



# Temple Times



May 2008

Congregation Shaareth Israel

Lubbock, TX

"Congregation Shaareth Israel is a vibrant center of Jewish life, which recognizes our rich heritage as a Jewish Community, and strives to maintain and enrich Jewish life on the South Plains through meaningful educational, spiritual, social, cultural and worship experiences."

## REFLECTIONS FROM YOUR RABBI:

Dear Friends,

Jewish history holds stunning stories, with twists and turns, heartbreak and achievements, horror and bravery, and ingenuity and creativity.

Jewish history weaves through Judah and Israel, Babylon, Africa, Asia, Europe, South America, North America, and Oceania.

Since 586 BCE, we've traveled from country to country.

For 2,535 years we retained our traditions, our culture, our language, our names, our teachings, always remembering our home.

- Our synagogues and cemeteries wherever we lived faced Jerusalem
- Our prayers were in Hebrew in whatever culture in which we lived, and included prayers for the peace of Jerusalem, remembering her, longing for her.
- Our holy days were in sync with the Land, Pesach seders ending with "Next year in Jerusalem", Shavuot imaging Sinai, Succot, imagining being in the fields of Israel, Yom Kippur visualizing the high priest entering the Holy of Holies, Chanukah, reclaiming of the Temple, Tu B'shvat, the stirring of the life force of the trees in Israel, and more.
- Our weddings at their end remembered the destruction of the Temple
- Our homes had 'Mizrachs'(artwork incorporating the word "east") hung on the Eastern wall facing Jerusalem.
- With each meal when singing the birchat hamazon, we remembered the Land.

And we traveled....and we survived the waves of violence...

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## A Word From Sisterhood



"What's New,

What's Hot in Hadassah!"

All women are invited to this exciting program!

Wednesday May 14, 2008

7:30 p.m.

At the home of

Helen Mann

(Lakeridge Subdivision)

r.s.v.p. to Helen

[helenmann@suddenlink.net](mailto:helenmann@suddenlink.net)

## Jewish Military Heroes:

For his son, Norm Shulman created a pyramid of Jewish military heroes, compiled from various Internet sources. The pyramid and accompanying article which were just published in the **Jewish War Veterans Magazine** tells the story of how the past generations of Jewish military heroes inspired a new generation. [http://www.jwv.org/images/uploads/magazine\\_feb\\_2008.pdf](http://www.jwv.org/images/uploads/magazine_feb_2008.pdf) The Levenson-Shulman family had a history lesson each week as they learned about the Jewish military heroes and the type of contribution each made to their country.

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# Community

## May Yahrtzeits Zichronim Livracha

*May their Memories  
be for blessings*

- 1 26 Nisan Sidney Tarshish
- 2 Morris Jacob Sax
- 3 Zelda Perlman  
Samuel Weisberg  
Sid D. Freid
- 4 Sara Lee Kulick  
Allan Barasch
- 10 Mollie Indin
- 12 Sammie Sax Sr.
- 15 David Friedman  
Victor Meyer
- 16 Annie Lehman
- 17 12 Iyar Nathan Houstman
- 18 13 Iyar Alfred Salfield
- 20 Helene Shiver
- 21 Jeanne Skibell
- 27 Sylvia Stettner  
Sylvia Hirsch
- 29 Jules Fenson  
Mary Abraham
- 31 Anna Quicksilver Cohn

## Donations

*Thank you to all our donors for  
your continued support.*

### General Fund

- Freddie Hogan  
~ In loving memory of Olan Hogan
- Jane Winer & Monty Strauss  
~ in memory of Ann Strauss  
Salfield and Alfred Salfield

### Rabbinic Discretionary Fund

- Lorraine Luskey and Helen Shapiro  
~ Wishing a speedy recovery to  
Allan Rosen and Bob Skibell
- Arnold and Judy Loewy

### Religious School

- Sellie and Henry Shine  
~ in memory of Abraham  
Schneider

## Announcements!

Formal Welcoming of Miriam  
Youngblood into the Jewish  
Community: May 2nd  
After we read Torah, we'll have the  
joy of rejoicing with Ed & Susan in  
the gift of their sweet daughter  
Miriam to our world and Jewish  
community! A time to honor and to  
celebrate!

