

# Chag Shavuot Sameach and Shabbat Shalom

May 23-23, 2026 | 6-7 Sivan 5786

Candle Lighting on Friday 8:24

Havdalah on Saturday 9:25pm

Welcome to Beth Jacob Congregation, a Jewish community that comes together to nurture relationships with God and each other. We are a Conservative synagogue that values Torah (study), Avodah (reverential service) and Gemilut Hasadim (acts of loving-kindness). We believe every person has an equal opportunity to be part of our community regardless of age, race, ability, special needs, financial status, sexual orientation or gender identity. We're glad you've joined us this Shabbat!

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## SHAVUOT at Beth Jacob

**Saturday, May 23**

**9:00am** Morning Services,  
**Including Yizkor**  
Followed by  
Kiddush lunch.

### Limudim: Our Learning Community

On Shabbat we celebrate our year of learning by honoring our teachers and presenting our 5th graders with their tikkun and siddur (from the Sharon Bloom Fund).



We also celebrate our high school seniors!

**Friday, May 22**

**9:00am** Morning Services  
**Noon** Bikurim Picnic

Bring a picnic lunch,  
Join friends and play  
games on the lawn  
BJ provides dessert.



### For the Jew in the Pew With Rabbi Lynn Liberman

**Shabbat: 9:15-10:00am in the Chapel**

Join together in the ongoing study of the Book of Psalms as we continue to explore these ancient, provocative and beautiful words.

## Symbolism of the Torah Reading

by Rahel Berkovits

*Rahel Berkovits is a senior faculty member at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem.*

On Shavuot Jews around the world will spend the night learning- remembering and reliving- the experience of receiving the Torah on Har Sinai. Interestingly there is a much more common occurrence in our lives, the public Torah reading, which happens each week on Mondays, Thursday and Shabbat which also serves to reenact that central national experience of revelation.

By examining some of the technical laws surrounding the Torah reading we can gain insight into the meta- ideas the Rabbis wanted to create with this fundamental ritual. The minimum required structure to perform a public Torah reading is that ten verses must be read in total and there should be three aliyot in which a minimum of three verse are read in each. The facts of these laws are very confusing at first glance. Did the Rabbis not know basic math? If one requires three aliyot of three verses why not rule that the minimum total required is nine verses and not ten? However, when one unpacks the reasons behind these laws a deeper idea emerges. The Jerusalem Talmud in Tractate Megillah 74c states: “Rav Huna said [each] of the three readers of the Torah should not read less than ten verses. Hizkiya said in correspondence to the Ten Commandments.” The Babylonian Talmud in Tractate Megillah 21b explains “What do these three [readers] represent? — R. Assi said: The Pentateuch, the Prophets and the Hagiographa.” Deuteronomy Rabbah Ki Tavo expounds “Why is it ordained that less than three verses should not be read? In order that [the number of the verses] should correspond to ... Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, through whom the law was given.” These texts now present us with a clear picture- each Torah reading encompasses the entire Torah from the core kernel of the Ten Commandments to the entire twenty four books of the Bible, which was revealed to the Jewish people by Moshe, Ahron and Miriam.

That same passage from the Jerusalem Talmud also explains that one must stand when reading for “just as [the Torah] was given in awe and fear so too we must behave with it in awe and fear.” And that the reader must always have someone by their side as “just as [the Torah] was given by the hand of an intermediary [Moshe standing between God and the people (Deut. 5:5)] so too we must behave by the hand of an intermediary.” This physical molding of the revelation experience is also mirrored in some of the most basic behaviors surrounding the Torah reading. The bimah is placed in the middle of the synagogue with the congregation surrounding it, just as they stood at the bottom of Har Sinai. People are called up to the Torah just as God called Moshe up to the mountain in Exodus 29:20. Some people even have the custom to stand for all of Torah reading as they stood in awe at Sinai.

The blessing recited when one receives an aliyah reflect this idea that the Torah reading is a reenactment of the revelation for one does not recite the normative mitzvah blessing formula “that you have sanctified and command us on the reading of the Torah” but rather the blessing praises God that has “chosen us from among all the nations and given us His Torah. Blessed are You Lord, who gives the Torah.”

Unlike with many mitzvot, legally the Torah can be read by all- men, women and children alike (See B.T. Megillah 23a). It seems the Rabbis choose to make an important fundamental statement. Any representative member of the Jewish people, who experienced the revelation and received the Torah, is able to be the vehicle through which Torah is continuously revealed anew to the Jewish people throughout history.

