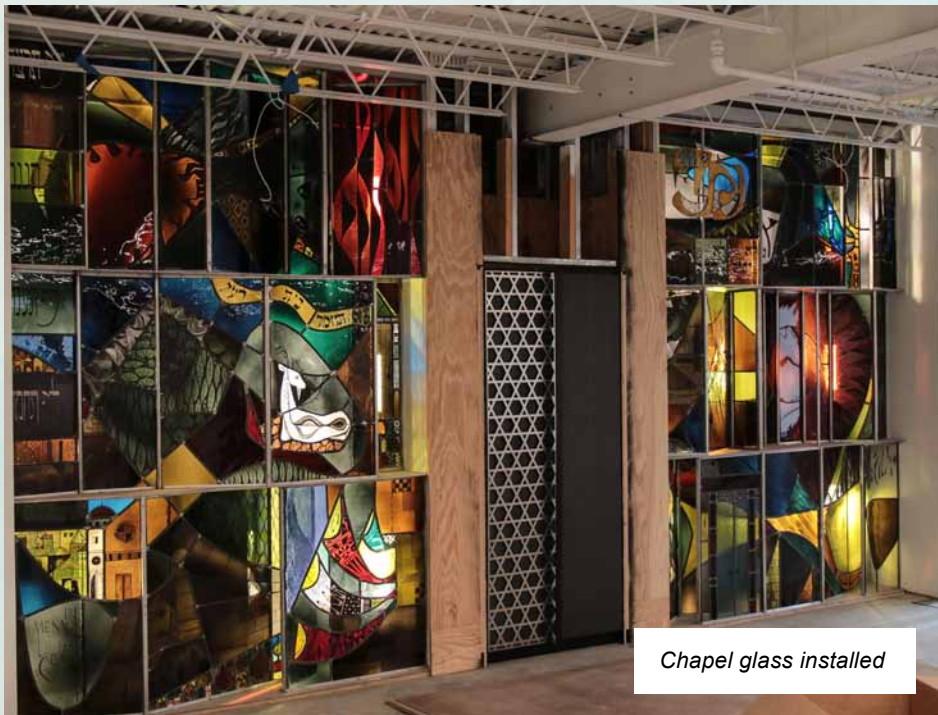


KR On The Move!

Work on our new building continues!

More pictures and info can be found on our website KolRinahStL.org.

Photos courtesy of Stacey Hudson



Chapel glass installed



Laying tile in entryway

Upcoming Events

Fri 8	Pesach Sheni
10 Sun	Mother's Day
12 Tue	Lag B'Omer
22 Fri	Yom Yerushalayim
24 Sun	Rosh Chodesh Sivan
29-30 F-St	Shavuot (days)

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Log in to your member account on our website for Zoom link access, or call the office.

Keep in touch with your meeting or class leaders for Zoom scheduling.

Kol Rinah Leadership

Kol Rinah Board

Randi Mozenter	<i>President</i>
Sherri Sadon	<i>Chair of the Board</i>
Gary Kodner	<i>VP Communications/ VP Membership</i>
Dan Rosentahal	<i>VP Development</i>
Jeremy Buhler	<i>VP Education</i>
David Cooperstein	<i>VP Facilities</i>
Barbara Shamir	<i>VP Personnel</i>
Esti Goldman	<i>VP Ritual</i>
Stacey Hudson	<i>Secretary</i>
Janice Shenker	<i>Treasurer</i>

Serving Through 2020

Steve Birenbaum, Denise Bobick, Florence Cohn, Amy Friedman, Paula Lemerman, Marvin Marcus, Jinny Petrofsky, Al Snyder

Serving Through 2021

Penny Alper, Richard Gavatin, David Geller, Rhiannon Kaye, Blair Kweskin, Ben Singer, Sara Sorenson

Serving Through 2022

Elisa Israel, Jerry Nuell, Joel Portman, Joel Schwartz, Jim Singman, Marcia Sokol-Anderson, Skylar Swim, Karen Wetmore

Staff

Mitch Shenker, Barbara Shamir	<i>Co-Directors</i>
Nancy Greene	<i>Executive Assistant</i>
Meir Zimand	<i>Director of Operations & Finance</i>
Melissa Bellows	<i>Youth & Family Coordinator</i>
Sarah Shulman	<i>Youth Advisor</i>
Octavio Vargas- Norwood	<i>Janitorial Facilities / Maintenance</i>

