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"Where we enrich our lives and our community through
TAM: Torah, Ahavat Yisrael & Medinat Yisrael."

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החודש סיון תשס"ט

Israel Forum with Congresswoman Marcia Fudge!

We had a very informative community discussion with Congresswoman Marcia Fudge on April 26th. The discussion was very open and covered topics from Israel, international threats to domestic policy. We thank the Orthodox Union for sponsoring and arranging this event. We will keep you informed for future political discussions held in our community.



Congresswoman Fudge meets with members of our community following an open forum on policy.

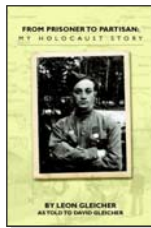
David Gleicher wrote a book!

Our very own David Gleicher who made Aliya last year has written a book on his father's Holocaust experience.

"From Prisoner to Partisan: My Holocaust Story"

By Leon Gleicher

Leon Gleicher was born in Turka, Poland (now, Ukraine). He escaped from the Sambor Ghetto, fleeing to the nearby forests, where he evaded capture for a year. He then joined the partisans, where he was injured in battle. He recovered in a Russian military hospital, eventually making his way to the West and the Fohrenwald Displaced Persons Camp. From there, he immigrated to the United States, where he built a new life with his wife and children. He now lives in New York with his wife Lottie.



The book is available for purchase on Amazon.com. Remember to start shopping with a link from YouShiv.com and a portion of the purchase will help community programs in Nahariya, Israel.

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Omer & The Gifts of Shavuot

By Rabbi Melvin Granatstein



Perhaps the most important fact about Shavuot is that it has no special date in the Torah but is arrived at only through the counting of the Omer. For this reason, the Shulchan Aruch begins its own presentation of the laws of Shavuot by telling us that “the fiftieth day of the counting of the Omer is Chag

HaShavuot.”

Since Pesach celebrates the Exodus from Egypt and Shavuot is known as “Zman Matan Torateinu,” the most common connection created by the fact of Sephirat HaOmer joining these two Yamim Tovim together is the connection of liberation from slavery to the revelation of the Torah. Liberation from the slavery of Egypt reflects only negative freedom – freedom from slavery when it stands alone. But the revelation of the Torah gives freedom positive, affirmative content. And as we are taught in Pikei Avot, “אין לך בן חורין אלא מי שעוסק בתורה” – “No man is free but he who labors in Torah.”

Accordingly, the Rambam tells us that the counting of the Omer expresses enthusiastic anticipation of the newly liberated slave for the union with God at Mount Sinai - a union that gives freedom its positive meaning. Just as we might count the days and the hours leading to an anticipated reunion with a beloved companion, so too, do we count the days to Zman Matan Torah and our



reunion with god at that moment.

But the three pilgrim festivals, Pesach, Shavuot and Succot do not only celebrate historical events. They celebrate agricultural events as well, and it is the agricultural meanings of these Yomim Tovim that invest them with connections to Eretz Yisrael.

Pesach celebrates the barley harvest. In Temple times, an Omer of barley was brought to the Temple on the second day of Pesach to be waved in celebration of the God-given harvest. Its content was baked as Matzah and a small quantity was burned on the altar.



The Omer offering of barley initiated the counting seven weeks of 49 days. The fiftieth day celebrated the wheat harvest.

The bringing of the Omer on the 16th day of Nisan was the instrument of desacralization that permitted the harvesting and enjoyment of all of the new crops.



On Shavuot, newly grown wheat was baked as loaves of Chametz and waved by the Kohanim in the Temple. The Chametz wheat loaves signaled use of the new year's wheat harvest for all of the meal offerings of the Temple service.

The barley offering of Pesach was baked as Matzah. The wheat offering of Shavuot was baked as Chametz. Matzah represents the primitive gift of a man enjoying the minimal fruits of the land. The Chametz of the Shavuot offering represents the full cultivation of the first fruits of the Land of Israel and the mature fruition of the gifts of the Land. In this way, the Sephirat HaOmer recreates the sense of an extended process of the enjoyment of the gifts of the richness of Eretz Yisrael.



