

Message



JUNE 2016

Our 85th

IYAR/SIVAN 5776

Madison Jewish Center

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR JUNE 2016

Friday, June 3

Candle Lighting 8:04 pm

The Entire Congregation is cordially
invited to attend our Hebrew School

Graduation-Promotion Ceremony

at 7:00 pm followed by:

FRIDAY EVENING Birthday Anniversary

SHABBAT SERVICES Led by

The Madison Youth Chorus in

THE MAIN SANCTUARY.

Join us for the Oneg Shabbat
in the Ball room.

Saturday, June 4

Services 9:00 am

BIRKAT HaHODESH

Weekly Portion: B'HUKKOTAI

Leviticus 27:1-34

HAFTARAH: Jeremiah 16:19:17:14

HALACHAH FOR THE MONTH

Friday, June 10

Candle Lighting 8:09 pm

Service 7:30 pm

Guest Speaker: Steve Epstein

Saturday, June 11

Services 9:00 am

RABBI'S QUIZ

Weekly Portion: B'MIDBAR

Numbers 3:14-4:20

HAFTARAH: Hosea 2:1-22

SHAVUOT 5776-2016

First Day of Shavuot

Saturday Evening June 11th Services-7:30 PM

Sunday Morning June 12th Services-9:00 AM

Second Day of Shavuot

Sunday Evening June 12th Services-7:30 PM

Monday Morning June 13th Services-9:00 PM

***YIZKOR**

Friday, June 17

Candle Lighting 8:11 pm

Family Service 7:30 pm

Saturday, June 18

Services 9:00 am

Weekly Portion: NASO

Numbers 7:1-89

HAFTARAH: Judges 13:2-25

Friday, June 24

Candle Lighting 8:13 pm

Service 7:30 pm

Saturday, June 25

Services 9:00 am

Weekly Portion: B'HA'ALOTCHA

Numbers 10:35-12:16

HAFTARAH: Zechariah 2:14-4:7

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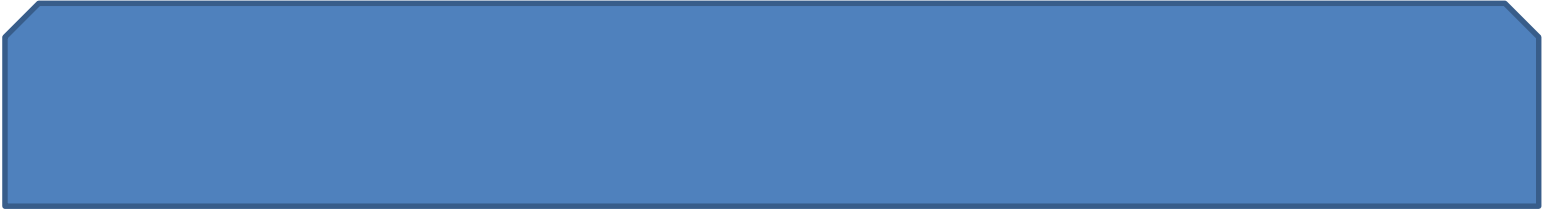
MESSAGE ARTICLE – JUNE 2016

Rabbi Shae J. Kane D.D.

In the secular calendar month of June this year, we will celebrate the Festival of *Shavuot* – *Z'man matan torateinu* – the Season of the giving of our *Torah*. Although everyone agrees that the food of choice for Shavuot is cheese (most typically blintzes, or the *Sephardic* equivalent such as burekas, cheese-filled dough pockets), there are, however, differences of opinion as to why it is a custom. Some derive the practice directly from scripture, saying we eat dairy to symbolize the “land flowing with milk and honey” (Exodus 3:8) promised to the Children of Israel. This passage, along with “The precepts of the Lord are... sweeter than honey” (Psalm 19:9-11) also indicate we should eat honey, which is customary in some communities.