Ritual

Noah Arnow	<i>Rabbi</i>
Marvin Lerner, Jonathan Belsky	<i>Ba'alei Kriah</i>
Mark Fasman, Benson Skoff zt"l,	
Mordecai Miller	<i>Rabbis Emeriti</i>

Education

Scott Shafrin	<i>Religious School Director / Associate Rabbi</i>
Melissa Bellows	<i>KoREH Assistant</i>
Elyse Picker, Liz Collins	<i>Early Childhood Center Co-Directors</i>

Auxiliary Groups

Max Brown	<i>Brotherhood President</i>
Susan Brown, Joyce Gang	<i>Sisterhood Co-Presidents</i>
Marilyn Dien	<i>Women's Social Group</i>

Committee Chairs

Penny Alper	<i>Capital Campaign/Development</i>
Wendy Love Anderson	<i>Community Learning</i>
Ralph Graff	<i>Verein</i>
Barbara Bianco	<i>Chesed</i>
Gary Kodner	<i>Communications</i>
Michael Greenfield	<i>Constitution & Bylaws</i>
Steve Rosenblum	<i>Development</i>
Denise Bobick	<i>ECC</i>
Jeremy Buhler	<i>Education</i>
Sue Albert, Dan Rosenthal	<i>Facilities</i>
Todd Cohen	<i>Finance</i>
Marsha Birenbaum	<i>Halls & Catering</i>
Esti Goldman, Bob Olshan	<i>Israel</i>
Al Snyder	<i>KoREH</i>
Joyce Olshan	<i>Membership</i>
Denise Field	<i>Personnel</i>
Michael Levine	<i>Strategic Planning</i>
Howard Granok	<i>Ritual</i>

Kol Rinah welcomes everyone. This means YOU! Kol Rinah is a dynamic

and forward-looking congregation where all generations come together to experience Judaism in innovative ways. **Our mission** is to create a welcoming community that embraces Torah and meaningful worship, lifelong learning, music, Israel and Tikkun Olam, guided by the tenets of Conservative Judaism.

We embrace a diversity of Jews and Jewish families, including Jews by choice and Jews by birth, Jews of all hues, Jewish singles, couples, and families, interfaith households, LGBTQ Jews, Jews of all abilities and disabilities, the Jew-curious, and more! If there is anything we can do to make you more welcome or to accommodate your needs, please let us know.

Condolences to the Families Of

Carolyn Epstein
Aaron David Fenster
Dr. Fred Handler
Goldie Levinson
Marsha Portman
Sallie Weltman

May their memories be a blessing.

Looking for something to do while you're stuck at home?

Legacy Archives Project

Gary Kodner is collecting documents, stories and photos from our legacy congregations: Shaare Zedek, Brith Sholom, Kneseth Israel, and BSKI. Have something to contribute or share?

Contact Gary Kodner: gkodner@gmail.com or 314.954.4302

A Message from Our Rabbis

Rabbi Noah Arnow - Senior Rabbi

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I often use this column to talk about an upcoming event in the life of our congregation. As I write this, soon after Passover, it's unclear when exactly we'll have another event together again. We know this distancing will not last forever, but we don't know how long it will last. So, making plans for future programs is not so easy, especially not for the near future.

One of the things I'm thinking about is, after all of this is past us, how much should we go back to doing things

exactly as we used to, and how much can or should change about the ways we operate as a congregation. We've had minyan more consistently on Zoom than we have had in person before this crisis. We are getting more people on Zoom for Kabbalat Shabbat than we did before.

I'm not suggesting that we should move our minyanim and services to Zoom, but as we prepare to move into our new building, we have an opportunity to think about how we

gather, and how we get together, about what matters, and what matters less.

What are we learning about our community, about the need for community, about prayer, learning, ritual, and organization? I have more answers than I have questions, and I would love to hear your thoughts. Let me know, and let's begin this conversation, and hope to see each other again in person soon.

Join a Zoom Minyan!

Kol Rinah's daily minyanim are being held via Zoom. You can Join us with or without video via your computer or phone. **We will say kaddish if we have a minyan present in the Zoom meeting.**

Log in to your member account on our website for the links and passwords to our Zoom minyanim and classes.

