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PLEASE SEE THE INSIDE OF THIS BULLETIN FOR
A WONDERFUL ARRAY OF PROGRAMS TO FIT EVERYONE'S NEEDS.

EVERYONE IS INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

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*JOIN IN THE FESTIVITIES AT THE TOLEDO JEWISH COMMUNITY
YOM HA'ATZMAUT 77th INDEPENDENCE DAY
CELEBRATION*



*THURSDAY, MAY 1st 7:00 P.M.
CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL*

*R.S.V.P. TO MARY BILYEU AT 419-724-0405 OR
MARY @JEWISHTOLEDO.ORG*

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO A WONDERFUL SHABBAT WEEKEND

MAY 2 & 3, 2025

On Friday, May 2nd at 5:30 p.m. there will be a pre-Shabbat dinner at the home of Ken & Aileen Pargament. Following dinner Rabbi Mark will give a D'var Torah.

Shabbos services will be held on Saturday morning, May 3rd with a delicious Kiddush lunch following.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>APRIL S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>	<p>JUNE S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>		<p>6:00 p.m. Minyan</p>	<p>1 3 iyar</p> <p>YOM HA'ATZMAUT</p>	<p>2 4 iyar </p> <p>5:30 p.m. Pre-Shabbat Dinner at Pargaments</p> <p>8:16 p.m. Candlelighting</p>	<p>3 5 iyar </p> <p>9:00 a.m. Shabbat services w/Rabbi Mark & Kiddush Luncheon</p> <p>9:21 p.m. Havdalah</p> <p>Tazria-Metzora</p>
<p>4 6 iyar</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Poker/Mahj</p>	<p>5 7 iyar</p>	<p>6 8 iyar</p>	<p>7 9 iyar</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Minyan</p>	<p>8 10 iyar</p>	<p>9 11 iyar </p> <p>8:23 p.m. Candlelighting</p>	<p>10 12 iyar </p> <p>9:29 Havdalah</p> <p>Achrei Mot-Kedoshim</p>
<p>11 13 iyar</p> <p>MOTHER'S DAY</p>	<p>12 14 iyar</p>	<p>13 15 iyar</p>	<p>14 16 iyar</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Minyan</p>	<p>15 17 iyar</p>	<p>16 18 iyar </p> <p>8:30 p.m. Candlelighting</p> <p>LAG BA'OMER</p>	<p>17 19 iyar </p> <p>9:38 Havdalah</p> <p>Emor</p>
<p>18 20 iyar</p>	<p>19 21 iyar</p> <p>VICTORIA DAY CANADA</p>	<p>20 22 iyar</p>	<p>21 23 iyar</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Minyan</p>	<p>22 24 iyar</p>	<p>23 25 iyar </p> <p>8:37 p.m. Candlelighting</p>	<p>24 26 iyar </p> <p>9:45 Havdalah</p> <p>Behar-Bechukotai</p>
<p>25 27 iyar</p>	<p>26 28 iyar</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>27 29 iyar</p>	<p>28 1 sivan</p> <p>11:45/1:00 Toledo Library Lunch/Tour of Downtown Library</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Minyan</p> <p>ROSH CHODESH</p>	<p>29 2 sivan</p> <p>7:00 p.m. pre-Shavuot Discussion led by Rabbi Mark on Zoom</p>	<p>30 3 sivan </p> <p>8:43 p.m. Candlelighting</p>	<p>31 4 sivan </p> <p>9:52 Havdalah</p> <p>Bamidbar</p>



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Congregant,

A lemon. That is what was different on our seder plate this year. It was there to represent the hostages, STILL, after 554-5 days, held by Hamas. It represented the bitterness and sourness of the ongoing struggle for freedom. It was intended to evoke both hope and a sense of pain, aligning with the tradition of using bitter herbs to recall the suffering of the Israelites in Egypt. At our *seders*, many of us placed a slice of the lemon on our Hillel sandwiches, with the *moror* and the *charoset*, to deepen the bitterness. Surprisingly, the lemon enhanced the flavor of the sandwich . . . made it tastier, more enjoyable. Perplexed, and a little annoyed, I sought to find meaning for this disappointment. What can I find? Hope, hope, hope springs eternal. That is it, that is what has kept us going for so long – hope. But hope alone doesn't change anything; it must be used as motivation.

This morning, as I was emptying the dishwasher, organizing dishes, flatware, and serving platters, I turned on the television only to see photos of Governor Shapiro's mansion in Pennsylvania, totally ransacked, having sustained the explosion of an incendiary device . . . destruction . . . devastation . . . terrorization. Anti-Semitism? That hasn't been determined at the time of this writing, but . . . ?????

