# From Our Rabbi....Eric Rosin

In a well-known folk tale about the Prophet Elijah, as a reward for the piety of a good man, the Prophet appears to the man's three sons in the guise of a beggar and informs each son that, as a reward for the pious life of their father, Elijah will grant them either boundless wealth, prodigious wisdom or profound love. The first brother chooses wealth, the second, Torah knowledge and the third chooses love.

Some time later, Elijah appears once again to each brother to see how each has incorporated his new-found good fortune into his life. As he approaches the palatial estate of the wealthy brother, Elijah is stopped by one of the stewards and informed that the owner of the property has no time for beggars. Disappointed, Elijah rescinds his gift and the brother's wealth and status evaporate.

Similarly, when he visits the brother who has become a sage and endeavors to ask the scholar a question, the Prophet is told that the young man's reputation has spread so far and wide that he has recently decided that he will only respond to the queries of equally respected rabbis. Once again disappointed, Elijah overturns the grant of wisdom and all of the texts and insights recede from the brother's consciousness.

Finally, Elijah hesitantly approaches the home of the third son and is thrilled to be welcomed into the young man's modest home and invited to stay for a meal with his host and his host's wife and children. As he drinks in the warmth and affection that permeates the household, Elijah reveals his identity to the young man and grants him the wealth and the wisdom that he had stripped from the other brothers.

As with any story, there are several lessons to be learned from this tale, but the one that emerges most prominently is about the nature of gratitude. Gratitude is the awareness that all of the gifts and good fortune in our lives have their origin the generosity of another, and that none of us fully warrants all of the goodness that we enjoy. No amount of prosperity or prominence can provide the gratification that comes with a life steeped in gratitude.

In our tradition, each morning when we wake up our liturgy provides us with an affirmation of our gratitude: "Modeh or modah ani lifanechah, God, I am thankful to be before You," reminding us that in a life well-lived, gratitude can be our superpower. When we utter these words, we not only consciously open our eyes to everything good in our lives, we also reach out with appreciation to God and are reminded of the others who have contributed to our well-being.

Seeing our lives in the context of the gifts that we have received from God and from others is a powerful tool. It reminds us that, even in difficult times, we are never truly alone. It directs our awareness towards that which is good in our lives. It provides us with resilience and optimism even in days in which we face challenges and it reminds us to reach out when we need help.

This year, our Honoree Gala will honor the myriad of members of our community who have helped us weather the past year of pandemic living. Many have helped us by supporting the community as a whole, maintaining the functioning of our services, our school and our programs. Others have helped us as individuals, providing each of us with moral support, check in phone calls, rides and all manner of other gifts during this difficult time.

Please follow the directions that you will receive to help us to compile the most complete account possible of every contribution that every member has made to our lives. As you do, please notice how simply expressing your gratitude brings warmth and contentment into your life as well.

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# Notes from the Hazzan

*By Hazzan Sheldon Levin*

## A Virtual Convention

This year, I am co-chairing the Cantors Assembly Annual Convention, May 24-26, 2021. While this has not been the first convention I have chaired, planning it during this past year has been different. We eventually agreed to do everything online which has brought some opportunities as well as challenges. We hired companies to help with streaming, event coordination, small group meetings, video editing and other electronic facilitation. We chose to be mindful of the multiple time zones and to take advantage of online possibilities that we have never done before.

We will be bringing guest presenters, speakers, singers, and composers from Israel, Europe and around the United States. Our evening concerts will be open to the public for a small fee and some day time programs will as well. The majority of sessions during the days are geared to improve skills and educate cantors. These will include talks by **Joey Weisenberg**, **Dany Maseng**, a panel on the future of Conservative synagogues, workshops on using Tech, Masterclasses on singing cantorial, art and popular music. Programs on working with children who have special needs, new compositions, a program of Israeli composers (including **Nava Tehila** and **Nurit Hirsh**), and several other useful classes. There will be daytime concerts by JTS Students, a recital by **Cantors Galit Cohen** and **Daniel Mutlu** and I am producing a program in memory of **Cantor Max Wohlberg, z"l**, on his 25th yahrzeit.