Evening Minyan on Zoom

6 PM Central Sun-Fri

Morning Minyan on Zoom

7 AM Central Mon-Fri, 8 AM Central Sun

Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom

6 PM Central Fri

Holiday service times are listed in the calendar.

[Click Here for a PDF](#) version of the weekday Siddur Sim Shalom.

Office

The office will be open for phone calls and emails, but **please do not drop by**, as the office will not be open to the public. Meetings will happen via Zoom or on the phone. Our staff, clergy and synagogue leadership are working and available. We're just a phone call or an

email away. Please let us know any way we can be helpful to you or your family, or others you know of during this difficult time.

Classes

Zoom classes topics and times to be announced.

ECC

Kol Rinah's Early Childhood Center is also closed. Staff and parents will receive additional information directly from the school.

St. Louis County's Covid-19 Hotline is 314.615.2660, and we encourage you to consult the websites below for more information.

LOCAL INFORMATION: <https://stlouisco.com/Your-Government/County-Executive/COVID-19>

CDC COVID-19 General Information: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Please be in touch with Rabbi Arnow if you or anyone you know is:

- ✧ A community member, with or without financial resources and no social network, who needs groceries/prescriptions/toiletries/etc.
- ✧ A community member who is feeling lonely, scared, worried
- ✧ A community member who has a severe emotional or physical health condition that requires attention.

Mazel Tov!

May Birthdays

Joel Frankel, Asher Sabin, Samuel Sabin, Lauren Wolf, Amy Zaidman, Esti Goldman, Noah Arnow, Rhona Lyons, Berta Hyken, Rena Buhler, Judy Allen, Abigail Simmons, Gail Brody, Abby Schneider, Idan Lerner, Laila Bach, Gloria Feldman, Franklin Haspiel, Loren Bach, Rachel Kodner, Jonah May-Rauchman, Rosalie Stein, Stella Picker, Tobi Don, Lori Siegel, Alan Snyder, Sara Sorenson, Samuel Bernstein, Davanna Renee, Russell Gottlieb, Bonnie Shafrin, Naomi Zaidman, Donald Levy, Denise Bobick, Jada Fox, Elisa Israel, Joshua Stein, Leah Berger, Leonid Grossman, Shirley Fredman, Cindy Ginsburg, Nicky Rainey, Nancy Rosman, Edward Schukar, Marc Levin, Michael Bernstein, Stephanie Levy, Frances Wilner, Aaron Praiss, Gretchen Schisla, Nicole Rainey, Hannah Rainey, Delia Rainey, Deborah Rubin, Patricia Cohen, Phillip Gould, Zeke Swim, Michael Stein, Emily Ginsburg, Josh Horwitz, Jonah Levy, Saloane Sapot

May Anniversaries

Kim Anderson & Marcia Sokol-Anderson
Alex Befeler & Serra-Lesa Ivener
Joanna & Jeffrey Carra
Corey Feit & Jenna Lew-Feit
Guy Friedman & Laura Horwitz
Hal & Marcia Goldsmith
Michael & Abby Goldstein
Russell & Rachel Gottlieb
Brad & Mindy Horwitz
Joshua & Cindy Kalachek
Gail Brody & Richard Kodner
Harvey & Aileen Melnick
Andrew & Nancy Rosman
Steven & Andrea Rosenblum
Harold & Diane Sanger
Alan & Robin Weinberger
Mike & Sherri Besmer
Philip & Leslie Johnson

June Birthdays

Jerry Raskin, Helene Meyer, Ari Horwitz, Nathan Goldstein, Jacob Goldstein, Hanan Nathan-Slarskey, Cheryl Wasserberg, Susan Cort, Nicola Hudson, Tasha Kaminsky, Courtney Rader, Sophia Gottlieb, Julie Ettinger, Christopher Mollett, Matt Reznick, Ruth Koshner, Leora Spitzer, Isaac Besmer, Jonathan Dien, Bruce Dien, Phyllis Katz, William Mathis, Jon Santer, Randi Mozenter, Florence Cohn, Amitai Shafrin, Golda Burke, Jacob Shanas, Allen Levin, Laura Horwitz, Nancy Berg, Jeffrey Jacob, Serena Sabin, Merwyn Kalina, Sherri Sadon, Elana Gottlieb, Nick Riggio, Shira LeDeaux, Enid Perll, Rosetta Weintraub, Aileen Shmuger, Mindy Horwitz, Stan Braude, Ari Brenner, Harriet Shanas, Yitzchak Santer, Monroe Ginsburg, Cecilia Asher, Ava Duel, Deborah Finkelstein, Kenneth Weintraub, Lily Friedman, William Kaufman, Katherine Gross, Stacey Hudson, Phil Levens, Robert Stein, Jacob Kalachek, Marc Spector, Kenneth Stein, Alan Garelick, Samantha Mollett, Susan Lew, Judel Lew, Fred Makler