In a couple of weeks, our community will observe *Yom Hashoah*, Holocaust Remembrance Day. In May, together we will celebrate *Yom Ha'atz Ma'ut*, the anniversary of the birth of the state of Israel, a land built on HOPE, but not just HOPE, on commitment, on perseverance, on action.

What action can we take to support the hostages?

We can attend community events in support of Israel, both land and people. We can attend synagogue programs and services, joining together to perpetuate the spirit and livelihood of Etz Chayim. We can address anti-Semitism, flagrant and subtle. We can contribute money to the "Free the Hostage" funds. We can speak out on behalf of Israel, in opposition to terrorism anywhere and everywhere. We can count the Omer, 49 days between OUR Exodus from Egypt and OUR receipt of the Torah, on Shavuot.

Every day and every way that we do something to acknowledge, perpetuate, and take pride in our Judaism, represents HOPE and ACTION.

And with all of this, we pray, please G-d, that the hostages be released speedily and that there be peace and kindness and sensibility in our troubled world.

Warmly,

Margie Siegel
Margie Siegel, President



GIFT SHOP NEWS

Mother's Day is almost here. Remember to patronize our synagogue Gift Shop, as new and exciting merchandise is coming in all the time. Come in to look at the stunning new jewelry for that someone special. As always, we have Ahava products.

**Call our gift shop chairman, Sandy Marcus at (419) 473-2401,
if you need an idea or have a need for a particular gift item.
Save time by letting us do the gift wrapping.**

MAY PROGRAM NEWS

It was a lovely Shabbat weekend with Rabbi Jason Mark and our Etz Chayim family in April. A huge thank you to Bobby & Cheryl Berkowitz for opening their home for a pre-Shabbat dinner and gathering. Rabbi Mark and David Black led a meaningful Shabbat service on Saturday morning with a delicious luncheon following. Everyone who attended enjoyed the time together.



Rabbi Jason Mark will be sharing Shabbat with our Etz Chayim family during the weekend of May 2nd and 3rd. We will begin with a pre-Shabbat dinner at the home of Ken & Aileen Pargament. Rabbi will lead Saturday services and all are welcome to enjoy the kiddush luncheon.

Two of our favorite activities for a Sunday morning are poker and mahj. Come join us on Sunday, May 4th from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join the games & fun. Email either Marc Jacobson at mdjaco@gmail.com or Nancy Jacobson at Jaco824@bex.net if you are interested.

Many thanks to Sheila Odesky for helping to organize a tour at the main library for us. This is planned for Wednesday, May 28th. Let's meet at the SAME (So All May Eat) Cafe at 11:45 for you to choose healthy lunches and dine and socialize together. Our tour of the library will begin at 1:00. We will learn about the building, artwork, and local history. Please register with Nancy if you are interested.

Rabbi Jason Mark will be leading a pre-Shavuot zoom on Thursday evening, May 29th at 7:00 p.m. His sessions are interactive, meaningful and always provide a positive experience. Please register with Nancy or Elsa for the zoom link.

Warmly,
Nancy Jacobson
Program Director



FRIDAY, MAY 2- Pre Shabbat dinner at the home of Ken & Aileen Pargament- 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 3- Shabbat services & kiddush luncheon with Rabbi Jason Mark

SUNDAY, MAY 4- Poker & Mahj- 10:00-12:00

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28- Toledo Library Lunch & Tour- 11:45/1:00

THURSDAY, MAY 29- Pre Shavuot zoom with Rabbi Jason Mark

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO REGISTER FOR EACH OF THE ABOVE PROGRAMS. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO PLAN FOR THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE FOR EACH EVENT.

HAPPY NOTES

....Those celebrating birthdays in the month of May:

- 2 - Cheryl Berkowitz
- 3 - Arlene Rubinoff
- 4 - Sheldon Wittenberg
- 5 - Melanie Woodby
- 7 - Mona Abraham
- 8 - Suzanne Rosenberg
- 9 - Bev Markoff, Ellen Rubin, Charles Wittenberg
- 10 - Nancy Jacobson, Mark Zyndorf
- 11 - Phyllis Walkin
- 13 - Bob Lichtenstein
- 14 - Lizette Lauber
- 15 - David Treuhaff
- 17 - Fred Fingerhut, Mel Rukin
- 18 - Harvard Armus
- 19 - David Black
- 21 - Stephen Rothschild
- 24 - Nancy Katz
- 28 - David Cohen
- 31 - Jerome Phillips



....Those celebrating anniversaries in the month of May:

- 22 - Nicholas and Susan Muska
- 29 - Barbara Moses and Tom Hudson



SAVE THE DATE:

*JOINT SYNAGOGUE BOOK CLUB
THE AIR RAID BOOK CLUB,
by ANNIE LYONS*

*TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025
TEMPLE SHOMER EMUNIM*

*NOON LUNCHEON FOLLOWED BY
THE BOOK DISCUSSION
COST: \$8.00 PER PERSON*



More information to follow next month.