A sage discovered that the initials of the four Hebrew words in Numbers 28:26, which describe the sacrificial meal offering on Shavuot, spell *mei halav* (from milk), suggesting that dairy food is the acceptable dinner for the festival. At Sinai, the Israelites were considered to be as innocent as newborns, whose food is milk. Those of a kabbalistic bent equate the numerical value of the word halav, 40 ('het'=8, 'lamed'=30, 'vet'=2), with the number of days Moses spent on Mount Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments and other *mitzvot* (Exodus 24:18). Others look to the mountain itself, which is termed in Psalms mount of *gavnunim* (68:15), meaning many peaks. They connect that description with the Hebrew word *g'vinah*, meaning cheese. Some scholars who trace all Jewish customs and rituals to practices common among various ethnic groups claim that spring harvest festivals characteristically featured dairy dishes, perhaps because cheese was produced during that season.

Along with blintzes and burekas, cheesecake is widely popular for ingestion on *Shavuot*. Some eat kreplach, three-cornered dumplings that can be filled with cheese. They are supposed to remind us of the *Tanach* (our Bible), which is comprised of three sections (*Torah*, *Nevi'im*, and *Ketuvim* - Torah, Prophets, and Writings). In addition the Torah, which was given to the three categories of the Children of Israel (*Kohanim*, *Levi'im*, and *Yisraelim*) through Moses, who was the third child of Amram and Jocheved (after Aaron and Miriam), following three days of preparation (Exodus 19:11) in the third month of the year (Exodus 19:1).



President's Message

JUNE 2016

Greetings everyone. May was a month filled with activity and we thank everyone who was involved in arranging these programs. We began with a solemn Yom HaShoah program remembering the 6,000,000 Jews murdered in the holocaust. The next week we celebrated Israeli Independence Day and remembered the fallen Israeli soldiers. Saturday, May 14th was our Social Club Shabbat with the services led by various members of the congregation. After Friday night services on May 20th, Norman Sapoznik gave a very cogent talk on Holocaust Survivors. If you missed it, come hear our next speaker, Stephen Epstein on Friday evening, June 10th. Then came our two largest fundraisers. Sunday, May 22nd Past President Ruth Rosenberg was honored at our annual Journal celebration. That same week our annual Fashion Show was a huge success.

This month begins with the Hebrew School promotion and graduation Friday evening, June 3rd at 7 PM followed by services with the Madison youth chorus. We have a barbecue right here in the "triangle" on Sunday, June 5th, Yom Yerushalayim, honoring Rabbi and Mrs. Kane, Cantor and Mrs. Rimer and the election of our Social Club officers. It is always a sellout so call quickly if you'd like to attend. On Friday evening, June 10th the second in our speaker program will feature Stephen Epstein. Shavuot begins Saturday night, June 11th. Look elsewhere in the "Message" for service times. Monday, June 13th is the Yizkor service.

We have two special Shabbat events in June: an aufruf for a member's son, and a baby naming for baby Chloe, daughter of our own Jaimie Dreifus/Beattie and her husband James, granddaughter of Vicky & Gary Dreifus and Elizabeth & Matthew Beattie and great-granddaughter of Hannah Dreifus on June 25th.

This month's "spotlight" falls on Dennies Gajadhar. Dennies was born and grew up in the Caribbean. All of her schooling was there including a college degree from Antigua State College. She came to the U.S. from Anguilla 14 years ago and became a nanny for the Haiman family in Wayne New Jersey where she worked for about seven years. She then came to Brooklyn and worked with the Rosenberg family from Monsey, also as a nanny, where she still works. While working with the Haimans, Dennies, who grew up Catholic and never heard of a Jew, became curious. She heard the beautiful melodies and saw the wonderful rituals. She then saw an article about Reform Judaism in URJ, a publication of the Union For Reform Judaism. She was intrigued. A trip to Union Temple in Brooklyn from Wayne N.J. came next and was not easy. She got lost on her first try, was afraid to enter the building on her second try but, finally, went in on her third try. After about a year of listening to songs in a strange language she decided to convert. Classes in Manhattan followed and a year later, after a trip to the Mikvah she became a Jew! She was advised to move to a Jewish neighborhood and now lives on a nearby block mostly inhabited by orthodox Jews. Her neighbors have been very supportive and helpful, inviting her for meals, a seder, baby namings, Bar Mitzvahs, etc. She switched to Madison Jewish Center at the urging of a neighbor so that she could walk and not drive to Shul. Her nanny days may be over soon since she is now studying business administration at Kingsboro Community College. How fortunate we are to know Dennies.

