



*Beth Jacob Synagogue
May 4, 2026 Weekly Announcements*



A Message from your Shabbat Gabbi"

This week as we continue our journey through the Triennial cycle, we will conclude our reading from the Third Book of the Torah, the Book of Leviticus, with the double *parshiot*, *Behar-Bechukotai* (meaning "on Mount Sinai" and "in My statutes"). On Sinai God tells Moses the laws of the Sabbatical year. Additional laws governing the sale of land and the prohibitions against fraud are also given. The *parshah* concludes with the rules on how to calculate the values of different types of pledges made to God and the mitzvah of tithing produce and livestock. 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 25, verse 1 on page 738 of the Etz Hayim. We conclude the weekly reading on page 743 at the end of verse 38 of Chapter 25.

Messilat Yesharim

The group that is studying this essential book of Jewish Mussar practice will resume this **Thursday morning at 8:30 am**. The ZOOM link will be sent out on Wednesday to those regularly attending. If you are interested, please see Rav Julius.

Essential Kabbalah

The group that is immersing themselves in the words of Kabbalah will meet this Thursday evening at 7:30, also on ZOOM. Link and materials that we will be looking at will be sent out on Wednesday.

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 |

**Candle Light Times
May 2026**

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| May 8 | 7:35 pm |
| May 15 | 7:43 pm |
| May 22 | 7:49 pm |
| May 29 | 7:55 pm |

Ba-ruk hatah A-do-nai, e-lo-hay-nu-me-lekh ha-olam, a-she-ner kid-sha-nu-be-mitz-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.

EXTRA! EXTRA!
Beth Jacob Celebrates Shavuot!

Notwithstanding the cries of a modern would-be prophet (and one of my best friends forever -- See article on page 1) that “We are losing the holiday of Shavuot,” Beth Jacob proudly announces its assertive and profound celebration of one of the three Pilgrimage Festivals: SHAVUOT! And one of its most unique features: *Tikkun L’el Shavuot*, the night of study, **on Thursday night, May 21**.

Relive those days of yesteryear when thousands thronged to a mountain in the Sinai Desert to receive this newfangled set of laws that would not only launch a people but would also generate religious principles worldwide.

We will begin the evening **promptly at 6:00 pm** with a little bit of study, accompanied by a dairy hors d’oeuvre. And then we will alternately eat, shmooze, and study until You decide you want to go home. And maybe there will be some music

For those who need transportation assistance, please contact Rav Julius and we’ll see how we can assist. (But let’s start the process sooner than later.)

And there will be a ZOOM option, at least for the study and shmooze.

And the materials that we will study – we will provide you with coming attractions in the Weekly Announcements in the ensuing weeks.

And the Shavuot celebration continues on **Friday morning and evening May 22**, and **Shabbat morning May 23 with a Yizkor service**. And a ZOOM option for all those joining us on that platform.

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’!

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
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Norwich, CT

A conservative Jewish
congregation
Julius Rabinowitz, Rabbi

LIST OF COMING YAHRZEITS FOR MEMBER'S LOVED ONES

May 5 to May 15

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| May 5 | 18 Iyar | May 9 | 22 Iyar |
| Harold Friedman — | | Zena Bokoff | |
| <i>Father of Larry Friedman</i> | | <i>Mother of Marc Bokoff</i> | |
| May 8 | 21 Iyar | May 12 | 25 Iyar |
| Selle Gruskin-Littman — | | Walter Navick — | |
| <i>Grandmother of Marc Bokoff</i> | | <i>Father of Jerry and</i> | |
| Susan Wolf — | | <i>Murray Navick</i> | |
| <i>Mother of Marc Wolf</i> | | Lee Krieger — | |
| | | <i>Aunt of Stacy Gould</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.

May 9 at Beth Jacob

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



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.