The evening concerts will be varied and entertaining. Monday, May 24 has "Cantorial and Yiddish Songs." Tuesday evening will feature "Jewish Music of the 21st Century." Wednesday, May 26, the final program has "Jewish Music from Around the World," with cantors performing from Europe, Israel, South Africa, South and North America.

If you are interested in attending online any of the evening concerts, email me Hazzan@NeveShalom.net and I will send you the registration information, there is an admission fee for these concerts. Feel free to contact me with questions about the other sessions as well.

# From the Synagogue President

*By Andrea L. Colby*

## The Journey

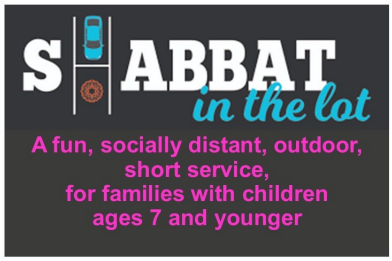
As we make our way from Pesach to Shavuot, we have been commanded to count the seven weeks between the second day of Passover to the spring festival of Shavuot, (this year beginning on the evening of May 16) day by day. The Jewish mystics of the 16th century labeled each of these seven weeks with a different attribute: Chesed (lovingkindness), Gevurah (justice, discipline), Tiferet (harmony, compassion), Netzach (endurance), Hod (humility), Yesod (bonding) and Malchut (sovereignty, leadership). Every day of each week is also imbued with the same attributes and they intersect with the weekly attribute to teach us something about ourselves and our communities on a daily basis.

Each year for the past few, I've been participating in this practice with Rabbi Yael Levy's instructions through her website, AWayIn.org. But this year, given that we have essentially been "counting the days" since last March, the quality of time and the passage of our days seems a bit different. Many of our days over the past year have seemed the same. But counting the Omer this year, each day is different: there is a different quality to consider and be mindful of, a different attribute to learn about and find a way to express.

As I approach the end of my term as President of Neve Shalom on June 30, and as I consider the qualities and attributes given to each day and week of the Omer, I realize that all of these qualities are important to us both as leaders and as Jewish human beings. I also realize how much I have learned—and that you have all taught me—during the time I've been President. I am especially grateful to our community for pulling together and helping each other all this past year. We will all have the opportunity to thank each other through our spring fundraiser this year and I encourage everyone to log on to our web page (or send your thanks through the mail to our office) and acknowledge the people who have helped you and, more broadly, our community, this year. Even if it's a simple and small gesture that helped you feel better during a very difficult time, extending your thanks will be greatly treasured.

Our entire community has exhibited so many of the qualities we devote ourselves to during this time of year: showing lovingkindness in reaching out to each other, expressing discipline in keeping each other safe, being compassionate to those of our community who have suffered, showing endurance in carrying on in different ways from our usual practices, feeling humble in the face of an infectious entity that knows no mercy, finding ways to bond with each other, even virtually, and exhibiting the leadership in all ways to help our community survive. As we put one foot in front of the other and make our way through the Omer, counting each step and each day, let us share with each other our immense gratitude to each other so we can heal, process and understand what we have learned from this experience. It is my fervent hope that by the time we reach Shavuot, we can see the time when we can celebrate together again!

Neve Shalom invites you to




**Friday, May 14, 2021 at 5 pm**

Each family can sit in the back of their car or in socially distanced chairs during this short, outdoor service with Rabbi Rosin and Hazzan Levin.

Families can choose to be in person or use the Zoom link from your home.