Shalom,

Roy

THE LATEST FROM SISTERHOOD

JUNE 2016

On Thursday night May 26th Sisterhood held their annual Fashion show in the ballroom at MJC. The clothes were beautiful and stylish. The atmosphere and decorations and music complemented the Disco Theme. A lot of hard work went into planning and organizing this event. We thank Barbara Stein for chairing and the entire committee who donated their time and talent to make this year's Fashion show a success! Thank you.

Sisterhood will be having their annual end year dinner at Savor restaurant, on Nostrand Avenue and Avenue P on Thursday night June 9th at 7 PM. The cost is \$39.00 per person. This is always a pleasant evening out and an opportunity to sit and chat, and reminisce about the past year. Please join us. However, reservations are a must. Please contact either Marlene or Diane for further questions.

Sisterhood will be joining Social Club for a night at the Brooklyn Cyclones on Tuesday night, August 23rd. Tickets cost \$20 per person. Flyers have already been sent out with a request to contact either Shelia or Norman for information.

During the summer we will continue to meet and plan for next year's events. Notices will be emailed and posted on the MJC website. We welcome new ideas and suggestions. Please join us!

We wish everyone a safe and wonderful summer!

Harriett Cohen and Shelli Feldman
Sisterhood Co-Presidents



MJC SOCIAL CLUB HAPPENINGS ----- JUNE 2016

The year is winding down but not yet over. We have had many great events and are planning many more for next year. Thank you to everyone who made this a very successful and enjoyable time.

The Social Club Shabbat took place on Saturday, May 14th. Members conducted many parts of the service. Although there were some last minute changes, everything went very well. Thank you to all the participants and also to everyone that came and showed their support.

The end of the year barbecue is scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday, June 5th. We will be honoring both Rabbi Kane and Arlene Kane and Cantor Rimer and Kate Rimer. Please try to attend.

A golf outing is being planned for Sunday September 18th. It sounds like a great event. You are guaranteed to have a wonderful time. More information will be available soon.

Every member of MJC is also a member of the Social Club. Please take advantage of the many opportunities to spend time with friends. Let's keep MJC as the center of Egalitarian Conservative Judaism in this part of Brooklyn.

Check our website (madisonjc.org), watch for flyers, and check the Message for further information. Reservations for all activities can be made through our email address (info@madisonjc.org).

Ilene Karpas



SHALOM PARENTS:

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In closing, we would like to take this opportunity to once again congratulate all the students at our Hebrew school on their moving up. We wish you all a very happy, safe, and enjoyable summer. We hope to see you all back in the fall.

The Parents' Association

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SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday Evening & Erev Yom Tov.....7:30 PM
Saturday Morning & Yom Tov Morning.....9:00 AM
Weekday Minyanim (Mon. & Thurs.).....6:45 AM
Sunday Morning & Legal Holidays.....8:30 AM

If you need a Minyan at any other time, please call the office and we will attempt to assemble one.

TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS

The Synagogue office will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm, Friday from 9:00am -12 noon
We are closed on all Jewish and legal holidays.

