



A Message from your Shabbat Gabbi"

This week as we continue our journey through the Triennial cycle, we read from the Third Book of the Torah, the Book of Leviticus, with a double parshiot, Acharei Mot-Kedoshim (meaning “after the death of” and “holy ones”). After the death of Aaron's sons God warns against anyone going into the special chamber of the Mishkan. Only Aaron may enter once a year on Yom Kippur. God also tells us that we should be holy because God is holy and that we can be holy by doing the mitzvot that God commands us. For those with access to a copy of the Etz Hayim (or any other volume that contains the Five Books of Moses), the triennial reading can be found starting at Chapter 16, verse 1 on page 679 of the Etz Hayim. We conclude the weekly reading on page 686 at the end of verse 7 of Chapter 17.

Messilat Yesharim

The group meets next on **this Thursday morning, April 16, at 8:30 am on ZOOM only**. The link will be sent out on Wednesday to those who have been attending. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Rav Julius.

Essential Kabbalah

The group meets this Thursday, April 23, at 7:30 pm, and we will pick up the materials that were scheduled for last Thursday’s session which had to be cancelled. If anyone is unsure what we are studying this week, please contact Rav Julius.

PRAYER SERVICE

Friday night, 6:00 pm —Live + ZOOM

Shabbat morning prayer service, 10:00 am—Live + Zoom

At the conclusion of services, we will have our enhanced, gourmet Kiddush and luncheon.

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SPONSOR A KIDDUSH....

Yahrzeit, Birthday, Anniversary or Special Occasion? Would you consider sponsoring a kiddush for the event? Please contact the office by email (bethjacob@snet.net) for information.

Mishebeirach

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| Berne Vasquez Kapili | Michelle Nash |
| Beth Camassar | Pamela Magliano Cannata |
| Billy Maynard | Patricia Tilley |
| Bonnie Curkin | Tiffany Gravel |
| Emma Fries | Tim Menard |
| Shirley Christian | Ahoova Hana bat Gila |
| Seth Curkin | Chaim ben Libba |
| Rabbi Gary Atkins | Michal ben Sarah |
| Jenn Rockwell | Moshe Ben Rochel |
| Jeremy Federman | Tzvi ben Basha |
| Marvin Levine | Yosefah Chaya bat Leah |

Candle Light Times

April 2026

April 24 7:20 pm

Ba-ruk'h atah A-do-nai, e-lo-hay-nu-me-lekh ha-olam, a -sher kid-sha-nu-bemitz-vo-tav ve-tzi-vanu Le-had-lik ner shel Shabbat.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who has sanctified us by Your commandments and has commanded us to kindle the Shabbat lights.

ALL are WELCOME

BETH JACOB SUPER SHABBAT



Daven at Beth Jacob



Sing aloud at Beth Jacob



Hang out with Friends at Beth Jacob



**Number
ONE
Kiddush
Luncheon
On the
Planet**

**It's
NOSH
TIME**

Kashruth observed

Shabbat Services: 10 AM 'til Noon
NOSH Time: Noon until you're stuffed
COME ANY TIME— LEAVE ANY TIME

Beth Jacob Synagogue
 400 New London Turnpike
 Norwich, CT

A conservative Jewish
 congregation
 Julius Rabinowitz, Rabbi

LIST OF COMING YAHRZEITS FOR MEMBER'S LOVED ONES

April 21 to May 1

April 24 **7 Iyar**
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Mother of Seymour Adelman

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April 30 **13 Iyar**
Isaac Gordon —
Father of Michael Gordon

Joint Exploration of Scripture and Modern Politics Introduction

Beth Jacob Synagogue and Park Congregational Church are collaborating to present a unique initiative that focuses on the intersection of religious scripture and contemporary politics. This joint exploration aims to foster peaceful dialogue and thoughtful consideration of challenging issues that arise when religious teachings intersect with modern-day political realities.

Focus of the Exploration

The program centers on a review of the Book of Joshua, which was historically regarded by the Jewish people as the concluding book of their canon. However, over time, it became clear that an additional eighteen separate books were needed to complete the canon. This exploration will use the Book of Joshua as a starting point to discuss broader themes and concerns relevant to both religious and political spheres.

Connecting Scripture to Modern Geopolitics

In addition to examining ancient texts, participants will analyze portions of two recent books that address the widespread application of Biblical teachings — and, at times, entire religions — to international geopolitical decisions. This portion of the program aims to bring the discussion up to date, considering how scriptural interpretations can influence or reflect current global political dynamics.

Members of our respective congregations, as well as seekers from all faiths or of no faith, are welcome to join us (but if you are not a member joining us, can you let us know for planning purposes.) We will meet over the course of four sessions at our respective houses of worship on these dates and times:

May 3 at Park Congregational

May 9 at Beth Jacob

June 6 at Beth Jacob

June 14 at Park Congregational

Service Schedules

Park Congregational: --10:00: Prayer

--11:00: Coffee hour --11:30: Study

Beth Jacob: --10:00 Prayer

--11:00 Torah reading and study

--12:00 Lunch, followed by Study

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INDEPENDENCE DAY!

Join us for an unforgettable evening
as we celebrate Israel at 78!

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◆ ADMISSION ◆

Early Registration

\$10 Adult

\$5 Children (5-17)

Free · Children 4* under

Family Max: **\$30**

◆ At the Door ◆

\$15 Adult

\$10 Children (5-17)

Free · Children 4* under

Family Max: **\$40**

Register here



📅 **Tuesday, April 21, 2026**

🕒 **6:00 PM**

📍 **JFEC**

400 New London Turnpike
Norwich, CT 06360

◆ WHAT TO EXPECT ◆

🇮🇱 Authentic Israeli Food

🎵 Music

🎮 Games & Bounce House

👨👩 Fun for the Whole Family

You Don't Want to Miss It!