# Thank you to Everyone who Contributed to Shavuot Services

## Davenners:

Jonathan Ehrlich  
Razele Hofrichter  
Emery Sher  
Giulia Girgenti  
Sara Lynn Newberger  
Barbara Lehman

## Gabbaim:

Eric Pasternack,  
Barb Curchack,  
Leonard Oppenheimer  
Erin Webb, Stuart Kaufman

## Torah Reading

### Friday

First / Rishon Aliyah  
Second / Sheni Aliyah  
Third / Shelishi Aliyah  
Fourth / Revi'i Aliyah  
Fifth / Chamishi Aliyah  
Maftir  
Haftarah

Exodus 19:1-19:6  
Exodus 19:7-19:13  
Exodus 19:14-19:19  
Exodus 19:20-20:14  
Exodus 20:15-20:23  
Numbers 28:26-28:31  
Ezekiel 1:1-28; 3:12

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Giulia Girgenti  
Lydia Schultz  
Jonathan Ehrlich  
Sara Lynn Newberger  
Natan Paradise  
Emery Sher  
Jonathan Ehrlich

### Shabbat

First / Rishon Aliyah  
Second / Sheni Aliyah  
Third / Shelishi Aliyah  
Fourth / Revi'i Aliyah  
Fifth / Chamishi Aliyah  
Sixth / Shishi Aliyah  
Seventh / Shevi'i Aliyah  
Maftir  
Haftarah

Deuteronomy 14:22-14:29  
Deuteronomy 15:1-15:18  
Deuteronomy 15:19-15:23  
Deuteronomy 16:1-16:3  
Deuteronomy 16:4-16:8  
Deuteronomy 16:9-16:12  
Deuteronomy 16:13-16:17  
Numbers 28:26-28:31  
Habakkuk 3:1-19

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Marguerite Krause  
Jonathan Ehrlich  
Natan Paradise  
Rabbi Lynn Liberman

## Book of Ruth (Orange Book of Megillot)

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Second Chapter	p. 23	Natan Paradise
Third Chapter	p. 25	Sara Lynn Newberger
Fourth Chapter	p. 27	Jonathan Ehrlich

## Greeters & Security:

Robert Birnbaum, Steve Ukes,  
Robert Binder, Andy Greenfeld  
Mitch Multer, Rachel Chinitz,  
Laurie Radovsky, Roy Kay,  
Barb Curchack

Our services depend on the participation of our community members. We welcome diverse voices and talents to lead our community in prayer and to read Torah.

Please use this QR code, or  
Beth-Jacob.org/DavenOrTorah.



Shabbat Kiddush is sponsored in honor of our

**Limudim Teachers, Madrichim, and Volunteers!**

Barb Staub, Meredith Lange, Mira Steinberg, Izzy Lundquist, Toby Meirovitz, Alana Goffman,  
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Mike Meirovitz, Ruth Silver, Perel Silver, Judah Grosby

# Yahrzeit List for Week Beginning May 22, 2026 / 6 Sivan 5786

The seventh aliyah is reserved for those observing yahrzeits during the coming week. If you are observing a yahrzeit this week, please come forward at the seventh aliyah and give your full Hebrew name to the gabbai who will call you to the Torah. Your full Hebrew name includes your name and then ben/bat/mibeit and your parents' names or Avraham and Sarah. Please say your name loudly and clearly, so that the gabbai can hear it.

Masks are required on the bimah during the Torah service. If you do not have one, please get one from the basket by the greeter and put it on prior to coming up for an aliyah.

## May 22/6 Sivan

Ben Feldstein  
Isaac Keen  
Eugene Mandel  
Sam Rafowitz  
Jeanette Lechtman

## May 23/7 Sivan

Mitchell (Mike) Bloom  
Irving Johnson  
Florence Kerson  
Ida Kuretsky  
Nathan Radow  
Abraham Safier  
Isaac Joseph Saide  
Chayah Sarah Saide  
Anna Spoon  
Boris Y. Wolfson  
Frances Horne

## May 24/8 Sivan

Isaak Beuk  
Morris Browns  
Jeffrey Greenspoon  
Dr. Louis Itzkowitz  
Robert Klein  
Rose Perenson  
Harold Schneider  
William Tanick  
Joseph Wittels  
Myron J. Mark

## May 25/9 Sivan

Jacob Berlin  
Sam Dash  
Bessie Klatzko  
Lazer Lavinovsky  
Lucia Rebalsky  
Audray Rees  
Solomon Sterenson  
Rose Yaffey  
Barbara Sarapas  
Inge Oertelt  
Joan Beth Ruderman

## May 26/10 Sivan

Helen Arnold  
Eli Brotman  
Freda Cooperman  
Rosette Goldberg-Rafowicz  
Louis Gordon  
Celia Kabakow  
Anna Katz  
Charles Bernard Kaufman  
David H. Levine  
Morris Milgrom  
David Reuben Radovsky  
Kate Snyder  
David Weinstein  
Herman Victor Snyder  
Ralph Hugh Aaron

## May 27/11 Sivan

Virginia Goodman  
Louis Kaufman  
Robert Edwin Less  
Isadore Schneider  
A. Frank Baron  
Eileen Chemino

## May 28/12 Sivan

Arthur Dorr  
Hanna Eiger  
Meyer Gold  
Max Levin  
Carolyn Drew Morris  
Meyer Roth  
Sam Sankary  
Leo Siegel  
Rachel Storozum  
Jennie Zimmon  
Thelma Gerber

## May 29/13 Sivan


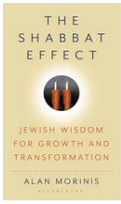





Rose Bliznsky  
Sadie Feldman  
Robert Fisch  
Julius Seewald  
Fannie Tatkin  
Beatrice Yuffe  
Harold Greengard  
Patricia M. Paster  
Frank Sher