June 6th: Bat Mitzvah Ceremony  
of Leah Tehrani Shine  
Services at 7:00pm

As those of my family before me, I  
will be called to the Torah as a Bat  
Mitzvah. Please join me and my  
family in ceremony and celebration.  
This Shabbat we'll also honor the  
upcoming holiday of Shavuot

## Shabbat Services, Leaders, & Oneg Hosts

Our members are invited to  
**reserve a date to  
Host an Oneg Shabbat!**

*Please contact Donna Owen to  
reserve your Oneg.*

**2nd Parsha:** Kedoshim 8:00pm  
(Lev. 19:1-Lev. 20:27)  
**Oneg Host:** Oneg Fund

**9th Shabbat Dinner**  
**Parsha:** Emor 5:30 pm  
(Lev. 21:1-Lev. 24:23)  
**Oneg Host:** No Oneg

**16th Parsha:** Behar 8:00 pm  
(Lev. 25:1-Lev. 26:2)  
**Oneg Host:** Oneg Fund

**23th Parsha:** Bechukotai 6:30 pm  
(Lev. 26:3-Lev. 27:34)  
**Oneg Host:** Oneg Fund

**30th Parsha:** Bamidbar 8:00 pm  
(Num. 1:1-Num. 4:20)  
**Oneg Host:** Oneg Fund

**June:**

**6th Parsha:** Naso 7:00 pm  
(Num. 4:21-Num. 7:89)  
**Oneg Host:** Oneg Fund

## Contact Info for Members:

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**Rabbi Hollander:**

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the synagogue or email her at  
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**Urgent Matters:**

please contact Monty Strauss  
at the Synagogue.

## Bulletin Submissions

News, reports, information, etc.  
can be submitted to the bulletin  
editor.

**Deadline:** the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month

**Email:** csi\_bulletin@hotmail.com

**Phone (Jonathan):** 806-252-5843

## Save the Date

- Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> : Bat Mitzvah of  
Leah Shine and Shabbat Service  
7:00 pm
- Friday June 13<sup>th</sup> Shabbat Dinner  
6:30 pm

## Refuah Shleima: Speedy Healing

- Allan Rosen
- Lisa Beason
- Annette Joachim

# Corner

## Special Shabbatot: Details

### May 2: Shabbat Mevarchim— IYAR FRIDAY EVE 8:00

- Readyng for the new month of Iyar...spiritual tasks & motifs
- Liturgical poem for Iyar
- Naming and Welcoming of Miriam Youngblood!

### MAY 3: YOM HASHOAH

*(see article on p. 7)*

Saturday, 6:45pm

### MAY 9: YOM HA-ATZMAOUT

*(see article on p. 5)*

Friday, 5:30pm

### MAY 16: A SHABBAT STORY:

Friday, 8:00pm

(Rabbi Hollander's daughter visiting)

A special blessing for Freddie Hogan and Bob Gililand on their forthcoming wedding!

### MAY 23:

Short Service Friday, 6:30pm

### MAY 30: BIRCHAT HACHODESH— SIVAN FRIDAY EVE 8:00

Readyng for the new month of Sivan, Shavuot, time of the giving of Torah, spiritual tasks of this month.

## Condolences

- To Trudy and Tom Trombley whose cousin Major Stuart Wolfer was tragically killed while serving in Iraq.

## Mazel Tov!

- **Freddie Hogan and Bob Gililand** on their upcoming wedding on May 22nd in Las Vegas!  
We wish them delight and sweetness!
- **Ben Hirsch** will be co-valedictorian at Texas Tech Medical graduation school on May 17<sup>th</sup> and joyfully for us, will be staying in Lubbock, and beginning his surgery residence!
- **Rachael and Jay Bradley**, daughter and son-in-law of Reta and Guy Hirsch, will be moving back to Lubbock this summer! They are expecting a baby girl this July, and Jay will be joining the faculty at Texas Tech Medical school in Ophthalmology!
- **Rob Weiner** on his new position on the faculty of TTU, as a Humanities Librarian, with special links to the College of Visual and Performing Arts.

### TO OUR SENIORS GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND THEIR FAMILIES:

- **Halil Fried**  
~ Halil is planning to attend the University of Arizona, Tucson, where she will major in history.
- **Tausha Rosen**  
~ Tausha will be entering South Plains College then transferring to Texas Tech or University of Texas!
- **Tanner Weil**  
~ Tanner is planning to attend Georgia Tech and major in engineering.

***May you all go from strength to strength and joy to joy!***

## Heartfelt Thanks!

- To Gabriel Eckstein and Alon Kavashny for their thoughtful reflections, "My Israel" giving us a deeper glimpse into the heart of Israel from an insider lens
- To Lilly Hellman (see pg. 6)
- To Naomi Shine & Anne Ratnoff for graciously and powerfully enabling us to see their sifting of experience from the teen class this year "Jews, Food and Mitzvah", & for teaching us.
- To all the students from Hillel at Tech for all their work in cooking, organizing and leading us in Seder!
- To Alon Kavashny, for so beautifully allowing us to travel through the land of Israel as we ready for her 60<sup>th</sup> year of life.
- To Dorothy Chansky for reading Torah in April!

