

# THE SHO- FAR שופר

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## BOARD MEETING

July 13, 2026 5:30PM

RABBI PRAVER'S SHABBAT  
July 11th and 25th

**Services for Saturday, July 4th  
have been canceled.**

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### SHABBAT

Fri., July 3/18 Tamuz

*Candle Lighting* 8:13

Sat., July 4/19 Tamuz

### PINECHAS

Fri., July 10/25 Tamuz

*Candle Lighting* 8:11

Sat., July 11/26 Tamuz

### MATOT-MASSEI

### BIRKAT HACHODESH

Fri., July 17/3 AV

*Candle Lighting* 8:07

Sat., July 18/4 Av

### DEVARIMSHABBAT CHAZON

Fri., July 24-10Av

*Candle Lighting* 8:02

Sat., July 25/11 Av

### VA'ETCHANAN

### SHABBAT NACHAMU

Fri., July 31/17 AV

*Candle Lighting* 7:54

Sat., August 1/18 Av

### EKEV

## **PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE**

### **SAMSON**

**"Samson" most commonly refers to the legendary biblical judge known for his superhuman strength and the betrayal by Delilah**

**Samson's Destiny: In the Haftarah, an angel visits Samson's barren mother to announce she will have a son who will save Israel from the Philistines. The angel instructs that the boy must be a lifelong Nazirite from the womb, which ties directly into the Nazirite laws established in the weekly Torah reading. [1]**

**The Weakness: His strength was tied to his uncut hair. Delilah tricked him into revealing this secret, after which he was captured and blinded.**

- To showcase His power: By granting supernatural strength to a single flawed individual, G-d ensured that Israel would recognize it was divine intervention—not human military might—saving them.**

**We are all familiar with the story of Samson and Delilah. He was given a strength not usually bestowed upon human beings. G-d had a special task for him and that seems to be saving the Jews from an enemy.**

**With our current situation, Israel appears to need some help. The situation exposed many enemies of the Jews and Israel. We know that Israel is strong and capable of helping itself. However, it can use the help of G-d in the form of a Samson.**

**Jews around the world have an obligation to work hard in preserving our traditions. Temple Emanu-El is strong in its commitment to help with this task. We have many Samsons who are willing to do the job.**

**May G-d help us with this mission!!!**

## RABBI'S MESSAGE

Shalom and Blessings of Peace

*A Message for July 2026*

We are lucky to be living in a free country where we can express our opinions and practice our religion under the protection of the first amendment to the US Constitution.

On Friday, July the third, we'll celebrate one day early, the 4th of July because the fourth falls on Shabbat — the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the United States of America. We shall rejoice!

There are many parallels between Torah law and American constitutional law, and here are a few examples.

— **בְּצֶלֶם אֱלֹהִים** *B'tzelem Elohim* — “In the image of God” (Genesis 1:27). Every human being possesses inalienable worth. The Declaration of Independence called it self-evident: all people are created equal, endowed by their Creator with unalienable rights.

— **וְקָרַתְּם דְּרוֹר בְּאֶרֶץ** *U'kratem dror ba'aretz* — “Proclaim liberty throughout the land” (Leviticus 25:10). These words from our Torah are inscribed on the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia. Not written by a statesman — spoken first by God.

— **שֹׁפְטִים וְשָׂרִים** *Shoftim v'shotrim* — “Judges and officers” (Deuteronomy 16:18). When Yitro counseled Moses to establish tiered courts — leaders of thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens — he gave the world its first model of delegated judicial authority. The three branches of this republic, with their checks and balances, carry that DNA.

— **הַסֵּנְהֶדְרִין** *HaSanhedrin* — the Great Court of Israel, the final interpreter of Torah law. Its American echo is the Supreme Court of the United States, the final interpreter of the Constitution.

Unfortunately, Antisemitism walks our streets. Our freedoms have been challenged. But the local police have been very generous with their time. When the country tilts too far in one direction, the pendulum eventually swings back. The wrongs get corrected. That is the promise still alive in our Constitutional Republic today.

