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Flyer:
Israel Day Parade
Simcha Singles Brunch

Save The Date!

Friday, June 27

Community "Shabbabecue"

With Lake Success JC and Marathon JC

Barbeque at 6:00 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat at 7:30 p.m.

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Oakland Little Neck Jewish Center

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Celebrate Israel

Congregation
L'Dor V'Dor Observes

Yom Hazikaron - Yom Ha'atzmaut

Monday, May 5, 2014

7:00 pm Memorial For Fallen IDF Soldiers
7:15 pm Israeli Supper
7:30 pm Royal Tour of Israel with Benjamin Netanyahu

Shavuot

A Festival To Celebrate God's Gift of the Torah

Erev Shavuot
Tuesday, June 3
8:00 p.m.

Maariv followed by an evening of Torah Study until midnight.

Cheesecake and other goodies will be served.

Shavuot—Day I
Wednesday, June 4

9:30 a.m.

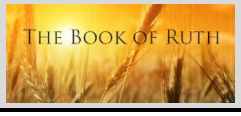
Shacharit with a Re-enactment of the Giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai with a Dramatic Reading of the Ten Commandments

8:00 p.m.

Mincha/Maariv
Yizkor

Shavuot—Day II
Thursday, June 5
9:30 a.m.

Shacharit with the Singing of Hallel, the Book of Ruth, Torah Reading from Two Scrolls, a Haftarah and a Yizkor Memorial Service at approximately 11:45 a.m.



From the Rabbi

This time of year on the Jewish calendar is partially defined by the counting of the Omer. This counting is done each and every night for 49 nights beginning on the second night of Passover. In the column below I have placed an article that was taken from the website of the Meaningful Life Center (www.meaningfullife.com.) The Meaningful Life Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to personal, societal and global transformation through presenting the universal wisdom of the Torah as a blueprint for life. The Center is built on the belief that life is precious and that every individual has a unique and indispensable contribution to make, which affects everyone and everything, now and forever.

The Center provides a warm, non-judgmental atmosphere for people of all backgrounds to explore their spirituality and build a personal, loving relationship with G-d. I encourage you to visit this site that is full of meaningful interpretations of our tradition.

Forty Nine Days

We are accustomed to thinking of time as a fixed yardstick against which our lives are measured. We "pass through" time (or time passes us by) at an unalterable pace. Time deeply affects everything about us and everything we do, but we have no effect upon it.

Physical science has since refuted this cursory perception of time, demonstrating how time, like any other physical phenomenon, is in fact quite malleable. It can be concentrated, stretched, speeded up, slowed down, or stopped altogether. This, of course, is achieved mostly on paper or by computer simulation. In practice, time's dictatorial rule of our lives seems absolute. The irrevocability of the past, the uncompromising temporality of the present, the impregnable fog of the future—man still seems very much a creature subject to time, rather than the other way around.

The Torah, however, insists that man can master time, transcend it, and redefine it. One example of man's triumph over time is *teshuvah* ("return")—the power to reach back in time and transform the significance of one's past deeds.[1] And time itself, according to Torah, is a resource to be molded and developed by man, as man is charged to mold and develop all resources of G-d's creation. Time can be sanctified—made more porous and absorbent of the all-pervading reality of its Creator—as it is when it is utilized toward good and G-dly ends. Time can be imbued with joy, freedom, love, awe, wisdom and a host of other spiritual characteristics—as we do when we set the calendar and thereby determine the dates of the festivals. And time can be accumulated.

From Passover to Shavuot, we conduct a daily count of the days and weeks in reenactment of the forty-nine-day process of self-refinement which our ancestors underwent from their exodus from Egypt on the first day of Passover to the revelation at Sinai on Shavuot. "Today is one day of the Omer," we pronounce on the second evening of Passover; "Today are two days...," we say on the following evening; "Today are three days..." on the next, and so on. Seven weeks later we conclude the count and climb to Sinai with the statement, "Today are forty-nine days, which are seven weeks of the Omer."

Two questions come to mind concerning the manner of the count. If we are counting the days to Sinai, why don't we state how many remain until Shavuot, instead of the number that have passed since Passover? Also, "Today are two days" seems awkward if not inaccurate; would it not be more correct to say, "Today is the second day," "Today is the third day," and so on?