Sisterhood's "End of Year Dinner"  
Wednesday May 28, 2008  
Location to be announced  
Mark your calendars now!

# Yom Ha Shoah: Holocaust Memorial Observance: Saturday eve: May 3<sup>rd</sup>

\*Please bring with you a candle in a candleholder with wax catcher this eve

A time of remembering....a time of honoring....with light we'll usher in the new week.

Guided by a preface to our film, Hillah Cullman will aid us to transition into our evening. Born in Los Angeles, CA and having grown up in Germany, Hillah is currently working on her MA in Applied Linguistics at Texas Tech University and will be going to Georgetown University to work on her doctorate.

This past summer Hillah held a Dorot Fellowship at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. where she translated German documents into English for an upcoming publication.

We'll then travel to the world of film:

"Everything is Illuminated" a story of a young American Jewish man's quest aided by a Ukrainian translator, to find the righteous gentile woman who saved his grandfather when his small Ukrainian village was obliterated during the Nazi invasion of Russia in 1941. Stars Elijah Wood, Eugene Hutz and Boris Leskin.

We'll close with a brief ritual, light, and the Kaddish.

- **6:45 Havdallah**
- **7:00-9:00 Preface by Hillah Cullman, film: "Everything is Illuminated"**
- **9:00 Ending Ritual: readings, song, candle lighting**



**Wishes for a Safe Journey: Tefilat HaDerech:**

**We've a special blessing said when someone departs for a journey, and we've another special blessing when one returns safely from potentially dangerous travel. We invite you to mark these times with us, just let the rabbi know when you'll be traveling and when you'll be coming to synagogue before you leave and on your return**

- \*To Jonathan Meyer who will be launching in May to serve in the reserves in California, aiding planes and personnel to ready for the fire-fighting season, and then will be serving in Qatar this June and July. May you go safely and return to us safely.
- \*To Gabriel Nathan who will be traveling this June specially selected to be on exchange in Japan, June 2<sup>nd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. We wish you a fantastic time and safe travels.
- \*To Gabriel and Michelle Eckstein and Noah and Phoebe who will be traveling to Eugene, Oregon where Gabriel will be at the law school at University of Oregon June-December and Portland, Oregon at the law school at Lewis and Clark University from December to May. We will miss you next year!!
- \*To Ed and Susan Youngblood on your upcoming move to Alabama May you find that your new beginning be rewarding and enjoyable.
- \*To Allan & Annette Rosen as they travel to Mayo Clinic
- \*To Alice and Bernie Barasch as they travel to Cleveland Clinic May you find aid and resources for healing, our thoughts travel with you.

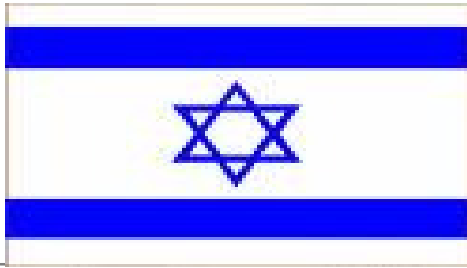


## Israel's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday: Come & Celebrate: Friday eve May 9<sup>th</sup>! Yom Ha-Atzmaout!

Israel is turning 60 and we are going to celebrate!

**Those who wear blue and white get birthday cake first!**

- Short service 5:30-6:00 ending with Yerushalayim Shel Zahav, Jerusalem of Gold
- Dinner 6:00
  - ~ Falafel, Bring salads as side dishes: Houmous, Israeli salad & other salads!



- Singing
- Israeli Dancing
- Birthday Wishes & Cake for Israel's birthday & more singing!



### **(Reflections—Continued from page 1)**

The Crusades where Jews were slaughtered in Germany and Hungary, in France, England, Palestine, and Syria  
The expulsions from England, France, Germany, Spain and Portugal  
The Inquisition  
The Chemielnicki massacrred in the Ukraine  
The pogroms in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century

And then there came a young man, born in 1860, Theodore Herzl, a non-religious Jew born in Pest (Budapest), who received his Doctorate of Law at the University of Vienna, and became a writer, playwright and journalist.

It so happened while he was covering the 1894 Dreyfus Affair, the case of a Jewish officer in the French army who was falsely accused and convicted of treason, of spying for Germany, that he heard mobs shouting "Death to the Jews" in France, the home of the French Revolution. And this so deeply shook him that it altered the course of Jewish history.

