

BEKI BULLETIN

Monthly Newsletter of Congregation Beth El – Keser Israel, a Full-Service Synagogue for Greater New Haven Jewry

April 1994

ק"ק בית אל-כתר ישראל

אייר-סיון תשנ"ד

MAY

חג שמחה

SHAVUOT SERVICES

Sunday 15 May

- 8:00 PM Festival Evening Service
8:30 PM Tiqun Leil Shavuot
Adult Study

Monday 16 May

- 9:15 AM Festival Morning Service

Monday 16 May

- 8:00 PM Festival Evening Service

Tuesday 17 May

- 9:15 AM Festival Morning Service
and Yizkor

Tuesday 17 May

- 5:45 PM Festival Afternoon Service

SHAVUOT STUDY AT BEKI

The entire New Haven Conservative/Masorti Community has been invited to join us at BEKI for our Tiqun Leil Shavuot—a night of adult study marking the Festival of Shavuot and the giving of the Torah by God.

Lectures and discussions will be held the night of Sunday 15 May following the 8:00 PM service. Among our guests will be **Rabbi Carla Theodore** of Woodville, Virginia.

AMY READS RUTH

Amy Pincus, a baalat nusah, will recite the Book of Ruth during Shavuot Festival morning services on Tuesday 17 May.

Services begin at 9:00 AM.

YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

Tuesday 17 May 9:15 AM

Those wishing a copy of the 5754 Yizkor Memorial Booklet may take one after this service.



Dates and Times to Remember

May

- 2 Monday 8:45 AM Rashi Study Group
 6 Friday 6:00 PM Qabbalat Shabbat
 8:00 PM Late Evening Service
 7 Shabbat 9:15 AM Shabbat Morning Service
 Darshan: Rabbi Murray Levine
 10:45 AM Children's Shabbat Havura
 5:45 PM Minha
 9 Monday 8:45 AM Rashi Study Group
 11 Wed. 9:00 PM Midrash Study Group
 13 Friday 6:00 PM Qabbalat Shabbat
 8:00 PM Late Evening Service
 Jewish Nurses Shabbat
 Speaker: Evelyn Benson
 14 Shabbat 9:15 AM Shabbat Morning Service
 Darshanit:
 Rabbi Carla Theodore
 10:45 AM Children's Shabbat Havura
 10:45 AM Learners' Minyan
 5:45 PM Minha
 15 Sunday 9:30 AM Men's Club Breakfast
 Speaker: Rabbi Carla Theodore
 8:00 PM Festival Evening Service
 8:30 PM Tiqun Leil Shavuot Study
 16 Monday 9:15 AM Festival Morning Service
 8:00 PM Festival Evening Service
 17 Tuesday 9:15 AM Festival Morning Service
 Ruth & Yizkor
 18 Wed. 9:00 PM Midrash Study Group
 20 Friday 6:00 PM Qabbalat Shabbat Service
 21 Saturday 9:15 AM Shabbat Morning Service
 Ezra Academy
 10:45 AM Children's Shabbat Havura
 5:45 PM Minha
 22 Sunday 9:30 AM Last Class UHS
 23 Monday 7:45 AM Rashi Study Group
 24 Tuesday Women of Valor—Book of Life
 15 Wed. 9:00 PM Midrash Study Group
 27 Friday 6:00 PM Qabbalat Shabbat Service
 8:00 PM Late Evening Service
 28 Shabbat 9:15 AM Morning Service
 10:45 AM Children's Shabbat Havura
 10:45 AM Learners' Minyan
 5:45 PM Minha
 29 Sunday 9:30 AM Mishna Berura Study
 30 Monday 10:00 AM Morning Service—Memorial Day
 Bat Mitzva
 Shoshana Cohen-Fraade
 (Special Service Time)

June

- 3 Friday 6:00 PM Qabbalat Shabbat Service
 8:00 PM Late Evening Service
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SPRINGTIME RUMMAGE SALE

Sisterhood
 is now planning for its
Springtime Rummage Sale
 which will be held on
Sunday, June 12th & Monday, June 13th.