But we do not merely pass through the days between Passover and Shavuot—we accumulate them. Each of these forty-nine days embodies another spiritual achievement—the refinement of another aspect of our personality and character. Each of these days becomes a component of our reborn selves, as we internalize the freedom obtained at the Exodus as the essence of our commitment to G-d as His chosen people. On the second day of the count, we *possess* two days of the Omer process; by its final day, we shall have amassed forty-nine units of time, and the specific qualities they embody, with which to approach this year's experience of Sinai.

On the MLC website is a guide to help make each day of the counting of the omer a transformative experience. I encourage you to check it out. Happy counting!

Rabbi Gordon Yaffe

May Schedule of Services

Fri., May 2	A Capella Musical Kabbalat Shabbat	6:30 p.m.
Sat., May 3	Shabbat Shacharit B'nai Mitzvah: Danielle and Ethan Blatt	9:00 a.m.
	Mincha/Maariv/Havdalah	7:15 p.m.
Sun., May 4	Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.
Tues., May 6	Morning Minyan	6:30 p.m.
Fri., May 9	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30 p.m.
Sat., May 10	Shabbat Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
	Mincha/Maariv/Havdalah	7:30 p.m.
Sun., May 11	Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.
Tues., May 13	Morning Minyan	6:30 p.m.
Fri., May 16	Erev Shabbat Service Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries	8:00 p.m.
Sat., May 17	Shabbat Shacharit Tot Shabbat	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
	Mincha/Maariv/Havdalah	7:30 p.m.
Sun., May 18	Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.
Tues., May 20	Morning Minyan	6:30 a.m.
Fri., May 23	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30 p.m.
Sat., May 24	Shabbat Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
	Mincha/Maariv/Havdalah	7:45 p.m.
Sun., May 25	Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.
Tues., May 27	Morning Minyan	6:30 a.m.
Fri., May 30	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30 p.m.
Sat., May 31	Shabbat Morning Experience Breakfast/Schmoozing & Learning Shacharit Torah Service/Musaf Service Kiddush/Lunch	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
	Mincha/Maariv/Havdalah	7:45 p.m.

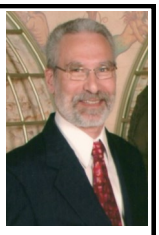
Shabbat Candle Lighting

May 2	**7:33 p.m.**
May 9	**7:40 p.m.**
May 16	**7:47 p.m.**
May 23	**7:53 p.m.**
May 30	**7:59 p.m.**

Shabbat Shalom

Presidential Matters

By Bob Stern



As I write this column we have just concluded the eight days of Pesach. How fortunate we are to have a dedicated, caring clergy and an involved membership! I know I speak for the entire congregation in expressing our appreciation to Rabbi Yaffe for his remarkable leadership of the services and for the insight he imparted to us on this meaningful holiday. Thanks as well to all those who ably assisted in all or part of the services. The list of names is too lengthy to include them all here. Plus I'm afraid I'll inadvertently omit a name or two. I must offer special thanks to Lois and Stan for handling the Second Seder. Thank you to Esther Forman and Lisa Pollack for their help as well on the Second Seder.

Some important events are upcoming and you can read about them elsewhere in Temple Talk. But I want to highlight a few here.

Sunday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m. is the annual Israel Bond Breakfast. This year we honor two very deserving members who have given unselfishly of their time and energy – Marjorie and Lenny Goldstein. Please join us in showing our appreciation to the Goldsteins and our support for the State of Israel.

Monday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. we will celebrate Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut. There will be a brief service followed by Café Israel, sponsored by the Israel Advocacy Committee, featuring all sorts of goodies. The evening will also include a screening of the Royal Tour of Israel hosted by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Monday, May 26 at 10:00 a.m. we are proud to be hosting a Memorial Day Community Interfaith Service with community churches and synagogues to honor the memory of those who gave their lives on behalf of our country.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the House Committee for the new front stairs. We went from a dangerous situation to a safe, attractive one in a relatively short period of time. The synagogue owes a great debt to our past House Committee chairs, Joel Friedman and Deanne Raffel for their many years of hard work on behalf of our temple and its facilities. And thanks to Paul Stein for being willing to step up and carry on their efforts.

It's great to be back among my temple friends. Along with all of you, I look forward to helping guide Congregation L'Dor V'Dor towards the brightest future possible.

L'shalom,

Bob Stern

Many Thanks!