He concluded that Anti Semitism was a stable and immutable factor in human society which assimilation did not solve. And he convened the 1<sup>st</sup> Zionist Congress in Switzerland August 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> to seek a home in Palestine secured under public law.

60 years have passed since Israel's Declaration of Independence was broadcasted on May 14, 1948. 60 years of wars upon wars:(1948 War of Independence, 1956 Sinai Campaign, 1967 Six Day War, 1968 Egypt's War of Attrition, 1973 The Yom

Kippur War, 1982 Operation Peace for Galilee and more, to the ongoing shelling of Sederot.)  
60 years where Israel's young people turned soldiers  
60 years of almost every family experiencing a loss of a loved family member  
60 years of absorbing immigrants from all over the globe and of rescuing endangered communities.  
60 years of stunning accomplishments


And here we are, after 60 years, with all the challenges, all the pride, all the uncertainty, all the fears, and with all the possibilities that Israel faces.

Together we'll be marking in synagogue this juncture of history, the 60<sup>th</sup> year of Israel's life.

And together, we are creating the next link in the golden chain of Jewish history as we shape together Jewish life here in Lubbock, Texas and link ourselves as our people have always done to the Land which carries parts of our souls.

I look forward to celebrating with you and I look forward to continuing to create with you a vibrant Jewish community and the next link in the chain.

I also wanted to let you know that my daughter, Miriam Laytner, will be visiting in May and coming to services on Friday eve May 16<sup>th</sup>, just in case you'd like to meet her on her first trip to Lubbock!

Blessings and goodness to you,  
Rabbi Vicki Hollander 

# A Word from Sisterhood

First, a great “thank you” to the many people who helped make our “annual” **Progressive Dinner** on Saturday April 5, such a great evening. Everyone enjoyed the delicious hors d’oeuvres at the home of Lilly and Howard Hellman and the delectable dinners hosted by Melody and Eric Fried, Stephanie Shine and Hamid Tehrani, Fela and Leon Shturman and Betty and Bernard Skibell.

We all came together for elegant desserts at the home of Dorothy Chansky and Terry Bennett, and though we all thought we couldn’t eat another bite, we couldn’t resist the lovely homemade treats. The food, company and conversation throughout the evening were wonderful and we appreciate the gracious hospitality offered by our generous hosts and hostesses. Thanks also to everyone who came and supported this event and congratulations to Alan Rosen for winning the wine gift basket raffle prize.

Our next Sisterhood program will be our “**End of Year Dinner**” on **Wednesday May 28**. The location is still being decided upon, but you will be notified of the restaurant via email or phone call soon. All Sisterhood members and prospective members (please bring your friends!) are invited. We’ll share some business, socialize and eat!

