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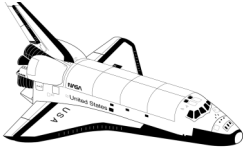
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SHAVUOT 5784/2024 BULLETIN

Tikkun Layl Shavuot 5784/2024

“An Out-of-This-World Night of Learning”

(Jewish Life in the Space Age)



Tuesday, June 11, 2024

6:30-7:15 p.m...

NASA/Space Shuttle

Astronaut Jeffrey Hoffman

will discuss his personal experiences of Space travel... including the Sefer Torah he brought along on a Space Shuttle Mission. (Presentation via Zoom).



7:20-7:45 p.m...

“Apollo VIII & Genesis I - Creation, the Bible, and the Space Age” ...Presenter: Dr. Ora Horn Prouser

7:50-8:15 p.m...

“Extra-Terrestrial Life in Jewish Theology”

...Presenter: Dara Gelerter

8:20-8:45 p.m...

“The Origins of the ‘Star Wars’ Saga in the Book of Maccabees” ...Presenter: Debra Guston

8:50-9:15 p.m...

“NASA’s Jewish Astronauts” ...Presenter: Merrill Rutman

9:20-9:45 p.m...

Maariv: Shavuot Evening Service

9:50 p.m...

“Space Travel in Jewish Law” ...Presenter: Rabbi Joseph H. Prouser

In keeping with Shavuot custom, a dairy buffet will be served throughout the evening.
Join us for any or all of these study sessions. ALL ARE WELCOME!!

מי יַעֲלֶה-לָנוּ הַשָּׁמַיִם -- “Who will ascend the Heavens for us?”

Deuteronomy 30:12

RABBINICAL REFLECTIONS



Friends:

As a child, I was fascinated by my Biblical namesake – Joseph. I admired his ability to get out of trouble and land on his feet! I marveled at his facility in the interpretation of dreams. I was impressed by his meteoric rise to power and influence in Egypt.

As an adult, I am intrigued by my Talmudic namesake – Rabbi Joseph (Rav Yosef). My thoughts turn to this Sage especially as we prepare to celebrate Shavuot each year. Rabbi Joseph memorably instructed his servants to prepare a lavish meal featuring a young calf in celebration of the festival. He was moved by the fact that Shavuot is “Zman Matan Torateinu” – the holiday recalling God’s gift of the Torah to the People Israel at Mount Sinai. He hosted the annual feast, he explained, because “Were it not for this day – and the Torah that was given us on this day – I would be no different than all the other ‘ordinary Joes’ in the marketplace!” (Pesachim 68b).

The Talmudic Sage found himself and the meaning and purpose of his life – not just professionally, but spiritually; existentially) in the Torah: in Jewish Tradition, practice, literature, lore, law, history, community, peoplehood. Were it not for the events of the original Shavuot... Were it not for all that we celebrate on Shavuot... Rav Yosef concluded his life would be quite ordinary indeed. Such uninspired “Joes” (Rav Yosef asserted) are a dime a dozen.

Thus, Rabbi Joseph’s Shavuot feast.

Proud to carry Rabbi Joseph’s name, I am especially looking forward to Temple Emanuel of North Jersey’s annual Shavuot “Feast.” While no calf will be served (!), we will share a traditional dairy meal (pasta, lasagna, cheesecake, milk chocolate...). Even more significantly, we will be treated to a delicious evening of learning... nourishment for both body and soul.

I am particularly pleased that veteran Space Shuttle astronaut Dr. Jeffrey A Hoffman will be joining us via Zoom. Dr. Hoffman will screen a 25-minute movie he has produced about his Jewish experiences in space... including the Torah Scroll he took along and read on the Space Shuttle. On Shavuot we celebrate the heavenly gift of Torah. Our guest will discuss (and answer questions about) bringing the Torah into the heavenly spheres!

As indicated elsewhere in this bulletin... a full evening of Jewish learning (all related to space themes) will follow.

