



*Beth Jacob Synagogue  
May 11, 2026 Weekly Announcements*



**A Message from your Shabbat Gabbi"**

This week as we continue our journey through the Triennial cycle, we begin reading from the Fourth Book of the Torah, the Book of Numbers with parshah Bamidbar, which means "In the desert". In the Sinai desert, God said to conduct a census of the twelve tribes of Israel. Moses counts 603,550 men age 20-60 years old (those that can be part of the army) and the Levi tribe males numbered 22,300 age one month and older is counted separately. 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 1, verse 1 on page 769 of the Etz Hayim. We conclude the weekly reading on page 774 at the end of Chapter 1, with verse 54.

**Messilat Yesharim**

This group will be meeting again on Thursday morning, May 21, at 8:30 am, on ZOOM only. Link will be sent out to group on Wednesday.

**Essential Kabbalah**

The group will not meet formally at its next appointed time. However, depending on the numbers from the group that plan to attend (i.e., and let me know) the **Tikkun on May 21 (see above)**, I will be including some mystical works on the evening's study journey, again 'popular' works bearing in mind we might not get to them until 'later in the evening' **And Ellen is working on a participatory pizza box or body rhythm and a chant for the 10 sefirot that she will teach that evening.**

**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.**

***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  |
| Michael Francis      |                         |

**Candle Light Times  
May 2026**

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| <b>May 15</b> | <b>7:43 pm</b> |
| <b>May 22</b> | <b>7:49 pm</b> |
| <b>May 29</b> | <b>7:55 pm</b> |

**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.**

## Tikkun L'el Shavuot

As you know, the theme for Shavuot is the receipt of Torah on Mount Sinai, and we honor that event by studying her, **this year on the evening of Thursday, May 21, at 6:00 pm, and 'Catered by Chris.'**

Now Torah study can be a challenging endeavor at times, and one might be shy about 'looking forward' to an 'evening of fun' if we are destined to crack our heads open trying to understand her – and after a long day, to boot.

But as we have been telling you this is not the night of the scholars, but of the ordinary folk, like you and me. So, in considering whether you want to join us, let me ask you:

- Did you hear the one about God holding a mountain above the heads of the Israelites?
- Or how about the one where God is trying to sell God's Torah around the world, and the reception that God gets? it makes even the most rejected rabbi feel warm.
- And more

We'll start off the evening to ensure we understand the mood of the event, with a story prepared by Professor Daniel Matt, explaining how this custom came about and the various takeaways you may experience. And at some point in the evening, we will take a break to play some 'music' with my wife Ellen. And, of course, shmooze and eat. (**And see below in Essential Kabbalah regarding the Tikkun.**)

**The night of Tikkun is usually one in which the Synagogue's doors are open to all comers to study Torah. It would help our planning if you can let us know if you are even thinking about coming, just to make sure we have enough but not obscenely too much. (email to [ravjulius@gmail.com](mailto:ravjulius@gmail.com) or text to (914 380-0532). Thanks,**

We will be providing ZOOM connection for those who want to connect that way, and keep it open even in those 'in between' moments that the evening is likely to have. And if you would like to attend, but need a ride, I've been advertising the possible availability of transportation assistance, but ...

And if anyone else wants to take up my invitation to bring a contribution to the evening, please let me know.

Again, we begin at 6:00 pm, and you leave ... when you want to leave.

### Shavuot Schedule:

Thursday, May 21: 6:00 pm –  
Tikkun L'el Shavuot and Dairy Dinner

Friday, May 22:  
10:00 am – first day of Shavuot with Torah study

Friday May 22:  
6:00 pm – Friday/Shavuot evening service

Shabbat May 23:  
10:00 am – Morning service, Torah reading/study, Yizkor  
Come join us as we celebrate 'Shavuot in the Desert of Norwich'!