SAVE THE DATE

	Social Club	
Sunday, June 5	3:00pm	Barbecue
	Sisterhood	
Thursday, June 9	7:00pm	End Year Dinner
	Parents' Association	
Friday, June 3	7:00pm	Promotion
	Congregation	
Friday, June 10	7:30pm	Shabbat Services followed by talk by Stephen Epstein
Tuesday, August 23	7:00pm	Brooklyn Cyclones Game
Sunday, September 18	9:30am	Golf Outing at Riis Park

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5. Now you will be able to order your gift cards online through M.J.C.
6. All money for gift cards must be checks payable to M.J.C and sent to the office after you order your gift cards online. Please Label the envelope Attention Melanie or Steven Green.
7. For those of you who are not comfortable ordering online we also have a printed list of gift cards that are available and a printed order form. These also get sent to the office with a check payable to M.J.C and marked attention Melanie or Steven Green.
8. No gifts cards will be sent to us unless we send them a check first.



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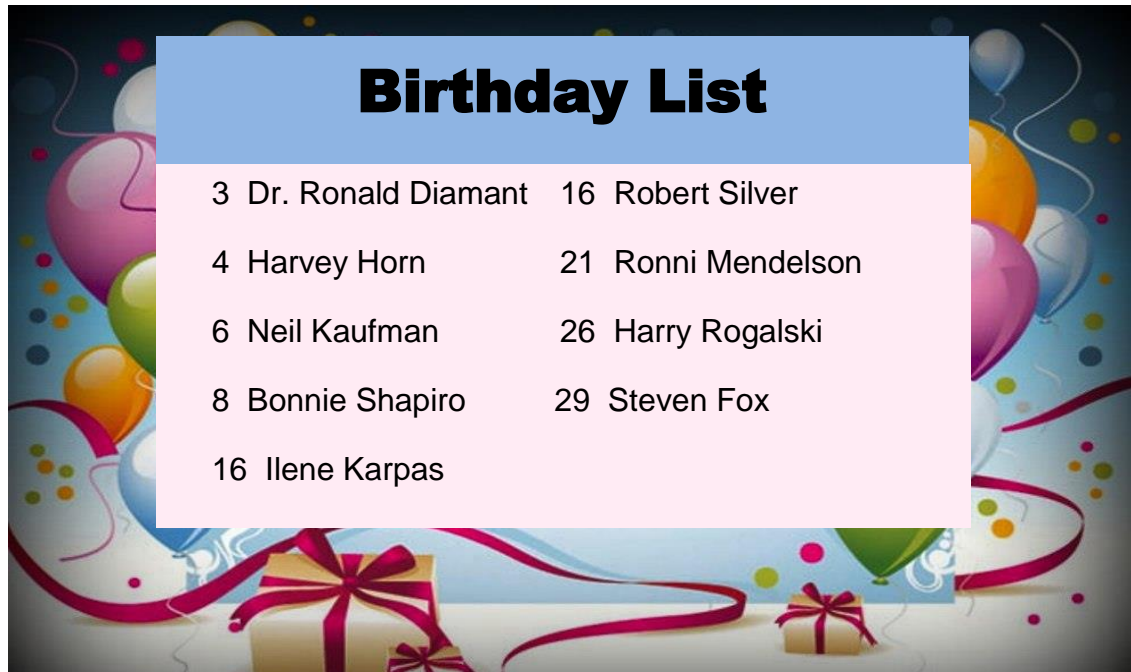
For: Lynne Mora

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If we have misspelled a name, left something out, or have failed in any way to properly acknowledge anyone who should have been acknowledged, please forgive us. Please note that some names may not have not been included.



PERSONALS

Thank you to our Madison Family for your donations
in honor of the marriage of my daughter Ingrid to Robert.

From: Judy Posniack

To our Madison Family

Thank you for your good wishes for our daughter Lauren's recovery.
Your donations, support & understanding are greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Harriett & Stephen Cohen.

To the many people who donated and sent prayers for a speedy recovery
during my recent illness, thank you.

Your thoughts and kindness were greatly appreciated.

Suellen Schussell

I would like to thank all who contributed to the JDRF Fund in my name. The money is
being used for the scientific research for the cure. I walk for myself and all the others
who have juvenile diabetes. Again thank you, your contributions help.

Jared Adler



To: John Moran

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26 Sivan 20	27 Sivan 21	28 Sivan 22	29 Sivan 23	30 Sivan 24		