June Anniversaries

Michael Cannon & Denise Field
Mark & Mary Engel
Gary & Fran Kaar
Ben & Joan Barzilai
Josh & Laura Chaise
Stuart Hoffman & Rita Rothschild
Steven Brody & Brenda Grossman
Richard & Jody Feldman
Michael & Alisa Reichman
Michael & Karen Wetmore
William & Stacey Hoffman
Eric Flug & Gretchen Schisla
Alan Snyder & Sharon Rosenberg
Repps & Stacey Hudson
Alfred & Sheila Rosenfeld

** Listed chronologically in the month*

Leonid Shmuylovich & Ilana Rosman
Zachary & Julie Leeds
Howard & Jacqueline Berliner
Jeremy Buhler & Wendy Anderson
Martin & Margaret Israel
William & Helene Mathis
Naomi Hoffman & Loren Bach
William & Meris Hamilton
Enrique & Becky Lerner
Jerry & Joyce Raskin
Arlene & Tim O'Connell
Sanford & Elaine Melnick
Sanford & Cynthia Boxerman
Marc & Penny Alper
Burton & Benita Boxerman
Judel & Susan Lew

Thank You

Many thanks to everyone who wished me a very happy Birthday. I appreciated it very much.

Dorrie Lerner

A Special Mazel Tov

To Cindy and Monroe Ginsburg on the birth of their grandson, Mitchell Jeffrey, parents are David & Mikki Ginsburg.

To Abby Schneider and Alan Garelick on the birth of their son, Graham Harris.

To Eli and Sherri Sadon on the birth of their grandson, Archie Richard, parents are Judi & Craig Agnello; proud great-grandmother is Phyllis Hyken.

To Leah and Joel Frankel on the birth of their son, Noah Oren.

Our newsletter is designed by Tovah Enger with the invaluable proofing help of: Rabbi Noah Arnow, Tammy Arnow, Nancy Greene, Missy Kayman, Micki Kingsley and Cindy Payant. Thank you!

President's Message

Randi Mozenter - Kol Rinah President

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Dear Kol Rinah family,

Welcome to the surreal world of the unthinkable virtual reality. I hope and pray that you all are healthy and safe. Who would have thought that our world would be dictated by zoom meetings, work at home, stay inside and stay safe?

Our community has managed to really pull together, checking on one another, getting together through virtual programs, texting, social media, and yes, even the good old-fashioned telephone. The Kol Rinah board of directors and committees continue to meet regularly over virtual platforms, and we're actually getting a lot of work done, planning new programs, educational opportunities, preparing for the next school year and planning our move to Maryland Avenue.

As construction has been deemed an essential service, our building work on Maryland Avenue continues to progress and does look really fantastic. Thanks to the Facilities Committee and especially Dave, Blair, Dan and Stacey for leading the effort. Stacey Hudson continues to take weekly photographs which are eblasted to the congregation so we can all follow the remarkable ways in which our new building is taking shape.

Meir Zimand and Nancy Greene continue to keep our office running by splitting their time so neither are is the office at the same time. The physical distance protocol works but we certainly do miss one another.

Likewise, our co-directors, Barbara Shamir and Mitch Shenker alternate time in the office so that they can get their work done. Both Rabbi Arnov and Rabbi Shafrin have been working diligently to keep our programs running, provide excellent virtual opportunities for minyanim, services, learning etc. and people are "dialing in" and sharing their lives with one another.

Liz Collins and Elyse Picker and their wonderful staff are keeping ECC programs running and Rabbi Shafrin and Melissa Bellows and their teachers have kept the KoREH and young families contingents involved and learning.

There are so many more people to thank. I appreciate each and every one of you. Thanks for pulling together during these difficult times. We are here for you. Please reach out if we may be of help.

I miss you and look forward to when we may again be together, even if it's at 6 foot distances.