## LIST OF COMING YAHRZEITS FOR MEMBER'S LOVED ONES

### May 12 to May 22

<b>May 12</b>	<b>25 Iyar</b>	<b>May 20</b>	<b>4 Sivan</b>
Walter Navick — <i>Father of Jerry and Murray Navick</i>		Eunice Sohn — <i>Sister of Robert Labb</i>	
Lee Krieger — <i>Aunt of Stacy Gould</i>		<b>May 21</b>	<b>5 Sivan</b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>1 Sivan</b>	Abraham Krieger — <i>Uncle of Stacy Gould</i>	
Max Korman — <i>Uncle of Paul Deutsch</i>			

## Learning with Park Congregational Church

Yesterday, we had a rousing discussion with our friends at Park Congregational Church of just some of the issues set forth in chapter 2 of the Book of Joshua, with interesting sharing of theological beliefs -- what we think about God -- from all 'four sides' of the table.

For the benefit of any who weren't there who would like a short summary: Moses has died, and his successor Joshua has taken over. The Israelites are about to enter the Promised Land and begin the Conquest of the Land. Notwithstanding Moses' failure when he did the same thing, Joshua decides to send out spies before the conquest. The spies meet up with a prostitute named Rahav in Jericho and she tells them that all who are living in Canaan are terrified about the arriving Israelites and that she 'knows' about the God of Israel who is "in the heavens above and earth below." She helps the spies on their mission and the spies return and the invasion plans are re-confirmed. This coming week we will move to the heart of the Book -- the military conquest, that *wasn't* -- Huh? (Come and see...) And for those needing a moral issue to wrap your thoughts around, how about 'collective responsibility for the actions of one person.'

For this coming Shabbat, **we will begin our service as always at 10:00 am, but will likely reach its conclusion at about 11:30.** At that time we will move into the Social Hall for Kiddush, and plan to start 'Torah Study' this week at about 12:00-ish in the Social Hall, and the afternoon should end about 1:00 pm. For those wishing to continue with the kiddush we will try to distance the two groups.

As we always 'advertise,' you are welcome to come to any part of the 'service,' knowing that it usually begins with the opening bell at 10 am, and usually ends when we complete our Shabbat meal.

**June 6** at Beth Jacob

**June 14** at Park Congregational

### Service Schedules

#### Park Congregational:


- 10:00: Prayer
- 11:00: Brunch and Study

#### Beth Jacob:


- 10:00: Prayer
- 11:30: Lunch and Study
- 12:00: Torah reading and study
- 11:30 — Lunch and Study

ALL are WELCOME


# BETH JACOB SUPER SHABBAT




Daven at Beth Jacob



Sing aloud at Beth Jacob



Hang out with Friends at Beth Jacob



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

Number  
ONE  
Kiddush  
Luncheon  
On the  
Planet

It's  
NOSH  
TIME

Kashruth observed

Beth Jacob Synagogue  
400 New London Turnpike  
Norwich, CT

A conservative Jewish  
congregation  
Julius Rabinowitz, Rabbi



## HADASSAH EASTERN CHAPTER

Sunday, June 7, 2026, 11:00 a.m.  
Norwich, CT

Join us for a very special **Hadassah Brunch** and program exploring the extraordinary legacy of Youth Aliyah, its visionary founder, **Henrietta Szold**, and **Gisela Warburg Wyzanski**, who worked alongside Szold to rescue thousands of children during the Holocaust and bring them to safety and new lives in Palestine, pre-state Israel.



Featured speaker **Anita Wyzanski Robboy** will present highlights from her powerful new book, **"A Force for Good: A Life Dedicated to the Rescue of Children,"** recounting her mother's remarkable lifesaving work during one of history's darkest periods. Partners for this special event will include Hadassah Connecticut Region, chapters in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Voices of Hope, Strochlitz Holocaust Resource Center of Jewish Federation of Eastern CT

Invitations and additional details will follow shortly.  
For more information and to RSVP, contact [bloustinek@gmail.com](mailto:bloustinek@gmail.com), Sheila Horvitz 860-884-8945 or Roz Etra 860-885-8171

## Hebrew Ladies Aid Scholarship applications available!

The Hebrew Ladies Aid Scholarship is awarded annually to applicants who are entering post high school programs.

**Completed applications are due WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026**

To request an application:

1. You must be a high school senior or in college – undergrad or graduate student
2. A resident and member of the Jewish community of Eastern Connecticut
3. Show financial need

Contact Rebecca [rebecca@jfec.com](mailto:rebecca@jfec.com) for an application.