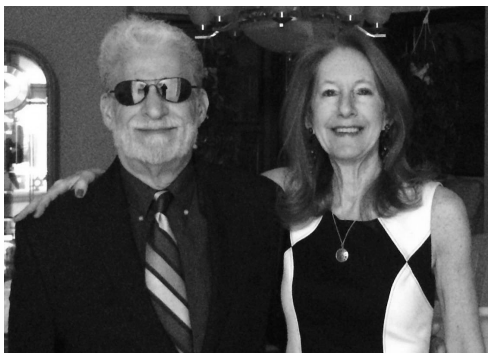
To the Officers, Trustees & Staff,

Your kindness at the time of my mother's passing will always be appreciated by me and my family.

Sincerely,
Perry Heidecker

Israel Bonds Breakfast
Sunday, May 4 at 10 a.m.

Our Honorees This Year Are Marjorie & Lenny Goldstein



This is our annual Temple event when we show our support for the State of Israel by investing and reinvesting in Israel Bonds.

Show our admiration for the Goldsteins by attending this event and purchasing a bond in their honor.

<u>Speaker</u>: Edward A. Turzanski
John Templeton Fellow of the Foreign Policy Research Institute

Co-Chairman of the Center for the Study of Terrorism

Our investment in State of Israel Bonds helps to provide funds which are used for economic, social and humanitarian needs of the Israeli people. Last year at our breakfast more than $250,000 of Israel bonds were purchased. With our larger and stronger consolidated congregation, we hopefully can surpass this amount in celebration of our new identity.

Don Forman
Israel Bonds Committee

Congregation L'Dor V'Dor Thanks:

Joan Kase-Riger for polishing with love and devotion all the silver that adorns our Torahs.

A Message from Cantor Joshua Shron

I write to you this month 30,000 feet above the state of Kansas, where my family and I enjoyed an incredible Pesach holiday in my parents' home community of Overland Park. If the name of this quiet Kansas City suburb sounds familiar, it's because it was the site of one of the worst anti-Semitic attacks this country has seen in a long, long time.

When my father greeted us at the airport on the afternoon of Sunday, April 13, he shared with us the horrifying news. As the rabbi of his synagogue and chaplain of the Overland Park Police Department, he had just returned from the Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City and Village Shalom Nursing Home, where a gunman had gone on a shooting rampage only a couple hours earlier. Three victims, still unidentified at the time, had been murdered; the alleged gunman had been caught, shouting "Heil Hitler" as he was led in handcuffs into the squad car.

Shortly after the arrest of the alleged gunman, Frazier Glenn Miller, the mayor of his town made a public statement in which he, while condemning the act of violence, actually SUPPORTED Miller's beliefs and opinions about the Jewish people! Yes, anti-Semitism is alive and well in 2014.

At the Seder table the following evening, Jews around the world sang the words *"In every generation, there are those who rise up to destroy us."* This year, especially in Overland Park, these words took on a whole new meaning. As we sat down to celebrate our holiday of freedom, it was difficult to feel free within a community that was shattered. In fact, among our Seder guests was a family whose 8 year old daughter was in the building at the time of the incident (she still has trouble sleeping). How can this happen in this quiet Kansas town?

As gruesome as this attack was, the community's response to this tragedy was nothing short of awesome. The following Thursday, April 17th, I was proud to be among the thousands in attendance as the JCC hosted an interfaith memorial service for the victims, Dr. William Corporon, 69, his grandson Reat Underwood, 14, and Terri LaManno, 53. Clergy members, politicians and even US Attorney General Eric Holder shared words of comfort and consolation. My father sang the haunting words of the "El Malei" memorial prayer, asking God to protect the souls of the three non-Jewish victims. Jews, Christians and Muslims stood together on stage and swayed arm in arm while singing the words of "Oseh Shalom". It was a moving display of community unity that I simply will never forget.

"In every generation... " Having just observed Yom HaShoa, Holocaust Remembrance Day, it is painfully obvious that still there are many who want to destroy each and every one of us, simply for the crime of being a Jew. *Dayeinu!* Enough! Let us band together to stamp out ALL hatred and bigotry throughout the world - just as Kansas City residents demonstrated so beautifully at the memorial. And as we celebrate Israel's independence this month, recalling Israel's often painful yet wondrous path to statehood, let's all celebrate the joys, triumphs and miracles of Jewish life - despite the evil attempts of those who wish to cause us harm. Am Yisrael Chai!

