

June 2024  
Bulletin



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You are Invited

Installation Weekend  
for  
Rabbi Micah Friedman



Friday, June 28 – Sunday, June 30, 2024

Schedule for a Weekend of Celebration and Community

Friday, June 28  
Friday Evening Services 7:30  
Festive Oneg following services

Saturday, June 29  
Shabbat Services 9:30am  
Special Kiddish following services with communal singing and  
learning with our guest, Rabbi Shoshana Rosenbaum, Faculty  
and co-director, Mascott Beit Midrash, Hebrew College

Sunday, June 30  
Installation Ceremony 12:00 Noon (\*RSVP)  
Celebratory Luncheon following Ceremony

\*RSVP - Reserve at Temple Israel office (607 723-7461) by June 18<sup>th</sup> for Sunday Installation &  
Luncheon - \$36 per person. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. All are welcome.

Temple Israel gratefully acknowledges a gift from The Community Foundation for South Central New  
York - The David and Virginia Eisenberg Fund which helped to underwrite this Installation program.

**We are grateful to our Bulletin sponsors:**

In honor of Sandra Paston's 90th birthday by *the Paston Family*

*Mrs. Shirley Bronsky, Shari Bronsky, and the Bronsky/Cafritz Family* would like to express our most heartfelt condolences to the Cafritz Family of Washington DC & New York, on the loss of their dear mother & grandmother Sandie W. Cafritz. May she rest in peace.

For the Yahrzeit of Anne Brown by *Howard & Bonnie Brown*

For the Yahrzeit of Steven Stein by *Francine Stein*



## Letter from the Rabbi:

Dear Temple Israel Community,

As we begin the month of June, we can look forward to special opportunities to gather together in celebration of our community and our steadfast efforts to enliven Jewish tradition here in greater Binghamton! This year, in June, we will celebrate the final of the 3 ancient pilgrimage festivals of our calendar: Shavuot. Shavuot is known as "Z'man Matan Torateinu" - the season of the giving of our Torah and is often commemorated through both reenacting our standing at Mt. Sinai and through engaging in our own active study of Torah. In essence, as we reach the final season of the Jewish year, we must make the Torah our own through our own effort to incorporate the wisdom and practices of Torah into our lives.

This year, we will celebrate each day of Shavuot with songful prayer and joyous communal gathering, though we will mark each day differently. On the first day of Shavuot, we will gather later than we typically do, at 10:30 AM to study together and then to sing the Psalms of Hallel. On the following day, we will gather for a full liturgy of Shavuot including both the dramatic reading of the 10 Commandments and a Yizkor service in which we honor the memories of our loved ones with whom we wish we were celebrating this holy day. I hope many of you will be able to join us on one or both of these days, in person or by Zoom.

As we approach the end of June, we will celebrate our ongoing relationship, that relationship between the synagogue-community of Temple Israel and myself as rabbi, with an official installation weekend. I am looking forward to welcoming family and a dear friend and teacher from Hebrew College to join in a weekend of festivity involving joyous Kabbalat Shabbat services on Friday, special study and song on Shabbat morning, and a ceremony in which we hope to involve many members of our community. I hope you all will be able to participate in this event which will celebrate both the long, remarkable history of the synagogue and this current stage of the community's ongoing life.

Between Shavuot and Installation, there is one more unique event on the calendar of our congregation: the Annual Congregational Meeting. This meeting is a powerful opportunity for everyone to both become more informed of the operations of the synagogue and to make your voice heard in our congregational life. In this year in which Americans vote to make our voices heard in local, state, and federal government, we can also celebrate the democratic structure of our local Jewish community in which we empower every member of our congregation to contribute to our collective decision making. Please, join us on Tuesday June 18th!

For now, A Gut Hodesh - A Good Month to All!

L'Shalom,  
R' Micah Friedman

## Letter from the President:



Dear Members and friends of Temple Israel,

This week we will mark seven months of captivity for the remaining live hostages kidnapped by Hamas last year, and for the ever-worsening humanitarian crisis precipitated by this terrorist act. We yearn for an end to the suffering for all, and are properly frustrated that the leaders of Israel, the Palestinians, and the rest of the world cannot seem to find consensus on even a short-term next step, to say nothing of a viable long-term solution. We are left to reckon with the implications of a continuing horror show on the daily news and flagging support for Israel in the world community. We pray for a peaceful resolution which will free the hostages, maintain security for Israel, and address the humanitarian disaster.

