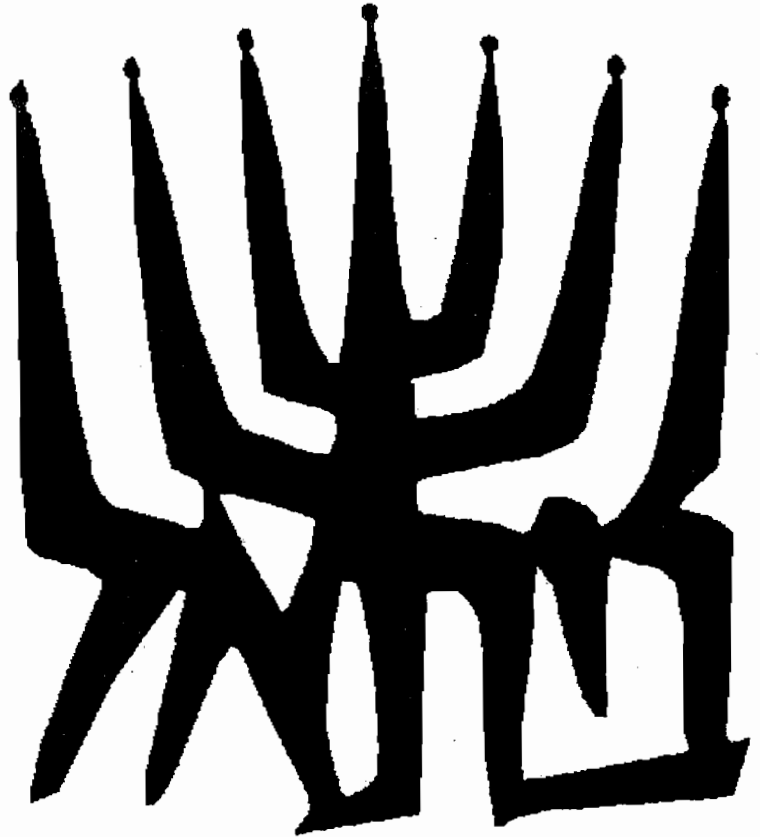


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From the Desk of Rabbi Mandel

The holy day of Shavuot is the third of the Torah-prescribed pilgrimage festivals in the Jewish calendar (the other two are Sukkot and Passover). It is also the day when tradition teaches that the Israelites responded "*na'aseh v'nishmah*" – "we will do and we will listen" – to the Ten Commandments. This is why it is customary to read the Ten Commandments during Shavuot services.

Sephardic communities also follow a tradition established by the Jewish mystics of reading a Ketubah on Shavuot. The mystics understood the moment of the acceptance of the Ten Commandments as symbolic of the "marriage" between God and the People of Israel. They liken the Torah to the dowry gift given from the Lover (God) to the Beloved (Israel). The Ketubah, a marriage contract, is read both to celebrate the holy day and for the congregation hearing it to have the opportunity to themselves say, "*na'aseh v'nishmah*". What follows is an excerpt from a traditional Shavuot Ketubah written by the 16th century mystic and poet Israel Najara. The translation is by Solomon Feffer and a fuller version of the text can be found in *The Shavuot Anthology*, edited by Philip Goodman and published by the Jewish Publication Society, 1992.

"The Bridegroom, Ruler of rulers, Prince of princes, Distinguished among the select, Whose words are pleasing and all of Whom is delightful, said unto the pious, lovely and virtuous maiden who won His favor above all women, who is beautiful as the moon, radiant as the sun, awesome as bannered hosts: Many days will you be Mine and I will be your redeemer... Be My mate according to the laws of Moses and Israel, and I will honor, support, and maintain you, and be your shelter and refuge in everlasting mercy... The Bridegroom has followed the legal formality of symbolic delivery of this document, which is bigger than the earth and broader than the seas... I invoke heaven and earth as reliable witnesses."

June at Beth El

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				1 Erev Shavuoth Candles: 8:06PM	2 1 st day of Shavuoth Service: 8:00PM Candles: 8:07PM	3 2 nd day of Shavuoth Yizkor Service 10:00AM Berelson, Buknell
4	5	6	7	8	9 Service: 8:00PM Candles: 8:11PM	10 Shabbat Yeledim 10:00AM
11	12	13	14	15	16 Service: 6:30PM Candles: 8:14PM	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Service: 8:00PM Candles: 8:16PM	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Service: 8:00PM Candles: 8:16PM	

