha 7:15 PM

Sat September 1, 2007 - 18th of Elul

Ki Tavo

Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
Bible Class 8:30 AM
Morning Services. 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class 6:00 PM
Mincha 7:00 PM
Maariv/Shabbat Ends 8:12 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv 7:10 PM

Mon September 3, 2007 - 20th of Elul

LABOR DAY

Morning Services 7:00 & 8:30 AM

Fri September 7, 2007 - 24th of Elul

Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Candle Lighting 7:01 PM
Mincha 7:05 PM

Sat September 8, 2007 - 25th of Elul

Nitzavim-Vayeilech

Daf Yomi 7:00 AM
Bible Class 8:30 AM
Morning Services. 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Talmud & Bible Class 5:50 PM
Mincha 6:50 PM
Maariv/Shabbat Ends 8:01 PM
Daily Mincha & Maariv 7:00 PM
Early Selichot 10:00 PM
Late Selichot 12:53 AM

Sun September 9, 2007 - 26th of Elul

Morning Services 7:10 & 8:30 AM

Mon September 10, 2007 - 27th of Elul

Selichot & Morning Services 6:40 & 7:30 AM

Tue September 11, 2007 - 28th of Elul

Selichot & Morning Services 6:40 & 7:30 AM
Late Selichot 9:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE

All Night Shavuot Learn-a-thon

**Tues, May 22,
11:30 p.m. - 4:45 a.m.**

**Last Beginners Shabbat
Luncheon of the Season
Sat, June 9 - \$20**

**First Beginners Shabbat
Luncheon of the Season
Sat, Sept 8 - \$20**

**Rosh Hashanah
Wed - Fri, Sept 12 - 14**

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

Gabriella Donati

Shavuot is an enigma. It is one of the three Jewish pilgrimage festivals (*Shalosh Regalim* -- Sukkot, Pesach and Shavuot), the major holidays of the Jewish calendar, yet it's the one least known by anyone outside the traditionally observant community. Even for those who do observe Shavuot, it has the least amount of preparation and build-up. Yet for me, it is the most consequential.

Of the three, Pesach with its formidable Exodus from Egypt is the real attention grabber. The ten plagues, blood on the lintel, the parting of the Red Sea -- such drama! And although the Exodus was certainly a pivotal and crucial point in our history, the Jewish people would have simply been a hodgepodge of differing beliefs and practices had Hashem not blessed us with a true guidebook to life -- the means of sustaining ourselves as a unified people, by giving us the Torah. Shavuot is the anniversary of the Jewish people receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai.

Shavuot is the first instance of Hashem revealing Himself to all the People of Israel. Prior to this occasion, He had shown himself only to Avraham and Moshe. (Skeptics that we are, it's pretty easy to figure out why He felt the need to make Himself so visible). Tradition tells us that all Jewish souls -- even future souls, were present at Mt. Sinai at that moment, and all accepted and took upon themselves the *mitzvot* (commandments). Regardless of all else -- individual personalities, behaviors, histories, *meshugass* -- we were all there as one nation, as Jews!

This is what the festival of Shavuot commemorates -- this awesome gift, and blessing, and responsibility, and ultimately, the unity that has kept us together. This is what we are honoring when we stay up all night (or, at least, *try* to stay up all night), studying and discussing G-d's word.

Shavuot is such an important event that we start preparing for it on the second day of Pesach with the counting of the Omer. From that point on, we are to prime ourselves both physically and spiritually. According to tradition, as they were leaving Egypt, Moshe informed the Israelites that in fifty days G-d would be giving them the Torah. Like children counting to a birthday, the Israelites excitedly began, "one day and counting, two days and counting, three days and counting..."

Sadly, even with the massive build-up and all that was involved in preparing ourselves for this life-changing experience, the ancient Israelites just weren't able to maintain the momentum, and fell asleep the night before G-d spoke to them. This is the source for the custom of staying up all night studying Torah. Maybe we are trying to make amends, maybe we are trying to reinforce our devotion, or maybe we are just trying to let G-d know that we finally understand the immense power and importance of the gift that He bestowed upon us so long

ago -- a gift that has thought, emotion and a sustaining message to guide us through all of life's challenges.

That is what I'll be contemplating this year as I ingest pots of coffee, reams of carb-loaded cheesecake, and try to stay awake long enough to understand even a molecule of what Hashem is saying to us. And through it all, I will be sending up a constant prayer of thanks that He ever considered us worthy of such an honor.

Chag Samayach.

Gabriella Donati is a former member of the Beginners Service (and an ongoing fan of Rabbi Buchwald). Currently residing in Israel, Gabriella made aliyah in 2003 and is enjoying a higher quality of life because of it. She encourages everyone to do the same.



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