

News Bulletin

Shavuot 5778
May 2018

Anshe Sfard

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Bat Mitzvah of Julia Thuestad



Date: Shabbat, June 23, 2018
School: Central Intermediate
Parents: Alexia Lishnevski
& Ola A. Thuestad
Sibling: Daniel
Mitzvah Project: Lighting
Shabbat Candles



Rabbi's Message

Are you lonely?

A recent survey by the health insurer Cigna found that loneliness is widespread in America, with nearly 50 percent of respondents reporting that they feel alone or left out always or sometimes.

The latest survey also found something surprising: the younger generation (ages 18 - 22) was lonelier than the older generations. The Greatest Generation, people ages 72 and above, were the least lonely.

Judaism has a remedy for loneliness. Minyan and services at Shul.

Being with a group of people is spiritually and physically beneficial.



Going to shul has another benefit. Recent studies show that people attending a house of prayer on a weekly basis, live longer.

So, if you are lonely or want to live longer, our doors are always open.

Kaila and I wish you a very happy Shavuot.

Rabbi Mendy Sasonkin

Celebrate Shavuot

with the Entire Family!

Hear the
10 Commandments
Being read from the Torah

Enjoy a delectable
Kiddush Lunch

Blintzes, Cheesecake
& Dairy Delights

**SUNDAY
MAY 20**

9:00 AM - Services

9:30 AM - Kids Program

**Anshe Sfard
Synagogue**

Late Night Shavuot Study: **Saturday, May 19 10:30 PM-Midnight**

Sponsored by Women's Chavurah

Yahrtzeit

The following will observe yahrtzeit in memory of their loved ones:

July

1	Marsha Rockitter
2	Leo Katz
3	Robert Godshall
4	Regina Dorman
	Rivie Zimmerman
6	Esther Manes
	Rivie Zimmerman
7	Harvey Post
13	Barbara Freedman
15	Dave Recht
16	Susan Alfonso
18	Debbie Reiss
	Morton Sobel
19	I. Mark Lazbin
20	Sylvia Lewis
	Leon Neiman
22	Yuriy Dorman
	Jack Kent
23	Lee Manes
24	Harvey Leff
25	Steven Botnick
	Marc Merklin
29	Harvey Lipton
30	Stacey Post
	Sheryl Deppisch
	Carol Kushkin
31	Marilyn Apple
	Bob & Regina Cooper
	Mark Weinberger
	Michael Weinberger

August

1	Yuriy Dorman
	Elliott Kool
	Phyllis Taub
	Freda Stile
	David Stile
	Joel Stile
2	Dolores Ekus
	Stuart Glauberman
	Estabelle Landau

In Memoriam

It is with deep sorrow that we record the passing of:

Paulette Landau
Daughter of Charles Landau

David Recht
Husband of Marjorie Recht
Father of Paula Gross and Lauren Recht

Helen Gioia Cooper
Mother of Tripper Morris

Barbara Freedman
Wife of Thomas Bagiackas
Mother of Joshua, Jeremiah and Matthew

	Charles Landau
3	Esther Manes
4	Rivie Zimmerman
	Wendy Zimmerman
5	Regina Dorman
	Neil Rothstein
	Barbara Freedman
9	Rachel Gersten
11	Arlene Miller
12	David Shapiro
13	Mark Weinberger
	Michael A. Weinberger
	Freda Stile
18	Ronald DeSure
19	Randal Lowry
	Sharlene Manes
21	Avi Greenbaum
24	Jack Kent
	Charles Joel Landau
25	Ronald DeSure
26	Linda Lyons
27	Dolores Ekus
	Gayle Waxman
31	Allan Rockitter

September

1	Ellen Migdal
2	Marsha Rockitter
4	Esther Manes
7	Regina Dorman
	Sheldon Saferstein
	Helen Sude
9	Malcolm Korach
15	Pamela Taub
	Marilyn Groden
17	Allan Rockitter
19	Steven Botnick
	Moshe Torem
22	Shaine Lipton
23	Dolores Ekus
24	Arthur Taub
	Robert M. Taub
25	Linda Groden
	Marc Merklin
26	Stuart Glauberman
29	Alan Bleyer

Weekly Services

Shacharit

Sunday8:00 am
Monday & Thursday 7:30 am
Shabbat.....9:00 am

Mincha & Maariv

Sunday - Friday7:30 pm

Shavuot Services

Saturday, May 19

Shacharit 9:00 am
Mincha Ma'ariv 7:30 pm
Tikun Leil Shavuot 10:30 pm
(all night studying)

Sunday, May 20

Shacharit 9:00 am
Ten Commandments 10:15 am

Followed by

Shavuot Kiddush Lunch
& Ice Cream

Mincha 7:30 pm

Monday, May 21

Shacharit 9:00 am
YIZKOR 10:45 am
Mincha 7:30 pm

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Mendy Sasonkin

Rabbi

Abraham Leibtag O.B.M.