Against this backdrop, Israel and Jews everywhere must rely on each other, which means we must maintain strong institutions. Temple Israel is one such, and deserving of your support. Under Rabbi Friedman's leadership, we maintain a full program of services and classes for young and old, as well as his individual and group sessions to support those in need and to help us address the terrible problems we read about every day. We are privileged to benefit from his scholarship and empathy. Three upcoming events, each important to the future of our beloved Temple Israel, are deserving of your support:

- 1) Our Annual Meeting will be held on June 18th. Your participation in-person if possible, or on zoom, is critical to ensure that we have a quorum to elect Officers and Trustees. We have some continuing and some new candidates. We are very interested in leadership participation from those who have not served before, so if the nominating committee missed you, please join a committee and get involved in the future of YOUR synagogue.
- 2) We are delighted to invite YOU to participate in a program to honor Rabbi Micah Friedman as we approach the first anniversary of his tenure with us. A three-day Installation Weekend Celebration will be held June 28th-30th, featuring Friday Evening Services with refreshments, Shabbat Morning Services followed by Kiddush, a Shabbat Learning Session with our honored guest - Rabbi Shoshanah Rosenbaum - and on Sunday a Luncheon and Installation Ceremony. Please join us for a celebration of scholarship and dedication. Sunday Installation & Luncheon tickets are \$36 per person. (No charge for the Shabbat events, of course!)
- 3) In addition to the Installation Events, we are honoring Rabbi Friedman by replacing our 70's-vintage High Holiday prayer books with the newer Machzor Lev Shalem. Lev Shalem (which means "Full Heart") features updated translations, transliterations, and commentaries to enhance your High Holiday worship experience. We just kicked off the fundraiser for the acquisition of these Lev Shalem machzors. Any level of giving for this fundraiser is appreciated, and any donor of \$90 or more will be able to dedicate a bookplate in a machzor. Those who are able to contribute at higher levels are encouraged to do so. See the formal invitation or contact the synagogue office for details. Rabbi Friedman and our High Holiday Cantor Joel Nathanson are excited to be able to offer a meaningful High Holiday experience using Machzor Lev Shalem. Please donate to provide these prayer books for future generations.

We gratefully acknowledge a gift from the Community Foundation for South Central New York - David and Virginia Eisenberg Fund, which helped underwrite the Installation Program.

I look forward to your participation in the aforementioned, and thank each of you for keeping up with your Dues commitments, and for your many other contributions to Temple Israel. Critical to our mission is your participation in our services, classes, and programs.

b'shalom,  
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**Congregational News**

**Condolences to:**

Lawrence Wiesner & Cherese Rosales and their Families on the passing of their father and grandfather Michael Wiesner

Friends & Family of Joseph Barham on his passing

Ilene Pinsker & Abbi Foreman on the passing of their mother and grandmother Ethel Pinsker

**Get Well Wishes to:**

Jeff Shapiro, Ann Spitz, Marcia Hofstein, Susan Gilinsky, Damian Osisek

**Mazel Tov to:**

Rabbi Geoffrey & Elissa Brown on the birth of their grandson Orhys Courtney Brown

**Congratulations of our May  
lottery fundraiser winner**

**Ann Cohen**

**The Caring Community**

**Please inform the Rabbi:**

If your health condition changes, you undergo a medical procedure, are hospitalized, you move to an assisted living facility or rehab, or if you are aware of anyone in our congregation who needs attention.