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July at Beth El

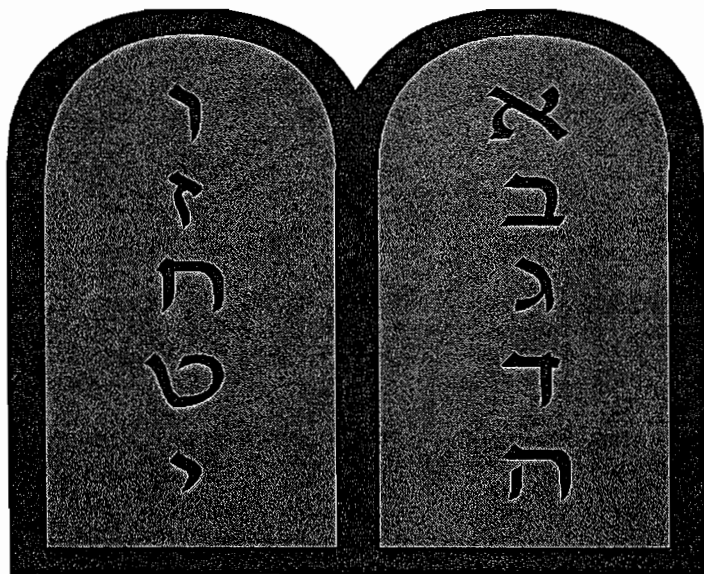
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30	31					

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SHAVUOT CELEBRATIONS

Shavuot is celebrated this year from sundown on Thursday, June 1st through sundown on Saturday, June 3rd. Our Shabbat evening service will be focused on the Book of Ruth, traditionally read on Shavuot.

Yizkor services will be held on Shabbat morning, June 3rd, 10:00am at the Berelson Center. We will follow the service with a pot-luck dairy picnic. Remember—on Shavuot it's traditional to eat dairy products so brush off your blintze-making skills!



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SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday evening services will continue as usual at the UU Commons. On the third Friday of the month we will have an early service but no potluck dinner. There will be a pot luck dinner in August. There will be no Shabbat Yeledim program in July or August.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Lori Marateck
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THANK YOU

Rick and Donna Rosenberg
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To the family and friends of
Beverly Fiedler
May her family and friends
find comfort among the
mourners of our people

To Rickie Freedman,
Rich & Ilene Daniels &
Ronnie Daniels
On the passing of
Ryan Daniels
May their family and friends
find comfort among the
mourners of our people

Yahrzeits

Sivan		June
7	Israel Noah Arnow	3
8	Rebecca Miller	4
9	Dr Hyman Henry	5
11	Calvin Wolfberg	7
12	Jack Belgard	8
	Harold Stieffel	
	Charles Gardner	
13	Lillian Fremont	9
	Sam Kahn	
	Sigfried Weis	
15	Julius Levitan	11
	Saul Eiseman	
	Albert Teichman	
16	Estelle Lyons	12
17	Louis Cohen	13
	Lillian Jacobson	
	Lewis Kahn	
	Ruth Kolbert	
18	Mary Litzel	14
19	Harold Arnow	15
20	Harold Stoler	16
21	Minnette Katz	17
	Jean Pearl Hirsch	
23	Mollie Steifel	19
	Eleanor Sagle	
	Abe Lyons	
26	Yetta Putterman	22
	Harriet Waldman	
	Ben Sklaar	
29	Jennie Schlopak	25
30	Morris Katuna	26
	Silas Kaufman	
Tamuz		July
1	Katie Rauch	27
2	Victor Gubin	28
3	Bernice Gubin	29
4	Jean Banks	30
6	Hilda Karniol	2
7	Max Michaelson	3
	Nathan Banks	
14	Hyman Rosenblum	10

Tamuz		July
15	Emanuel Cooper	11
16	Jeffrey Levitan	12
17	Dr Nathan Hirsch	13
	Joseph Salesky	
18	Dr Lou Jacobson	14
19	Abraham Feldman	15
20	Simon Wolitsky	16
21	Irving`Wolitsky	17
22	Esther Gerstein	18
23	Benjamin Banks	19
	Michael Miller	
27	Helene Hyman	23
	Jeanette Cherry	
Av		Aug
1	Juel Lewis Solomon	26
5	Samuel Berman	30
6	Sarah Gubin	31
	Hyman Ross	
7	Sarah Epstein	1
8	Edith Belgard	2
9	Rose Frank	3

"Those in the first year of Passing"

Gerald Abowitz
 Jack Kolbert
 Karl Sosland
 Francie Silverstein
 Bev Fiedler
 Ryan Daniels

May their memories be bound up in the Book of Righteous. Remember to kindle the memorial candle on the evening before the yahrzeit date

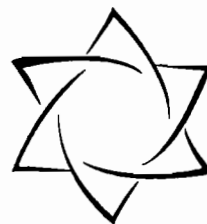
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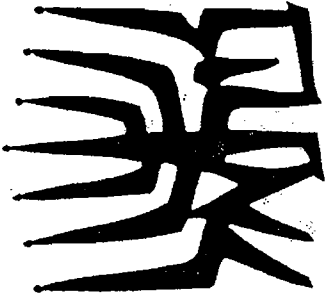
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June 1, 2006

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As the year 5766 is coming to an end, we are looking forward to 5767 and we are inviting \$25 donations from members and friends who would like to become a Beth El Bulletin Sponsor.

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