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August 2024 Tammuz -- Av 5784

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4 29 Tammuz	5 1 Av	Rosh Chodesh Nat's Group 2:00 pm	6 2 Av	Mahjong 7:00 pm	7 3 Av	Folk Dancing 10:30 am Canasta 1:00 pm	8 4 Av	1 26 Tammuz	2 27 Tammuz	3 28 Tammuz
									Simchat Shabbat 8 pm Candle lighting 7:50 pm 	Services 9:30 am Parshat Matot-Massei Shabbat ends 8:52 pm
11 7 Av	12 8 Av	Nat's group 2:00 pm Erev Tisha b'Av Fast begins 7:57 pm	13 9 Av	Tisha b'Av Fast ends 8:26 pm	14 10 Av	Folk Dancing 10:30 am Canasta 1:00 pm	15 11 Av	16 12 Av	17 13 Av	Services 9:30 am Parshat Davarim Shabbat Chazon Shabbat ends 8:42 pm
18 14 Av	19 15 Av	Nat's group 2:00 pm	20 16 Av	Mahjong 7:00 pm	21 17 Av	Folk Dancing 10:30 am Canasta 1:00 pm	22 18 Av	23 19 Av	24 20 Av	Services 9:30 am Parshat Va'etchanan Shabbat Nachamu Shabbat ends 8:32 pm
25 21 Av	26 22 Av	Nat's group 2:00 pm	27 23 Av	Mahjong 7:00 pm	28 24 Av	Folk Dancing 10:30 am Canasta 1:00 pm	29 25 Av	30 26 Av	31 27 Av	Services 9:30 am Parshat Re'eh Birkat Hachodesh Shabbat ends 8:09 pm






June 2024 Iyar—Sivan 5784

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 25 Iyar Count Omer 41	3 26 Iyar Nat's Group 2 pm Board Meeting Count Omer 42	4 27 Iyar Mahjong 7 pm Count Omer 43	5 28 Iyar Folk Dancing 10:30 am Canasta 1 pm Count Omer 44	6 29 Iyar Rabbi's Class Count Omer 45	7 1 Sivan Rosh Chodesh Simchat Shabbat 8 pm Candle lighting 8:06 pm Count Omer 46	8 2 Sivan Services 9:30 am Parshat Bamidbar Shabbat end 9:14 pm Count Omer 47
9 3 Sivan	10 4 Sivan Nat's Group 2 pm	11 5 Sivan Erev Shavuot Light Candles 8:08 pm	12 6 Sivan 1st day Shavuot Services 9:30 am Light Candles 9:17 pm	13 7 Sivan 2nd day Shavuot Services 9:30 am Yizkor Holiday ends 9:17 pm	14 8 Sivan Candle lighting 8:09 pm Flag Day 	15 9 Sivan Services 9:30 am Parshat Naso Shabbat end 9:18 pm
16 10 Sivan Father's Day	17 11 Sivan Nat's Group 2 pm	18 12 Sivan Mahjong 7 pm	19 13 Sivan Folk Dancing 10:30 am Canasta 1 pm	20 14 Sivan Rabbi's Class	21 15 Sivan Candle lighting 8:11 pm 	22 16 Sivan Services 9:30 am Parshat Behaalotecha Shabbat ends 9:20 pm
23 17 Sivan	24 18 Sivan Nat's Group 2 pm	25 19 Sivan Mahjong 7 pm	26 20 Sivan Folk Dancing 10:30 am Canasta 1 pm	27 21 Sivan Rabbi's Class	28 22 Sivan Candle lighting 8:12 pm	29 23 Sivan Services 9:30 am Parshat Shlach Birkat Hachodesh Shabbat ends 9:20 pm
30 24 Sivan						