		June	2024			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						<i>Happy Birthday</i> Linda Robi <i>Happy Anniversary</i> Suzanne & Rob Austenfeld  <b>Shabbat services</b> 9:30am Havdalah 9:30pm
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<i>Happy Birthday</i> Marti Klionsky		<i>Happy Birthday</i> Hersh Rozen <i>Happy Anniversary</i> Harvey & Janet Levine  minyan 5:30pm Executive Board meeting 7pm	<i>Happy Birthday</i> Alan Piaker	<i>Happy Birthday</i> Ann Spitz	Services 5:30pm Light candle 8:20pm	Shabbat services 9:30am Havdalah 9:45pm
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	<i>Happy Anniversary</i> Ben & Susan Kasper Fred & Sandra Weitsman	<i>Happy Birthday</i> Ann Cohen <i>Happy Anniversary</i> Jonathan Weissberg & Sharon Sorkin  minyan 5:30pm	<b>Shavuot Day 1</b> <i>Office closed</i> <i>Happy Birthday</i> Micah Yarkoni	<b>Shavuot Day 2</b> <i>Office closed</i> <i>Happy Birthday</i> Laura Weinstein Adam Weitsman	<i>Happy Birthday</i> Sonia Horowitz  Services 5:30pm Light candle 8:24pm	Shabbat services 9:30am Havdalah 9:45pm
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<b>Father's Day</b>  <i>Happy Birthday</i> Cecily Leja	<i>Happy Birthday</i> Alexander Stuppel <i>Happy Anniversary</i> Adam & Kim Weitsman	<i>Happy Birthday</i> Sloane Weinstein  Board of Trustees meeting 7pm minyan 5:30pm	<i>Happy Birthday</i> Jason Weinstein Kim Weinstein <i>Happy Anniversary</i> Meg Leja & Alex Chase-Levenson  Ritual Committee mtg 10am	<b>Rabbi Friedman away</b> <i>Happy Anniversary</i> Jerry & Phyllis Heller	<b>Rabbi Friedman away</b>  Services 5:30pm Light candle 8:26pm	<b>Rabbi Friedman away</b> <i>Happy Anniversary</i> Len & Naoma Feld  Shabbat services 9:30am Havdalah 9:45pm
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<b>Rabbi Friedman away</b> <i>Happy Birthday</i> Amy Shapiro <i>Happy Anniversary</i> Alon & Joy Yarkoni	<b>Rabbi Friedman away</b> <b>Tammy off</b> <b>Office hours 2-4pm</b> <i>Happy Birthday</i> Michael Wolff <i>Happy Anniversary</i> Dan & Mimi Bartschi Charles & Susan Gilinsky	<b>Tammy off</b> <b>Office closed</b> <i>Happy Birthday</i> Tara Kaminsky Rhonda Levine Clover Weitsman  minyan 5:30pm	<b>Tammy off</b> <b>Office closed</b>		Rabbi Friedman Installation weekend  Services 5:30pm Light candle 8:26pm	Rabbi Friedman Installation weekend  Shabbat services 9:30am Havdalah 9:45pm
30 - Rabbi Friedman's Installation <i>Happy Birthday</i> Laurence Wyman						

## General Fund

### For the Yahrzeit of...

**Hyman Gilinsky** by Charles & Susan Gilinsky

**Barbara Gilbert** by Larry & Kathy Hurwitz, Jim Mason & Carol Engel Mason

**Jacob Weber** by Bill Weber

**Nathan Brown** by Marcia Brown

**Betty Brown** by Marcia Brown

**David Guter** by Marvin & Barbara Guter

### In memory of...

**Moira Shirvan** by Howard & Bonnie Brown, Ann Cohen, Luanne Yancey, Ann Spitz & Charlie Pladek, Rabbi Mark Raphael, Larry & Rita Bleier, Sue Krause & Celia Klin, Michael & Wendy Wolff,

Anonymous **Hirschel Kasper** by Ann Spitz & Charlie Pladek, Larry & Rita Bleier, Sue Krause & Celia Klin, Jim Mason & Carol Engel Mason

**Edward Gartell** by Stuart & Vicki Rouff

**Robert Basmann** by Ina Bellis

**Sandie Cafritz** by Marcy Cohen

**Ida O. Epstein** by Marvin Easton

**Sydney Epstein** by Marvin Easton

**Alan Weiner** by Robin, Jeff, Adam & Elana Greenblott

**Ruth Goldstein** by David & Cindy Goldstein

**Betty Gloria Lichter** by Joseph & Fran Newmark

**Barbara Schapiro** by Anne & Leon Greenberg, Michelle Barber

**Michael Wiesner** by Sue Krause & Celia Klin

**Ethel Pinsker** by Bonnie & Howard Brown, Sue Krause & Celia Klin, Mimi & Dan Bartschi, Lynne Green, Madeline Miller, Michael & Wendy Wolff, Alan & Julie Piaker, Dorie & Damian Osisek, Marilyn Bell, Larry & Kathy Hurwitz, Ben & Susan Kasper

