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Lach L'cha!

By Rabbi Howard Mandell



“Every Jew is responsible for the well-being of every other Jew!”

I remember spending an entire seminar class, during my last year of Rabbinical School, debating with my classmates, what the rabbis of the Talmud meant by this saying.

How can we Jews be responsible for the well-being of each other, when we are so badly divided in this country and in Israel on a variety of different issues. In our own country, for example, a recent headline appearing in the Forward newsletter reads, “Orthodox rabbis slam Reform Jews over transgenderism and Trump’s executive order,” with the Rabbinical Assembly, the rabbinic arm of the Conservative Movement, in the process of adopting a resolution on this subject reaffirming the dignity of the entire LGBTQ+ community and “condemning all efforts to marginalize, harm, or shame transgender and other queer individuals.”

While many Jewish people in our country support President Trump’s efforts, moreover, seeking to deport college students studying here from other countries, who have been critical of Israel’s bombing of Gaza and supportive of the Palestinians living in Gaza, over 50 rabbis from the State of Massachusetts signed just this past week a letter rejecting the notion that the detainment and deportation of university students, because of their having exercised their freedom of speech, has been for the purpose of fighting Antisemitism or is consistent with Jewish values.

So, what does it mean that we Jews are responsible for the well-being of all of our fellow Jews, not just those with whom we may agree on the cutting-edge issues of the day. While there are a number of good answers to my question, this teaching does not, I believe, expect us to agree on everything, but does call upon us, when we do disagree, that we follow the lead of Hillel and Shammai in the Talmud, doing so respectfully and with an open mind and thus “for the sake of heaven”.

To better appreciate what this teaching means, all one needs to do to participate in a Shabbat morning minyan here at CBI. While not everyone in the minyan supports the same political party and shares the same views and perspectives on the issues of the day, everyone respects and honors all those in the minyan; and while not everyone in the minyan has the same skill level reading Hebrew or leyning Torah, every single person in the minyan plays a role in the service.

This past Shabbat, for example, Ed Sloan gave the *d’var Torah*, discussing in a balanced way his feelings about October 7th, Hamas, Israel’s bombing of Gaza, and Prime Minister Netanyahu and his cabinet. Speaking for myself, I am sure that not everyone present agreed with everything Ed had to say, but everyone appreciated the thought, time, and effort that he put into his sermon and thus reached out to express their gratitude and appreciation.

Especially meaningful was the fact that Ed’s son, when he learned that Ed was giving the *d’var Torah*, came to services to show his love and support for his Dad. In the same way, Ann Macklin, as she often does, drove to Andover from New York City to care for and to bring her Mom to services, with Ellen recently having had some surgery.

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Lach L'cha!

By Rabbi Howard Mandell



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We also had the pleasure, this past Shabbat, of meeting two wonderful young Jewish people, whom we came to learn were residents training under Caren Jacobson and had come, in great part, to show their respect for her.

We are all responsible for the well-being of each other means that, whatever our differences and disagreements may be on the important issues of the day, far stronger and more important are the Jewish values that we all share—a love of God and Judaism; a love of family and friends; an appreciation for such Jewish values as loving thy neighbor, especially those in our society, who are subject to being marginalized, such as the stranger, the widow, and the orphan; and caring for those, who may be ill and in need.

It is these shared basic Jewish values, which have enabled us, I believe, to survive both the external challenges and the internal divisions within our own community.

No Jewish holiday reflects these shared values more than Pesach, by far the most celebrated and honored Jewish holiday!

May this Passover be a *z'man cheiruteinu*, “a time of freedom,” for each of you, for your loved ones, for all of our fellow Jews everywhere, and for all people of good faith throughout the world!

Rabbi Howard Mandell

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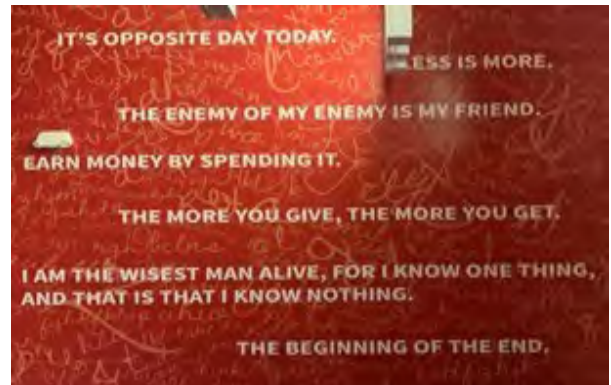
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MESSAGE OF THE MONTH FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

By Jeff Tye



Last month, while visiting my father in Florida, Gayle and I had the opportunity to go and experience The Paradox Museum in Miami, on the recommendation of some extended family members. I had heard the word before but wasn't sure how this could be turned into a fun experience for all ages. For those of you who might not be familiar with a paradox, some famous examples (according to the Museum) are as above.