**To attend in person please pre-register:**
https://www.neveshalom.net/event/shabbat-in-the-lot

**Zoom link:** https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82472289017

**Prayerbook:** https://tinyurl.com/k3b2tevb

## Prayers for HEALING

If you would like to include the name of someone who is ill (including yourself) to be recited for a Mi Sheberach (prayer for healing) when the Torah is read, please e-mail the Hebrew (preferred) or English name of that individual to **Steve Gross** at stephang@optonline.net.
You may also contact the synagogue office by phone with this information.

# Religious School News

*By Miriam Dobin, Religious School Director*

We are thrilled to be back outdoors following our Pesach vacation! The morot/ teachers, and talmidim/students were so happy to see their pupils, and friends in person.

Yom huledet sameach, Yisrael /Happy Birthday, Israel! Our Religious School celebrated Israel's 73rd in style. We wore kachol v'lavon/blue and white, and waved our Israel flags high as we sang special songs in Hebrew for the occasion. The height of our excitement was making falafel! Todah rabah/thank you very much to **Lilly Shamam**, **Yael's** ima/mother, for teaching us how to prepare falafel while sharing memories of her youth of Yom Ha'Atzmaut/ Israel Independence Day while living in Israel. Our talmidim cut up their own fresh vegetables for salad, took falafel balls, and stuffed them into pita to make a delicious falafel sandwich! *Take a look at the photos!*

As we approach the end of the school year, we continue to count upwards the days until we reach Shavuot, when Hashem gave the Jewish people the Torah. Much activity can be witnessed as several Jewish and American holidays head our way.

In honor of Lag Ba'Omer/the 33rd day in the counting of the Omer, our kita Bet/Gimmel/2nd/3rd grade, crafted a bonfire comparing the brightness of light which comes from a bonfire to the light of Torah that shines. Our kita Daled/Hai / 4-5th grade, designed a mural of Yerushalayim/ Jerusalem using sand art.

Our Kita Zayin/ grade 7 and Hebrew High classes had an interesting discussion comparing and contrasting the social distancing felt during the pandemic of our current situation, to that of **Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai**. He lived during the Second Temple period when the Romans occupied Israel, and he and his son had to hide in a cave for 12 years to save their lives. They survived miraculously from fruit from a carob tree, and water from a spring. When they emerged, the world was a different place. Although the social distancing that the world is experiencing during the corona virus pandemic is very different from the experience of **Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai** and **Rabbi Elazar**, his son, the story gives us insight into how it feels to move from an isolating experience back into regular life.

Mother's Day is on the way with a special morning set aside for the imahot v'yeladim/ mothers and children. We will be designing and braiding unique shapes as we prepare challah! This is a special mitzvah given to women. What better way to celebrate Mother's Day than through a special mitzvah/commandment. On this day, as well, we will be having a first at Neve Shalom. Our Horim Veyekarim class/ Parents and their Dear Ones, will be putting on a Living Torah Museum. Throughout the year, this new and novel parents and children class, (grades 5 and 7) studied numerous Torah personalities along with the traits which made them so memorable. The parent-child team will each role play one of the Torah personalities of interest to them before an audience of fellow parents, and friends. (See page 8.)

Finally, as Shavuot approaches, the question on all our minds is… "Who stole the cheesecake"? Our 7th grade through Hebrew high, along with our Israeli friends at the Kugel School in Holon, Israel, will unravel the clues of who stole the cheesecake in preparation for Shavuot while playing an Escape the Zoom.

Happy Mother's Day and chag Shavuot sameach!