May G-d bless you and keep you, in good health and prosperity.

Be well and know I'm thinking of you.

With appreciation,

Randi

Jewish Food Pantry May List

1. Chili, Beef Stew & Protein-Rich Foods
2. Canned Vegetables (corn, green beans, peas, carrots)
3. Hearty Soups
4. Healthy Cereals (please avoid sugary cereals)
5. Peanut Butter & Jelly
6. Canned Tuna Fish & Canned Chicken
7. Kosher Non-Perishable Food
8. Personal care items such as: Hand Soap, Hand Sanitizer, Toothpaste & Dental Floss

★ No glass containers accepted.

Thank you. For more info, contact Louise Levine 636.227.1259.

Construction Update

Phase 1: 90% Complete!

- ✧ Remodeling existing school building and social hall
- ✧ Building new sanctuary

Thank You For Your Wonderful Support!

Phase 2: Starting Soon

- ✧ Offices
- ✧ Youth lounge
- ✧ Kosher kitchens
- ✧ ECC
- ✧ Sanctuary balcony
- ✧ Boccia paintings installation
- ✧ Winfield stain glass installation

Opportunities to Direct Your Donations Toward Specific Items.

[Click Here To Donate](#)

Brotherhood

Max Brown - Brotherhood President

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THE SUN'LL COME OUT TOMORROW, TOMORROW ...

I always thought that song was more than a little hokey. And when my daughters were very young and watched Annie a million times, I had a hard time coping with that song. However, few of us have experienced this kind of scary crisis before, so now that song takes on more meaning with its message of hope that things will get better.

Brotherhood, like everyone else, has cancelled or postponed all its activities including the Man and Youth of the Year dinner. We are proud of this year's awardees, Maurice Guller and Jane Kalina and look forward to honoring them some time soon.

We hope that everyone is well and following the safety guidelines and staying home. The sun will come out, maybe not tomorrow, but some day.

Shalom Aleichem,

Max Brown



Sisterhood

Joyce Gang, Susan Brown - Sisterhood Co-Presidents

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Dear Kol Rinah members,

Just a note from your Sisterhood in this very unknown time, writing just before Pesach, a Pesach like no other we have experienced. Instead of looking forward to being with family and friends, we are isolating and hoping to escape the brunt of the fury of the current COVID-19 pandemic.

When *The Voice* is published, via email, as our life has become dependent on the technology we have developed, we hope that our lives can soon become more normal. Instead of being afraid to go to the grocery, we will look forward to browsing, to

greeting someone we know there. While we have prayed via ZOOM, we desire to be inspired, to hug, shake hands, share a L'Chayim, wish IN PERSON Shabbat Shalom/Good Shabbes/Good Yontov. We have missed so much, but closing the Shul was the wisest choice at this time.

Sisterhood is a part of the Shul. Regretfully our spring Membership program has been cancelled. However, we have fulfilled one of our roles in the Shul by donating significant amounts to the Shul by way of Mishloach Manot, funds to USY to allow them to go to conventions and conferences, and

to our Shul's Capital Campaign. Our March 21st Sisterhood Shabbat/Torah Fund event was sadly cancelled. But thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our members to honor Torah Fund and especially honor Barbara Bianco and the entire Chesed Committee, we have raised over \$4300 to contribute to the worldwide Conservative seminaries. Thank you to all of you who have made this possible.

Wishing you health and safety, and a return to our previous precious lives at the right time,

Susan Brown & Joyce Gang

How to End Without Finishing

As I write this, knowing it will be May when you are reading it, I have no idea what the world will look like for you. Perhaps we are still each at home, checking in on one another through Zoom; perhaps you are reading this on your phone while eating out with 25 friends in a fun, newly-opened restaurant or at a concert with 5,000 other screaming fans.

What I do know is that as you read this, our Kol Rinah Education Hub (KoREH) will have finished its calendar year. For the last month and a half, our amazing, resourceful, caring, and passionate teachers and staff have been providing Hebrew activities, holiday learning content,

deep dives into the world of prayers, and interactive media to parents and students all through our newly created online learning portal: Learning Together (<https://www.kolrinahstl.org/koreh/learningtogether>). There are not enough words of praise to do justice to the speed and dexterity with which our teachers and leaders responded in order to ensure that students and families could continue to learn together, even as we all began to refashion our lives amid the quarantine. They have done so much, too, by staying connected with families, by building virtual bridges from home to home, and by being role models to show our families that Jewish life, community, and even the

Pesach seder can go on and can provide meaning no matter what else is going on in the outside world.