*Setting up for this event will be
 on the evening of Thursday, June 9th.*

*Please donate the following items:
 Clean and wearable clothing,
 small appliances in working condition,
 lamps, dishes,
 pictures, costume jewelry,
 toys, small furniture, etc.*

Start bringing them to the synagogue now.

We need your help and your donations.

NEW TIME! in response to popular demand

**SHABBAT SHALOM
 LEARNER'S MINYAN**

will now begin at 10:45 am

Mourning the Loss of a Newborn

“It was taught: A child who dies on his first day is to his father and mother and all his relatives like a full bridegroom, and not only if he lives one day but even if he was alive when his head and the greater part of his body emerged” (Yerushalmi Qidushin 4:11).

The Talmud’s poignant teaching on neo-natal death intimates a recognition of the sorrow felt over the loss of the hopes and dreams of parents and grandparents for their baby. Beyond stating one element of the tragedy, this teaching and similar ones in the Mishna and the Talmud Bavli serve as the basis for the standard of mourning practice for Conservative/Masorti Jews.

Historically, there have been two tendencies in treating neo-natal death. The lenient position, followed by much of the Orthodox movement, is stated by Rabbi Maurice Lamm in his popular and excellent work *THE JEWISH WAY IN DEATH AND MOURNING*: “A life duration of more than 30 days establishes the human being as a viable person. If a child dies before that time he is considered not to have lived at all, and no mourning practices are observed, even though the child may have been normal, but was killed accidentally.”

The stricter position, evidenced by our sages in the Talmud and followed by segments of European Jewry in the Middle Ages and in other places and times, is to observe all the mourning practices for one who dies at birth or after, and in some case even if the death occurs before birth. The Conservative standard of halakha (law) is that in the case of neonatal death, whether of a fullterm or premature infant, the death is treated in the same manner as we treat the death of someone who lived more than thirty days, with certain allowances based on the age of the child (e.g. the nature of the eulogy) or other particular circumstances.

In the case of neonatal death, the infant should be given the requisite honors of tohora and placed in a kosher (wooden) casket. An uncircumcised boy need not be circumcised, nor do I recommend that it be done, but if the parents wish this then it is done without saying the berakhot prior to or at the time of tohora. Qeria (the rending of a garment) should be observed as well as the other rules for the period of aninut (before burial).

The parents are encouraged to select a name for the baby, which is mentioned at the burial. The parents are also encouraged to attend the burial along with family and very close friends. Some traditional sources note the custom of the maternal grandmother carrying the infant to the grave. While attending a funeral is difficult, it is an important element in honoring life, acknowledging death and finding comfort. When it is not possible for the parents to attend, the Rabbi should attend with other family members.

Shiva is observed, and the community should view itself as obligated to offer comfort at that time. As Rabbi Stephanie Dickstein, who has done much to advocate this halakhic approach, puts it, “Denial of real loss and isolation are usually two of the most serious impediments to ‘healthy’ grieving, and eventual resolution. Requiring shiva, with its obligation of communal participation during the shiva period, makes a clear statement that the loss of a human life was real, that the parents and the extended family should be grieving . . . and that the parents must not be left alone at this time. . . . In any event, if things had been different, the community would have been there visiting the new baby and welcoming it with Jewish rituals . . . The family whose newborn dies should not also be denied its community.”

Parents and non-minor siblings should say qaddish for thirty days and observe the yahrzeit. The community has all of its obligations for nihum avelim (comforting mourners), but as in any case they must be guided by the expressed wishes of the mourners.

While it is not always possible to observe the laws and customs in every detail, it is important to understand what our standard of practice is so that we may do our best in walking in the ways of the Torah. In counseling mourners, whether for an adult or a child, I inform them of some of the applicable laws and customs and encourage them to follow the wisdom of the generations, and specifically in this case to follow the Conservative approach. Even those who follow the alternative, lenient position, are still within the bounds of halakha inasmuch as that position is well-grounded. But ultimately each family must find its own way, and each person must mourn in their own way. May our striving to walk in God’s path comfort those who mourn and strengthen us as a community of observant Jews.

DEAR RABBI

A column of answers, advice and helpful household hints.

Today's letter comes from a correspondent in St. Paul, Minnesota:

Dear Rabbi,

Is it permissible to pray that someone die?