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TORAH CLASS

Tuesdays - 8 pm

For men & women

Led by

Rabbi Mendy Sasonkin



Marvin & Betsy Droz on the wedding of their daughter Katie to Zeke Katz of New Hampshire. Proud grandmother, **Sally Ekus**.

Todd & Carmie Stein on the birth of their granddaughter, Madeline Nava Diamond, proud parents are Adam & Abby Diamond.

Doug and Janice Weintraub on the marriage of their daughter to Carly to Tyler Edwards. Proud grandparents are **Harvey & Delores Ekus** and Joe & Becky Zolden.

Scott & Paula Gross and John & Peggy Dolensky on the marriage of Blake Gross to Margaret Dolensky. An August wedding is planned.

Dr. Gabriela Wagner on her engagement to Assaf Zonenshine.

Steve & Karyn Katz on the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth to Aaron Kutz of Solon.

Susan Alfonso and Elaine Weinberg on becoming the great-grandmothers of Harper Claire, proud parents are Jake Joseph & Lauren Weinberg. Proud grandparents are Lisa & Richard Cohen and Debra & Saul Weinberg.

Susan Alfonso and Dr. William & Joan Littman on becoming a great-grandparents of Simon Gil. Proud grandparents are Leslie & Robert Littman and Denise & Jim Collins. Proud parents are Jaimie & Andrew Collins.

Stacey Fish, daughter of **Michael & Judy Fish**, on her engagement to Bryan Moskowitz of Mentor, Ohio.

NEW MEMBERS

Howard & Katie Wernow

Thank you for all your prayers and good wishes on behalf of my recovery. It is most appreciated
Rabbi Mendy Sasonkin



to JULIA CORNUE for beautiful landscaping.

to RACHEL GERSTEN for always helping with Shabbat mini kiddushes and much more.

to ROBYN TOBIAS for devoting many office hours and general help.

to STACY SHULAN for the many hours of assisting with office work, shopping, and planning.

to MEIR & EFRAT OHAYON for cooking with their heart and soul.

Lag B'Omer BBQ!!

Thank you to our volunteers who helped make this event possible!



Have an upcoming birthday, anniversary, or any other reason to celebrate?

Sponsor a Kiddush for your special occasion.

To reserve a Kiddush call Kaila at 330-606-9876

Date	Occasion
May 12	Harvey Ekus's 90th Birthday
June 23	Bat Mitzvah of Julia Thuestad
July 28	Jerry Malin's 80th Birthday
August 4	In memory of Louis Stile

Save the Date

Sunday, August 26 for Chana Sasonkin's Bat Mitzvah

New Jerry & Maggie Lippman Book Fund for Bar & Bat Mitzvah Students

The Jerry & Maggie Lippman Book Fund will provide a Jewish book as a gift for each Bar and Bat Mitzvah. The books chosen will help students continue their love of learning and build their Jewish library.



L'Chaim Cooking Club

Bringing recipes from the
Holocaust to Life

MAY 28, 2018
AUGUST 27, 2018
6-8pm at Beth El

JUNE 25, 2018
OCTOBER 22, 2018
6-8pm at Temple Israel

JULY 23, 2018
6-8pm at Anshe Sfard



A collaborative effort between
Anshe Sfard, Beth El and
Temple Israel Sisterhoods.

Open to men and women.

To register:

www.lchaimcookingclub.com

Led by Leora Cohen

Community Pesach Seder

We had a joyous 1st night Seder with over 100 people from our Jewish community! The evening was filled with spirited songs, excitement and of course - dancing!

First course, cocktail hour included assorted gefilte fish, salmon, salads and mashed potato bar. Kiddush was followed by services and holiday candle lighting.

The Seder was engaging and interactive with pyramid building (giant Jenga), our very own four sons rapping choir, and dinner which lasted till almost midnight.

Thank you to Meir & Efrat Ohayon and the Sasonkin family for cooking and leading the Seder. Thank you to the volunteers and staff for assisting in so many ways.



High Holiday Food Fair Cooking



During the month of July and August, Women's Chavurah will be cooking for our High Holiday Food Fair.

Food will be available for pick-up on Monday, September 3 - Labor Day.

Please consider to join the fun and comraderie as we cook, shop and pack for this worthwhile program.

To volunteer, please call Kaila 330-606-9876.



Shabbat in the Round

Friday, June 1st 5:00 pm

Anshe Sfarad Synagogue

Young Family Shabbat Experience

Through food, fun, friends & prayer

Kiddie pool party following dinner

Bring your bathing suit and towel

Open to the community

RSVP requested 330-606-9876 or office@akronshul.com

Sponsored by the Lippman Kanfer Family Foundation



Mommy & Me Summer Program

Thursdays at Anshe Sfarad

10:30am-12:00pm

We provide the quality, you provide the time.

Music 'n movement, Jewish songs & prayers, hands on activities, splash & splash water time, bubbles, and more outdoor fun.