Please join us! “Were it not for this day – and the Torah that was given us on this day – we all would be no different than all the other ‘ordinary Joes’ in the marketplace!”

Chag Sameach,
Rabbi Joseph H. Prouser

FROM THE PRESIDENT

One of the three major festivals this year, Shavuot marks the culmination of the wheat harvest in Israel and celebrates giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. This year we are privileged to hear from retired Astronaut Jeffrey Hoffman via Zoom. To hear Mr. Hoffman's experiences, which will include bringing a Torah to outer space, affords us a very special opportunity to gain direct knowledge from the source. Remember, the Zoom connection is only for our presenter and you must be present in the temple to view it.



You will find the study session beginning on Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM to be very interesting. I am sure you will find the program to be educational and spiritual and literally "out of this world". As is customary, a dairy buffet will be served throughout the evening. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Chag Samei'ach.

Bob Goldberg



Golden Blintzes Souffle

Prep Time: 10 minutes / Cook Time: 1 hour

Yield: 6 to 8 servings

Ingredients

1 (13 oz.) package Golden Brand frozen blintzes (cheese or fruit)

3 eggs

½ cup sour cream

2 Tablespoons butter (melted)

2 Tablespoons orange juice

1 teaspoon vanilla

2 Tablespoons sugar



Instructions: Preheat oven to 375°F. Grease a 9x13-inch baking pan. Place the contents of a package of Golden Brand frozen blintzes on bottom of pan. Combine remaining ingredients in blender and process until creamy; pour over blintzes. Bake at 375°F for 15 minutes then reduce heat to 350°F for 35 to 45 minutes, or until puffy and brown.



ANYA LIPPE LEVISON

Anya Lippe Levison looks forward to being called to the Torah on May 25, 2024.

Anya is a 7th grader at Franklin Avenue Middle School in Franklin Lakes. Until middle school, Anya attended the Academies at GBDS (Gerrard Berman Day School).

An avid reader, Anya enjoys school, golf, piano, baking and spending time with family and friends. She spends her summers at Camp Timber Tops along with her sister, Bella.

Anya has been fundraising and volunteering with Jewish Federation of North Jersey's Supplies for Success since she was three. This year, she donated her hard earned money to sponsor and fill 50 backpacks for kids in need in our North Jersey community. She feels fortunate to be able to give back.

“Say Little, Do Much” Shavuot articles by Rabbi Joseph H. Prouser

“Weeks” *published May 25, 2020*

There is considerable meaning and moral insight in the very name of the Festival of “Shavuot” – the Feast of “Weeks” (beyond the mere timing of Shavuot relative to Passover).

Days, months, and years are measures of time based in astronomical reality. The Earth takes 24 hours (one day) to rotate. The moon takes a month to revolve around the Earth (hence the term “month”). The Earth takes 365 days to orbit the sun. Dividing time into weeks, however, reflects no natural phenomenon. It is a structuring of human activity based entirely on religious principle: the concept of the “week” exists as a consequence of the Sabbath... a period of principled rest and renewal one day in seven.

Years vary in length: 365 or 366 days on the Gregorian calendar; 353, 354, 355, 383, 384, or 385 days on the Hebrew calendar! Months vary in length, as well. While each day is 24 hours long, the division of daylight and night hours changes constantly.

Reflecting their basis in religious principle, weeks are non-negotiable and unchanging. Eternal.

Like “weeks” themselves, Shavuot – the “Festival of Weeks” – teaches us to transcend our physical nature, to root our conduct in religious principle... to embrace that which is Eternal as non-negotiable.

We commemorate God’s gift of the Torah... by celebrating “Weeks.”

“Tikkun” *published May 19, 2023*

Today is the 35th anniversary of my ordination as a rabbi on May 19, 1988. I cherish memories of friends, classmates, and colleagues with whom I shared eight defining, formative years at the Jewish Theological Seminary. I gratefully recall teachers, professors, mentors, and exemplars of Jewish piety and scholarship from whom I was privileged to learn.