### In honor of...

**Art Siegel's birthday** by Ann Spitz & Charlie Pladek

**The wedding of Tali Raphael to Ilana Rice** by Rabbi Mark Raphael

## Contributions

**The engagement of Lindsey Schapiro to Daniel** by Stuart & Vicki Rouff

**Don Zelter's special birthday** by Fred & Sandra Weitsman

**The marriage of Lee Shapiro to Emma Wallace** by Michael & Wendy Wolff

**Al Lavker & Darcy Paul** by Gavriel & Marcy Yonaty

**Sandra Paston's 90th birthday** by Lynne Green, Len & Naoma Feld

**Judy Simon's special birthday** by Beverly & Jim Novak

**Rabbi Micah Friedman being installed as Temple Israel's Rabbi** by Len & Naoma Feld, Jim Mason & Carol Engel Mason

### Wishing good health to...

**Dan Bartschi** by Robin & Jeff Greenblott

**Jeff Shapiro** by Robin & Jeff Greenblott, Jim Mason & Carol Engel Mason

**Damian Osisek** by Ina Bellis

**Marcia Hofstein** by Beverly & Jim Novak, Len & Naoma Feld, Jim Mason & Carol Engel Mason

**Susan Gilinsky** by Beverly & Jim Novak

**George Siegel** by Len & Naoma Feld

### Thank You to...

**Birdie Levine and Family** by Rabbi Moshe Shmaryahu

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

### In memory of...

**Moira Shirvan** by Irwin & Judy Simon

**Michael Wiesner** by Irwin & Judy Simon

**Ethel Pinsker** by Irwin & Judy Simon

### Wishing good health to...

**Marcia Hofstein** by Irwin & Judy Simon

**Susan Gilinsky** by Irwin & Judy Simon

### For the Yahrzeit of...

**Samuel Kasper** by Ben & Susan Kasper

**Ana Rubin** by Hyman Rubin

**Sophie Kessman** by Marilyn & Donald Livsky

**Gerald Paston** by Roy & Sandra Paston

**Sol Paston** by Roy & Sandra Paston

**Eli Berger** by Roy & Sandra Paston

**Jordon Gilinsky** by Esther Gilinsky & Family

## Kiddush Fund

### In memory of...

**Moira Shirvan** by Larry & Kathy Hurwitz, Jim Mason & Carol Engel Mason

### For the Yahrzeit of...

**Samuel Levine** by Suzanne Austenfeld

### In honor of...

**The marriage of Lee Shapiro to Emma Wallace** by Jim Mason & Carol Engel Mason

## Landscaping Fund

### In memory of...

**Moira Shirvan** by David & Teri Tanenhaus, Debra Martinez

**Michael Wiesner** by Al Lavker, Maxine & Louis Rosenberg

**Ethel Pinsker** by Al Lavker

### For the Yahrzeit of...

**Henrietta Kletsky** by Debra Martinez

**Jose Martinez** by Debra Martinez

### In honor of...

**Roy & Sandra Paston** by Debra Martinez

**Sandra Paston's 90th birthday** by Maxine & Louis Rosenberg

**Donald Zelter's 90th birthday** by Arlene Osber

### Children's Library

#### **In memory of...**

**Moira Shirvan** by Suzanne Austenfeld, Maxine & Louis Rosenberg

### Cemetery Fund

#### **For the Yahrzeit of...**

**Alice Richman** by Karen Maddalone

### Bernie Shifrin Music Fund

#### **For the Yahrzeit of...**

**Donald Roberts** by Barbara Roberts  
**Rona Loiederman** by Barbara Roberts

### Mitzvah Corps

#### **For the Yahrzeit of...**

**Sylvia Mirvis** by Robin, Jeff, Adam & Elana Greenblott

## Birthdays and Anniversaries in July & August

### Birthdays

July 3.....Janet Levine  
July 5.....Tony Preus  
July 7.....Cookie Greenblott, Monroe Weitsman,  
Ray Weitsman  
July 8.....Aaron Sambursky  
July 11....Louise Sheiman  
July 12....Jordon Sheiman  
July 15....Marlene Wolsh  
July 16....Ariela Kweller, Parker Schiffres  
July 17....Richard Schneierson, Fred Weitsman  
July 19....Tina Feinberg  
July 20....Sarah Crews  
July 21....James Mason  
July 23.....Sandra Paston  
July 24....Louis Rosenberg  
July 26....Eileen Miller, Alon Yarkoni  
July 28....Keith Cohen  
July 29....Madeline Miller  
August 2.....Isabella Feinberg, Mirabelle Mativetsky  
August 3.....Joel Thirer  
August 4.....Sophia Klin  
August 6.....Suzanne Austenfeld  
August 7.....Debra Martinez  
August 8.....Susan Kasper, Jacob Weinstein  
August 10....Shelley Drazen  
August 11....Damian Osisek  
August 12....Bob Schapiro  
August 13....Ilene Pinsker, Brenda Margolis

August 16....Lynne Green, Abbi Foreman  
August 18....Beverly Novak, Aviva Gindi  
August 21....Madeline Azersky, Phyllis Heller,  
Sharon Sorkin  
August 24....Harriet Horowitz  
August 27....Melissa Wolff  
August 28....Brenda Schlaen  
August 29....Marilyn Aigen, Lois Rappaport  
August 30....Cara Miller