Conversations With The Cantor

Tues., 5/13 and 5/27 at 8:15 pm.
@Starbucks in Little Neck
(Mazur's Shopping Center)
Questions? cantor@lnjc.org or Tel: 732.762.8484

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Danielle Becker
2 Mitchell Drucker
2 Merrill Janover
2 Gail Laufer
4 Barbara Raber
4 Adam Schneider
5 Debbie Sosman
7 Daniel Grijnsztein
8 Charles Feldberg
8 Arielle Kahaner
8 Kenneth Kahaner
10 Pamela Charles
13 Jaclyn Schindler
13 Yekaterina Kanevsky
13 Laura Weinberg
14 Stephen Heitner
14 Israela Metzger
15 Jacob Goldstein
16 Mark Jason
17 Suzanne Cohen
17 Benjamin Kind
17 Phillip Lipsitz
17 Rhoda Shapiro
17 Mairov Shron
17 Cindy Tanenbaum
17 Ali Weinberg
18 David Alwadish
19 Jeffrey Feinsilver
20 Esther Forman
20 Ann Lesser
21 Justin Clair
21 Jessica Drucker
22 Rebecca Bressler
22 David Coons
23 Joseph Flamm
23 Victoria Gaberman
23 Janis Jason
24 Howard Friedner
25 Joan Ross
27 Daisy Denenberg
27 Susan Poll
28 Zev Vladimir
28 Benjamin Weisberg
29 Jonathan Grenard
29 Lauren Kahaner
30 Craig Weibman

HAPPY MAY ANNIVERSARIES

1 Nina and Irwin Wolf
4 Tracy and Mark Berlinsky
7 Elaine and Robert Weinstein
13 Tami and Bennett Weiner
15 Lisa and Steven Levy
16 Janis and Paul Jason
16 Carole and Gary Mirkin
18 Deanne and David Raffel
18 Mindy and Richard Rosenfeld
25 Helene and Donald Schoenholt
26 Judy and Peter Vladimir
28 Meryl and Steven Faber
30 Carolyn and Neil Berman
30 Ann and Mark Hoffer
30 Jill and Danny Surielow
31 Lisa and Scott Zelniker

At Erev Shabbat Services
On Friday, May 16th
At 8:00 p.m.

We will celebrate May Birthdays & Anniversaries!

May Shabbat Highlights

A Capella Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, May 2, 2014

At 6:30 p.m.

Welcome Shabbat with singing, dancing and lots of joy!!!

Tot Shabbat

Saturday, May 17

at 10:30 a.m.

A special Shabbat Morning for 3-6 year olds led by Rabbi Yaffe with prayers, songs, stories and a Shabbat snack.

At 11:15 a.m., Rabbi Yaffe and the tots will join the main service on the bimah for the conclusion of the service.

Our Monthly Shabbat Morning Experience!

The schedule for Saturday, May 31

9:00 a.m.	Breakfast & Learning
10:00 a.m.	Shacharit w/Heicha Kedushah
10:30 a.m.	Torah Service/Musaph
12:00 p.m.	Kiddush & Lunch

The Conclusion of Shabbat

(See page 2 for the time each week)

Sanctify this special time on Shabbat with prayer, a light meal, schmoozing and Havdalah.

Meet Our B'nai Mitzvah
May 3, 2014

Danielle Blatt

Hi! My name is Danielle Blatt and I am a 7th grader at South Middle School in Great Neck. I like to play sports like basketball and softball. In my spare time, I also like to go shopping at the mall with my friends. I enjoy spending time on my mitzvah project at Masbia, a Jewish food pantry and soup kitchen. I look forward to celebrating my becoming a Bat Mitzvah together with my twin brother, Ethan, my family, friends, and the members of our congregation.

Ethan Blatt

Hello! My name is Ethan Blatt and I am in the 7th grade at South Middle School in Great Neck. Some things I like to do are play soccer and baseball. I also like to play video games on the Xbox with my friends. Every week I go to the Samuel Field Y to be a coach in the program Soccer Stars, which is my mitzvah project. It teaches children with special needs how to play soccer. I am thankful to be able to celebrate my becoming a Bar Mitzvah together with my twin sister, Danielle, my family, friends, and members of the congregation.