Signed,
Swing Low Sweet Chariot

Dear *Swing Low*,

You must either hate or love the person about whom you would think to say such a prayer.

If it is hatred that motivates your prayer, then you must heed the words of Berurya, the wife of Rabbi Meir: "What makes you think such a prayer could be permissible? Rather, you should pray

that they repent" (Talmud, Berakhot 10a). When we feel hatred or anger so intensely that we wish someone dead, we ought to remember that it is a behavior or trait of the person that is odious, and that in theory the person can repent and stop their evil ways. Because we hold as an article of faith that people can change, we pray for the end of evil, not the death of the person who does evil.

If it is out of love that you would consider such a prayer, then the prayer should be reformulated to state your ultimate desire — and here death is not the ultimate. Rather, you should pray that the person's suffering come to an end, or that their persistent vegetative state be ended. The ultimate concern is to end extreme suffering or meaningless existence, and we must leave to God the means to that end.

All letters to Dear Rabbi should be addressed to Rabbi J-J van Tilsen, care of this newsletter. Due to the volume of mail received, Dear Rabbi cannot answer all inquiries.

KASHRUT ADVISORY

Passover or Parve? The tiny "P" next to some symbols of hashgaha indicates kosher for Passover. The "D" next to some symbols means "Dairy." The letters "DE" means the item is parve produced on Dairy Equipment, so that it should not be served on the same plate with meat products (but could be eaten immediately after).

Sometimes products that contain dairy ingredients are not so marked on the package. The vigilant kosher consumer should check the ingredients label and call Rabbi Tilsen if there is any doubt.

TODAH RABAH

The Raffle Committee would like to extend a very special thank you to the many people who helped with the raffle mailing. Without your help and cooperation this tremendous project could not have succeeded. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

—Inge Fish

MIDRASH STUDY

ON WEDNESDAY AT 9:00 AM

Join Rabbi Tilsen for Midrash Study every Wednesday morning in May at 9:00 AM. In this informal hour we will look at fascinating passages from Rabbinic literature that are accessible to the English speaking public. All are welcomed.

BEKI & UHS LAUNCH SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Plans are underway for a program of Jewish Education for children with special education needs to begin this coming fall.

The program, called the Talmud Torah Meyuhad ("Special Education Hebrew School"), will be administered by the United Hebrew School and will offer an individualized supplemental program of Jewish education for children from the New Haven area. For information on this program contact Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108.

FLORENCE ZIFF MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service marking the conclusion of sheloshim will be held for **Florence Ziff** of blessed memory on Sunday 8 May at 10:00 AM at BEKI. The service is open for the entire community.

All who wish may come to **Charlotte Teitelman's** home at 355 Bellevue Road after the service.

INTERNATIONAL NURSES' WEEK OBSERVANCE AT BEKI

Evelyn Benson will speak on "Jewish Women in Nursing" during Late Friday Services on 13 May at 8:00 PM, marking International Nurses Week. Ms Benson is Associate Dean in the Nursing Program at LaSalle University.

Join us in celebrating shabbat and in recognizing this important profession. An Oneg Shabbat follows the service.

RABBI CARLA THEODORE GUEST DARSHANIT

Social activist, educator and writer **Rabbi Carla Theodore** will share her Torah thoughts on Shabbat morning 14 May at 9:15 AM and on Shavuot morning, Monday 16 May at 9:00 AM. Rabbi Theodore was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

SHOSHANA COHEN-FRAADE BAT MITZVA

Shoshana Cohen-Fraade, her parents **Steven Fraade & Ellen Cohen**, her family and friends will celebrate Shoshana's leading services as a Bat Mitzva on Monday Morning 30 May at 10:00 AM. Shoshana will lead parts of the service, will read the Torah, and will offer a Devar Torah. Shoshana is a student at Ezra Academy.

