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BOARD MEETING

May 7, 2025 5:30 (pre Passover)

RABBI PRAVER'S SHABBAT
May 17th and 31st

Temple Emanu-El of Bayonne
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3 Iyar-4 Sivan

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SHABBAT

Fri., May 2/4 Iyar

Candle Lighting 7:36

Sat., May 3/5 Iyar

TAZRIAHA/METZORA– Omer 21

Fri., May 9/1 Iyar

Candle Lighting 7:43

Sat., May 10/12 Iyar

AHAREI MOT/KEDOSHEEM

Fri., May 16/18 Iyar

Candle Lighting 7:50

Sat., May 17/19 Iyar

EMOR –Omer 35

Fri., May 23/25 Iyar

Candle Lighting 7:57

Sat., May 24/26 Iyar

BEHAR/BEHOUKOTAI– Omer 42

ROSHE CHODESH

Fri., May 30/3 Sivan

Candle Lighting 8:02

Sat., May 31/4 Sivan

BEMIDBAR- Omer 49

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

MAY

May

1. Expressing possibility
2. Expressing permission
3. A month of the year.

A word that can have two or more meanings is called **polysemous** or sometimes referred to as having multiple meanings.

English is a beautiful language. It is filled with many words that come from different languages. It is spoken by millions of people. You can express any feeling or idea. Its spelling is challenging and difficult to imagine. It is our language.

One of the intricacies of this language is that some of its words can have several meanings. Teachers always insist that one use context to interpret what one wants to say.

For this month of May, we want to use the word to express the possibilities for the future of Temple Emanu-El and the world.

May the war in Israel stop and all the hostages be released.

May the world become less confusing and people kinder to each other.

May antisemitism sees its last appearance forever.

May Jews realize that we need to continue to build a community by joining us in achieving our goals.

May our message of belonging be heard by all who need it.

May our devoted members continue to thrive and find strength to continue their involvement

May our neighbors respect us and encourage us to do our best.

May we be able to work with our other Jewish organizations and give Bayonnites a choice of a house of worship.

May G-d watch over us and protect us from harm.

AMEN!!!!!!

RABBI'S MESSAGE

Shalom and Blessings of Peace

As we welcome the month of May, we are reminded of the many significant events that bring joy, reflection, and celebration to our community. From the commemoration of Israeli independence to the reverence of Jerusalem's reunification, these occasions weave together a tapestry of faith, love, and resilience.

Upcoming Events on the Jewish and Secular Calendars:

- Tuesday, May 1st: Yom Ha'Azmaut (Israeli Independence Day)

Yom Ha'Azmaut celebrates Israel's declaration of independence in 1948. This day is marked by festivities, ceremonies, and expressions of gratitude for the rebirth of the Independent State of Israel. It serves as a reminder of the strength and perseverance of the Jewish people.

- Sunday, May 11: Mother's Day

On this Mother's Day, we honor the mitzvah of respecting and honoring our parents. Even though many of our mothers have passed on, and some may have been imperfect, we can still be grateful for the gift of life they gave us and the good they did for us. As we reflect on our mothers, we acknowledge the profound impact they had on our lives and express our appreciation for all times they were loving to us.

- Friday, May 16: Lag Ba'Omer

Lag Ba'Omer is a day of joy and celebration, commemorating the end of a plague that afflicted Rabbi Akiva's students and associated with the teachings of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai. On this day, we also reflect on the gift of the Torah, which brings light to our eyes (Psalm 19:9). The Torah is our "common sense," our "sixth sense," and our "special wisdom sauce" that makes us smart and resilient Jews. As Psalm 119:130 says, "The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple." Let us celebrate the light and wisdom of the Torah.

- Monday, May 26: Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day) coincides with America's Memorial Day.

Yom Yerushalayim celebrates the reunification of Jerusalem during the Six-Day War in 1967. This day is a time for reflection on the spiritual and historical significance of Jerusalem, expressing gratitude for its protection, and reaffirming our connection and support to the city. As we also observe Memorial Day, we take a moment to honor the memories of those who have served and sacrificed. I am certain that we all have family stories about relatives who served.