So, as we enter July, let us hold two things at once: gratitude for a system that allows us to name what is wrong and fight it out loud — and **תִּיקְוָה** *tikvah*, hope in a better future. The Jewish people have carried this gratitude and hope for over three thousand years.

The United States is turning two hundred and fifty years old. May there be two hundred and fifty more.

We cherish the American culture of this land and our own Jewish culture. We are not unlike so many other groups of people whose pride in American citizenship mingles naturally with their religion and their unique heritage. We are free to enjoy the same rights and freedoms as every other American.

And so I offer this blessing: May the United States of America be blessed — and may Israel and our Jewish people throughout the world be blessed alongside her. May the great light of freedom shine without ceasing upon all who dwell beneath it. May every person know the right to live and enjoy the quiet pleasures, and sometimes the not so quiet pleasures, of life.

Grant us good health, joy, and prosperity. Keep us safe in all places.

May Israel be blessed — *Medinat Yisrael* — and may she yet know the great peace she has always longed for: — **שְׁלוֹם עַל יִשְׂרָאֵל** *Shalom al Yisrael* — Peace upon Israel.

*Shabbat Shalom.*

Rabbi-Cantor Shaul-Melech Ben Binyamin

# HIGH HOLY DAYS

**SELIHOT:** Sat. evening, Sept. 5th at 8:00 PM

**Erev Rosh Hashanah:** Fri., Sept. 11th - 6:00 PM

**Rosh Hashanah:** Sat. & Sun., Sept. 12th & 13th

**Shaharit** 9:30 AM

**Torah Reading** 10:45 AM

**Shofar** 10:30 AM

**Musaf & Shofar** 12:10 AM

**Thurs. & Fri. Evening Service** 6:00 PM

## *TASHLICH in the Park*

(Bayonne Hudson County Pk. - 42nd St. & Newark Bay)

Sunday, Sunday, September 13th at 5:00 PM

**Kol Nidre:** Sun., Sept. 20th

**Minhah** 6:00 PM

**Kol Nidre:** 6:30 PM

**Yom Kippur:** Mon., Sept. 21st

**Shaharit** 9:00 AM

**Yizkor** 12:00PM

**Minhah Honors (Aliyot)** 4:30 PM

**Neilah ends** 7:40 PM

**Shofar & Break-the-Fast** 7:50 PM

**Sukkot-Fri., Sept. 25th-Thurs. Oct. 1st**

**Hoshanna Raba-Fri., Oct. 2nd**

**Shemini Atzeret- Saturday, Oct. 3**

**Simchat Torah-Sunday, October 4th**

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**EvaLynn Hollander Greenberg**