All are encouraged to join the celebration by attending this special morning service.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Mental illness is one of the most misunderstood illnesses of the century, and in being the most misunderstood - it is also the most stigmatizing out of all illnesses. For example, if I told someone I had cancer, diabetes, or I was an epileptic, they would not think twice about accepting that or accepting me. They might even be curious and want to know more. Once I mention I have a mental illness, the dehumanization process starts. What I mean by dehumanization is the devaluing of the human being - that is that people who have mental illness are not as important as those with the diseases I mentioned earlier. This is proven every single minute, hour, day by the general public, who refuse to understand what mental illness is and the stigma that goes with it. For those of you who are planning to make a career in the field of mental health, I would beg of you to see the dangers out there - not only social injustice but men and women of all races and ages who have mental health problems do not need to carry

this excess baggage in their efforts towards recovery. I, myself, am living proof of the horrors that a person can face not only as growing up but trying to find their fit in life. It's almost very much like swimming. There were many times in the past that it felt like each time I came up for a breath of air, someone was there dunking my head back down—by saying negative comments, such as "there goes loco, don't worry about him. He's crazy".

Think of it yourself - if you are constantly hearing these statements that suggest, "Oh, he doesn't matter, he's a mental case," you begin to build a wall - socially an outcast, not trusting anyone—all of the things that work against anyone's mental health—your mental health, my mental health. We all need to be recommitted to stopping this poignant ignorant socially accepted lie that people with mental illness do not have human needs - Everyone needs to be respected - unconditionally and then some, dignity, cared about, attended to.

Jason Strome

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

The Late Evening Service, Friday March 11 was devoted to our annual Men's Club Shabbat. It was led by David Kuperstock, and Irving Weinstein was hazan. Other members who conducted the reading of psalms and prayers included **Sam Kantrowitz, Lenny Fish, Ken Braffman, Sid Levine, George Posener, Lenny Stein, and Charlie Ludwig.**

The theme selected this year by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Shabbat Committee was "Finding Men's Voices". **Steve Fraade** delivered an inspiring d'var Torah in which he used the occasion of Shabbat Hahodesh Nisan and its Torah portion to develop and expand on that theme through his deep and wide knowledge of the History of Judaism.

The Sisterhood prepared and served a fine Oneg Shabbat that featured a handsome cake donated by recent Bat Mitzvah **Heather Braffman** and decorated by **Millie Stein**. We thank all who participated in making this a memorable occasion.

Distribution of the special yellow Yahrzeit candles to memorialize Yom HaShoah brought much appreciated contributions to the Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund that will enable us to make awards to several young people who wish to spend quality time there this summer.

We were unable to have a breakfast in April because the New Haven Holocaust Memorial Service was on the 10th, the Sunday we had scheduled. In May our breakfast is planned for the 15th, the day before Shavu'ot. Watch for announcement of our special guest speaker in our usual flier.

Saul Bell
President

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Helen Ross and Rhoda "Dodi" Lemkin, Book of Life Chairwomen this year, proudly announce that 1994 will have twin Honorees **Mikki Ratner** and **Mimi Kahn**, two women who have worked hard for Sisterhood and the Synagogue for many, many years and richly deserve to be honored. They truly exemplify devotion to acts of loving kindness and the true meaning of "Woman of Valor". Helen and Dodi are busy planning an exciting and wonderful day for Tuesday, May 24, 1994. Invitations will be in the mail soon.

Don't forget to call **Rose Feen** (387-8743) if you need a Torah Fund card sent for any occasion.

Eunice Rogoff will be honored by Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Connecticut Valley Council on Monday, May 22nd at the Annual spring Conference which will be held at Beth Hillel Synagogue in Bloomfield ... Sisterhood hopes to have a large delegation at the Spring Conference and to honor Eunice for her devotion to Sisterhood and the work of Women's League.

**PATRONIZE OUR GIFT SHOP
FOR ANNIVERSARY, WEDDING
AND BAR/BAT MITZVAH GIFTS**

Condolences to the Ziff Family on the recent loss of their beloved wife, mother and grandmother, **Florence Ziff**, can be sent to Marcie Ziff, 2 Allie Court, Isles of Palm, South Carolina 29451. A long-time Sisterhood member, she will be missed ... may her memory be for a Blessing.