July 2024 Sivan – Tammuz 5784

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 25 Sivan Nat's Group 2:00 pm	2 26 Sivan Mahjong 7:00 pm	3 27 Sivan Folk Dancing 10:30 am Canasta 1:00 pm	4 28 Sivan 4th of July Building Closed 	5 29 Sivan Simchat Shabbat 8 pm Candle lighting 8:10 pm 	6 30 Sivan Services 9:30 am Rosh Chodesh Parshat Korach Shabbat ends 9:18pm
7 1 Tammuz	8 2 Tammuz Nat's Group 2:00 pm	9 3 Tammuz Mahjong 7:00 pm	10 4 Tammuz Folk Dancing 10:30 am Canasta 1:00 pm	11 5 Tammuz	12 6 Tammuz Candle lighting 8:08 pm 	13 7 Tammuz Services 9:30 am Parshat Chukat Shabbat ends 9:14 pm
14 8 Tammuz	15 9 Tammuz Nat's Group 2:00 pm	16 10 Tammuz Mahjong 7:00 pm	17 11 Tammuz Folk Dancing 10:30 am Canasta 1:00 pm	18 12 Tammuz	19 13 Tammuz Candle lighting 8:03 pm 	20 14 Tammuz Services 9:30 am Parshat Balak Shabbat ends 9:08 pm
21 15 Tammuz	22 16 Tammuz Nat's group 2:00 pm	23 17 Tammuz Mahjong 7:00 pm	24 18 Tammuz Folk Dancing 10:30 am Canasta 1:00 pm	25 19 Tammuz	26 20 Tammuz Candle lighting 7:57 pm 	27 21 Tammuz Services 9:30 am Parshat Pinchas Shabbat ends 9:01 pm
28 22 Tammuz	29 23 Tammuz Nat's group 2:00 pm	30 24 Tammuz Mahjong 7:00 pm	31 25 Tammuz Folk Dancing 10:30 am Canasta 1:00 pm			



Presidents Message

As many of you know, John has retired, ending a 20 year run as our head custodian, office manager, confidant, friend and all around mensch. He will not be in the office to transact business or just to smooze with anymore. A sad day for our congregation, but on a happier note, John has served us well and we wish him all the best, in his new home in sunny Florida.

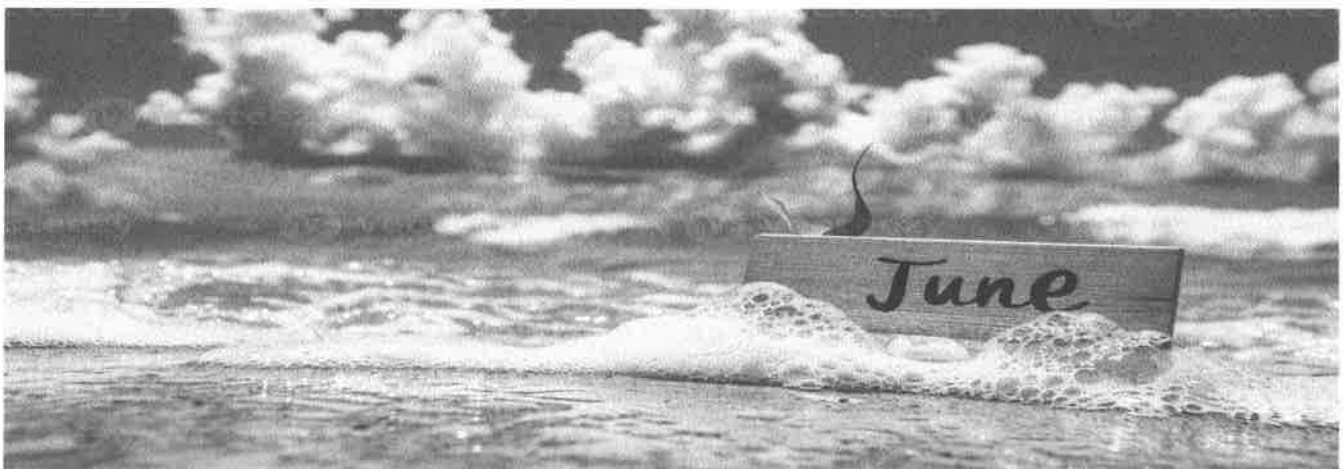
We are going to need someone to take over running the office, on a part time basis. If you are aware of someone that you think would be a good fit, please let us know ASAP, or have them contact us, to set up an interview.

Last month the congregation had its yearly meeting and in addition to approving the budget, voted to not extend Rabbi Waidenbaum's tenure. The search and legal committee was authorized to negotiate a contract with Rabbi Rosner, after an extensive search for the "right fit".

We thank all those that helped organize the programs in May and extend our thanks to the search committee for all their hard work. Now is the time to put aside all the hurtful rhetoric, and come together as a cohesive congregation for the good of us all.