# Men's Club Minute

*By Lawrence Dombrow, Men's Club President*

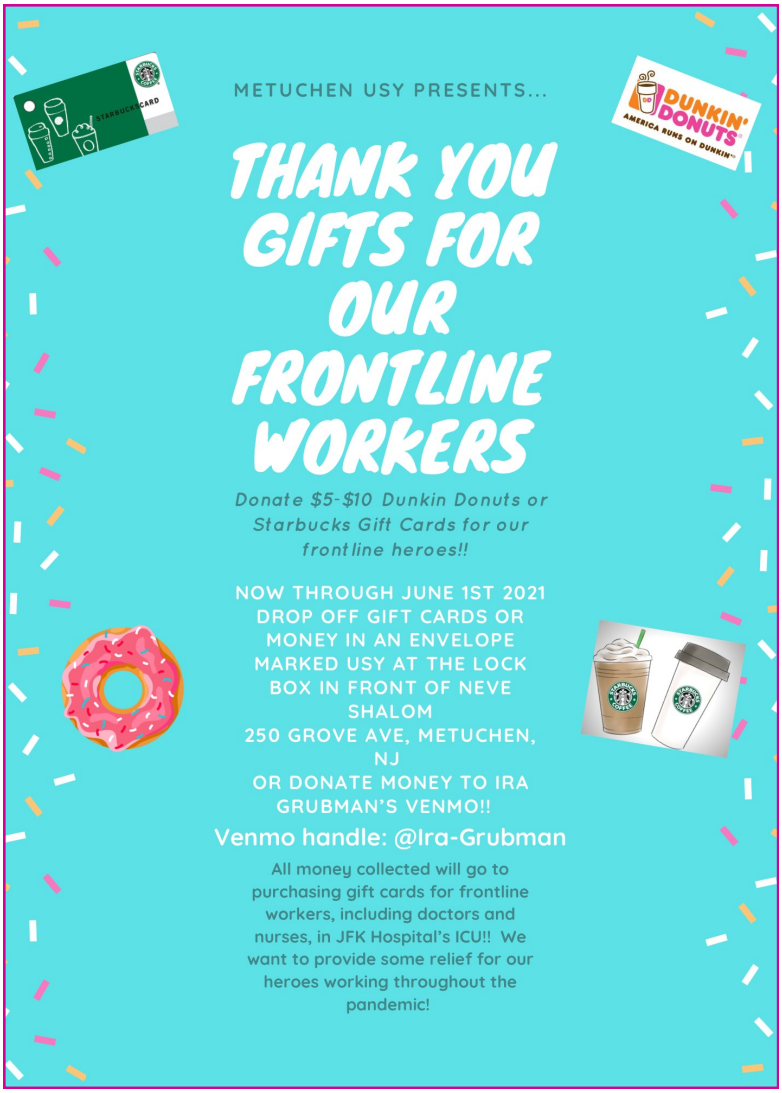
By the time this goes to print, we will be well into Spring. After the dreariness of an unusually cold winter, combined with continued isolation, I think we all have spent a long time looking forward to warmer weather and getting outside.

We are thrilled that we were able to go back to two events this year that we were unable to do last year. In March, the Men's Club was happy to participate in Men's Club Shabbat. While unfortunately we were not able to have as many participants as we usually would have, it was exciting to be able to honor our members this year. Men's Cub members read Torah, Haftarah (with **Larry Goldberg** celebrating the anniversary of his bar mitzvah with us), received aliyot, and led various other parts of the service, including giving the d'var Torah. On a personal note, I would like to thank **Eliot Spack** for allowing me to have an aliyah in honor of the first yahrzeit for my father. Next year we look forward to having our regular Men's Club Shabbat, in person and all together.

We also delivered yellow candles for Yom HaShoah this year. After not being able to deliver them last year, it was meaningful to be able to assist our community in recalling the horrors of the Holocaust.

We are working on planning a possible beer tasting event for June 6. Details are not final yet, so please look out for additional information.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any ideas on how Men's Club can further our sense of community.

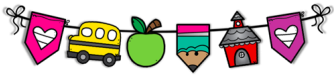



# THE SCOOP ON USY

*By Ben Alter,*
*Freshman Representative*

This April we had two events, and they were both great! On Monday, April 5, we had our Social Action Night. We made cards, t-shirts, and so much more to help those in need. Then, on the 19th, we went out for a game of paintball, which we all really enjoyed. While those events were fun, we're in the final stretch now! Join us on Monday, May 3, for Nailed It. Compete to make crazy foods, and at the end, see who did it best. On May 24, we have Kindergarten Night. You'll get to play with play-doh, legos, and more in this call back to Kindergarten! And finally, on June 7, we'll have our end of the year party. It's sure to be a ton of fun! Information for all of these events will be coming soon.