\$10 per session



Please register www.akronshul.com or 330-867-7292



Anshe Sfarad Sunday School

Much appreciation to our dedicated teachers and staff





May 19-21, 2018

Candle Lighting Times & Blessings

Sat. May 19 after 9:29pm

Recite blessing 1 & 2

Sun. May 20 after 9:30pm

Light from a pre-existing flame

Recite blessing 1 & 2

Mon. May 21 after 9:31pm

Recite Havdalah

Blessings for Shavuot Candle Lighting

*Ba-ruch a-tah Ado-nai
Elo-heinu melech ha-olam.*

1. Asher ki-de-shanu
bi-mitz-vo-sov vitze-va-nu
le-had-lik ner shel yom tov.

2. She-he-che-yanu vi-ki-ye-manu
vehe-ge-yanu lizman Ha-zeh.

History

What is Shavuot?

Shavuot is one of the three harvest festivals of the Jewish calendar – the other two are Passover and Sukkot. Like the other festivals, Shavuot has two faces: It is a celebration of the wheat harvest and the ripening of the first fruits. ***It is also the birthday of the Jewish nation.*** 3,400 years ago, G-d gave us the Torah at Mount Sinai. Before that, we were a family and a community. The experience of Sinai bonded us into a new entity: the Jewish people. That is why Shavuot is a day to reconnect – to our people and to the wisdom of our Torah.

The Written and Oral Law

The Torah is composed of two parts: the written law and the oral law. The written Torah contains the Five Books of Moses, the Prophets and the Writings. Together with the written Torah, Moses was also given the oral law which explains and clarifies the written law. It was transmitted orally from generation to generation and eventually transcribed in the Talmud and Midrash. Throughout the generations, our people have studied these works, commenting upon them, clarifying their meaning, deriving practical applications of these principles, and codifying the laws derived from them. Thus, a continuous chain of tradition extended throughout the generations, connecting us to the revelation at Mt. Sinai.

Shavuot & Children

Our Sages explained that before G-d gave the Torah to the Jewish people He requested guarantors. The Jews made a number of suggestions, all rejected by

G-d until they declared **“Our children will be our guarantors.”** G-d immediately accepted them and agreed to give the Torah. Thus, the receiving of the Torah by the entire Jewish people depended upon the Jewish children.

This is not just a story of the past but has relevance to us today. In every age our people's connection to Torah is dependent upon the Jewish children.

Indeed, the enemies of our people have understood this concept, and have sought to prevent Jewish children from receiving a Torah education whenever they have tried to destroy our faith and our people.

Customs

Bring Out the Greenery

Fill your home and your synagogue with fruits, flowers and greenery, in keeping with the celebration of the season. There's another reason, too: According to tradition, Mount Sinai bloomed with flowers after the Torah was given upon it.

Eat a Dairy Meal

Torah is mother's milk to the Jewish soul. That's one reason we feast on milk and soft cheese the first day of Shavuot. Some follow this with a full meat meal – after washing the mouth of any dairy residue.

The All-Night Learnathon

Sit up with friends sifting through the diamonds and pearls of this treasure you have inherited. Once the dawn breaks, the world will never look the same again.

Tikun Leil Shavuot

Torah was given at daybreak. Our tradition relates that the Jewish people did not rise early to be prepared for that revelation, and that it was necessary for G-d Himself to awaken them. So we compensate for their behavior. Tikun Leil Shavuot means “the correction of the night of Shavuot.”

Contributions

Helen Benes Fund

In Memory of

Helen Benes

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Lazbin

Louis Benes

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In Honor of

Harvey Ekus's Special Birthday

Mr. Brian Sass

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Rabbi & Kaila's New Grandson

Mrs. Dave Recht

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Shelly Godshall

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Torah Fund

For the Recovery of

Rabbi Sasonkin

Mrs. Irving Gersten

Mrs. Leonard Ekus

In Honor of

April Sharrock

Mr. Frank Adella

Rabbi & Kaila's Anniversary

Mr. Arnold Stone

Ms. Rose Wilcher

Rabbi Sasonkin

Mr. & Mrs. Herb Moss

In Memory of

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Mrs. Arlene Markey



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Ms. Estabelle Landau



Community Shabbat Dinner

Friday, May 25, 2018
5:30 p.m. at Temple Israel

91 Springside Drive
Akron, OH

with guest speaker

Rabbi Geoffrey A. Mitelman

Rabbi Geoffrey A. Mitelman is the Founding Director of Sinai and Synapses, an organization that bridges the scientific and religious worlds, and is being incubated at Clal – The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership. He is a sought-out teacher, presenter and scholar-in-residence throughout the country.

Upcoming Community Shabbat Dinner:
August 24 - Beth El Congregation

Sponsored by the Shaw JCC with Anshe Sfard, Beth El Congregation & Temple Israel & Underwritten by the Jewish Community Board of Akron