We mourn the loss of Joel Zameret, a long time active member, Men's Club leader and friend to many. We have lost so many active congregants, and attendance at services has dwindled. Please make an effort to attend services, even if it is just once a month, if you want SBJC to remain the center of Jewish life in Baldwin. Wishing all a wonderful summer.

Evelyn & Jeff





Notes From Sisterhood

Betty Arzt, Sheila Goldsmith

Courage does not suggest the absence of fear.

Each of us experiences loss, illness, and other tragedies in our lives. How do we handle these situations and move toward finding happiness? How and where do we reach out to find our strength and courage? Is there some inner strength that we need to muster courage? How can we be resilient when we face a difficult situation? Can we find help from other sources?

During this month we will be celebrating Shavuot. Ruth and Naomi, the heroines of the story, seem to find the strength to handle terrible losses and difficulties. They experienced the loss of loved ones and famine. As we move through the story, we wonder, what motivated Ruth to want to stay with Naomi, a woman who, on the surface, had nothing beneficial to offer her? What motivated Naomi to allow Ruth to stay with her and to teach her the ways of the Israelites? As we travel through the story, we learn that Ruth and Naomi were, indeed, supportive of each other.

Do we recognize ways that we can be helpful to others who are experiencing a difficult time? This also requires strength and courage. Are we being respectful? Are we showing humility? Are we being empathetic?

When we work together our limits are lessened.

Reflections:

"Whoever welcomes a friend with a smile, it's as though he gave his friend the finest gift in the world." (Proverbs) Our Sisterhood works as a team of friends. We are keenly sensitive to the interests and concerns of our community. Our team learns together, prays together, laughs together, and cares about each other and our congregation. We'll continue to think in creative ways to connect.

Looking ahead:

The Book Club has selected the next book to review. We will be reviewing: The House of Tyneford by Natasha Solomon. We will be meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 1:00, Via Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent out when we are closer to the date. As always, we thank Cindy Gunther for her dedication.

The next Rosh Hodesh Study Group meeting is scheduled for Sunday morning, July 7, 2024 at 10:30 via Zoom. The link will be sent out just prior to the meeting.

Join us for Canasta on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 and for Mah Jongg on Tuesday evenings at 6:30, in the synagogue.

Sisterhood will host a Shavuot Lunch on Shavuot Day 2, Thursday, June 13, 2024, after the service.

**As we celebrate Shavuot this year,
we'll reflect on the strength of our ancestors,
be thankful for what we have today,
and look forward to joyous tomorrows.**

We are proud to present our Sisterhood Executive Team

Co-Presidents...Betty Arzt, Sheila Goldsmith

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Book Club Chairperson...Cynthia Gunther

Gift Shop Managers...Carol Burkner, Susan Lifshitz, Rachel Rudich

Parliamentarian...Margie Miller

Appreciation and gratitude to our magnificent team members for their dedication and commitment to Sisterhood and SBJC. We look forward to learning together.

Torah Fund

The Torah Fund Campaign of Women's League for Conservative Judaism is the dedicated philanthropy of Women's League, its members, and its affiliated sisterhoods in Conservative congregations across North America. Torah Fund strengthens Jewish education by supporting scholarships and programming at these Conservative/Masorti institutes of higher Jewish learning:

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MEN'S CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Arnie Gewirtz



By way of introduction, I am proud to greet you as our new SBJC Men's Club President. Filling the shoes of our late, great Irving Epstein is a formidable task...but I'll do my best.

On Sunday, May 26, Mike & Phyllis Eisman hosted a Lag B'Omer celebration in their backyard. This gathering underscored our Jewish unity and SBJC friendship. It was a wonderful commemoration. We thank the Eismans for their generosity and hospitality.

Looking forward to seeing you to observe other special festive occasions in our Jewish community.

Thank you,
Arnie

Would you like to sponsor a kiddush or an oneg on Shabbat?

If you would like to acknowledge a special occasion or observe a yahrzeit, you may want to consider sponsoring a kiddush on Saturday afternoon or an oneg on Friday evening.

We invite a few families to join together to help defray the cost.

Please call the office if you are interested.

MAKE SHAVUOT YOUR SIMCHA

—Along with Passover and Sukkot, **Shavuot is one of the three major Jewish pilgrimage festivals**. It falls out precisely 49 days after the second day of Passover, a period of time known as the Omer, and marks the giving of The Torah to the Jewish people on Mount Sinai.

