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# CHALINE

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## FROM THE RABBI

The holiday of Shavuot which we are about to celebrate, commemorates the revelation on Mount Sinai and the transmission of what is known as “the ten commandments” to the Jewish people. The rabbis tell us that this occurred on Shavuot as the entire nation, men women and children, stood around Mount Sinai and heard God speak these words. Each person heard God speak to the entire nation.

When we examine the text of the Ten Commandments, we would notice that even though God was speaking to the entire nation, He utters these words in the singular and not in the plural. “I am the Lord your God who took *you* (singular) out of the land of Egypt”; *You* (singular) shall not bow to other gods, nor worship them; never using the plural construct in all these commandments. If He was speaking to the entire nation, why use the *singular* form rather than the plural?

Rabbi Mordechai HaKohen of Tzafat, a scholar and kabbalist from the late 16<sup>th</sup> century who became the rabbi of Aleppo, Syria in 1570, explains this, as follows.

If God would have spoken in the plural form, one may interpret this to me that if *other* Jews are observing the mitzvah then that is sufficient. Me, an individual Jew, need not observe them and I am perhaps even exempt from the observance. God is telling us that the requirement of observance is the responsibility of every one of us.

We are all expected to observe Shabbat in the best way that we can. Certain individuals may have their own customs in observance, but each of us must observe! We are all required to honor our parents, even when there are other siblings who seem to do a good job. And none of us, individually, may steal from others – or from the government.

Observance of Torah comes from studying it, when we can discover what behaviors are acceptable and which are forbidden. By adopting the practice of study, even a little every day, we will discover that our knowledge will grow and our behaviors become more acceptable to all those around us.

Let us commit to spending a few minutes of Torah study each day for the next year. That would make this Shavuot special and meaningful. I wish all of you a *Chag Sameach!*

Rabbi Zev Silber

## *Message from the President*

*To our congregation and members of our community,*

*Your words of kindness and love in cards and letters and your generosity in donations will forever be with me. These are the times when you realize the importance of your shul and your community.*

*I send a heartfelt thank you to all who made the most difficult time a little more bearable by showing that you care.*

*With sincere gratitude,  
Saba Wiesner*

### Shavuot Schedule

Tuesday, June 11	Candle lighting <i>Blessing: L'hadlik ner shel Yom Tov</i>	8:21 pm
Wednesday, June 12	Shacharit Candle lighting <i>Blessing: L'hadlik ner shel Yom Tov and Shehecheyanu</i>	9:30 am <i>after 9:22 pm</i>
Thursday, June 13	Shacharit Yizkor approximately <b>Sisterhood Luncheon</b> after services Yom Tov ends	9:30 am 10:55 am 9:25 pm

### SHABBAT SCHEDULE

**PLEASE NOTE: AT THE PRESENT TIME, BETH DAVID ONLY HAS MINYAN ON SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY MORNINGS, AND ON SPECIAL DAYS, AS NOTED BELOW. FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS, THERE WILL BE MINYANIM AT NIGH AS WELL. A MINYAN AT OTHER TIMES MAY POSSIBLY BE ARRANGED, UPON REQUEST. PLEASE CONTACT THE RABBI.**

Friday, June 7	Candle lighting	8:20 pm
Shabbat, June 8	Shacharit <i>Shabbat Ends</i>	9:30 am 9:30 pm
Friday, June 14	Candle lighting	8:23 pm
Saturday, June 15	Shacharit <i>Shabbat Ends</i>	9:30 am 9:24 pm
Friday, June 21	Candle lighting	8:25 pm
Saturday, June 22	Shacharit <i>Shabbat Ends</i>	9:30 am 9:25 pm
Friday, June 28	Candle lighting	8:25 pm
Saturday, June 29	Shacharit <i>Shabbat Ends</i>	9:30 am 9:26 pm

# Shavuot Customs and Practices

**When:** Shavuot begins on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at night, and lasts through the day of Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Candle Lighting:** As with every Yom Tov, we light candles each night of the holiday, reciting the 2 brachot – one for the holiday (*I'hadlik ner shel Yom Tov*) and the *Shehecheyanu*. *Shehecheyanu* is also recited at the end of Kiddush.

**Tikkun Leil Shavuot:** Since Shavuot commemorates the revelation at Mount Sinai and the acceptance of the Torah, there is a beautiful, time-honored custom to stay awake the entire night of the first day of Shavuot and study Torah. ***Since there are no plans to gather together for Torah study, it is certainly proper and praiseworthy for each person to spend at least some of the first night of Shavuot in Torah study, either individually or with your immediate family.***

**Megillat Rut:** There is a custom to read the scroll of Ruth on the second day of Shavuot. Ruth, who was a convert, accepted the Torah just as the Jews did at Sinai. She was also the great grandmother of King David, who was born, and died on Shavuot. We read the megillah before the Torah service.