Shalom,  
Lilly Hellman,  
Interim Sisterhood President

## Jewish Military Heroes



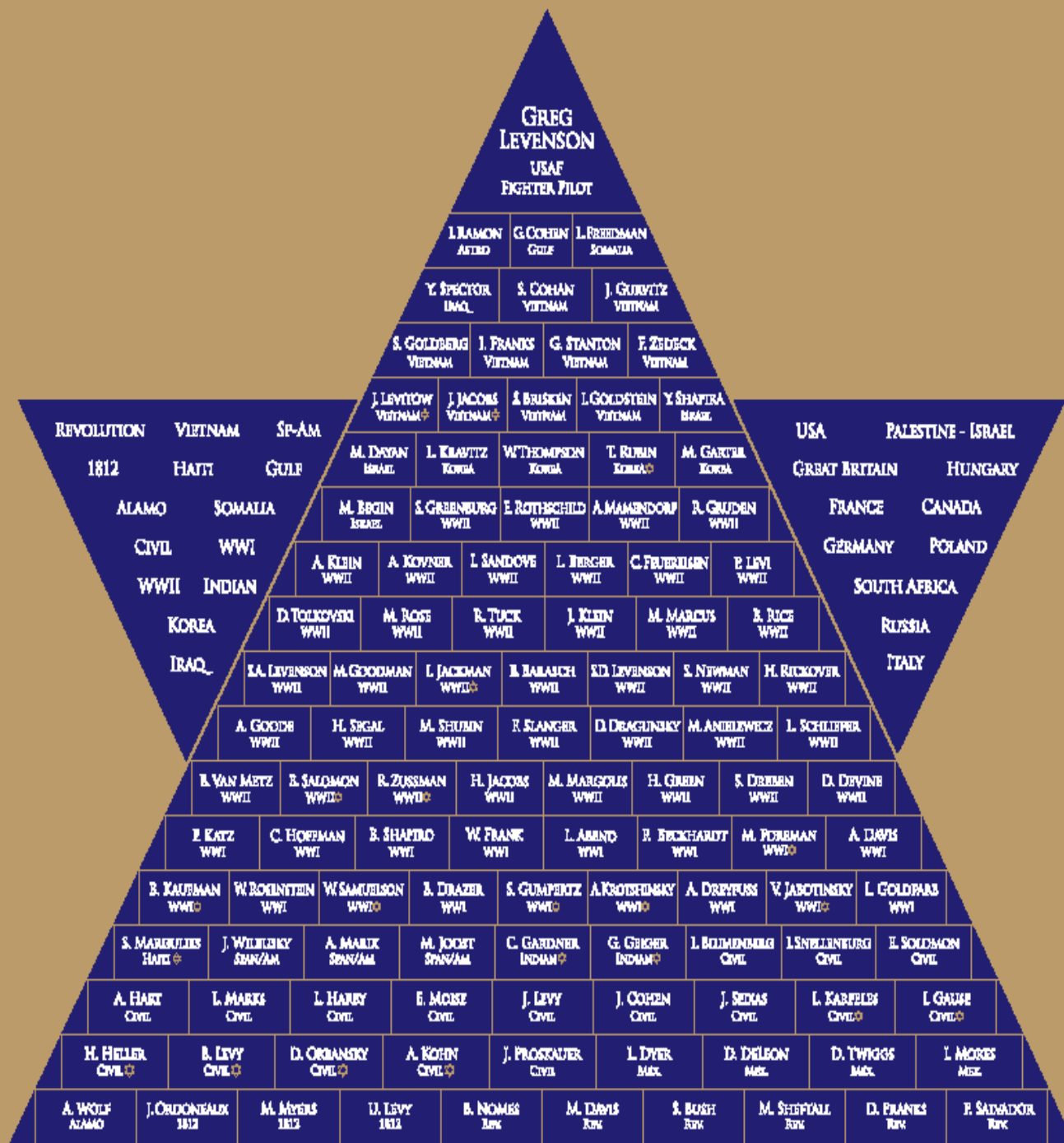
Lt. Greg Levenson at Balad AFB, Iraq, November 2007.

### **(Heroes—Continued from page 1)**

1Lt Greg "Glick" Levenson, who was bar mitzvah and confirmed at our synagogue, earned his place at the top of the pyramid designed by Norm as a result of accumulating more than 100 combat hours over Iraq providing air support for ground troops under fire and for helping to protect the Balad AFB, from incoming mortar.

Greg's military accomplishments were inspired by the men (and one woman) on the pyramid (see next page), two members of which have been part of our congregation. Samuel D. Levenson, Greg's paternal grandfather now deceased, was a past president of the board of Congregation Shaareth Israel. During WWII he served as a navigator on a C-47 transport plane which dropped paratroopers behind enemy lines. Bernie Barasch, who remains active in synagogue affairs was a top gunner in a B-29 and received the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC).

Greg is now stationed at Kirtland AFB, in Albuquerque, NM, and is scheduled for redeployment to Iraq in 2009.



**JUDAH THE MACABEE**



THIS PYRAMID, SYMBOLIZING 230 YEARS OF INTERNATIONAL JEWISH MILITARY HISTORY, LISTS 113 VETERANS FROM ALL BRANCHES OF SERVICE WHO DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN COMBAT AND INCLUDES ALL 21 CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR WINNERS OF JEWISH ORIGIN. ☞



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**MAY 2008** Calendar at-a-glance

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Apr 27 <i>Last day Relig. School 10:00</i>	Apr 28	Apr 29	Apr 30	1	2 Shabbat Service 8:00 pm Shabbat Mevarchim Miriam's Babynaming	3 Yom HaShoah marking 6:45 pm
4 Relig. School Parent Meeting 11:00 am Teen Parent lunch 12:30 pm Stephanie Shine's home	5	6	7	8	9 Yom Ha-atzmaut 5:30 pm	10
11	12 Board Meeting 7:30 pm	13	14 Hadassah Event 7:30 pm	15	16 Shabbat Service 8:00 pm	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Short Shabbat Service 6:30 pm	24
25	26	27	28 End of Year Sisterhood Dinner	29	30 Shabbat Service 8:00 pm	31

**Looking Ahead:** June 6, 7pm-Leah's Bat-Mitzvah; June 13, Shabbat Dinner