A web search (? Oxford Dictionary) revealed the following definition: “A paradox is a statement or situation that appears contradictory or absurd but may contain a deeper truth or reveal a surprising insight. Here's a more detailed explanation: **Apparent Contradiction:** Paradoxes often present a situation or idea that seems to defy logic or common sense at first glance. **Hidden Truth or Insight:** Despite their seeming absurdity, paradoxes can highlight a truth or perspective that is not immediately obvious. **Purpose in Literature and Rhetoric:** Paradoxes can be used as rhetorical devices to create emphasis, challenge assumptions, or provoke thought.

One of the most famous paradoxes in our Torah is that of the “Red Heifer” and the laws surrounding it. (Check out Numbers, Chapter 19, verses 1-13!) If you come up with a great, and solid interpretation, you've done better than the wise King Solomon!

Why am I bringing this up in our monthly message? Based on the principles of “Imagineering” that have been discussed in more detail in several recent issues of this column and in recent Board Meetings, we are looking at ways in which we might challenge some of our “status quo”, as our journey to our shared future, not only continues but begins (? – Paradox?). Together, we may find some ways to do things differently that welcome more of our congregants (and others) to join us in different activities, services or functions.

Did you make it for a recent Shabbat morning service when our weekly D'var Torah was given by a visiting Israeli Professor who was finishing his Sabbatical here (and had joined us for several Shabbat morning services previously as a “congregant”)? He left us with some profound thoughts especially from his perspective as an Israeli. Were you able to participate in our expanded sandwich making and food delivery to those in need, on behalf of Lazarus House, and organized by our Social Action Team? Hopefully, you were able to join the great brunch (from our Kitchen Team of the day) and significant talk by Rabbi Mandell on the spread of Antisemitism in the context of world events! (I believe this has been added to our website or will be shortly if you would like to view it.) Did you experience our CBI version of Erev Purim this year

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with Bashert and the songfest coordinated by Elaine Winic? If not, you missed out on a crazy and fun night!!! Thanks to our kitchen team for the night: Caren Jacobson, Barbara Moverman, Rebecca Fishbein, Ellen Brody, and Hilary Guida. Terrific effort and well received! Have you been enjoying all the recent variety of activities created and organized by our Programming Team, like Saturday night Bowling? They're always open for great suggestions and future Programming choices. Maybe you would like to help organize or get involved in making these events happen!! Be on the lookout for many other exciting activities coming in the next few months to YOUR (or is it OUR) CBI. Invite family members or friends to join you and welcome them to CBI! Look for all the details for Passover elsewhere in this Bulletin and in the weekly e-mails.

Over the last few months, the Board has been busy starting "Imagineering" ideas that we will continue to look at and implement if feasible. We are also looking for your ideas of things we can do to continue making our journey forward as special and meaningful as possible. If you have ideas that you feel comfortable sharing, please reach out to myself, Jon or Caren. We would love to hear from you! As Buzz Lightyear would say (paradoxically speaking, of course) : ***"TO INFINITY AND BEYOND!"***



A D'var on Adar 29, 5785

When Rabbi Mandell called me earlier in the week and asked if I would do a “d'var” for this week's Shabbat service, I was honored he asked, but I didn't immediately jump at the opportunity. I must admit I was reluctant to do so since I had retired from teaching 9 years ago.

The Rabbi reassured me that he had been impressed with a letter I had written to Jodi Rudoren, lead editor of the online Jewish newspaper called The Forward that had been a Yiddish newspaper in hard form from 1897. It had been regarded over the 20th century as a socialist and trade union newspaper supporting, Jewish rights, workers' rights and is regarded today as a moderate to left leaning online newspaper.

The Forward has been digitized and written, as far as I know, almost entirely in English and has many people, mainly Jews, I imagine, following Jewish and Israeli related news events in America and around the world.

I find it very informative.

Which brings me to the presentation and to my surprise when a Forward Deputy Editor named Nora Berman wrote a column on March 21st berating and belittling a new documentary movie called “October 8” titled “Is this new documentary giving voice to American Jewish anguish or simply stoking fear?”

