

# Iyar / Sivan 5785

# May 2025

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From the Cantor's Desk ...

We just completed the holiday of Passover – *zman cheiruteinu*—the time of our freedom and we are literally counting the days to Shavuot, our next major festival when we celebrate the gift of the Torah. The Torah admonishes us to remember that we were slaves in Egypt, that we were strangers in a strange land, and therefore we must welcome the stranger, take care of those less fortunate than ourselves and pursue justice. The extent to which any given community or society, Jewish or secular, fulfills these commandments may certainly be debated and there will be many examples that make us proud or make us shudder.

In my lifetime, regardless of who has been in office, I have felt fortunate to be an American and lucky that my grandparents were able to immigrate to this country in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. All four of my grandparents came from different parts of the “pale of settlement” in the Russian empire. They came here poor, to escape discrimination and violence in their shtetls, and built lives, had children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Other members of their family left for other parts of the world, including, as far as I know, South Africa, Brazil and Israel. Any of their siblings or family that did not leave, no longer exist, having been lost in the years between 1939 and 1945.

Despite anti-semitism, quotas, exclusionary practices and other trials, we Jews have flourished in America. The rights afforded to all persons under our Constitution to various freedoms, such as freedom of expression, no unwarranted search and seizure, due process, separation of church and state, have allowed us, as well as other ethnic and religious groups to make our way and contribute to the building of this nation. These freedoms are not always comfortable to defend when the speech or expression of someone else is offensive to us. Over time, the boundaries of such freedoms have been tested, fine-tuned and defined by courts and legislatures, but have remained. It is because of my pride and faith in our American system (flaws and all) that I am so dismayed by certain actions of the current administration that ride roughshod over freedom of expression – including the press, academics, conscious, public and private attorneys – and imposing punishments on these people and institutions, as well as immigrants, whether here legally or undocumented, without any due process at all.

I feel very strongly that this is not a “left” or “right” issue. Our government should absolutely prosecute institutions that failed to protect Jews, just as they should prosecute violations of anyone's civil rights and other law violations. However, our system of government leaves the interpretation of these laws to courts. Whether our families arrived in this country in the 17<sup>th</sup> century or the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we all benefit from the fact that there is no monarch or dictator here with whom we might fall out of favor. We should all be concerned with the actions of our government that have “disappeared” people, revoked “refugee,” “parolee,” “student” status for so many without warning and has barred attorneys from “access to federal buildings” (despite federal courts being federal buildings, and the freedom to lobby, or speak to our representatives is part of our freedom of expression).

Regardless of any other policy view – tariffs are good, tariffs are terrible; government is necessary and does good, government is just bloated with fraud and abuse”; “we need immigrant workers, immigrants are stealing our jobs and weighing us down” – as a minority in this country, I feel that we must stand for fairness of process, freedom of conscience and expression and support those that are fighting to maintain these freedoms so that we can continue to live here in pride and safety.

## OFFICE ERROR

**PERSONAL:** Samuel Fleisher, husband of Francine Fleisher

## PERSONAL

*May you find comfort among the mourners of Zion & Jerusalem.  
May their memory be a blessing.*

- Henry Wells— March 15th

## SHAVUOT SERVICE SCHEDULE

- Sunday, June 1st — Leil Tikkun Shavuot at 7:30PM in Sisterhood Hall
- Monday, June 2nd— Day 1 Festival services w/ Yizkor— 9AM

## ANNUAL CBI MEETING

**Monday, June 23rd at 7PM**



*All CBI  
members are  
asked to be  
In- person or  
on Zoom*

**Cantor will be away at a  
Convention May 18-22**

**RABBI MARSHAL KLAVERN  
WILL FILL IN FOR PASTORAL  
SERVICES**

717-850-3335 OR  
[RABBI@KEIRUV.ORG](mailto:RABBI@KEIRUV.ORG)

## CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

*Coffee  
with the  
Cantor*

Every Thursday  
1, 8, 15, & 29  
(NOT 22)

Ancestor Coffee-  
house & Creperie  
36 E. Main St  
Annville, PA



**INTRO TO JUDAISM**

Every Thursday  
In May

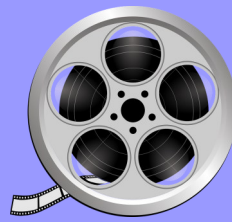
**INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT JUDAISM?**