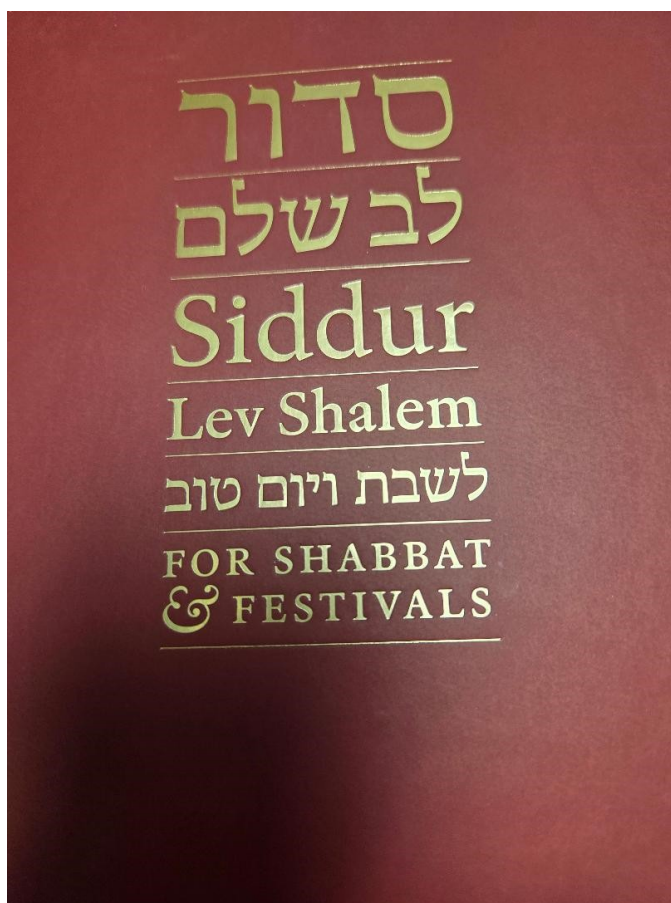
**FOR:**

**Harry Hollander  
Goldie Grodberg  
Dr. Harold Grodberg**

**BELOVED:**

**Grandfather  
Great Aunt**

With the help of the former Congregation B'nai Jacob, we purchased new siddurim. If anyone is interested in dedicating a siddur, please let us know.



250/78  
YEARS  
TOGETHER!



## Y AHRZEIT

### June 28-July 4/13-19 Tamuz

Ethel Rosenthal, Saul Strauss, Lena Tonkelson, Louis Gordon, Elissa Feinbach Popko, Murray Apfelbaum, Maurice Canter, Joseph Shilling, Sol Zukowsky, David Greenberg, Irving Cooper, Reuben Leventhal, Betty Golipsky Tesser, Jennie Tucker Goldberg, Rebecca Penchansky, Philip Schnitzer

### July 5-11/20-26 Tamuz

Max Feigenbaum, Leonard Wasserman, Miriam Kaplan, Jack Preminger, Joseph C. Berger, Morris Feinberg, Robert Rose, Mina Liebeskind Steiner, Milton Gordon, Jack Edelman, Esther Pauline Kaye, Ethel Berkowitz, Max Bayroff, Sylvia Bayroff, Henry Stevenson, Dr. Harold Grodberg, H. Benjamin, Lazare, Regina Kohn, Kaila Zinger, Murray Steiner Samuel Berlin

### July-18/27 Tamuz-4 Av

Johiel Jacob Friedland, Harry Hollander, Bernard Shimshak, Rose Meyer Epstein, Margaret Elowitch, Norman Hyman, Israel Penchansky, Ellan Leventhal, Max M. Weiss, Sarah Greenberg, William Rubin, Louis Schwartz, Bernard Gray, Samuel O. Schachter, Hon. Gloria Koenig, Michael Mortman, Gertrude Hoffer, Harry Guterman, Ida Burg, Dorothy Thompson

### July 19-25/5-11 Av

Esther Altschuler, Sarah Cooper, Yettie Singman, Bessie R. Schwartz, Sadie Batowitz, David Louis Sturcz, Sol Golush, Harry Troum, Mordecai Sonkin, Rachel Sonkin, Samuel Belinkoff, Walter Baum, Samuel Rogow, Fanny Flax

### July 26-August 1/12-18 Av

Abraham David Wexler, Isadore Lawsky, Jacob Herman, Miriam Tepper Weiss, Zelig Kost, Sidney Drogin, Regina Susskind, Morton B. Epstein, Burton G. Koenig, Gertrude S. Gilbert, Dr. Lewis S. Gilbert, Mary Berman, Henry M. Riess, Morris Shlossman

# JULY 2026

| Sun | Mon     | Tue | Wed                   | Thu              | Fri | Sat                             |
|-----|---------|-----|-----------------------|------------------|-----|---------------------------------|
|     |         |     | 1                     | 2                | 3   | Independence Day<br>No Services |
| 5   | 6       | 7   | 8                     | 9                | 10  | 11                              |
| 12  | 13BOARD | 14  | 15ROSH CHO-<br>DESH   | 16               | 17  | 18                              |
| 19  | 20      | 21  | 22EREV TISHA<br>BE'AV | 23TISHA<br>BE'AV | 24  | 25                              |
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