And don't forget: Even though the Neve USY is done for the year, you can still go to Encampment in August. Spend a week at summer camp with old and new friends alike, while learning more about Judaism at the same time! We hope that you enjoyed everything we had for you this year, and hope to see you again next year!



**Neve Shalom would like to thank the following people for chanting Torah during March.** *T=Teen JR=Junior N=New Reader*

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Francesca Brinen .....T1
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Lisa Spiegel .....1

**Haftarah**

Francesca Brinen ..... T
Larry Goldberg
Bruce Greenberg
Julia Israel..... T
Audrey Napchen
Michele Rosenfield

# GUEST SPEAKER

On Sunday, May 2 at 10:00 am, Neve Shalom proudly invites you to the annual Israel & Shirley Segal Memorial Lecture. This year's presenter will be **Dr. Lila Corwin Berman**, who will speak about "Anti-Semitism in the 'Golden Land': Is America Different?"

Dr. Corwin Berman is the Murray Friedman Chair of American Jewish History at Temple University and the director of the Feinstein Center for American Jewish History. She is author of a forthcoming book titled, *The American Jewish Philanthropic Complex: The History of a Multi-Billion Dollar Institution* (Princeton, 2020). Berman has also written *Speaking of Jews: Rabbis, Intellectuals, and the Creation of an American Public Identity* (California, 2009), a finalist for the Jewish Book Council's Sami Rohr Prize, and *Metropolitan Jews: Politics, Race, and Religion in Postwar Detroit* (Chicago, 2015), with support from the National Endowment of the Humanities and the American Council of Learned Societies. Her scholarly articles have appeared in several publications, including the *American Historical Review, Journal of American History, AJS Review, Jewish Social Studies, American Jewish History,* and *Religion and American Culture*. She has also written columns for the *Washington Post, the Forward*, and *the Jewish Week*.

This talk will be shared on Zoom: Meeting #: 82472289017. Call 732-548-2238, ext. 12 for the password. The program is sponsored by the Israel & Shirley Segal Memorial Fund. It is free and open to the public.

For more information contact 732-548-2238, ext. 14, Hazzan@NeveShalom.net.

Neve Shalom continues to support the efforts of Jewish Family Service of Middlesex County to help the needy by collecting food for the Kosher Food Pantry. Food donations may be left at the synagogue in the closet near the stairs next to the stage. USY will be collecting a different item each month to be donated. Please watch Neve Now! for more information. Thank you for supporting these efforts!

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Neve Shalom encourages those observing the Yahrzeit of a loved one to attend our daily minyan on the day associated with the Hebrew date of death, as listed below, so that you may recite the Mourner's Kaddish to honor them along with our Jewish community. To confirm the time of our daily morning minyan services, go to www.neveshalom.net/calendar or contact the synagogue office.