Religious School News

by Mindy Kremer

The Religious School had a wonderful pre-Pesach celebration-a Model Seder that, in keeping with this year's dynamic new curriculum, was NOT your mother's Model Seder! I assigned each student one of the steps of the Seder (kadesh, urchatz, etc.), and prepared and distributed materials containing information regarding the topic to each student. Each student, at home, prepared a brief explanation of his/her topic and presented it at the Seder, in yet another example of the experiential and constructivist learning taking place this year. We learned together, sang and of course, ate! We also hid multiple afikomen and let's just say that the search for them was…spirited! It was a great way to spend the last day before Pesach vacation. Thanks to Rabbi Yaffe and Cantor Shron for helping to lead the Seder, as well as to Morah Charlotte Schneider, Juan Carlos and Fernando for all of their help in and out of the kitchen.

On Sunday, April 6, our families were treated to a special trip to the Jewish Children's Museum in Brooklyn. Students competed against each other in a game show, families participated in a Matzah Factory Workshop, grinding, baking and eating their own Matzah, and all toured the museum's many fun and educational exhibits.

I can't believe that next month, I'll be reporting on the end of another school year!

L'shalom,

Mindy Kremer

The Members of
Congregation L'Dor V'Dor and the
Lake Success Jewish Center are invited to

The USY Final Banquet
Sunday, June 1
at 6:00 p.m. at LSJC

We will be honoring our USY Advisor,

Dan Graber

for all that he has done to engage our teens in a dynamic USY experience for the past 3 years. We are sad that Dan will not be returning to his position in the fall and wish him well as he begins Rabbinical School at JTS.

RSVP by May 22
718-224-0404

A Note From Dan Graber, USY Advisor

Our teenagers had a month filled with fun, festivities, and fulfillment in April. USY played **Lazer Tag**, celebrated **Passover** and prepared for the **Yom Hashoah** service. In order to contribute to our community and honor those who were lost in the Holocaust, our USY chapter packed over 100 paper bags with memorial Yahrzeit candles. On each bag was the name and a picture of a victim of the Shoah, and inside was a short biography of the person who was remembered on the bag. It was a very moving experience for all who were involved.

April was also the **METNY Regional Convention** at which the new regional board was elected and installed.

This coming month of May will also host many excellent programs as we not only wind down for the year, but also start to consider what will be next year. With AP exams and Regents exams around the corner, why not get ready with **Study with a Buddy**? Come spend an hour and a half with some snacks and a dedicated study area.

The following week your Jewish teen can avoid burn out with a cool **ice cream sundae**! We will round out our year with an intense program about the peace process in the middle-east called **Tag-it-up: Israel Graffiti**.

Finally, May 25th will be our elections for USY chapter board. If you know someone who is interested in running and taking on a position of leadership, letters of intent are due by May 22nd at midnight.

Also, please remember to *SAVE THE DATE: **USY FINAL BANQUET*** June 1st from 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Families of USYers are invited to attend. Non-USYers must RSVP by May 22nd.

Contact out USY Advisor at Dan.A.Graber@gmail.com for more information.

May 2014 Schedule

Sunday, May 4	**Study w/a Buddy**
Sunday, May 11	**Sundaes on Sunday**
Sunday, May 18	**Tag-it-up**
Sunday, May 25	**Elections**

Adult Education

Sisterhood Book Club

Thursday, May 15 , 2014
at 7:30 p.m.
at Elane Berk's Home

The next book club meeting will be held on Thursday evening, May 15th at the home of our esteemed hostess Elane Berk. We will be discussing *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd.

The book is about Sarah Grimke, who comes from a wealthy white family and struggles with the justifications of slavery from the young age of 11. She befriends a slave named Handful who was presented to her as a gift, and together they form convictions and strive for freedom. By reading this historical fiction, you will gain an insider's view of slavery, the abolitionist movement, and women's rights.

This is a remarkable novel with a powerful story....a searing story of two women bound together as mistress and slave.

Please join us for an enlightening discussion. Any questions, please contact Harriet Spilkevitz at hspilk818@aol.com or 516-708-9404.

"The Observant Life"

"The Wisdom of Conservative Judaism for Contemporary Jews"

Wednesdays
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

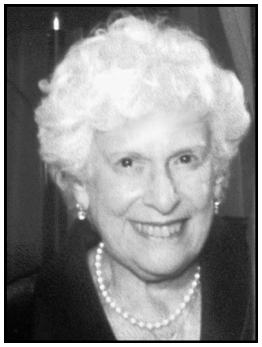
In this class, taught by Rabbi Yaffe, we are exploring one by one, the chapters in the latest volume published by the Rabbinical Assembly on living a Jewish Life. We engage in lively and in-depth conversations on what it means to live a purposeful Jewish Life on a daily basis.