I searched for the trailer “October 8” trailer and found it. I was fascinated by the interviews of young Jewish students on Ivy League campuses and other well known college campuses expressing fear that they would be hurt or killed by pro-Palestinian marchers and demonstrators who appeared on the film in interviews.

After seeing the trailer, I saw the October 8 documentary movie earlier this week and thought this is an amazing movie that all American Jews MUST see. It would not be wrong for non-Jewish people to see to understand what are the two sides in this war fighting about.

I will assume that Ms. Nora Berman, Deputy Editor of the Opinion page at The Forward is far younger than my 75 years of age. There is a picture that accompanies her column and she appears to me to look like she is around 35-years-old.

I grew up a Zionist near Boston and volunteered in the Yom Kippur War of 1973 and 1974 as a volunteer on kibbutz near Gaza meeting other American Jews and Jews and non-Jews from other countries. I'm very proud of my Jewish and Zionist backgrounds and wish Israel still had leaders like David Ben-Gurion, Golda Meir, Yitzchak Rabin, and Shimon Peres who helped propel Israel to be an admirable Jewish state among the nations of the world in developing democracy despite living among nations sworn to destroy it.

I'm certainly not a fan of the current Israeli government and wish there were term limits for Prime Minister. I wish Israel's current group of leaders would show more respect for Palestinians who have lived in the West Bank for generations raising olive trees and building toward an economic, viable land of their own. (I still don't use the designation Judea and Sumeria for these lands and think Jewish settlers are not helping Israel's cause by creating issues that lead to animosity and bloodshed instead of tolerance and cooperation.)

In any case, it is my belief, Ms. Rudoren (lead editor of The Forward) that Ms. Berman forgot that the murderers in Hamas who killed and kidnapped Israelis/Jews and people of other nationalities on October 7, 2023 should be condemned for starting this war. What I saw in the movie “October 8”

is how Hamas had planned with others to destroy the existence of a Jewish state and kill as many Jews as possible. Subsequently, the documentary director of "October 8", Wendy Sachs, does an amazing job following the movements of pro-Palestinians on many campuses and in cities across America beginning on October 8, 2023, the day after the massacres of many Israelis at the Nova Dance Festival and nearby kibbutzim began.

These demonstrations included marches on college campus streets, encampments on college greens, and other actions that included interrogating people who they thought were Jewish and barring them from entering classes or buildings they needed to enter for their research and studies. American Jewish students and faculty had to retreat and hide amidst the hateful messages about Jews and Israel without college administrators and security doing little or nothing under the guise of "freedom of speech."

Would college presidents at Harvard, Columbia, U Penn, and other esteemed colleges allow threatening marches if the words and taunts by marchers had been, "Let's find blacks and lynch them!"?

But the real thread the Forward's Deputy Editor overlooked in her article is that Hamas had been planning with the help of the Muslim Brotherhood and Iran from the 1990's to seduce Americans into believing they (Palestinians under the thumb of Hamas) were the oppressed and Jews and Israelis were the rich oppressors. Hamas would cleverly use the idea to identify the cause of "social justice" under the banner and expression "Palestine Must Be Free – From the River to the Sea."

Pro-Palestinian leaders of such organizations named Students for Justice in Palestine identified their cause with noble causes of women's rights, climate change, gay rights, Black Lives Matter and other movements of this nature in America and around the world and to label and treat Israel as an aberrant, apartheid state which colonizes the weak.

In The Forward, its Deputy Editor Ms Berman states that this movie, "October 8" "weaponizes Jewish fear" and "stokes the flames of an age-old fear" which I will assume mean that these pro-Palestinian demonstrators shouting on the streets of American cities are just exercising their freedom of speech rights, and not in any measure being antisemitic. Jews need not worry about these hateful words.

Yet, hateful words by Nazi Germans in 1938 followed by the Night of the Broken Glass opened the gates to concentration camps and the subsequent time period now known as the Holocaust.

Finally, if anything I would encourage Forward readers and others to see this important documentary movie "October 8."

Insightful interviews of writers Noa Tishby, Bari Weis, as well as kibbutz survivors of the October 7th massacre, and amazing American Jewish college students from UCSanta Barbara, Columbia, and other places stood bravely up in spite of the loud chants and threats of violence to harm them.

These young Jewish people would not retreat or back down.

Clearly, I can say as an American Zionist Jew that October 7th was a day "that will live in infamy" in Jewish history and Wendy Sachs' documentary movie "October 8" shows we, Jewish people everywhere, should always remember the memorable Maimonides quote, "All Jews are responsible for one another."