| HEBREW DATE | ENGLISH DATE | DECEASED'S NAME | MOURNER |
|---|---|---|---|
| 20 Iyyar | 5/2/2021 | Ruth Grande Halle | Mother of Helene Epstein |
| | | Myrna Olshan | Mother-in-Law of Irving Dessel |
| 22 Iyyar | 5/4/2021 | Channah Wernik | Grandmother of Charlotte Sheratsky |
| | | Rabbi Nathan Zelizer | Father of Gerald Zelizer |
| | | Jack Berman | Grandfather of Stephen Alter |
| 23 Iyyar | 5/5/2021 | Nathan Lehrhaupt | Uncle of Sandra Fields, Father of Judith Spiegel |
| | | David Michlin | Father of Steven Michlin |
| | | Yetta Gelber | Wife of Morris Gelber |
| 24 Iyyar | 5/6/2021 | Leo Slobodien | Father of Stanley Slobodien |
| | | Pauline Schachner | Grandmother of Daniel Spiegel |
| | | Lou Frishling | Stepfather of Nita Polay Levin |
| | | Max Schulman | Grandfather of Jeffrey Schulman |
| | | Celia Shultz | Mother of Gail Adler |
| 25 Iyyar | 5/7/2021 | Lester Berkow | Brother of Irene Hutt |
| 26 Iyyar | 5/8/2021 | Priscilla Grafton Baker | Mother of Samuel Grafton |
| | | Esther Greenhouse | Grandmother of Beverly Perry |
| | | Naomi Friedman | Mother of Cory Schneider |
| 27 Iyyar | 5/9/2021 | Miriam Fineman | Mother-in-Law of Marlene Fineman |
| | | Paul Zigman | Father of Gail Kanar |
| | | Daniel Richard Diamond | Father of Robin Diamond |
| | | Ruth Roth | Aunt of Keith Boxer |
| | | David Robinson | Husband of Fredda Robinson |
| 28 Iyyar | 5/10/2021 | Samuel Levitt | Father of Herbert Levitt |
| | | Benjamin Luks | Husband of Pamela Luks |
| 29 Iyyar | 5/11/2021 | Samuel Berman | Father of Paul Berman |
| | | Robert and Ruth Sessler | Parents of Marc Sessler |
| | | Jacquelyn Narode | Mother of Karen Zuckerman |
| | | Arline Feldman | Mother of Frayda Kleiman |
| 2 Sivan | 5/13/2021 | Sondra Fox | Mother of Donna Binstein |
| | | Lily Stern | Grandmother of Ann Frank and Robert Spierer |
| 3 Sivan | 5/14/2021 | Arthur Greenberg | Uncle of Stanley Loewenthal |
| | | Sylvia Seidner | Mother of Michael Seidner |
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| 4 Sivan | 5/15/2021 | Seymour Kramer | Father of Elliot Kramer |
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| | | Gail Rubinstein | Mother of Marvin Rubinstein |
| | | Joseph Uram | Father of Susan Levinson |
| 5 Sivan | 5/16/2021 | Estelle Lampf | Mother of Mark Lampf |
| | | Ruth Solomon | Mother of Sheldon Levin |
| | | Bernard Goldstein | Father of Shelley Wiesner |
| | | Minnie Anes | Mother of Ronald Anes |
| 6 Sivan | 5/17/2021 | Diana Goldstein | Sister of Paul Berman |
| | | Brian Willner | Brother of Ellen Romm |
| 7 Sivan | 5/18/2021 | Evelyn Anderson | Sister-in-Law of Murray Simon |
| | | Ileen Heller | Mother of Marc Heller |
| | | Betty Berman | Grandmother of Stephen Alter |
| 8 Sivan | 5/19/2021 | Tessie Freihon | Mother of Arthur Freihon |
| | | Neoma Wiener | Mother of Ira Wiener |
| 9 Sivan | 5/20/2021 | Irwin Kaufman | Brother-in-Law of Rose Kaufman |
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| | | Harry Glass | Father of Audrey Napchen |
| | | Henriette Rita Kestin | Mother of Deborah Schildkraut and Lynn Kestin Sessler |
| 10 Sivan | 5/21/2021 | Robert Schulman | Uncle of Jeffrey Schulman |