New students are always welcome!
Questions — 718.224.0404

BQLI Region Woman of Achievement Dinner Gala

Brooklyn Queens Long Island Region
WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

Wednesday, May 28 , 2014
Beginning at 5:15 P.M.
Shelter Rock Jewish Center
272 Shelter Rock Rd. Roslyn, NY



Our Sisterhood has chosen

Elane Berk

as our honoree for her hard work, and dedication on behalf of our congregation.

WE LOVE A PARADE...FOR 50 YEARS!

Karen Popowsky

That's right. The Celebrate Israel Parade (formerly known as the Salute to Israel Parade) has been making its way along 5th Ave. for almost 50 years! What began in 1964 as an impromptu walk along Riverside Drive in support of Israel, has evolved into a major event in NYC. This year the parade will be held on Sunday June 1 (time TBA). Little Neck Jewish Center and Oakland Jewish Center have each participated in the parade for most of the 10 years that the Northeast Queens Jewish Community Council has sponsored a cluster group. This will be the FIRST year that our merged congregations make our appearance as Congregation L'Dor V'Dor!

There are (At Least) 50 Reasons to Celebrate Israel is the theme of the parade; *A Decade of Proudly Marching In Support of Israel* is NEQJCC's sub theme. We know that Israel is known for its cutting edge in the fields of technology, agriculture, medicine and archaeology. We know that Israel is a first responder when natural disasters occur around the world. Let's celebrate Israel by having more than 50 people proudly showing our support for our amazing homeland!

SAVE THE DATE, Sunday June 1, 2014 to show your support for Israel and YOUR synagogue by marching in the *Celebrate Israel Parade*.

Israel On Our Minds

Ha-Atzma-ut & Yom Yerushalayim

Two important Contemporary Holidays on the Jewish Calendar

(The articles below have been excerpted from MyJewishLearning.com)

Yom Ha'atzma-ut May 6

Israel's Independence Day is celebrated on the fifth day of the month of Iyar, which is the Hebrew date of the formal establishment of the State of Israel, when members of the "provisional government" read and signed a Declaration of Independence in Tel Aviv. The original date corresponded to May 14, 1948.

Yom Ha'atzmaut in Israel is always preceded by Yom Hazikaron, Israel's Memorial Day for the fallen soldiers. The message of linking these two days is clear: Israelis owe their independence--the very existence of the state--to the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for it.

The official "switch" from Yom Hazikaron to Yom Ha'atzmaut takes place a few minutes after sundown, with a ceremony on Mount Herzl in Jerusalem in which the flag is raised from half staff (due to Memorial Day) to the top of the pole. The president of Israel delivers a speech of congratulations, and soldiers representing the army, navy, and air force parade with their flags. In recent decades this small-scale parade has replaced the large-scale daytime parade, which was the main event during the 1950s and '60s. The evening parade is followed by a torch lighting (*hadlakat masuot*) ceremony, which marks the country's achievements in all spheres of life.

Other than the official ceremonies, Israelis celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut in a variety of ways. In the cities, the nighttime festivities may be found on the main streets. Crowds will gather to watch public shows offered for free by the municipalities and the government. Many spend the night dancing Israeli folk dances or singing Israeli songs. During the daytime thousands of Israeli families go out on hikes and picnics. Army camps are open for civilians to visit and to display the recent technological achievements of the Israeli Defense Forces. Yom Ha'atzmaut is concluded with the ceremony of granting the "Israel Prize" recognizing individual Israelis for their unique contribution to the country's culture, science, arts, and the humanities.

For American Jews, celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut has been a way to express solidarity with the state of Israel and to strengthen their alliance with it. In many communities, it is one of few occasions in which Jewish organizations and synagogues of different ideologies and denominations cooperate in forming a common celebration. In many North American congregations, the joint public celebration often is augmented by a religious service. In some cases, this would occur on the Shabbat closest to Yom Ha'atzmaut and would consist of additional readings added to the service and, usually, the singing of *Hatikvah* (the Israeli national anthem).

The standard Reform prayerbook, Gates of Prayer (*Shaarei Tefillah*), includes a service for Yom Ha'atzmaut, while the Conservative prayerbook, *Sim Shalom* includes Hallel and Al Hanissim to be recited on this occasion.