- Sunday, June 1 - Tuesday, June 3: Shavuot

Shavuot commemorates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. It is a time for study, reflection, and celebration of the Jewish people's acceptance of the Torah. Traditions include staying up all night or as late as you can, studying Torah, eating dairy foods, and decorating homes and synagogues with greenery.

A common thread running through these events is the theme of light and wisdom. From the light of the Torah to the wisdom of honoring our parents and those who protected us, these occasions invite us to reflect on the sources of illumination and guidance in our lives.

May the light of the Torah guide us, may the wisdom of our parents inspire us, and may the joy of celebration bring us closer together. May we be blessed with gratitude, resilience, and a deep connection to our faith, the land of Israel and Temple Emanuel, where God is with us.

Shalom—May the blessings of peace be upon us all here in Temple and in all places.

SCHMOOZE A LITTLE, EAT A LITTLE, LEARN ALOT

On Saturday, March 22, 2025, Roger Platizky presented a fascinating program called “Freudian Slips Into Judaism.” His presentation made us realize how complex Freud was in his outlook on his own religion. On the one hand, he considered himself Jewish. He was brought up that way, and he studied it extensively. On the other hand, he looked at it with his brilliant mind in his own way.

Sigmund Freud, the “father of psychology,” was thoroughly secular in his professed beliefs and practices. Throughout his writings he expresses a marked disdain, if not outright hostility, towards all religions, including Judaism. “Religion is a universal obsessional neurosis,” he once wrote, and described himself as a “godless Jew” and “one of the most dangerous enemies of religion.”

You get the picture.

In 1930, Freud penned a preface for the publication of a Hebrew translation of one of his works, “Totem and Taboo.” In it he characteristically declares himself as adopting “no Jewish standpoint and making no exceptions in favor of Jewry” and describes himself as having abandoned “all common characteristics” of his fellow Jewish people.

In light of that, what he writes further can only be described as remarkable.

“No reader ... will find it easy to put himself in the emotional position of an author who is ... completely estranged from the religion of his fathers ... but who has yet never repudiated his people. Who feels that he is in his essential nature a Jew and who has no desire to alter that ... If the question were to be put to him: ‘Since you have abandoned all these common characteristics of your countrymen, what is there left to you that is Jewish?’ he would reply: ‘A very great deal, and probably its very essence.’ He could not now express that essence clearly in words; but some day, no doubt, it will become accessible to the scientific mind.”

The “author” of whom he speaks is, of course, himself.

Truly remarkable! Freud is telling the world that regardless of his seemingly complete and utter disaffection from the ideas and practices of Judaism, he remains Jewish in his essence — and admits that this is something his scientific mind cannot fully explain.

When unpacked, I believe that this remarkable statement reflects a critical idea that holds the key to understanding one of the Jewish People’s most puzzling characteristics.

In his own wonderful way, Roger gave us a thorough and interesting explanation of Dr. Freud’s relationship to his Jewish life.

On April 26, 2025, Lee Smulen will present “Jews in Baseball.:

On May 31, 2025, Paloma & Kevin Martinez will discuss “Being Jewish in the Dominican Republic.”

In June, Bennet Carlin will present a talk titled “Funny You Should Ask: Using Language of Comedy to Discuss Jewish Issues/ Seriously.”

We are planning to have a Lag Ba’Omer program in Hudson County Park on Friday, May 16th, 2025 at 6PM.

TRIBUTES

Please send tributes and payments directly to the Temple or call 201.436.4499

CONDOLENCES...

**TO: THE RIPPS FAMILY– IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARCIA RIPPS L”Z ,
BELOVED MOTHER,AND GRANDMOTHER**

FROM: HARRIET GRODBERG,

ALBERT & RENEE BOPUSSO

KIDDUSH... SHAVUOT BLINTZES BY ALBERT & RENEE BOUSSO

LEE & ALAN SMULEN IN MEMORY OF THEIR MOTHER

HARRIET

TO: TO: ANDY PLATIZKY– IN HONOR OF YOUR SPECIAL BIRTHDAY!!