MAZEL TOV

...to Joshua Singer, son of Scott & Sheri Singer on his graduation from The University of Toledo with a Bachelors of Education with a major in Social Studies & Mathematics.



SYNAGOGUE OFFICE HOURS

The office hours for the synagogue are as follows:

Monday	9:00 a.m. - Noon
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. - Noon



The office is also open at other times by appointment.

OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSING

The office will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2025 in honor of Memorial Day.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED. CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED AS FOLLOWS:

STANDARD ANNOUNCEMENT

In Memory, Yahrzeit, Speedy Recovery, Happy Events - **\$10.00**

IN APPRECIATION- **\$12.00**

MISHABERACHS (Special Prayer) - **\$12.00**

CHAI FUND - **\$18.00**

DOUBLE CHAI FUND - **\$36.00**

TREE PLANTED IN ISRAEL - **\$18.00**

SILVER CONTRIBUTION (Single Box) - **\$25.00**

GOLD CONTRIBUTION (Double Box) - **\$50.00**

PLATINUM CONTRIBUTION (Bold Box) - **\$100.00**

(Box to include up to 4 names. Over 4 names will be an additional charge of \$8.00 per name.)

SHABBAS/HOLIDAY PRAYER BOOK - **\$50.00**

CHUMASH - **75.00**

BIMA FLOWER FUND - Shabbas - **\$100.00**

Holidays - **\$125.00**

TREE OF LIFE LEAF - **\$150.00** STONE - **\$500.00**

MEMORIAL PLATES - **\$600.00**

SHABBAT KIDDUSH - **\$75.00**

SHALOSH SEUDOS (November - March) - **\$125.00**

PLATES ON ODESKY PLAQUE - **\$180.00**

SANCTUARY DEDICATION PLATES - **\$1000.00**



BUILDING FUND

YAHRTZEIT IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

**ROSE TILCHEN
SOL LEEDYN**
Arlene Rubinoff

**MABEL MILLER
HARRY FRANK**
Jay Waitzman

SOPHIA WORSHTIL
Marianne Scheer & Family

**YAHRTZEIT IN LOVING MEMORY OF
BELOVED GRANDFATHER
LOUIS MELTZER**
Beverly & Richard Markoff & Family

**YAHRTZEIT IN LOVING MEMORY OF
SHIRLEY GLASSMAN**
Susan & Mark Kaufman

HAPPY EVENT IN HONOR OF:

**IN HONOR OF SHARON & BERYL
RAVIN ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR
GREAT-GRANDSON**
Mel & Donna Rukin

**IN HONOR OF MEL RUKIN
ON HIS BIRTHDAY**
David & Diane Treuhaft

CHAI FUND

YAHRTZEIT IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

EDWARD SCHWARTZ
Marilyn & Gary Reinstein

**YAHRTZEIT IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
WILLIAM KALISHER
BETTY KALISHER**
Lawrence Kalisher



ETZ CHAYIM FUND

YAHRTZEIT IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

JEFFREY MARKMAN
Steve & Sandy Marcus

SPEEDY RECOVERY OF:

LARRY SCHWARTZ
Steve & Sandy Marcus

IN APPRECIATION OF:

**IN APPRECIATION OF
ALL OUR FRIENDS WHO GAVE US
A PURIM BAG**
Steve & Sandy Marcus

HAPPY EVENT IN HONOR OF:

**SHARON & BERYL RAVIN ON THE
BIRTH OF THEIR GREAT-GRANDSON**
Steve & Sandy Marcus

**SHEILA ODESKY ON THE BIRTH OF
HER GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER**
Steve & Sandy Marcus

MEL RUKIN ON HIS BIRTHDAY
Steve & Sandy Marcus

**HARRY & FRIEDA LEVINE
SYNAGOGUE FUND**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

ELAINE STRAM
Mel & Margie Siegel

YAHRTZEIT IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

**SOPHIE NEWMAN
MAX DUKE**
Bob & Cheryl Berkowitz

SPEEDY RECOVERY OF:

SANDY MARCUS
Mel & Margie Siegel

HAPPY EVENT IN HONOR OF:

**SHEILA ODESKY ON THE BIRTH OF
HER GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER**
Mel & Margie Siegel

**ISADORE ODESKY
MEMORIAL FUND**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

**MIKE WASHOFSKY
CHARLOTTE "CHARLEY" BAUER**
Sheila Odesky

**BETTY ROBERTS
MEMORIAL FUND**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

BETTY ROBERTS
Marci Burch
Sara Meisner
Samantha Burch

HELEN HASCAL LEWIS
Sandi, John & Sonny Kniep

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
BELOVED MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER
& GREAT-GRANDMOTHER
FRANCES DOLGIN**
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Samantha Burch

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MAYDA COHEN**
Sylvia Starkman

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MEMORIAL FUND**

YAHRTZEIT IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

HY WITTENBERG
Charles & Phyllis Wittenberg

**YAHRTZEIT IN LOVING MEMORY
OF BELOVED MOTHER
LEONORA REVESZ**
Steven Revesz

SPEEDY RECOVERY OF:

ELLEN BAZER
Bob & Cheryl Berkowitz

SANDY MARCUS
Charles & Phyllis Wittenberg

HAPPY EVENT IN HONOR OF:

**BERYL & SHARON RAVIN ON THE
BIRTH OF THEIR GREAT-GRANDSON**
Andrea & Jeff Lublin

**SHEILA ODESKY ON THE BIRTH OF
HER GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER**
Andrea & Jeff Lublin



MEMORY OF THE RIGHTEOUS IS A BLESSING
YAHRTZEIT DATES
(Kaddish is recited on the evening before the date listed.)



MAY 1 IYAR 3

Frank Hirsch*
Bertha Jones*
Bess Terman

MAY 2 IYAR 4

Bessie Doctor*
Louis Fishler*
Solomon Flaum*
Meyer Mitchell*
Dr. Martin Reiner*
Sam Rice*
Ethel Silverman*
Rose Simon

MAY 3 IYAR 5

Joseph Grossman*
Norman Smilack*

MAY 4 IYAR 6

Mary Applebaum*
Sadie Causey*
Harold Cousins*
Leonora Leizerman*
Yetta Paly*
Anna Shapiro*
Rabbi Chaskel Spanglet*
Leah Zanzville*

MAY 5 IYAR 7

Marcus Friedman*
Milton Goldberg*
Sam Isenstein*
Mark Shenofsky*
Isaac Wexler*

MAY 6 IYAR 8

Gertrude Armus*
Mary Freecorn*
Hyman Samborsky*
Eileen Schulak*
Toba Schwartz*
Max Silverstein*
Sol Treuhaff*
Janet Weinman*

MAY 7 IYAR 9

Harriette Black*
Morris Diamond*
Katherine Epstein*
Bessie Fingerhut*
Jacob Friedman*
Herman Glassman*
Shirley Glassman*
Sharon Loeser*
Murry Rosenberg*
Bettye Selznick*

MAY 8 IYAR 10

Moishe Aronowitz*
Lewis Bernstein*
Nathan Falk*
Martin Feder*
Julius Greene*
Rachel Samborsky*
Sophia Worshtil*

MAY 9 IYAR 11

Clara Essak*
Julia Feldstein*
Jacob Reichlin*
Jacob Rubin*
Rabbi Isaac Silberman*
Samuel Solomon*
Zandra Yaffe

MAY 10 IYAR 12

Charles J. Fleishman*
Rebecca Goldberg*
Kolman Goodleman*
Harry Moses*
Sam Reinstein*
Mollie Remer*
Dr. Steven Selman
Ethel Shenofsky*
Rosa Zimmerman*

MAY 11 IYAR 13

Jennie Albert*
Carl Berman*
Morris Blankenstein*
David Greenberg*
Bessie Gunsberg*
Michael Katz*
Sol Leedyn*
Tillie Liber*
Nathan Nathanson*
Alvin Shnider*
Jennie Shure*
Meyer Stram*
Estelle Webne
Anna Weisberg*
Gertrude Wekstein*

MAY 12 IYAR 14

Ruth Becker
Pearl Fingerhut*
Morris Levin*
Anna Lublin*
Dr. Charles Rein*
Joanne Rubin
Steven Rukin
Eva Shiff*
Sarah Stark*