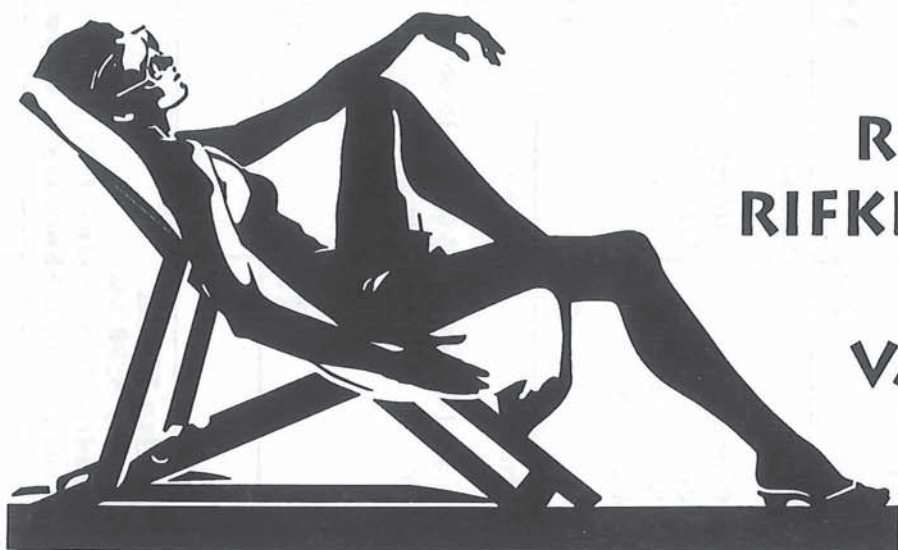
Sisterhood has inscribed a prayer book in her memory.

Barbara Cushen and Belle Goldberg
Co-Presidents

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CALL 389-2108 FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Beth El-Keser Israel *** May 1994-Iyar/Sivan 5754

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
20 Iyyar 9:30 am. U. H. S. Lag B'Omer Program <div style="text-align: right;">1</div>	21 Iyyar 7:45 am. Rashi Study Group <div style="text-align: right;">2</div>	22 Iyyar <div style="text-align: right;">3</div>	23 Iyyar 4:15 pm. U. H. S. <div style="text-align: right;">4</div>	24 Iyyar <div style="text-align: right;">5</div>	25 Iyyar Services 6 & 8 pm. with Organ 7:36 pm. 6	26 Iyyar Be-Har Be-Chukkotai Services 9:15 am. Darshan: Rabbi Murray Levine Mincha 5:45 pm. 7	
27 Iyyar 9:30 am. - U.H. S. <div style="text-align: right;">8</div>	28 Iyyar Yom Yerushalayim. 7:45 am. Rashi Study Group <div style="text-align: right;">9</div>	29 Iyyar <div style="text-align: right;">10</div>	1 Sivan Rosh-Chodesh. 9:00 am. Midrash Study 4:15 pm. U. H. S. <div style="text-align: right;">11</div>	2 Sivan 3:00 pm. Torah and Tea <div style="text-align: right;">12</div>	3 Sivan Services 6 & 8 pm. Jewish Nurses Shabbat. Guest Speaker: Evelyn Benson 7:44 pm. 13	4 Sivan Be-Midbar Services 9:15 am. Darshanit: Rabbi Carla Theodore Learners' Minyan 10:45 am. Mincha 5:45 pm. 14	
9:30 am. Men's Club Breakfast & U.H.S. 8:00 pm. Festival Evening Service 8:30 pm. Tiquin Leil Shavuot Study 7:46 pm. 15	6 Sivan 1 Shavuot. 9:15 am. Festival Morning Service 8:00 pm. Festival Evening Service 8:36 pm. 16	7 Sivan 2 Shavuot. 9:15 am. Festival Morning Service & Yizkor. 5:45 pm. Festival Afternoon Service <div style="text-align: right;">17</div>	8 Sivan 9:00 am. Midrash Study 4:15 pm. U. H. S. Last Session <div style="text-align: right;">18</div>	9 Sivan 3:00 pm. Torah and Tea <div style="text-align: right;">19</div>	10 Sivan Services 6:00 pm. 7:50 pm. 20	11 Sivan Naso Services 9:15 am. Mincha 5:45 pm. 21	
12 Sivan U. H. S. Graduation and Promotion. Bailch/Nugent Wedding <div style="text-align: right;">22</div>	13 Sivan 7:45 am. Rashi Study Group 7:45 pm. Board of Directors Meeting <div style="text-align: right;">23</div>	14 Sivan Sisterhood Book of Life Luncheon <div style="text-align: right;">24</div>	15 Sivan 9:00 am. Midrash Study <div style="text-align: right;">25</div>	16 Sivan 3:00 pm. Torah and Tea <div style="text-align: right;">26</div>	17 Sivan Services 6 & 8 pm. 7:57 pm. 27	18 Sivan Be-Ha'alotcha Services 9:15 am. Learners' Minyan 10:45 am. Mincha 5:45 pm. 28	
19 Sivan <div style="text-align: right;">29</div>	20 Sivan 10:00 am. Morning Service - Memorial Day Bat Mitzvah Shoshana Fraade-Cohen <div style="text-align: right;">30</div>	21 Sivan <div style="text-align: right;">31</div>	Service Times: Sunday 9:00 am. Monday thru Friday 7:00 am. Saturday thru Thursday 5:45 pm.			Rashi Study Group every Monday 7:45 am.	