שבועות

Shavuot

The festival of Shavuot is one of the three pilgrim festivals of the calendar in which Jews in Temple times would come up to Jerusalem in thanksgiving to God. Shavuot is Z'man Matan Torateinu — the festival that commemorates the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai. It is significant that the Torah does not designate a date for Shavuot. We know its occurrence purely in terms of the counting of the Omer which begins on the eve of the second night of Pesach and concludes after forty-nine days of counting. The next day, the fiftieth, is Shavuot. Incidentally, since we must count and observe forty-nine complete days of the Omer, we cannot begin Shavuot evening services on the first night until after dark.

Even the connection of Shavuot with the giving of the Torah is something we can learn only by inference from the Torah; indeed, the Talmudic rabbis are divided in terms of which day in Sivan was the actual date of the giving of the Torah. Even the exact geographical location of Mt. Sinai is not known to us in spite of certain Arab and Christian traditions locating it. There can be no question that the Torah intends on being purposefully vague about this. This is because the Torah is bound to neither time nor space — it is binding on all Jews at all times and under all conditions.

This is the majestic message of Shavuot: that God has entered into human events by revealing His Torah to Israel, thus making them an eternal people with an eternal Torah beyond spatial/temporal limitations.

May God purify our hearts to serve Him with love and grant our portion in His Torah.



TIKUN LEYL SHAVUOT 5769

Once again we will conduct our Tikun Leyl Shavuot in conjunction with Fuchs Mizrachi High School, Young Israel, Kollel Torat Tzion and N.C.S.Y. Both adult and teen learning will be at Green Road Synagogue beginning at 12:15 am.



At dawn the *Tikun Leil Shavuot* Hashkama Minyan will follow the night of learning.

Refreshments will be served.

Check our website closer to Shavuot for a complete schedule.



שבועות





MONTHLY CALENDAR - SIVAN

Sunday, May 24 - **Rosh Chodesh Sivan**

Morning Services 7:50 a.m.
Rabbi Granatstein's class in Jewish Philosophical Text
At Torat Tzion Kollel 9:15 a.m.

Monday, May 25 - **Memorial Day**

Morning Services 8:00 a.m.

SHAVUOT

Thursday, May 28

Candle Lighting 8:32 p.m.
Mincha 8:40 p.m.
Ma'ariv 9:25 p.m.

Tikun Leyl Shavuot 12:15 a.m.

Friday, May 29

Morning Service 9:00 a.m.
Candle Lighting 8:33 p.m.
Mincha & Ma'ariv **7:15 p.m.

Saturday, May 30

Morning Service 9:00 a.m.
Yizkor 10:45 a.m.
Mincha 7:45 p.m.
Motsaei Shabbat/Yom Tov 9:32 p.m.
Sunday Morning Services 8:00 a.m.
Weekday Morning Services 6:40 a.m.
Weekday Evening Services 8:40 p.m.

Sunday, May 31

Rabbi Granatstein's class in Jewish Philosophical Text
At Torat Tzion Kollel 9:15 a.m.

Parshat Naso - Graduation Kiddush

Friday, June 5

Candle Lighting 8:38 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, June 6

Morning Service 9:00 a.m.
Rabbi's Talmud Class 7:20 p.m.
Mincha 8:20 p.m.
Motsaei Shabbat 9:37 p.m.
Sunday Morning Services 8:00 a.m.
Weekday Morning Services 6:40 a.m.
Weekday Evening Services 8:45 p.m.

Sunday, June 7

Rabbi Granatstein's class in Jewish Philosophical Text
At Torat Tzion Kollel 9:15 a.m.
** Rabbi Granatstein's Monthly Chumash Class
At his home 8:00 p.m.