My ordination preceded Shavuot by a matter of days. Shavuot, celebrated this coming week, is also a time to revel in Jewish learning: to recall – indeed, to recreate – God’s Revelation at Mount Sinai. This ritual re-enactment is achieved primarily through the Tikkun Layl Shavuot: a late-night or all-night marathon of Jewish study. Our willful sleeplessness tends to induce creative, unfiltered, innovative insights and readings: personal “revelations.”

Night-time study is not unique to Shavuot. The Sages teach that one who studies Torah at night more intimately “encounters God’s Presence” (Tamid 32b). Maimonides insists that “we acquire the majority of our wisdom through night-time Torah study” (Hilchot Talmud Torah 3:13). My Seminary years included many sleepless nights preparing for exams and writing papers.

Recalling ordination and celebrating Shavuot in such close proximity, I appreciate French philosopher Michel de Montaigne’s observation: “On peut continuer à tout temps l’étude, mais non pas l’écolage” (You can always continue your studies, but not your schooling).



Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 2, 10 a.m.

Board of Trustees nominations slate was sent home via mail. Copies available at meeting.



Temple Emanuel of North Jersey 50/50 Raffle with 2 Winners!

Ticket price – one for \$50

1st Prize - 35% of half money collected
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ANNUAL GALA / SUMMER BBQ (DATE TBA)

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

UPCOMING SHABBAT SIMCHAH CELEBRATIONS

Saturday, June 15, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, July 20, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, August 17, 10:00 a.m.



Do you have a Simchah you are celebrating this or in upcoming months? Please let us know and join us on Shabbat morning. You can also request an Aliyah in your honor.

Shabbat Simchahs mark birthdays, anniversaries, weddings and anything else you are celebrating!

Our Kiddush is a delectable spread and celebrating with friends is so special. Help us to keep this wonderful program going by contacting the office to help sponsor our Shabbat Simchah Kiddush.

Sponsors will be acknowledged in the weekly mailing, that Shabbat and in the next Bulletin.

Average donations are between \$50 to \$150, depending on special food requests, but any amount gladly accepted and appreciated.

Also, send a Simchah greeting (and support TENJ too!) for \$10 each OR send to everyone on the month's Simchah List for \$36.00 total.



Weekly Parashat Ha-Shavua Study

Mondays, 12:30-1:30pm

“Reading Between the Wines”

A review of the Torah Portion for the coming Shabbat, examined through the study and tasting of Kosher wines with specific connections to each weekly Parshah!!

Special emphasis on references to wine in the Biblical text and (rabbinic exegete and vintner) Rashi's commentary.

Come imbibe the wisdom of Torah!!

Sponsorships of individual sessions are welcome. All sessions are led by Rabbi Joseph H. Prouser.

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Please call the Office for further information.

- **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:** *supports individuals and families in need, charitable causes, and the Rabbi's special TENJ programs.*
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Susan & Bob Yudin donating a beautiful floral arrangement in honor of Bea Rittenberg's special birthday

In Honor

In honor of Bea Rittenberg's special birthday

Rosalie & Larry Berman
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In honor of all those who celebrated a birthday and/or anniversary simchah in the month(s) of April & May, the following people sent Simchah cards.

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Ellen Lipschitz
Vicki Rosenblith
Bob & Susan Yudin
Yael Israel & Ray English

In honor of Molla Reisbaum's birthday
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By Bea & Marty Rittenberg

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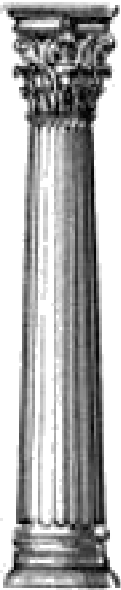
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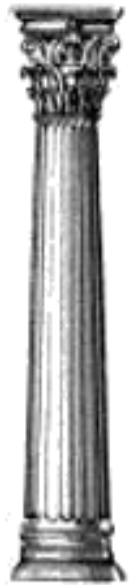
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