**Yizkor:** Yizkor is recited on the second day of Shavuot after the Torah reading.

**Dairy Foods:** There is a custom to eat dairy foods on Shavuot. Thus, the annual Beth David Sisterhood Shavuot lunch on the second day of Shavuot will be dairy.

## Mitzvah Fund

### Sisterhood Fundraisers

For years Sisterhood has been raising funds through the sale of mitzvah cards which are \$3 each. They are custom written by Toby Kohn to express sentiments appropriate to the occasion. The most efficient way to order them is to contact Toby directly, but you may also make a request through the synagogue office. Toby's number: 607-754-4297, email: [tova.kohn844@gmail.com](mailto:tova.kohn844@gmail.com)

**Checks made out to Sisterhood must be mailed to or dropped off at:**

**Deborah Sliom  
6 Brevity Court  
Binghamton NY 13905**

A relatively new fundraising project is coordinated by Stacey Silber whose business Silber Creations, sells a variety of handcrafted and donated items at the multi-vendor market Your Needful Things, located at:

136 East Service Road Binghamton.

Stacey has agreed to donate to Sisterhood the profits from anything she sells which has been donated to her by Sisterhood members with the intention that Sisterhood will benefit if they are sold. So far, she has raised nearly \$100.

To donate items please contact Stacey at (607) 727-9738 or email her at [silbercreations@gmail.com](mailto:silbercreations@gmail.com). You can shop in person at Your Needful Things, or by visiting her website at [www.silbercreations.com](http://www.silbercreations.com).

# MAZEL TOV TO ALL OUR 2024 GRADUATES

Jason Black, Bethlehem Central High School, son of Johnny and Shelly Goldman Black, grandson of Gerald Goldman and Ilene Goldman (A'h)

Ethan Levin, Godwin Senior High School, son of Lisha Rubin Levin, grandson of Charles Rubin and Paula Rubin (A'h)

Yael Feder, MSW, Rutgers University, daughter of Sarah and Bruce Feder, granddaughter of Judy and Rabbi Zev Silber

Michal Feder, BA, Stern College of Yeshiva University, daughter of Sarah and Bruce Feder, granddaughter of Judy and Rabbi Zev Silber

Dahlia Gilinsky, Newton North High School, daughter of Lisa and Marshall Gilinsky, granddaughter of Susan and Charles Gilinsky.

Katie Katz, Yeshiva High School of Boca Raton, daughter of Naomi and Eli Katz, granddaughter Roz and Harry Wiesel

Yisroel Landau, BA, Touro College, husband of Menucha Landau, son of Tzippy and Jerrold Landau, grandson of Meryl and Harold Sasnowitz

Malka Lazarus, Bais Yaakov Machon Ora High School, daughter of Abigail and Tzali Lazarus, granddaughter of Meryl and Harold Sasnowitz

Chavi Runge, BS, Touro College, husband of Zecharya Runge, daughter of Rochie and Marc Sommer, granddaughter of Meryl and Harold Sasnowitz

Zecharya Runge, BA, Touro College, husband of Chavi Runge, son of Wendy and Peter Runge, grandson of Meryl and Harold Sasnowitz

Samuel Schachter, MD, Drexel University College of Medicine, son of Phyllis and Larry Schachter, grandson of Ellen and Jerry (A'h) Schachter

Jeremy Schachter, MS in Urban Design, Jefferson University, son of Phyllis and Larry Schachter, grandson of Ellen and Jerry (A'h) Schachter

Luna Schiller, BA, Vassar College, daughter of Ellen and Jeremy Schiller, granddaughter of Susan and Charles Gilinsky

Ashi Sommer, Yeshiva Zichron Poltiel High School, son of Rochie and Marc Sommer, grandson of Meryl and Harold Sasnowitz

Meir Sommer, BSN, Chamberlain University, husband of Naomi Sommer, son of Rochie and Marc Sommer, grandson of Meryl and Harold Sasnowitz

Toby Tuchman, Bais Yaakov D'Rav Meir High School, daughter of Leslie and Michael Tuchman, granddaughter of Meryl and Harold Sasnowitz

## Graduates Cont

Chezky Tuchman, JD, Hofstra Law School, husband of Sara Tuchman, son of Leslie and Michael Tuchman, grandson of Meryl and Harold Sasnowitz

Leba Weissman, gap year at Migdal Oz, daughter of Avital and Elie Weissman, granddaughter of Judy and Rabbi Zev Silber

Yehuda Weissman, Hebrew Academy of Nassau County Middle School, son of Avital and Elie Weissman, grandson of Judy and Rabbi Zev Silber

CONGRATULATIONS

### Sisterhood News

Thank you to all the men and women who supported our Sisterhood by attending the May Donor meeting which was hosted by Alan and Julie Piaker. The meeting featured Benny Kellman, who updated us on how Jewish students were dealing with pro- Palestinian demonstrations on the Binghamton University Campus. The wonderful desserts and nosherie provided by Judy Silber were an added treat.