| HEBREW DATE | ENGLISH DATE | DECEASED'S NAME | MOURNER |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10 Sivan | 5/21/2021 | Millicent Rabinowitz | Mother of Carol Hacker |
| 11 Sivan | 5/22/2021 | Gerald Seidner | Father of Michael Seidner |
| | | Sidney Seiler | Father of Joyce Wernik |
| | | Freda Fern | Sister of Gerald Glick |
| | | Gertrude Bernstein | Mother of Kenneth Bernstein |
| 12 Sivan | 5/23/2021 | Ben Moss | Father of Robert Moss |
| | | Morris Wernik | Grandfather of Charlotte Sheratsky |
| 14 Sivan | 5/25/2021 | Charlotte Tessler | Mother of Martin Tessler |
| | | Rita Berman | Mother of Deborah Berman |
| 15 Sivan | 5/26/2021 | Sol Braverman | Father of Sanford and Kenneth Braverman |
| 16 Sivan | 5/27/2021 | Phyllis Spack | Mother of Eliot Spack |
| | | Bessie Wollner | Mother of Alma Rubin |
| 17 Sivan | 5/28/2021 | Rubin Levine | Father-in-Law of Florence Levine |
| | | Adele Eines | Mother of Fred Eines |
| 18 Sivan | 5/29/2021 | Paul Sperber | Father of Ellen Clarkson |
| | | Barbara Spiegel | Mother of Daniel Spiegel |
| | | Jeffrey Meyer | Brother of Marian Szteinbaum |
| | | Bonni Willard | Niece of Gloria Engel |
| 19 Sivan | 5/30/2021 | Saul Buchbinder | Uncle of Flora Cowen |
| | | Sidney Semel | Father of Norman Semel |
| 20 Sivan | 5/31/2021 | Leonard Bloom | Father of Jennine Shpigel |
| | | Israel Kellner | Father of Joy Grafton |
| | | Ruth Wineberg | Mother of Larry Wineberg |

Religious School Grades 2 – Hebrew High

*Let's celebrate the special women in our lives with a lovely*

*Mother's Day Tea*

Ima yekara li, yekara. Shir katan ashira lach, ki ani ohev o'tach!

Mother, you are dear to me. A small song I'll sing for you, that's because I love you!

A special morning awaits mother's and children at Neve Shalom. We will be braiding and designing unique shapes as we prepare to make challah.

This is a special mitzvah given to women and has been a cherished tradition from generation to generation.

Sunday May 9 from 9:30AM - 10:30AM

Weather permitting, outdoors --- In case of rain, indoors

Whoever is unable to attend in person, may join on Zoom. Ingredients will be emailed beforehand.

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WHO STOLE THE CHEESECAKE?
Escape the Zoom

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Grades 7-Hebrew High, along with our Israeli friends at the Kugel School in Israel, will unravel the clues to find out who stole the cheesecake baked in preparation for Shavuot.

We might stay up all night learning Torah until we find out!

Sunday May 2, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Zoom information to follow.

## Sunday, May 16
## 7:30pm Shir B'Yachad Shavuot *

Inspirational music beautifully sung by members of Neve Shalom community to set the mood for Shavuot.

## Monday, May 17
## 9:00am Shavuot Festival Service *

Outdoors, weather permitting, we will chant the traditional Holiday service, Hallel, Torah study and the Book of Ruth.

## Sunday, May 16
## 8:15pm Erev Shavuot Service & Confirmation *

Rabbi Rosin & Hazzan Levin will lead the traditional evening service with the help of **Patrick McAuley,** this year's Confirmation student. Patrick will also share some thoughts about Israel and read a small part of the Book of Ruth.
*Please join us to honor this fine student.*

## Monday, May 17
## 6:30pm Erev Shavuot and Memorial Service *

Rabbi Rosin & Hazzan Levin will lead the evening service and add Yizkor prayers for our departed for those who wish to say them in the evening.

## Sunday, May 16
## 9pm—1am Night of Study

Sponsored by the Rabbinical Assembly, each hour there will be several options of study with Rabbis, Cantors and Scholars from around the country.
*Program and registration info will follow.*

## Tuesday, May 18
## 9:00am *Shavuot Festival and Yizkor Service* *

Outdoors, weather permitting, we will chant the traditional Holiday service, Hallel, Torah study and Yizkor.