MAY 13 IYAR 15

Dorothy Applebaum*
Minnie Felstein*
Joseph Riman*
Leonard Rosenberg*
Ruth Weinstein*
Minnie Yanoff*

MAY 14 IYAR 16

Mrs. Celia (Ceil) Alloy*
Morris Barkan*
Marilyn Chabler*
Earle Freedman*
Gustave Gould*
Anna Wengrow*

MAY 15 IYAR 17

Rose Marenberg*
Frank Walker*

MAY 16 IYAR 18

Jacob Ack*
Regina Baer*
Ruth Bauer*
Louis Cohen*
Sadie Cousin*
Rebecca Goldfield*
Joseph Hascal*
Meishe Hendelman*
Anne Indicks*
Lawrence Levey
Philip Lublin*
Solomon Mergruen*
Max Pulvermacher*
Herman Sharfman*
Pauline Shoffer*

MAY 17 IYAR 19

JoAnn Okun
Ruth Steingroot*
Ida Zakowitz*

MAY 18 IYAR 20

Yetta Abramovitz*
Edith Baronbaum*
Benjamin Baum*
Edward Brodsky*
Jacob Nemerowsky*
Louis Rayman*
Sarah Taback*

MAY 19 IYAR 21

Fannie Cohen*
Jacob Handler*
Irving Lessel*
Dora Newton*
Rose Seligman*
Blanche Walker*
Harry Welch

MAY 20 IYAR 22

Mary Gordick*
William Kalisher*

MAY 21 IYAR 23

Jacob Cousins*
Zanville Freshman*
Esok Levin*
Scott Maltz*
Sarah Nightingale*

MAY 22 IYAR 24

Kalman Aharoni*
Myra Greenberg*
Betty Kalisher*
Harry Resnick*
Sadie Silverman*

MAY 23 IYAR 25

Mary Barkan*
Jerald Blatt*
Sarah Olson
Florence Pargament*
Walter Schonbrun*
Sarah Segel*
Alex Seretsky*
Ben Silverman*

MAY 24 IYAR 26

Freda Burger
Morris Gottfried*
Philip Olson*
Phillip Schwartz*
Eber Silverman*
Rose Tilchen
Bella Yourist*

MAY 25 IYAR 27

Alfred Berkowitz*
Abraham Greenberg*
Beth (Bertha) Hascal*
Louis Levine*
Philip Riman*
Libby Schulak*
Tillie Schwartz*

MAY 26 IYAR 28

Bessie Bletterman*
Nowell Cohen
Rebecca Feldman*
Blanche Herman*
Bud McGrew
Louis Meltzer*
Sam Rappaport*
Joseph Shoffer*
Anna Yudowin*

MAY 27 IYAR 29

Jack Feldstein*
Linda Goldner
Albert Henning*
Charles Jaffe*
Jeffrey Markman
Ida Miller*
Dora Rubin*
Nathan Schulak*
Ludmilla Sheinkerman*
Clara Zitlin*

MAY 28 SIVAN 1

Max Marenberg*
Meyer Solomon*

MAY 29 SIVAN 2

Felix Baer*
Lena Berlowitz*
George Feldman*
Meyer Frank*
Frieda Kreiger*
Leona Wexler*

MAY 30 SIVAN 3

Bertha Fritch*
Bessie Israel*
Mendel Lauber*
Bert Libby*
Max Rein*
Loretta Thal*

MAY 31 SIVAN 4

Dorothy Bell*
Ida Benenson*
Debra Bustow
Julian Frank*
Dr. Eva Shapiro*
Louis Shiff*
Hedwig Stern



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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FRIDAY NIGHT CANDLELIGHTING</u>
Friday, May 2	8:16 p.m.
Friday, May 9	8:23 p.m.
Friday, May 16	8:30 p.m.
Friday, May 23	8:37 p.m.
Friday, May 30	8:43 p.m.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HAVDALAH TIME</u>
Saturday, May 3	9:21 p.m.
Saturday, May 10	9:29 p.m.
Saturday, May 17	9:38 p.m.
Saturday, May 24	9:45 p.m.
Saturday, May 31	9:52 p.m.

Candle Lighting Blessing

Boruch atta A-do-noy elohainu melech
ho'olam asher kidshano b'mitzvosov,
v'tzivonu l'hadlik nair shel:

On Shabbos conclude: Shabbos.

On Festivals conclude: Yom Tov.

On Festivals occurring Friday conclude:
Shabbos ve'yom tov.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, our G-d, King of the universe,
who hast sanctified us by Thy commandments and instructed us to kindle the Sabbath (and/or) Festival Lights.



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