### Anniversaries

July 3.....Randy Friedman & Brenda Schlaen,  
Alex & Tara Kaminsky  
July 4.....Richard Kostick & Andrea Tobias Kostick  
July 8.....Brett & Abbi Foreman  
July 10....Larry & Kathy Hurwitz  
July 16....Charlie Pladek & Ann Spitz  
August 4.....Walter & Joan Rozen Jacobson,  
Arieh Ullmann & Rhonda Levine  
August 6.....Robert & Cathy Friedman  
August 7.....Alan & Julie Piaker  
August 8.....Rabbi Geoffrey & Elissa Brown  
David & Rivka Channin  
August 18....Jim & Beverly Novak  
August 19....Jim Mason & Carol Engel Mason  
August 21....Richard & Janet Stram  
August 23....Daniel & Eileen Miller  
August 26....Don & Barbara Zelter  
August 31....Art & Suzanne Siegel

# JUNE 2024 YAHRZEITS

## June 1 - 7

**Sophie Greenhouse** observed by *Ann Cohen*  
**Rae Klott** observed by *Lynne Green*  
**Moe Aigen\*** observed by *Marilyn Aigen*  
**Elsie Menewitch** observed by *Edyce Wyman*  
**Dora Sambursky** observed by *Joyce Sambursky*  
**Emma Djivre** observed by *Diana Weiss*  
**Doris Engel\*** observed by *Carol Engel Mason*  
**Morton Kaganowich\*** observed by *Judy Agata, Gary Kaganowich*  
**Irving Kaplan** observed by *Phyllis Heller*  
**Ludwig Maas** observed by *Jane Maas*  
**Gerald Paston** observed by *Roy Paston*  
**Fanny Segal** observed by *Bernie Segal*

## June 8 - 13

**Arthur E. Kapel\*** observed by *Heidi Thirer*  
**Beatrice Rothe** observed by *Andrea Rothe*  
**Louis Edelman\*** observed by *Sandra Shapiro*  
**Howard Green** observed by *Brett, Jay, Lynne & Stuart Green*  
**Edward Davis** observed by *Larry Davis*  
**Herbert Herz\*** observed by *Carol Herz*  
**Samuel S. Siegel\*** observed by *Art Siegel, George Siegel*  
**Jacob Weber\*** observed by *Bill Weber*  
**Norman Feldman\*** observed by *Shelley Drazen*  
**Nathan Brown** observed by *Marcia Brown, Daniel Brown*  
**Nathan Melamed\*** observed by *Shelley Drazen*

## June 14 - 20

**Jordon Gilinsky** observed by *Esther Gilinsky*  
**Simon Riger\*** observed by *Janet Levine*  
**Kurt Schoemann** observed by *Jane Maas*  
**Sylvia Bleier** observed by *Larry Bleier*  
**Thelma Robi** observed by *Dennis Robi*  
**Martin Gilbert\*** observed by *Steve Gilbert*  
**Molly Feldman\*** observed by *Shelley Drazen*  
**Eva Horowitz\*** observed by *Harriet Horowitz*  
**Betty Brown** observed by *Marcia Brown*  
**David Hofstein** observed by *Marcia Hofstein*  
**Morris Lowy** observed by *Ann Spitz*  
**Zippora Lowy** observed by *Ann Spitz*  
**Byron Bowman** observed by *Lori Lewis*  
**Esta L. Shuman** observed by *Nancy Bittman*

## June 21-30

**David Martinez** observed by *Debra Martinez, Michael Martinez*  
**Diane Herz** observed by *Henry Herz*  
**Arthur Barkin** observed by *Kathy Seitel-West*  
**Hyman Gilinsky\*** observed by *Charles Gilinsky, Stanley Gilinsky*  
**Isadore Jaffe\*** observed by *William Jaffe*  
**Albert Bauman** observed by *Dave Tanenhaus*  
**Lenore Siegel\*** observed by *Art Siegel, George Siegel*  
**Allen Feld\*** observed by *Len Feld, Toby Feld*  
**Barbara Weisner** observed by *Elissa Brown*  
**Dr. Martin Weiss\*** observed by *Robert Weiss*  
**Barbara Gilbert** observed by *Steve Gilbert*  
**Harry Margolis** observed by *Brenda Margolis*

An asterisk(\*) indicates that the name has a memorial plaque in the Sanctuary.

If you wish to recite Mourner's Kaddish during a weekday service, other than Tuesday or Friday, please contact the Temple Israel office. A notice will be sent to the congregation to make up a Minyan. It would be helpful if you contact us two weeks prior to the date.