-Ed Sloan, North Andover, MA March 28, 2025



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Endre (Andy) Sarkany, Holocaust Survivor

Endre (Andy) Sarkany was born in Budapest, Hungary on October 31, 1936. The building he lived in was located inside the Budapest ghetto which is where he remained during the Holocaust. The building housed a nursery/kindergarten on the ground floor. The school was affiliated with the Jewish Agency of Hungary and was led by Mr. Eugene Polnay. The building also housed on the top floor a dance, acrobat and ballet studio. These facts were significant in Endre's survival and that of at least 150 orphaned children. Endre's father was taken to Mauthausen concentration camp in the spring of 1944, fortunately he survived.



After WWII, Hungary became a communist nation. Although Endre graduated high school in 1955, he was not accepted to university because he was deemed an undesirable element of society. This label was given to anyone who owned a business before the communists took over the country.

Endre was fortunate to escape Hungary after the October 1956 uprising and was able to immigrate to the United States. He received his bachelor's degree from Tusculum College in Tennessee and his Master of Science degree in Applied Mathematics and Computer Science from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. Endre worked for both the McDonald Douglas Corporation and the IBM Corporation.

Over the past 10 years, Endre has been speaking to students about his personal experiences during the Holocaust, living under the brutality of the Soviet regime in Hungary, and finding a home in the United States.

Mr. Sarkany is married, has a daughter and son, and five grandchildren.

Event held by: Congregation Beth Israel

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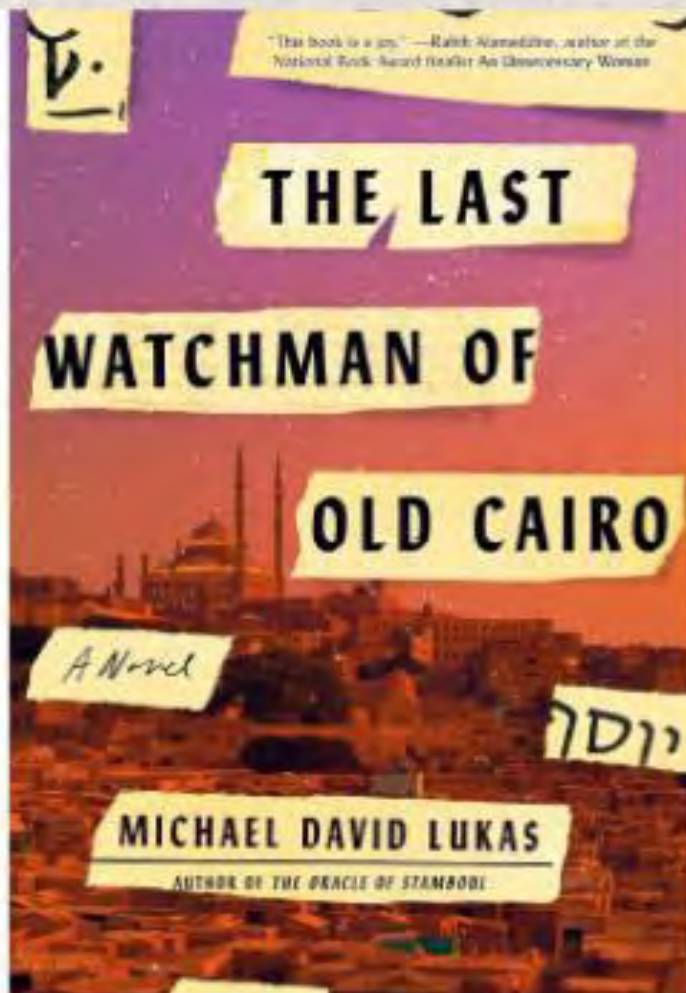


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| ✧ April 14 | Passover Day II Services @ 9:00am |
| ✧ April 19 | Shabbat & Yizkor Services @ 9:00am |
| ✧ April 24 | Yom HaShoah Speaker—Andre Sarkany |
| ✧ April 30 | Yom HaZikaron |
| ✧ May 1 | Yom HaAtzma'ut |
| ✧ May 4 | Simchat Bat of Sydney Tamoka Sato |
| ✧ May 7 | Red Cross Blood Drive |
| ✧ May 11 | Mother's Day |
| ✧ May 12 | Board Meeting |
| ✧ May 15 | Book Review "Watchman of Cairo" |
| ✧ May 19 | Jewish Heritage Night at Fenway Park |
| ✧ May 26 | Memorial Day |
| ✧ May 26 | Yom Yerushalayim |

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The CBI Board of Directors will meet on Monday, April 21 at 7:15pm on Zoom for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

All Board Meetings are open to the membership. If you would like to attend, please RSVP no later than April 18th to Janet at 978.474.0540 or office@BethIsraelMV.org and the Zoom link will be provided, along with an agenda.