There is not yet an accepted "tradition" of how to celebrate this holiday, and only time will tell whether certain customs, foods, prayers, and melodies will be linked in the Jewish mind with this holiday, as with holidays that emerged many centuries before Yom Ha'atzmaut. For Jews around the world, joining with Israelis celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut has become a concrete link in the Jewish connection to the land of Israel.

Yom Yerushalayim May 28

The newest holiday on the Jewish calendar celebrates the reunification of Israel's capital.

Yom Yerushalayim is celebrated on the 28th day of Iyar (six weeks after the Passover seder, one week before the eve of Shavuot). Although Jerusalem has been considered the capital city of the Jewish people since the time of King David--who conquered it and built it as the seat of his monarchy in approximately 1000 B.C.E.--there has never been a special day in honor of the city until the Israeli army took over the ancient, eastern part of the city on the third day of the Six-Day War in June 1967.

Shortly after the Six-Day War, "a municipal unification" of the two sections of the city took place, ending 19 years of separation between predominantly Arab and Jewish suburbs of Jerusalem, following the War of Independence in 1948.

Due to the young age of this holiday, there is still not much which makes it unique in terms of customs and traditions. It is gradually becoming a "pilgrimage" day, when thousands of Israelis travel (some hike!) to Jerusalem to demonstrate solidarity with the city. This show of solidarity is of special importance to the state of Israel, since the international community has never approved the "reunification" of the city under Israeli sovereignty, and many countries have not recognized Jerusalem as the capital of the Jewish State (The United Nations "partition plan" of November 1947 assigned a status of "International City" to Jerusalem).

The Israeli education system devotes the week preceding this day to enhancing the knowledge of the history and geography of the city, with a special emphasis on the unique role that it played in Jewish messianic aspirations since Biblical times.

MAY 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Intermediate Hebrew 10 am	2 A Capella Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Candle Lighting 7:33 pm	3 Shacharit 9:00 am B'nai Mitzvah: Danielle & Ethan Blatt Mincha/Maariv/Havdalah 7:15 PM
4 Morning Minyan 8:45 am Israel Bond Breakfast 10:00 am Honoring Marjorie & Lenny Goldstein	5 Religious School 4:15-6:15 pm Yom HaZikaron Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration 7 pm Hey Class 7:00 to 8:30 pm	6 Morning Minyan 6:30am	7 The Observant Life 11:00 am Religious School 4:15-6:15 pm	8 Intermediate Hebrew 10 am	9 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Candle Lighting 7:40 pm	10 Shacharit 9:00 am Mincha/Maariv/Havdalah 7:30 PM
11 Mothers' Day Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45am	12 Religious School 4:15-6:15 pm Hey Class 7:00 to 8:30 pm	13 Morning Minyan 6:30am Teen Conversations with the Cantor at Starbucks 8:15 pm	14 Religious School 4:15-6:15 pm Religious School Board Mtg. 7:30 pm	15 Book Club at Elane Berk's home 7:30 pm	16 Shabbat Evening Service 8:00 pm Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries Candle Lighting 7:47pm	17 Shacharit 9:00am Tot Shabbat 10:30 am Mincha/Maariv/Havdalah 7:30 PM
18 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45am Mitzvah Morning 10—12 noon Lag B'Omer Picnic Alley Pond Park 12-2 pm.	19 Religious School 4:15-6:15 pm Hey Class 7:00 to 8:30 pm	20 Morning Minyan 6:30am	21 The Observant Life 11:00 am Religious School 4:15-6:15 pm	22 Intermediate Hebrew 10 am	23 \ Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Candle Lighting 7:53 pm	24 Shacharit 9:00am Kiddush sponsored by Debbie Schneider Mincha/Maariv/Havdalah 7:45 PM
25 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45am	26 Memorial Day Interfaith Memorial Day Service 10 am	27 Morning Minyan 6:30am Gen. Membership Meeting 8 pm Teen Conversations	28 The Observant Life 11:00 am Religious School 4:15-6:15 pm BQLI Region Woman of Achievemant 5:15 pm honoring Elane Berk	29 Intermediate Hebrew 10 am	30 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Candle Lighting 7:59 pm	31 Shabbat Morn. Exp. Israeli Breakfast 9:00 am Shacharit 10:00 am Torah Service/Musaph 10:30 am Kiddush/Lunch 12:00 pm Mincha/Maariv/Havdalah 7:45 pm

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