I want to reassure and remind families that we are planning on starting the new school 2020-2021 school year in August, and that if you have a student who is ready to learn, we would love to have them. You can sign up anytime through our website (<https://www.kolrinahstl.org/koreh/registration>). As always, please feel free to be in touch with me directly (rabbishafrin@kolrinahstl.org) if you have any questions about the incredible learning community we have built here at Kol Rinah. Stay safe and keep one another healthy!

Early Childhood Education

Liz Collins, Elyse Picker - ECC Co-Directors

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When Elyse and I give tours of our center to prospective families, one of the most frequently asked questions is what are you most proud of about your school. We both answer, our KRECC school family! Over the past few weeks, we have rallied together as a school community to take what we do in the classroom and transform it to virtual learning. Through email, pinterest groups, ZOOM meetings, and Facebook, teachers have been

able to stay connected to children from their classes. Teachers took turns recording videos of themselves reading stories, sent project ideas related to themes like spring that we would typically be covering this time of year, and have scheduled ZOOM meetings with their classes so that children from the class could virtually spend time with their teachers and friends. We miss seeing everyone in person and look forward to the day

when we can meet in person again. For now we hope for everyone to stay healthy and well. We also want to congratulate our PreK Starfish class of 2020 and thank their wonderful teachers, Mrs. Christine Walsh, Miss Dia Butler and Miss Bella Farewell. Their dedication, love and hard work throughout the year, but especially these last couple of months, has been above and beyond.

1 Fri - 22nd Day Omer

7:36pm Candle Lighting

2 Sat - 23rd Day Omer

Parshat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim

8:40pm Havdalah

3 Sun - 24th Day Omer

4 Mon - 25th Day Omer

5 Tue - 26th Day Omer

6 Wed - 27th Day Omer

7 Thu - 28th Day Omer

8 Fri - 29th Day Omer

PESACH SHENI

7:43pm Candle Lighting

9 Sat - 30th Day Omer

Parshat Emor

8:47pm Havdalah

10 Sun - 31st Day Omer

Mother's Day

11 Mon - 32nd Day Omer

12 Tue - 33rd Day Omer

Lag B'Omer

13 Wed - 34th Day Omer

14 Thu - 35th Day Omer

15 Fri - 36th Day Omer

7:49pm Candle Lighting

16 Sat - 37th Day Omer

Parshat Behar-Bechukotai

8:53pm Havdalah

17 Sun - 38th Day Omer

18 Mon - 39th Day Omer

19 Tue - 40th Day Omer

20 Wed - 41st Day Omer

21 Thu - 42nd Day Omer

22 Fri - 43rd Day Omer

YOM YERUSHALAYIM

7:55pm Candle Lighting

23 Sat - 44th Day Omer

Parshat Bamidbar

Shabbat Mevarchim

8:59pm Havdalah

24 Sun - 45th Day Omer

ROSH CHODESH SIVAN

8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

25 Mon - 46th Day Omer

Memorial Day

8am Shacharit / 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

26 Tue - 47th Day Omer

27 Wed - 48th Day Omer

28 Thu - 49th Day Omer

Erev Shavuot

8pm Candle Lighting

29 Friday

SHAVUOT - 1st Day

8:01pm Candle Lighting

30 Saturday

SHAVUOT - 2nd Day

9:04pm Havdalah

31 Sunday

A Great Big Thank You...

...to all those who have been continuing to pay their dues and other financial obligations during this difficult time. We very much appreciate (and need!) your continued support.

Please keep in contact with your regular meeting or class leaders for your Zoom schedules.

To Access Zoom

To avoid Zoom hacking it has become necessary to safeguard the links. Please log in to your member access on our website for the links and passwords to our Zoom minyans and classes.

Minyan times unless otherwise shown:

- ★ Weekday 7am and 6pm
- ★ Kabbalat Shabbat 6pm
- ★ Sunday 8am and 6pm

Shabbat and Yom Tov services are not currently streamed.

We will say kaddish if we have a minyan present in the Zoom meeting.

[Click Here for a PDF](#) version of the weekday Siddur Sim Shalom.