WHAT IS YOUR DREAM VACATION?

If you could travel anywhere—
where would you go?

Wouldn't it be even *more* enjoyable if
you didn't have to pay for it?

Support BEKI's *Vacation Raffle* !

First prize is a
\$5,000.00 gift certificate
toward any vacation of your choice.

As many of you already know,
this raffle *replaces*
the one that offered time sharing.

Please support this
wonderful BEKI fund raiser.

For success,
everyone must participate.

REMEMBER BETH EL-KESER ISRAEL IN YOUR WILL

Please remember Beth El-Keser
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to reduce the tax burden on your
estate and simultaneously link your
name with Beth El-Keser Israel
through an endowment.

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Call Steve Wizner at 432-4800
daytime.

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To learn how you can help,
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432-4800 daytime.

LETTERS

Dear Rabbi Tilsen,

On behalf of all the participants of our jointly
sponsored Model Passover Seder, I would like to
express my warmest thanks to you for your in-
volvement and support. You really helped the
group feel at ease and welcomed.

I would also like to thank the Sisterhood
members of the Congregation for giving of them-
selves and their time. Everyone was so warm and
friendly.

As you know, people with developmental
disabilities are often isolated in the community.
This seder and other programs offer an opportunity
whereby individuals are able to celebrate their
Jewish heritage with old and new friends.

Sincerely,
Amy G. Rashba, CISW
Jewish Family Service
of New Haven

Dear BEKI,

I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all
of the BEKI Kadimaniks and their parents for all
of their cooperation and support in helping to
make the Kadima Kinnus Gadol a success!

Today Rabbah,
Amy B. Pincus
Kadima Advisor

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In Honor of Steve Wizner by Amy & Stephen Pincus.
In memory of David Tyson by Rose & George Feen.
In Memory of Louis Goldberg by Grace Geisinger.
In Thanks to the BEKI Family for all their support by Gail & Steve Korman.
In Memory of David Friedler by Gail & Steve Korman.
In Honor of Sam & Rena Miller's grandson, on his Bar Mitzvah by Bea & Harry Seymon.

RABBI'S TZEDAQA FUND

In Memory of mother, Kaila Zeid by Sylvia Zeid.
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To Mrs. Ralph Hirsch by Eunice Rogoff.

Rejoicing With You

To Mrs. Ida Schwartz by Adele & David Tyson.

On This Joyous Occasion

To Mr. & Mrs. Abe Yakerson by Laura & Jack Yakerson & family.

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To Mrs. Malka Levine by Harriet & Sam Kantrowitz.

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O is only that she's growing old;

T is for the tears she shed to save me -

H is for her heart of pure gold;

E is for the eyes of lovelight shining,

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To Edward & Shirley Matler
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Shabbat

begins at candle lighting:	ends:
May 6—25 Iyar	7:36 8:26
May 13—3 Sivan	7:44 8:34
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May 27—17 Sivan	7:57 8:48

Shabbat Services

Friday night	see calendar
Morning	9:15 AM-12:00
Afternoon/Evening	see calendar

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May 15—6 Sivan	7:46
May 16—7 Sivan	after 8:36 8:37

Notes

Yom Yerushalayim	May 9
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