**Our next meeting will be held at Beth David on June 19 at 7 pm.** Rivka Ayelet Kellman will discuss the challenges and opportunities of home schooling. Her enthusiasm for the subject is contagious.

**A summer planning meeting is scheduled for July 10 at 7 pm** so we can discuss possible programs and projects for the coming year and try to fill vacancies on our board. Vacancies include Service Vice President, Membership chair, Publicity chair, Photographer, and Photo liaison to the *Reporter*. Please let me know if you are interested in any of these positions or have ideas you want considered for the coming year.

As you are reading this, Marcy Yonaty and her helpers are probably in the shul kitchen preparing the Shavuos luncheon. Although officially a Sisterhood event, each year Marcy and Gavi Yonaty sponsor and prepare this luncheon in memory of Marcy's brother, PFC Laurance Slutzker, who died during World War 2. Thank you, Marcy, and Gavi.

Don't forget that for a donation of \$3 Toby Kohn will send a Mitzva **card** to suit any occasion, and **Stacey Silber is still accepting donations** of new or used items which she sells on behalf of Sisterhood.

Please notify our Bikur Cholim committee (Dora Polachek) if you know of a member who is ill or in need of assistance and contact our Membership committee (currently me) if you know of a new Jewish family in the area who might consider attending Beth David.

**Happy Shavuos. See you in shul.**

Cathy Velenchik,  
President Beth David Sisterhood

## DONATIONS

### *Tree of Life-In memory of Marlene Serkin*

Roger & Rita Walton

### *In Memory of Marlene Serkin*

Louis & Maxine Rosenberg

### *In honor of Leonard and Valerie Preston*

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### **GIVE DOUBLE CHAI TO THE CHAILINE**

I would like to thank Saba Wiesner and Aaron Alweis for sponsoring this issue of Chailine.

You can be a sponsor for a minimum donation of \$36.00 Write ChaiLine on the memo line and include your message. Some reasons to sponsor include graduations, births, bar/bat mitzvahs, birthdays, anniversaries, a new job, commemorating a yahrzeit, or just to be a sponsor. A thank you message can be printed for a donation of \$18.00. Our \$180.00 Special Sponsors get special recognition for their generous contribution.

Chag Sameach!  
Gina Santiago  
Chai Line Coordinator

# Beth David Family

We're still counting days since Israel was violently attacked. We're still praying for the safety of our soldiers and the release of our hostages. Please continue to daven and perform mitzvot in their merit.

Welcome back to our snowbirds. It's a joy to see Marcy and Gavi Yonaty and Sheldon Edison in shul. Miriam and Aaron Alweis also returned from their month-long stay in Florida.

Mazal Tov to Elisa and Melech Lapson of Chicago on the birth of a daughter, Adira Emuna. Grandparents, Miriam and Aaron Alweis, are overjoyed by the birth of their newest family addition.

Harold and I kvelled, and danced our feet off, at the wedding of our grandson, Meir Sommer, to Naomi Shapiro of Brooklyn. Meir is the son of Rochie and Marc Sommer of Passaic.

The annual Beth David dinner honoring Valerie and Leonard Preston was a joyous occasion. The Preston's daughter Anna gave a moving tribute to her parents who have given much of their time and energy to making sure our shul is an inviting and welcoming place.

Refuah shelema to Rabbi Zev Silber and Harry Wiesel.

With sadness I note the passing of Michael Wiesner. May Saba and the children Lawrence, Jeffrey, and Cherese find comfort among the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim.

I also note the passing of Robert Basmann, husband of Nancy Basmann. May she know of no more sorrow.

As our ancestors anxiously awaited Moshe's return from Mt. Sinai, we eagerly await the return of our hostages from captivity. Have a meaningful Shavuot!

Please let me know of your family news so I can share it with the whole kehilla.  
Meryl Sasnowitz

[msasnowitz@gmail.com](mailto:msasnowitz@gmail.com)

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## Mitzvah Fund

### Sisterhood acknowledges contributions to the Mitzvah Fund wishing:

Mazal Tov to:

Valerie & Leonard Preston on being this year's recipients of the Jack & Mary Ferber Memorial Award.  
Miriam & Aaron Alweis on the arrival of a new granddaughter, born to Elisa & Melech Lapson

Condolences to:

Saba Wiesner on the loss of her beloved husband, Michael

Nancy Basmann on the loss of her beloved husband, Robert

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with

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Experienced Homeschool Educator

WEDNESDAY

**June 19, 2024**

**7:00 PM**

at

**Beth David Synagogue**

Open to the Community; Men and Women

Donations for CHOW will be collected



Our prayers are for the welfare of our brothers and sisters in Israel.