Parshat Beha'alotcha

Friday, June 12

Candle Lighting 8:43 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, June 13

Morning Service 9:00 a.m.
Rabbi's Talmud Class 7:25 p.m.
Mincha 8:25 p.m.
Motsaei Shabbat 9:42 p.m.
Sunday Morning Services 8:00 a.m.
Weekday Morning Services 6:40 a.m.
Weekday Evening Services 8:50 p.m.

Sunday, June 14

Rabbi Granatstein's class in Jewish Philosophical Text
At Torat Tzion Kollel 9:15 a.m.

Parshat Shelach - Mevarchim

Friday, June 19

Candle Lighting 8:45 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, June 20

Morning Service 9:00 a.m.
Rabbi's Talmud Class 7:30 p.m.
Mincha 8:30 p.m.
Motsaei Shabbat 9:44 p.m.
Sunday Morning Services 8:00 a.m.
Weekday Morning Services 6:40 a.m.
Weekday Evening Services 8:50 p.m.

Sunday, June 21

Rabbi Granatstein's class in Jewish Philosophical Text
At Torat Tzion Kollel 9:15 a.m.

Mon.-Tues., June 22-23 - Rosh Chodesh Tammuz

Morning Services 6:30 a.m.

LOCAL JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

There is a grassroots group in the community that is doing what it can to help those of us who are looking for employment, with our search and our skills - interviewing, resume

writing, networking, and other skills. Their efforts are meant to compliment those already being put forth by the Federation and the JFSA.

Anyone who is looking for employment or who knows of a job opportunity should contact Karen Baker at the Federation at 216-566-9200. After that, he or she should reach out to Ari Jaffe or Herzl Ginsburg (440-449-6800 x7230) to connect with the local group.



PLEASE NOTE: When Davening at an early Kabbalat Shabbat Minyan, you should light candles at that time.

Sponsor a Kiddush for the entire congregation starting at \$360, or with Cholent at \$1000! To schedule a Kiddush, call Dovid Greenberger at 216-381-4757.

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN OUR BULLETIN.

Contact David Seltzer in the Synagogue Office or visit our bulletin section at www.GreenRoadSynagogue.org



MAZEL TOV

To Rachel & Ezra Stark on the birth of a girl, Yarden Sara. Mazel Tov to grandparents Marla & Bob Stark, and to great-grandparents Sol Comet and Harriet Stark.

To Shlomo & Erna Laufer on the birth of a great-grandson born locally to Kostia & Aliza Feldman.

To Sam Attias on his Bar Mitzvah, to parents Cindy & Michael Attias, to grandparents Albert & Rolene Attias, Robert Goldberg, and Linda & Roger Benjamin, and to great-grandmother Charlotte Goldberg.

To Liam Shamir on his Bar Mitzvah, to parents Dan & Batia Shamir, and to grandparents Judy & Izhak Shamir and Rose Boord.

To Amital Haas on her Bat Mitzvah and to parents Adam & Amalia Haas.

To Rivka Tamar Coleman on her Bat Mitzvah, to parents Zippora & Gary Coleman, and to grandmother Miriam Alal.

To Leonard and Karen Ehrenreich on the engagement of their daughter Aliza to Yoel Schneid, son of Rivkah & Shmuel Schneid of Monsey, NY.

To Sam & Sheri Hoenig on the forthcoming marriage of their son Michael to Danielle Movsky of Rochester, NY.

IN SYMPATHY

THE CONGREGATION WOULD LIKE
TO EXTEND ITS HEARTFELT
CONDOLENCES

המקום ינחם אתכם
בתוך שאר אבל
ציון וירושלים

TO MAX & SYLVIA SOLOMON ON THE
LOSS OF MAX'S SISTER, CHAYA
(HELEN) LAZAR IN CALIFORNIA.

TO LINDA & MICHAEL GRINBLATT ON
THE PASSING OF LINDA'S FATHER,
FRANK MOSS.

TO MOLLY FAINER & FAMILY ON THE
LOSS OF HER BROTHER, JOE RYB,
IN ISRAEL.