The May 2025

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Friday, April 25, 2024

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES APRIL 2025

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Cindy Ochs	April 1
Barbara Moverman	April 3
Cassandra Spector	April 4
Adam Soll	April 5
Doug Cuthbertson	April 8
Larry Soll	April 10
Jason Grosz	April 12
Rebecca Fishbein	April 14
Suzanne Grosz	April 16
Tanya Gould	April 27



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Ron & Suzanne Grosz	April 2
Alissa & Philip Onigman	April 8
Caren Jacobson & Blair Roberts	April 23

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Caren Jacobson & Blair Roberts	March 1	In memory of Blair's beloved mother, Harriet Roberts
Ann Macklin	March 8	
Gayle & Jeff Tye Paula & Howie Flagler Les Tye	March 15	In memory of their beloved brother and son, Merrill "Mel" Tye
Hilary Guide	March 22	In memory of her beloved mother, Marguerite Spector
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24/03/2025

Dear Congregation Beth Israel ,

On behalf of the employees and volunteers of Leket Israel – The National Food Bank, I am writing to inform you that a generous donation has been made in your honor by Rabbi Howard Mandell, with the following message:

I have made a donation today to Leket to honor the entire CBI community for all it does to bring peace, justice, and hesed to the world and for its love and commitment to Israel and to the Jewish people! Shalom!

Rabbi Howard Mandell

Leket Israel rescues fresh agricultural produce from farms and packing houses and hot meals from hotels, corporate cafeterias and IDF army bases and distributes it through a network of 300 nonprofit partner agencies, feeding 415,000 Israelis in need each week.

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To learn more about Leket Israel's operations, visit www.leket.org/en.

Yours Sincerely,

Joseph Gitler
Founder & Chairman

March 2025 Social Action Bulletin Article

Two related projects kept the Social Action Committee busy this season! On February 28, Rebecca Fishbein Guttentag, Amy Friedman Lee, and Susannah Abbott joined Almarie Silverman, Director of Programs for Lazarus House, to deliver soup and bagged meals to two neighborhoods in Lawrence in the Lazarus House soup truck, which makes weekly deliveries of food and other essentials during the winter months. We stopped in downtown Lawrence, where we served many families with children as well as people who live at nearby boardinghouses, and also near an encampment of people experiencing homelessness where several people were grateful for warm donated clothing along with some hot soup. We were so impressed with the work that Lazarus House does to provide essential services to those in need in the community, and were very grateful for the chance to be part of their work.

On March 9 Rebecca, Amy, and Susannah were joined by Robin Rose, Suzanne Grosz, and Rob Abbott to make 100 bagged lunches for Lazarus House. In about 90 minutes this multi-tasking group made sandwiches, wrote notes on the bags for the recipients, and made sure that every lunch included a homemade cookie (courtesy of Rebecca), fruit, trail mix, and a drink— all while exchanging book and movie recommendations.

Several projects are in the works for the Spring, including a toiletry drive for Lazarus House and a tour of the Boys and Girls Club in Lawrence. Stay tuned for details and dates, and thank you for joining us in Tikkun Olam!

Susannah Abbott and Amy Friedman Lee
Social Action Committee co-chairs



The following names will be read, and people remembered at *Yahrzeit*, on Shabbat Morning

April 5 — 11 7 — 13 Nisan	April 12 — 18 14 — 20 Nisan	April 19 — 25 21 — 27 Nisan	April 26 — May 2 28 Nisan — 4 Iyyar
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תנחומים רפואה שלמה - TANCHUMIM, CONDOLENCES

Ethel Somers on the loss of her sister, Annette Green

THURSDAY NIGHT MINYAN

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Thursdays of each month**

Thursday, April 3 & 17

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*Please join the Movermans for the
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Nisan/Iyyar 5785