Passover has the seder. Sukkot has the sukkah. The commemoration of Shavuot is largely confined to the synagogue. An all night study session on Erev Shavuot is associated with Shavuot.

—**Shavuot is the only holiday where dairy foods are encouraged.**

Eating meat and fish are signs of celebration in Jewish tradition, which is why many people eat beef or chicken on Shabbat and other Jewish holidays. Shavuot is the one Jewish observance where dairy foods like cheesecake and blintzes are customary. Various reasons for this tradition have been offered, but many link it to the fact that the kosher laws were handed down on Shavuot, and the ancient Israelites, finding that their meat was no longer kosher, ate dairy foods instead.

—There are many explanations given for the **Reading of Ruth on Shavuot**. The most quoted reason is that Ruth's coming to Israel took place around the time of Shavuot, and her acceptance into the Jewish faith is analogous to the acceptance of The Torah by the Jewish people.

Another reason given for the reading of Ruth on Shavuot is that its story takes place at harvest time, and Shavuot also occurs at the time of the spring harvest.

Hag Sameach!



Reflections



שבועות
SHAVUOT

The Story of Ruth

Was there a time in your life when you chose to take a risky path rather than a safer course?

The Book of Ruth, which is read on Shavuot, relates to this scenario. Ruth is a woman of daring, resilience, and insight. She is a risk taker.

The story begins when there is a famine in Bethlehem. Naomi, her husband, and two sons migrate to Moab. Her husband dies. Her sons marry Moabite women, Ruth and Orpah. After ten years of marriage, both her sons die leaving their wives childless. When Naomi hears that the famine has ended, she plans to return to Bethlehem. When her daughters-in-law announce their intentions to accompany her, Naomi urges them not to go with her but to return to their mothers' homes. Orpah consents but Ruth insists on going with Naomi. Ruth's words to her mother-in-law: *"Wherever you go, I will go. Where you stay, I will stay. Your people shall be my people, and your G_d my G_d."* are well recognized.

The arrival of Ruth and Naomi in Bethlehem coincides with the beginning of the harvest and Ruth goes out to glean in the fields to feed herself and Naomi. Ruth happens to go to the field of Boaz, who treats her kindly, and, as it turns out, is a relative.

When Naomi learns about Ruth's successful gleaning and about Boaz's kindness, she develops a plan for Ruth and Boaz to marry. As a result of this marriage, Ruth and Boaz become ancestors of King David.

The story of Ruth is a tale of bonding, commitment, and struggle for survival. Many midrashim have been written about this text. We celebrate the festival of Shavuot on Tuesday evening June 11, Wednesday June 12, and Thursday, June 13. We invite you to examine this text and to learn more.

Shavuot at SBJC



Sisterhood

invites you to

Make Shavuot Your Simcha

Shavuot, Day 2, June 13, 2024, 7/Sivan

Service will include reading The Book of Ruth and recitation of Yiskor.

Shavuot Kiddish will follow the service.

Join us in prayer, study, and eating cheese cake.

Don't separate yourself from the community.

The Community is Impactful

It's the Shabbat before Mother's Day.
She walks into the sanctuary, her son at her side.
She's pushing her walker.
She's smiling: her soft, friendly smile.
We haven't seen her for months.
We haven't seen her since she moved into an "assisted living facility."
The congregants greet her warmly.
"So good to see you."
"You look wonderful."
She is asked to do a reading.
Her son is asked to chant an aliyah.
She is comfortable joining the kiddish.
What prompted her to come this Shabbat?
Her son asked her what she wanted for Mother's Day.
"I would like to go to The Shabbat Service in my shul."

Kindness Can Have a Ripple Effect

Most of us would agree that Chesed/kindness should be exhibited in our everyday speech and behavior. Let's be aware of our behaviors and relationships with our loved ones and with people we come in contact daily. If we work on being respectful and showing concern for people around us, let's hope that our words and actions will have a ripple effect on those around us.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Thank you to Phyllis and Mike Eisman for hosting our Lag B'Omer Celebration.