## **MONTHLY BOOK CLUB**

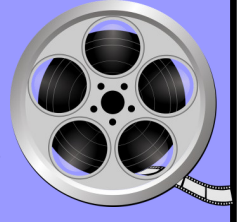
**Wednesday, May 14th  
at 7:30PM via zoom.  
*Judith Clark will review***

*"Just a Hat"*

By S. Khubair



The JOSEPH &  
GERTRUDE JEWISH  
FILM STUDIES thanks  
you for your interest  
and attendance to our films!



**Films will resume in the fall!**



# **STOP THE BLEED®**

**PARTICIPATE IN THIS TRAINING ON Monday, June 16th at 7PM  
Sign up will be available online (limited to 30 people)**

*Join us at the home of Dr. & Mrs Joseph Clark!*

## **HAVDALAH**

Saturday, May 17th at 7PM

16 E High Street  
Lebanon, PA 17042

*Sign up available on our website  
DAIRY/PAREVE ONLY*

**LUAH'S will be available to  
order next month!**

**If you are interested in a copy of  
Luah Hashanah, contact the office  
before June 30th! approx. \$30**

## **Moment Magazine Discussion**

with Fred Horowitz

Sunday, May 4th following services



*Thank you to everyone that attended  
on Sunday, May 4th for our Moment  
Magazine discussion!*

*Copies of Moment are available in  
the office!*

**Want to receive all our bulletins digitally?**

**Text "ONLINE" to 717-200-4170 to be added to digital versions of our bulletin!**

**Bulletins are available on our website, as well as on our weekly announcement e-mails**



# President of the Month: Bernie Buzgon

## Next Month: Stuart Perlmutter

### May 2025

All services are HYBRID: Thurs. 7:30 AM Minyan, Fri. 7:30 PM, Sat. 9:30AM & Sun. 9AM Minyan  
1st Saturdays are 60 min Shabbat

| Sunday                                                         | Monday                                                 | Tuesday           | Wednesday                                                       | Thursday                                                                | Friday                              | Saturday                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
|                                                                |                                                        |                   |                                                                 | 1                                                                       | 2<br>7:30PM Service<br>CL: 7:57 PM  | 3<br><b>Shabbat in 60</b><br>9:30AM Service |
| 4<br>9AM Minyan<br><b>Moment Discussion following services</b> | 5                                                      | 6                 | 7                                                               | 8<br>7:30AM Minyan<br>11AM–Coffee w/<br>Cantor<br>6PM–Intro to Judaism  | 9<br>7:30PM Service<br>CL: 8:04 PM  | 10<br>9:30AM Service                        |
| 11<br>9AM Minyan                                               | 12<br><b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b>                         | 13                | 14<br><i><b>Book Club</b></i><br><i><b>7:30PM zoom only</b></i> | 15<br>7:30AM Minyan<br>11AM–Coffee w/<br>Cantor<br>6PM–Intro to Judaism | 16<br>7:30PM Service<br>CL: 8:11 PM | 17<br>9:30AM Service                        |
| 18<br>9AM Minyan                                               | 19<br><b>BOARD MEETING 7PM</b><br><b>Cantor Okoshi</b> | 20<br><b>AWAY</b> | 21<br><b>05/18-5/22</b>                                         | 22<br>7:30AM Minyan<br>NO COFFEE<br>6PM–Intro to Judaism                | 23<br>7:30PM Service<br>CL: 8:17 PM | 24<br>9:30AM Service                        |
| 25<br>9AM Minyan                                               | 26<br><b>CLOSED for Memorial Day</b>                   | 27                | 28                                                              | 29<br>7:30AM Minyan<br>11AM–Coffee w/<br>Cantor<br>6PM–Intro to Judaism | 30<br>7:30PM Service<br>CL: 8:23 PM | 31                                          |