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 3 Nisan MAH JONGG @ 7:00pm	2 4 Nisan	3 5 Nisan MINYAN	4 6 Nisan 6:56pm Candle Lighting	5 7 Nisan Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Havdalah @ 7:59pm
6 8 Nisan	7 9 Nisan	8 10 Nisan Yom HaAliyah MAH JONGG @ 7:00pm	9 11 Nisan	10 12 Nisan 4:42am Fast Begins Ta'anis Bechoros 7:57pm Fast Ends	11 13 Nisan 7:04pmpm Candle Lighting	12 14 Nisan Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Shabbat HaGadol 1ST SEDER Havdalah @ 8:07pm
13 15 Nisan Pesach I Passover Services @ 9:00 2ND SEDER 8:09pm Candle Lighting	14 16 Nisan Pesach II Passover Services @ 9:00 Office Closed 1st day of the Omer 8:10pm Havdalah	15 17 Nisan Pesach III 2nd day of the Omer MAH JONGG @ 7:00pm	16 18 Nisan Pesach IV 3rd day of the Omer	17 19 Nisan Pesach V 4th day of the Omer MINYAN	18 20 Nisan Pesach VI 5th day of the Omer 7:12pm Candle Lighting	19 15 Adar Shabbat Services @ 9:00am YIZKOR Pesach VII 6th day of the Omer Havdalah 8:16pm
20 22 Nisan Pesach VIII 7th day of the Omer	21 23 Nisan Board Meeting 8th day of the Omer	22 24 Nisan MAH JONGG @ 7:00pm 9th day of the Omer	23 25 Nisan 10th day of the Omer	24 26 Nisan Yom HaShoah Program @ 7:00pm Speaker Endre Sarkany 11th day of the Omer	25 27 Nisan 7:20pm Candle Lighting 12th day of the Omer	26 28 Nisan Shabbat Services @ 9:30am 13th day of the Omer Mevorchim Chodesh Iyyar Havdalah 8:25pm
27 29 Nisan 14th day of the Omer	28 30 Nisan Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 15th day of the Omer	29 1 Iyyar MAH JONGG @ 7:00pm 16th day of the Omer	30 2 Iyyar Yom HaZikaron 17th day of the Omer			

May 2025

Iyyar/Sivan 5785



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 3 Iyyar 18th day of the Omer Yom HaAtzma'ut MINYAN	2 4 Iyyar 19th day of the Omer 7:28pm Candle Lighting	3 5 Iyyar 20th day of the Omer Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Havdalah @ 8:34pm
4 6 Iyyar 21st day of the Omer Simchat Bat Sydney Tamoka Sato @ 11:30 sharp	5 7 Iyyar 22nd day of the Omer	6 8 Iyyar 23rd day of the Omer MAH JONGG @ 7:00pm	7 9 Iyyar 24th day of the Omer RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT CBI	8 10 Iyyar 25th day of the Omer	9 11 Iyyar 26th day of the Omer 7:36pm Candle Lighting	10 12 Iyyar 27th day of the Omer Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Mos-Kedoshim Havdalah @ 8:43pm
11 13 Iyyar 28th day of the Omer MOTHER'S DAY	12 14 Iyyar 29th day of the Omer Board Meeting Pesach Sheni	13 15 Iyyar 30th day of the Omer MAH JONGG @ 7:00pm	14 16 Iyyar 31st day of the Omer	15 17 Iyyar 32nd day of the Omer MINYAN @ 7:00pm BOOK CLUB @ 7:30PM	16 18 Iyyar SHABBAT CHAI 33rd day of the Omer Lag BaOmer 7:43pm Candle Lighting	17 19 Iyyar 34th day of the Omer Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Havdalah 8:52pm
18 20 Iyyar 35th day of the Omer	19 21 Iyyar 36th day of the Omer Jewish Heritage Night at Fenway Park	20 22 Iyyar 37th day of the Omer MAH JONGG @ 7:00pm	21 23 Iyyar 38th day of the Omer	22 24 Iyyar 39th day of the Omer	23 25 Iyyar 40th day of the Omer 7:50pm Candle Lighting	24 26 Iyyar 41st day of the Omer Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Mevorchim Chodesh Sivan Havdalah 9:00pm
25 27 Iyyar 42nd day of the Omer	26 28 Iyyar 43rd day of the Omer	27 29 Iyyar 44th day of the Omer MAH JONGG @ 7:00pm	28 1 Sivan 45th day of the Omer Rosh Chodesh Sivan	29 2 Sivan 46th day of the Omer	30 3 Sivan 47th day of the Omer 7:56pm Candle Lighting	28 2 Iyyar 48th day of the Omer Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Havdalah 9:07pm