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Summer





Join us for Shabbat Join us for Shavuot



- 6/1/24:** Claire Cohen will chant the Haftarah
6/8/24: Ellen Shriki will chant the Haftarah
6/12/24: Claire Cohen will chant the Haftarah
Malka Mittlemann will deliver the D'var Torah
6/13/24: Ellen Shriki will chant the Haftarah
6/15/24: Cheryl Cheron will chant the Haftarah
and deliver the D'var Torah
6/22/24: Mike Eisman will chant the Haftarah
and deliver the D'var Torah
6/29/24: Nat Greenfeld will chant the Haftarah

An Invitation

We invite you to enjoy the honor of chanting a
Haftarah on Shabbat and holidays.

Please contact The Ritual Committee.

Congratulations and Best Wishes

Mazal
Tov

Mazal Tov to June and Harvey Mitnick
on the birth of their grandson,
Harrison William.

Best wishes to the proud parents,
Nicole and Michael Mitnick.

Life is made of precious moments!

Happy Father's Day! Best wishes to the fathers, grandfathers, sons, uncles, and other men in our lives. Whatever way you celebrate Father's Day, we wish you good health, joy, and peace.

Graduation Time is here! We are proud of all of our graduates and applaud their accomplishments. We send our best wishes.



**Never once in my life did I ask G-d for success or wisdom or power or fame.
I asked for wonder, and he gave it to me.**

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

Thank you

We deeply appreciate the concern, support, and generosity of our friends and neighbors during this difficult time. We are grateful for the calls, donations, and cards that were sent in memory of Howard.

*With affection,
Dona Schwab and family*

Note from Eleanor Epstein

My soulmate, best friend, and dearest beloved husband, Irving Epstein, has departed this life for another. May he bring much happiness and laughter wherever his is. "EVERY DAY IS A GIFT!"

We deeply appreciate the concern, support, and generosity of our friends and neighbors during this difficult time. We are grateful for the calls, donations, and cards that were sent in memory of Irving.

*With affection,
Eleanor Epstein and family*

Condolences

With sadness, we mourn the passing of
Alvin Chumsky
our dear friend and beloved congregant.

Our deepest condolences and love to Roz and The Chumsky Family.

*May G-d comfort them
together with all the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.
May Al's memory be a blessing and an inspiration.*

"Donations" will appear in the next Centerpost

A Note from Debbie Kamins...

I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Freda (Fritzi) Wolk (z'l).

I will miss hearing her Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur speech in which she asked for forgiveness for unknowingly slighting people. I will miss her challah recipe. I will miss Fritzi's sharing the various holidays. I will miss her telling me about the distress of friends and family members and how she helped them to feel better. I will miss seeing Jill and her family when they walked from Merrick to Baldwin to be with their mother and grandmother at holiday celebrations.

Fritzi will be missed by many.

Although her parents had a store in Baldwin and were founders of the Baldwin Jewish Center, Fritzi was BJC's spiritual leader at the end. She led the plan for the merger with South Baldwin Jewish Center. It was important to keep the Jewish presence alive in Baldwin. This is what she was involved in.

Her spiritual leadership here, on earth, is finished. May the soul of Freda Wolk be bound up in the souls of life everlasting, and may she rest peacefully.

I was also saddened to hear of the passing of Marcia and Murray Gandler, David and Lee Miller, and Mike and Flo Schwartz. They were all dedicated Jewish people.

Incidentally, I am currently residing at Atria Assisted Living in Plainview.

Best regards
Debbie Kamins

JUNE, JULY, & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Cheryl & Marc Cheron, Anniversary, June 1
Goldie Kieval, Birthday, June 11
Eugene & Carolyn Hecht, Anniversary, June 18
Yosef & Marilyn Weiss, Anniversary, June 21



Merrill Kahn, Birthday, July 1
Joan Zeitlin, Birthday, July 12
Helen Gittleman, Birthday, July 24

Lynn Klausner, Birthday, August 8
Mike Eisman, Birthday, August 9
Yaacov Shriki, Birthday, August 11
Larry & Joan Feldman, Anniversary, August 22
Jean Silvers, Birthday, August 25
Jackie & Richard Zuckerman, Anniversary, August 25
Joan Edwards, Birthday, August 28
Alan Levine, Birthday, August 28
Sheila Goldsmith, Birthday, August 30

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Please join us: Simcha Shabbat

On the first Friday evening service
of each month we celebrate
birthdays, anniversaries and
joyous occasions



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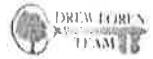
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