**Brian Robinson has been our CBI Pianist since May 5, 2020! Thank you for your loyalty!**

## **Let's Celebrate our Members with MAY Birthdays & Anniversaries!**

|                                         |                 |                |                     |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Joy Cowan                               | Josh Millman    | Tom Schaffer   | David Siegel        |
| Philip & Winnie Levinson                | Sussy Schneider | Debbie Kessler | Tracy Pleet Troain  |
| Jere & Viki Zarkin                      | Nelson Bennetch | Bruce Yeamans  | Carolyn Frankhauser |
| Brian & Megan McGowan Tom & Joni Kantor |                 |                |                     |

# YAHREZEITS



## Iyar May

|    |    |                          |                                                                                         |
|----|----|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4  | 2  | Samuel Berman            | - Grandfather of Carolyn Frankhauser                                                    |
| 4  | 2  | Alan T. Etter            | - Brother of Steven Etter                                                               |
| 4  | 2  | Shirley Kessler          | - Mother of Dr. Chet Kessler                                                            |
| 5  | 2  | Norman Lazin             | - Father of Malcolm Lazin & Lynn Lazin Thompson                                         |
| 6  | 2  | Robert Finkelstein       | - Father of Stuart Finkelstein & Stanton Finkelstein                                    |
| 10 | 2  | Isadore Wolfson          | - Father of Fred Wolfson & Ray Wolfson                                                  |
| 10 | 2  | Paul Tugender            | - Father of Lisa Spencer                                                                |
| 11 | 9  | Elaine Breitstein-Estrin | - Mother of Norma Segal                                                                 |
| 12 | 9  | Pearl Siegel             | - Mother of Thomas Siegel & Richard Siegel                                              |
| 15 | 9  | Albert Rosner            | - Father of Dr. Michael Rosner                                                          |
| 17 | 9  | Anita Winer              | - Wife of Dr. Stephen Winer                                                             |
| 18 | 16 | William & Kathleen Davis | - Parents & In-Laws of Mr & Mrs Aryn Wadadli                                            |
| 18 | 16 | Diane Breit              | - Mother of Steven Breit                                                                |
| 20 | 16 | Rhoda Kaplan             | - Grandmother of Pamela Kaplan & Stephen Kaplan                                         |
| 20 | 16 | Lena Levitz              | - Mother of Sara Schneider                                                              |
| 20 | 16 | Dr. Martin Schneider     | - Husband of Sara Schneider & Father of Terry Schneider<br>and Wendy Levinson-Schneider |
| 22 | 16 | Minnie Berliner          | - Mother of Iris Alster & Grandmother of Wynne Kantor<br>and Dr. Thomas Kantor          |
| 22 | 16 | David Alster             | - Husband of Iris Alster                                                                |
| 27 | 23 | Jean Leibowitz           | - Mother of Edward Leibowitz                                                            |

## Sivan May

|   |    |                 |                                             |
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| 2 | 23 | Gertrude Bowman | - Mother of Thomas Bowman & Diane Griffiths |
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Our thanks for Remembering  
Beth Israel in April

### YAHREZEITS:

Janet Klompus Sligh

Fred Shattls

Tom Schaffer

### HOLOCAUST FUND

Diane Griffiths



### **SENIOR SHARED RIDE PROGRAM**

- Reserve trips up to 2 weeks in advance
- Curb-to-curb service
- Anywhere in Lebanon County
- Free to sign-up!

**Sign-up Today: 717.274.3664**

### **LEBANON TRANSIT SENIOR SHARED RIDE PROGRAM**

Lebanon Transit offers a Shared Ride service. In most cases you will ride with others, and other passengers may be picked up and dropped off before you reach your destination. The trip may take longer than if you were going by yourself and you should plan accordingly.

The service provided is “curb-to-curb,” and all Shared Ride vehicles are equipped with wheelchair lifts. Drivers will assist passengers on and off vehicles, as needed. Travel for any purpose inside Lebanon County or to medical appointments at Hershey Medical Center campus.

**You must be registered with the Shared Ride Program before using our services, and advanced reservations are required.**

**Persons aged 65+ can sign-up for a free Senior Citizen Lottery Funded ID Card to receive a reduced fare for Shared Ride services.**

### **LANCASTER KOSHER CATERING**

717-723-8316 (text OR call)

Mordecai has helped CBI with lots of our recent catering needs, contact them today if you'd like catering services!



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