## Sunday, May 23 — 3 pm Ice Cream Party

For families with younger children we will sing songs, hear a story and enjoy refreshments outdoors, weather permitting.
*Watch upcoming announcements for more details and online registration information.*

**** Watch Neve Now for the Zoom and YouTube links.***

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# Israel & Shirley Segal Memorial Lecture

## Dr. Lila Corwin Berman

*Director, Feinstein Center for American Jewish History at Temple University*

## *Anti-Semitism in the "Golden Land": Is America Different?*

**Sunday, May 2, 2021 10:00am**

Neve Shalom
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**Sponsored by the Israel & Shirley Segal Memorial Fund, this annual event is free and open to the public via Zoom.**

Lila Corwin Berman is the Murray Friedman Chair of American Jewish History at Temple University and the director of the Feinstein Center for American Jewish History. She is author of a forthcoming book titled, *The American Jewish Philanthropic Complex: The History of a Multi-Billion Dollar Institution* (Princeton, 2020). Berman has also written *Speaking of Jews: Rabbis, Intellectuals, and the Creation of an American Public Identity* (California, 2009), a finalist for the Jewish Book Council's Sami Rohr Prize, and *Metropolitan Jews: Politics, Race, and Religion in Postwar Detroit* (Chicago, 2015), with support from the National Endowment of the Humanities and the American Council of Learned Societies. Her scholarly articles have appeared in several publications, including the *American Historical Review*, *Journal of American History*, *AJS Review*, *Jewish Social Studies*, *American Jewish History*, and *Religion and American Culture*. She has also written columns for the *Washington Post*, the *Forward*, and the *Jewish Week*.

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| **Shabbat**<br>Friday evenings: 6:00 pm<br>Shabbat and Shavuot mornings: 9:00 am<br>Havdalah and Study: 7:30 pm<br>**All services and events are held on Zoom unless otherwise noted.** | | | **Morning Minyan**<br>Sundays: 9:00 am<br>Weekdays: 8:00 am<br>Rosh Chodesh: 7:30 am<br>Memorial Day: 9:00 am | | | 1 **Emor**<br>Havdalah & study 8:50 pm |
| 2<br>Segal Memorial Lecture 10 am<br>Youth groups 12:05 pm | 3 | 4<br>Hadassah 7 pm<br>Ritual Comm 7:30 pm | 5<br>Mental health presentation 7:30 pm | 6<br>Holocaust presentations 7:30 pm<br>Men's Club 7:30 pm | 7<br>Candles 7:41 pm<br>Services 6:00pm | 8 **Behar/ Bechukotai**<br>Havdalah & study 8:55 pm |
| 9<br>Youth groups 12:05 pm | 10 **Yom Yerushalayim**<br>Finance Comm 7 pm<br>Youth groups 7:30 pm | 11 | 12 **Rosh Chodesh**<br>Education Comm 7:30 pm | 13<br>Holocaust presentations 7:30 pm | 14<br>Candles 7:48 pm<br>"Shabbat in the Lot" 5 pm | 15 **Bamidbar**<br>Havdalah & study 9 pm |
| 16<br>Silent No More 10 am<br>Shir B'yachad 7:30 pm<br>Erev Shavuot Service and Confirmation 8:15 pm<br>Night of Study 9 pm | 17 **Shavuot**<br>Office closed<br>Evening and Memorial Service 6:30 pm | 18 **Shavuot**<br>Office closed | 19<br>House Comm 7:30 pm | 20<br>Calendar meeting 7 pm<br>Holocaust presentations 7:30 pm | 21<br>Candles 7:55 pm | 22 **Nasso**<br>Havdalah & study 9:10 pm |
| 23<br>Congregation meeting 1 pm<br>Shavuot ice cream party 3pm<br>"Wheels to Worship" 3 pm | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28<br>Candles 8:01 pm | 29 **Baha'lotcha**<br>Havdalah & study 9:10 pm |
| 30 | 31 **Memorial Day**<br>Office closed | | | | | |