



## SEPHIRA

The period of Sephirat Ha Omer is a period of Jewish national mourning, for it was during this period that the students of Rabbi Akiva were decimated by a plague apparently during the tragic period of the rebellion of Bar Kochba against Rome. The rebellion of the Jews was put down with severity. Jerusalem was converted into a pagan city and the Jews were driven out of Judea.

On Lag B'Omer, the 33rd day of the counting of the Omer, the plague afflicting the students of Rabbi Akiva remitted and as a consequence this day became a day of joy.

During the Omer period we are forbidden to cut our hair and celebrate weddings. On Lag B'Omer all this becomes permissible. There are several alternate customs regarding mourning observances with conclusion of Pesach and Lag B'Omer. Another custom begins the mourning period with Rosh Chodesh Iyar and concludes it with the second day of Sivan.

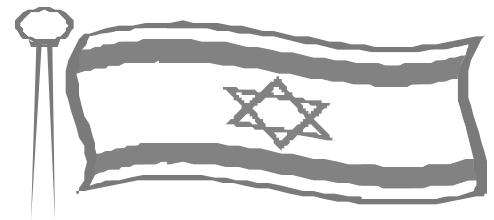
## ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

We live at a time when two of our mourning days of Sephirah have been turned into days of our joy; Yom Ha Atsmaut and Yom Yerushalayim. In accordance with P'sak of the Chief Rabbinate of Israel, we shall recite Hallel in the morning service. As a sign of joy and thankfulness that we have been zocheh to see the rebuilding of our homeland in our lifetime, we invite all our members to join us for the morning service to recite Hallel. May we see peace in our homeland. Yom Ha Atsmaut will occur on Wednesday, May 3rd.



## YOM YERUSHALAYIM: Day of the Liberation of Jerusalem

Jerusalem was liberated on Iyar 28 in 1967. This year Yom Yerushalayim will be celebrated on Friday, May 26.



## LAG B'OMER



Lag B'omer will occur Tuesday, May 16th. On this day we are permitted to celebrate weddings and other Semachot. Tachanun is not recited.



## Pesach Sheni

Pesach Sheni occurs on the 14th day of Iyar. When the Temple stood, those who were unable to offer the Korban Pesach on Erav Pesach either because they were ritually impure or outside of the environs of the Temple Mount area at the time, could offer Korban Pesach on Pesach Sheni. It is customary to serve Matzoh at the table on this day. We do not recite Tachanun. This year Pesach Sheni will be on Friday, May 2nd.



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Weekday Morning Services 6:40 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Services 8:00 a.m.

**\*Please Note: When davening Kabbalat Shabbat at 7:30 p.m., light candles at that time.**

Parshat Tazria - Metsora - Rosh Chodesh	
Friday, April 28	Candle Lighting 8:04
Kabbalat Shabbat	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 29	
Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Mincha	7:55 p.m.
Motsaei Shabbat	9:03 p.m.
Weekday Services	8:10 p.m.
Parshat Acharei Mot - Kedoshim	
Friday, May 5	Candle Lighting 8:10
Kabbalat Shabbat	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 6	
Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Mincha	8:00 p.m.
Motsaei Shabbat	9:09 p.m.
Weekday Services	8:15 p.m.
Parshat Emor	
Friday, May 12	Candle Lighting 8:17
Kabbalat Shabbat	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 13	
Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Mincha	8:05 p.m.
Motsaei Shabbat	9:16 p.m.
Weekday Services	8:25 p.m.
Parshat Behar - Bechukotai	
Friday, May 19	Candle Lighting 8:24
Kabbalat Shabbat	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 20	
Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Mincha	8:15 p.m.
Motsaei Shabbat	9:23 p.m.
Weekday Services	8:30 p.m.
Parshat Bemidbar - Mevarchim	
Friday, May 19	Candle Lighting 8:31
Kabbalat Shabbat	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 20	
Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Mincha	8:20 p.m.
Motsaei Shabbat	9:30 p.m.
Weekday Services	8:40 p.m.

# MAZEL TOV

To Barry & Lynne Shiller on the birth of a granddaughter, Avielle Ora to Benji & Atara Shiller of Riverdale, NY.

## GUEST SPEAKER TO VISIT GREEN ROAD SYNAGOGUE

On Shabbat, May 6th Jason Lieberman will speak at Shacharit. He is the director of government and community affairs for Yachad/The National Jewish Council for Disabilities. We will also be hosting an NCSY/Yachad Shabbaton.

## 3rd Annual Green Road Synagogue Graduation Kiddush

May 27th

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The congregation would like to extend its heartfelt sympathy to Mike Gecovich, Boris Gecovich, and their families on the passing of their brother Jack Gecovich who passed away on March 16th.

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**In Honor of:**

**Jessica Borison's Bat Mitzvah** Esther Offer  
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**Kiddush:**

**April 1st Miriam Silverstein, Ronnie & Marlen Fleeman, Harry Silverstein, and Andrew & Tracey Berger** on the occasion of Sidney Silverstein's Yahrzeit.

**April 8th Sally Mandel & Family** on the occasion of her son, Alec Brown's, Bar Mitzvah.

**April 15th (Pesach) Barry & Lynne Shiller & Family** to commemorate the Yahrzeit of their father, William Shiller and In Honor of the birth of two granddaughters; Meital Chai, born to Aaron & Didi Shiller of Baltimore; and Avielle Ora, born to Benji & Atara Shiller of Riverdale, NY.

**Seudah Shlishit:**

**April 22nd Cal & Judy Kirchick** on the occasion of his Father's Yahrzeit, Julian G. Kirchick.

## PRAYER BOOKS



19 Siddurim In memory of Their Parents; Igor & Tatyana Spira

9 Siddurim In memory of Their Brother, Mikhail Gelman; Igor & Tatyana Spira

2 Chumashim In Memory of Jack Gecovich; Joe & Marla Shafran