TO THE FAMILY OF OUR MEMBER
MARGARET HERSKOWITZ WINE,
WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 16TH.



DONATIONS

We would like to thank the following for their generous contributions to our Synagogue.

WE THANK LIAM SHAMIR FOR DONATING A YAD FOR TORAH
READING AT HIS BAR MITZVAH IN MEMORY OF CAL
KIRCHICK.

IN MEMORY OF:

Esther Schachner's mother, Helena Stark: Marilyn Cagin
Ann Frum: Mike Frum

IN HONOR OF:

The Marriage of Robyn & Moish Lovinger: The Karns Family
Paul & Kenny Nathan Tuly: Liz Tuly

David Shafran's Engagement to Tamar Goldstein: Joel & Elaine Axelrod;
Al & Cynthia Uvlin

Miriam Katz's son David becoming a Rabbi in Israel: Esther Schachner
& Allen Tanzer

Philip Baskin's Engagement to Pessy Sloan: Ivan Goldberg; Cynthia & Al
Uvlin

Miriam Katz's new Grandson: Al & Cynthia Uvlin-

Rabbi Granatstein for visiting my mother in the hospital: Susan Ludsins

KIDDUSH:

April 18: By Cindy and Michael Attias and family in honor of their son
Sam's Bar Mitzvah.

April 25: By Dan & Batia Shamir in honor of their son Liam's Bar
Mitzvah.

May 16: By Sam & Sheri Hoenig in honor of their son Michael's Auf Ruf.

SEUDAH SHLISHIT:

April 25: By Shimon Fuchs in memory of his wife, Shura Fuchs on the
occasion of her Yahrzeit.

May 9: By Igor & Tatyana Spira in memory of Igor's father, Mayer Spira,
on the occasion of his Yahrzeit.

May 16: By Adam & Amalia Haas in honor of their daughter Amital's Bat
Mitzvah.

CALLING CHESSED VOLUNTEERS

We are preparing a Chessed program to reach out to our community in an unprecedented way. We are specifically looking for younger families, and those who feel young, to take this special opportunity to help us make a real difference, particularly in the lives of some of our older members. If you are interested, please contact David Seltzer in the Synagogue office for more details by phone at 216-381-4757 or email David@GreenRoadSynagogue.org



SAVE THE DATE

For these exciting upcoming events!

Sunday, July 19th (tentative)

Summer Outing to Buzzard Cove

Enjoy a wonderful family day at Buzzard Cove Miniature Golf and Driving Range along the Cleveland Metroparks Hinkley Reservation. More details to follow.



Sunday, October 18th

It's Our 100th Anniversary!

Help us celebrate together the past 100 years since the original founding of what has become Green Road Synagogue! We will host a family oriented brunch to kick off a year of celebration for our community at our annual membership meeting.



Green Road Synagogue, one of Greater Cleveland's largest Orthodox congregations, traces its origins to a handful of immigrants from Marmorash, who established the Marmarasher B'nai Jacob Society in the Woodland neighborhood in 1910. The members of the society rented a room at E. 26th St. and Woodland Ave. We are now in our Seventh location.



To learn more about our history visit our website at www.GreenRoadSynagogue.org and click on "History."

We Need Help!

We need volunteers to help plan these events. If you would like to help, please contact David Seltzer in the office.

6th Annual Green Road Synagogue Graduation Kiddush

June 6

Honor your graduates
by becoming a
Kiddush sponsor:



Pre-school thru Graduate School

For \$100 you can co-sponsor Kiddush & have your graduate's name announced and listed in the special Shabbat program we will be printing for that weekend.

To list your graduate and co-sponsor Kiddush you can call Jane at the Shul: **216-381-4757**, e-mail: Jane@GreenRoadSynagogue.org, or fax: **216-381-5059**.



GRS Graduation Kiddush Sponsor Sign Up Card

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School: _____

Grade Graduating/Degree: _____

Parents' Names: _____