## Inclusivity and Accessibility During Services

We recognize the variety of needs within our community and strive to provide access to all through physical, emotional, and/or sensory accommodations. The majority of our prayers and scripture readings are conducted in Hebrew, so we invite those who do not read Hebrew to use a copy of the transliterated prayerbook (siddur) found on the table near the entrance to the sanctuary. We have large print books, braille prayerbooks, and listening devices available on the bookshelf in the lobby. There is also a sensory-friendly room just off the sanctuary with a speaker and window from which services can be experienced. Please ask the greeter near the sanctuary door if you need help locating any of these. Please reach out to our office if there are needs that aren't being met.

## Upcoming at Beth Jacob - May 23, 2026

<p><b>Pre-Shul Playgroup—Every Friday at 10:30 am</b></p> <p>Join our open play time for young children and their caregivers. Meet in the nursery every Friday morning from 10:30am until naptime.</p>	
<p><b>ADULT EDUCATION:</b></p> <p><b>The Shabbat Effect--A New Class with Rabbi Tamar</b>  <b>Tuesdays at 11:00am, Starting June 2</b>          Based on Alan Morinis’s book, The Shabbat Effect.          Buy the book, read the chapter, come to class. Free of charge.</p> <p><b>For the Jew in the Pew with Rabbi Lynn Liberman</b>  <b>Shabbat Mornings at 9:15</b>          (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> Shabbat of the month)          Join together in the ongoing study of the Book of Psalms.</p> <p><b>Stand Up Sit Down, What Does It All Mean?</b>  <b>Shabbat Mornings at 9:15</b>          (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Shabbat of the month)          Guest teachers will discuss an element of the Shabbat morning service.</p> <p><b>Morning Mishnah, with Rabbi Tamar Magill-Grimm</b>  <b>Wednesdays at around 8:00 am (after minyan)</b>          in the Saide Chapel and online          Join on Zoom at <a href="https://beth-jacob.org/Minyan">Beth-Jacob.org/Minyan</a></p> <p><b>Tanach, with David Rischall</b>  <b>Sundays 7:30-8:30 on Zoom: <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/79546614386">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/79546614386</a></b>          Questions? Call David at 651-230-3911.</p> <p><b>Limudim Adult Ed</b>  <b>Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 Register at <a href="https://beth-jacob.org/LimudimAdultEd">Beth-Jacob.org/LimudimAdultEd</a></b></p>	   
<p><b>Old-New Land: Key Events Shaping Zionism</b></p> <p><b>May 4, 11, 18, June 1, 8, on Zoom</b></p> <p>This course offers a historical deepdive into the evolution of Zionism and the foundational events of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.</p>	
<p><b>Shabbatluck</b>  <b>Friday, June 5</b></p> <p>Join us at 6:00 pm for Kabbalat Shabbat and stay for a pot-luck Shabbat dinner. RSVP: <a href="https://beth-jacob.org/Shabbatluck">Beth-Jacob.org/Shabbatluck</a></p>	

## Upcoming at Beth Jacob - May 23, 2026

### The Beth Jacob Blood Drive Sunday, May 31

- Every 2 seconds, someone needs blood. In the time it will take you to read this, 15 people will be in need.
- One donation can save three lives!

Whether you are able to donate blood or not, or if you are going to be out-of-town on May 31, you can still help make the Blood Drive a success by inviting co-workers, neighbors, friends, family members, and other folks who are not affiliated or familiar with Beth Jacob to donate and enjoy some great food at the May 31 Blood Drive!!!

We have designed Information Cards specifically for this purpose. If you could personally deliver two or three Information Cards to potential donors, that would be a big help. You can also help by spreading the word via social media. Please help us if you can.

People can register at [Beth-Jacob.org/Blood](http://Beth-Jacob.org/Blood). For more information, contact Dave at (952) 992-9426 or Sharon at (651) 552-9111.



### Black Men Teach A Post Kiddush Learning, May 30

Markus Flynn and Rosemarie Ndupuechi of Black Men Teach will talk about this organization's important work. Black Men Teach works to recruit, prepare, place, and retain Black male teachers in elementary schools toward Minnesota's goal of increasing teachers of color by 2% annually.



### Stop The Bleed Sunday, June 14, 10-11am

[Beth-Jacob.org/StopBleed](http://Beth-Jacob.org/StopBleed)

Learn to save a life in an emergency. This special hands-on training offered by the JCRC will teach you:

- Why bleeding is the #1 preventable death after an injury and how to save a life.
- How to Identify when life threatening bleeding is occurring.
- How to control bleeding when someone is injured and while waiting for first responders to arrive.



### Summer CSA 18 boxes; Mid-June-Mid October

Earth Dance Farms is back again this summer! Every Thursday, they will drop off Farm-Fresh Produce boxes for CSA members. Bi-weekly shares are also available. Sign up at [EarthDanceFarm.net](http://EarthDanceFarm.net)

