



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.

A Message from your Shabbat Gabbi"

This week as we continue our journey through the Torah cycle, we find ourselves in the Holiday of Shavuot with a special Yom Tov Shabbat Torah reading from the Book of Deuteronomy. This reading discusses the tithe a farmer sets aside each year and ends with the three high points in the Jewish calendar; Passover, Shavuot, and Sukkot (the Pilgrimage Festivals).

For those with access to a copy of the Etz Hayim (or any other volume that contains the Five Books of Moses), the reading can be found starting at Chapter 14, verse 22 on page 1074 of the Etz Hayim. We conclude the reading on page 1084 at the end of Chapter 16, with verse 17.

Messilat Yesharim

Our 'Mussar' group meets this week on ZOOM at 8:30 and a ZOOM link will be sent out on Wednesday to those who have been attending.

Essential Kabbalah

The group will not be formally meeting this week at its usual every other Thursday evening time. However, if there are those amongst the group that are planning to attend the Tikkun this Thursday night, please let me know and I will be sure to include some Kabbalah 'favorites' for the evening's study.

**Candle Light Times
May 2026**

May 22 7:49 pm
May 29 7:55 pm

Ba-ruk'h atah A-do-nai, e-lo-hay-nu-me-lekh ha-olam, a-she'r 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.

Shavuot



Reminder: We are celebrating the Festival of Shavuot this week (May 21-23) and I just want to review the general details

Tikkun L'el Shavuot, Thursday May 21 beginning at 6:00 pm. Alternatively, we will be eating, studying, singing, playing musical instruments, eating, studying ... until each one of us makes the decision to go home. And for those who want to study, I am committed to studying as long as the rest of you are.

And I want to put out a special plug for Ellen's teaching us how to play 'pizza boxes' and make ourselves as if we were there that night some thousands of years ago...

The evening is 'friend-friendly' -- bring your friends Jewish and non-Jewish alike, and 'young person' friendly -- bring your young adults, as it is geared to 'teach' all ages.

And we will continue the Shavuot celebrations with a low-key prayer service on **Friday morning May 22 (at 10:00 am)** and then closing out the holiday on **Friday night (at 6:00 pm)**, and **Shabbat morning, May 23, with a Yizkor service**, and a kiddush luncheon by Chef Chris.

Mishebeirach

Berne Vasquez Kapili
Beth Camassar
Billy Maynard
Bonnie Curkin
Emma Fries
Shirley Christian
Seth Curkin
Rabbi Gary Atkins
Jenn Rockwell
Jeremy Federman
Marvin Levine
Michael Francis

Michelle Nash
Pamela Magliano Cannata
Patricia Tilley
Tiffany Gravel
Tim Menard
Ahoova Hana bat Gila
Chaim ben Libba
Michal ben Sarah
Moshe Ben Rochel
Tzvi ben Basha
Yosefah Chaya bat Leah

LIST OF COMING YAHRZEITS FOR MEMBER'S LOVED ONES

May 19 to May 29

May 20 **4 Sivan**

Eunice Sohn — *Sister of Robert Labb*

May 21 **5 Sivan**

Abraham Krieger — *Uncle of Stacy Gould*

May 25 **9 Sivan**

Isaac Zuckerbraun —
Grandfather of Joel Zuckerbraun

May 26 **10 Sivan**

Robert McFadden —
Father of Kathleen McFadden

May 29 **13 Sivan**

Henrietta Zuckerbraun —
Grandmother of Joel Zuckerbraun

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:	Beth Jacob:
--10:00: Prayer	--10:00: Prayer
--11:00: Brunch and Study	--11:30: Lunch and Study
	--12:00: Torah reading 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



**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



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, 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 for an application.