FROM: RENEE AND ALBERT BOUSSO

YAHREZIT DONATIONS...

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BELOVED:

Father

Aunt

Grandmother

Brother

Father

Mother

Mother

Father

Mother

Husband

“The annual” “Shavuot Blintz” Festival will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 3rd, following Temple services. The sponsorship of this holiday tradition is made by Albert and Renee Bousso, in loving and blessed memory of Renee’s father.



**In Loving Memory of
ELWYN JAMES BLATTNER
SHAVUOT**



PASSOVER

Our continued effort to grow and thrive experienced success in our second Passover seder, which took place on Sunday, April 13th. Old and new friends joined Rabbi Prayer as he conducted a wonderful program. It included familiar prayers, all the symbolic items placed in the seder plate, an afikomen hunt won by Kevin & Kenneth, ten plague masks, and a real pesachdike meal.

The event was paid for with the bequest donation of Jerome Rose ז"ל .

The guests donated money to be used for buying needed supplies for the I.D.F. in order to continue defending Israel.

We hope that this will be one of many activities that will attract new members.



April 27– May 3/29 Nissan-5 Iyar

Yahrzeit

Janis Levine, Leo Turteltaub, Harry Turkish, Harold Steiner, Fannie Steiner, Gertrude Herman, Deborah Millinger Pearl, Samuel E. Kresch, Nathan Tonkelson, Samuel Dubowsky, Sadie Chodash, Ruth Herman Field, Lenette Naylor, Reva L. Herman, Irving Freedman, Bernard M. Ockene, Evelyn Hollander Verbel

May 4-10/6-12 Iyar

Janis Levine, Edna Hockstein, Jeanette Steinert, Frances Grenert, Isidore Wechsler, Jacob Steir, Frieda Berger, Joseph George Gruber, Lt. Samuel H. Cohen, Frieda Eisenstat, Pearl Jacobs, Philip Temkin, Michael Guterman, Howard Steinman

May 11-17/13-19 Iyar

Janis Levine, Jacob Schnitzer, David Trambitzky, Bernard S. Levy, Sidney Serkin, Paula Margulies Cohen, Herman Cosewith, Aryeh Leib Berlin, Rose Edelman, Nathan Saltzman, Gertrude Grodberg, Hyman Gromnick, Sam Henne, Lillian B. Ripps, Lawrence Levy, Kive Brown, Dr. Morris J. Weiss

May 18-24/20-26 Iyar

Janis Levine, Abraham Abramowitz, Meyer Buchbinder, Norbert Daniel, Israel Schapiro, Sophia Freedman, Fritzi Adler, Randy Jay Lapidus, Sarah Gromnick, Lillian E. Susskind, Mildred Bomstein, Barnet Eisenstat, Morris Levine, Rose Bevy Chashin, Celia Shilling, Anne Guterman, Morris Hecht, Sarah Cohen

May 25-31/27 Iyar-4 Sivan

Janis Levine, Sidney Flax, Mae Cohn, Bunia Cohen, Samuel Turteltaub, Hazel Elwood, Lillian Gray Feldman, Eva Suzi Kresch, Dr. Irving L. Herman, Fannie B. Charren, Jesse Block, Sarah G. Wigdor, Maurice Altschuler, Nathan Benjamin Toub, Dr. Benjamin Elwood, Sophie K. Levine, Harry Blum, Morris Padwe, Isador I. Tilton, Morris Gross, Barney Wachsman, Ann Pavlotsky, Nathan Ginsberg, Ray Strauss, Dr. Benjamin H. Kohn, Ida, Israel, Pinchas Bistriz, Sadie Geltzeiler, Sadie Shapiro Brown, Gerald Iskowitz

We regret to announce the passing of Marcia Ripps. She was a long time congregant of our synagogue for many years, having contributed a great deal to every aspect of the temple. May her memory be a blessing to her family and all those who knew her. She will be missed by all.

MAY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Yom Haazmaut	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Mothers' Day	BOARD12	13	14	15	LAG BA'OMER16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	YOM YERUSHALAEEM26 Memorial Day	27	ROSH CHO-	29	30	31

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