**Adult B’nei Mitzvah**

Every few years, Cantor Chomsky has the opportunity to lead a group of adults through the b’nei mitzvah process. Often, these adults are overcoming obstacles from their youth, such as women not being allowed to do the same things as men or discovering Jewish life as adults. This year’s class of five adults is Cantor Chomsky’s last.

**Linda Marlin** began attending daily minyan after her parents passed away and was inspired to seek this milestone by the Tifereth Israel clergy team and the other minyan regulars.

**Peter Stahl** and his wife Diane have been members of Tifereth Israel for more than 45 years. Their three children had their b’nei mitzvah here and Peter has attended four of his grandchildren’s b’nei mitzvah. He decided, at age 82, that it was time for him to have his own bar mitzvah.

**Amy Tannenbaum** is a first-generation American. She gave herself a Hebrew name as an adult and hoped to have a bar mitzvah one day. When she learned this would be Cantor Chomsky’s last adult b’nei mitzvah class, she figured it was the perfect time to do it.

**Susan Sitler** decided to become a bat mitzvah to deepen her understanding of her Jewish faith, in particular to continue studying with Cantor Jack Chomsky, who she said has been a steady and inspirational teacher during her 20 years at Tifereth Israel.

**Chris Zeigler** began a Jewish life in 2017. Chris is honored to participate in Cantor Chomsky’s last adult b’nei mitzvah class and believes the process has enriched his Jewish life and helped him become a full participant in services.

**May Their Memory be for a blessing**

On this Shavuot, we remember the following individuals and invite all those observing a yahrzeit to have the honor of an aliyah and to share the name of their loved one:

**Friday, May 29/6 Sivan**  
Evelyn Barsky, Jack Cohen, Margaret Prizant

**Saturday, May 30/7 Sivan**  
Rebecca Cohen, Ida Rose Feingold, Herman Horowitz, Theresa Kleinbaum, John J. Lieberman, Martin Miller, Harold Lawrence Nathans, Kita Reichgott, Benita Jo Schaffer

**Sunday, May 31/8 Sivan**  
Morris Dach, Carol Sue Diamond, Benjamin Greenberg, Helen Kalvin, Sandy Podob, Matilda Schlang, Sadie Shustick, Mark Richard Steiman, Gilbert Wunsch, Roza Zeltser

**Monday, June 1/9 Sivan**  

**Tuesday, June 2/10 Sivan**  

**Wednesday, June 3/11 Sivan**  
Arthur Chinn, William Eisenberg, Frida Fleischmann, Opal Pryor, Clifford C. Schlezinger, Selma P. Shenker

**Thursday, June 4/12 Sivan**  
Elliott Alan Boxerbaum, Matilda Cooper, Edward Mormol, Hyman Schribar, Aron Schwartz, Justin Stillman, David Weinstein

**Friday, June 5/13 Sivan**  
Norman Cohen, Rena Hallet, Harold Marx, Charles Maslekkoff, Renee Price, Joseph Sandhaus, Morris Swedlow

"Now then, if you will obey Me faithfully and keep My covenant, you shall be My treasured possession among all the peoples."

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**Parashat Yitro**  
Exodus 19:5

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**Shavuot I**  
Shavuot II with Yizkor

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Shavuot Torah Portions

Shavuot I Torah Reading: Exodus
(1) 19:1-6 pg. 436-437
(2) 19:7-13 pg. 438-439
(3) 19:14-19 pg. 439-440
(4) 19:20-20:13 pg. 440-448
Maftrah: Numbers 28:26-31 pg. 932-933
Haftarah: Ezekiel 1:1-28, 3:12 pg. 1321-1324

Shavuot II Torah Reading: Deuteronomy
(1) 14:22-29 pg. 1074-1076
(2) 15:1-18 pg. 1076-1080
(3) 15:19-23 pg. 1080-1081
(4) 16:1-3 pg. 1081-1082
(5) 16:4-8 pg. 1082-1083
(6) 16:9-12 pg. 1083-1084
(7) 16:13-17 pg. 1084
Maftrah: Numbers 28:26-31 pg. 932-933
Haftarah: Habakkuk 3:1-19 pg. 1326-1328

The Torah speaks of Shavuot as Hag HaBikurim, the festival of the first fruits. The holiday also is called Hag HaKatzir, the festival of the wheat harvest. The Torah also calls it Shavuot, because it comes after counting 49 days, from the day after the first day of Passover. What is not explicit in the Torah is a connection between the holiday of weeks and the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. That connection was a later development in Jewish history. Shavuot is called z’man matan toreteinu, “the time of the giving of our Torah.” According to tradition, the Israelites’ travel from Egypt to the foot of Mount Sinai and the reparations there took exactly seven weeks. Early in the morning of the sixth of Sivan, God gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments. Many Jews now follow the custom of staying up all night studying and learning on the first night of Shavuot at a tikkon leil Shavuot.

Other customs have developed around the festival. For example, it is customary to eat dairy foods, for the Israelites had not yet received the proper laws of kosher slaughter. The book of Ruth is read during services (in the diaspora on the second day) because it deals with Ruth the Moabite, the most famous convert in history. Yizkor prayers are also said; in the diaspora they’re said on the second day.

Shavuot Service Schedule

Thursday, May 28 - Erev Shavuot
6:30 pm Family Ice Cream Social
7:00 pm Zoom Link/Meeting ID: 86421585118 Mincha
7:30 pm Zoom Link/Meeting ID: 86421585118 Tikkon Leil Shavuot
8:30 pm Zoom Link/Meeting ID: 86421585118 Ma’ariv
8:34 pm Light Yom Tov Candles

Friday, May 29 - Erev Shabbat & Shavuot I
9:00 am Shavuot Festival Services
6:00 pm Zoom Link/Meeting ID: 87382775635 Kabbalat Shabbat
8:35 pm Light Shabbat/Yom Tov Candles

Saturday, May 30 - Shabbat & Shavuot II
9:00 am Shabbat & Festival Services
Includes Yizkor & Adult B’nai Mitzvah
Zoom Link/Meeting ID: 6282026212

DAILY SERVICES

Sunday, May 31
9:00 am Zoom Link/Meeting ID: 777187544
For password, email mlevin@tiferethisrael.org
9:36 pm Havdalah

For announcements and more information, please visit our website at tiferethisrael.org.