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BOARD MEETING

June 11, 2026 5:30PM

RABBI PRAVER'S SHABBAT

June 13th and 27th

Temple Emanu-El of Bayonne

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16 Sivan-15 Tamuz

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SHABBAT

Fri., June 5/20 Sivan

Candle Lighting 8:06

Sat., June 6/21 Sivan

BEHA'ALOTECHA

Fri., June 12/27 Sivan

Candle Lighting 8:10

Sat., June 13/28 Sivan

SHELACH/BIRKAT HACHODESH

Fri., June 19/4 Tamuz

Candle Lighting 8:13

Sat., June 20/5 Tamuz

KORACH

Fri., June 26/11 Tamuz

Candle Lighting 8:14

Sat., June 27/12 Tamuz

CHUKAT/BALAK

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Jewish By Choice

In this time of uncertainty for Jewish people around the world, shown as anti-Semitism or a negative view of Israel and Zionism, it seems that many people are afraid to show their personal identity. They may be afraid to wear a Jewish star or to advertise that they are Jewish. It is a sad state of affairs.

Although this problem faces all Jews today, there are some people who “fight” this view. They may be leery or unsure of a way in which to do it safely, but they insist that the haters will not dictate their way of life. They continue to demonstrate their pride of being Jewish in many ways. They may come to synagogue and pray, they may wear their star outwardly so that it can be seen by everyone.

To our amazement, there are people who chose being Jewish in spite of possible danger. They were born to a different religion and were not fulfilled by its offering. They actually did research about another possibility, and openly decided to practice our religion. Their courage is noteworthy and admirable and helps the rest of us to believe that new people will join us.

We have one family in our temple who made that choice. We are proud of them for giving us the courage to come to temple every Shabbat and hope for a better future. Recently, we celebrated Shabbat for Israel with a service, music, a presentation about Israeli fashion and international innovations. All of that was followed by falafel. Please join us and help them feel like a part of our Jewish community and our family.

RABBI'S MESSAGE

SHALOM AND BLESSINGS OF PEACE

Mysteries hide in plain sight. If they were buried in darkness, we would light every lamp to find them. But in broad daylight they blend in, and that is why we don't look. That is why many know Esther's glitter and palace intrigue, yet overlook Ruth.

Esther saves a nation with bold speeches. Ruth saves a nation by gleaning wheat in a field. She walks through famine, chooses loyalty over comfort, and shows quiet respect to her mother-in-law Naomi. Plenty of people plod along and do their best for family. So why is Ruth in the Tanakh?

Ruth teaches selfless service. The kind you do not get credit for. It happens between you, another soul, and God, where no crowd is watching. Anonymity and holiness often walk together because that is when ego steps out of the room. "The things we carry quietly go a long way" is folk wisdom from enslaved men and women who concealed their plans for freedom. They knew how far a secret could travel.

Our exodus from Egypt was not secret. Moses stood before Pharaoh and said, "Let my people go." Sometimes we must be loud like Moses. Other times, we must be quiet like Esther. The Black civil rights movement held both truths. Leaders marched in daylight, and partners like Julius Rosenwald quietly built nearly 5,000 schools across the segregated South with Booker T. Washington between 1912 and 1937. Rosenwald did not put his name on a single one. He understood Ruth's path.

This is why we read the Book of Ruth on Shavuot. Shavuot begins at sundown May 21st and concludes at nightfall on Saturday, May 23rd. It marks Matan Torah, the Giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai 50 days after our Exodus. Tradition says the mountain was wrapped in fire and smoke as God spoke the Ten Commandments to all the children of Israel. We had left slavery in Egypt, counted 49 days of anticipation, and arrived ready to receive law, purpose, and an eternal covenant.

Our customs carry both the revealed and concealed. During Tikuin Leil Shavuot, we study Torah through the night, re-enacting the anticipation of Matan Torah on Mount Sinai.

Ruth's quiet deeds lead to kings. Moses' bold words lead to freedom. A school built without a nameplate leads to generations who can read. Holiness lives in both modes.

May we learn when to stand on Sinai and declare truth, and when to crouch in a field and lift up fallen sheafs. May we master the balance and realize the fullness of life.

Chag Shavuot Sameach. May the Torah we receive this year enter us both loudly and quietly, and may our acts, seen and unseen, bring blessings to all.

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	9:45 AM
Shofar	10:30 AM
Beginners' Service	10:30AM
Musaf & Shofar	11:10 AM



TASHLICH in the Park

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

Sunday, September 12th at 5:00 PM

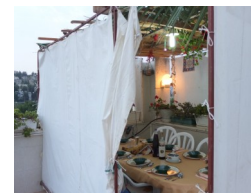
Kol Nidre: Sun., Sept. 20th

Minhah	6:00 PM
Kol Nidre:	6:30 PM



Yom Kippur: Mon., Sept. 21st

Shaharit	9:30 AM
Yizkor	12:30PM
Minhah Honors (Aliyot)	4:30 PM
Neilah ends	7:10 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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OF YOUR HUSBAND, FATHER, GRANDFATHER, AND COUSIN, JOHN.**

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Jewish By Choice

A Personal Journey



During my studies in International Relations, I was first introduced to Judaism. What began as academic curiosity gradually turned into a deeper personal journey. I became drawn to its values, especially the importance of family, education, and the connection between history and daily life.

Over time, I met my husband, who is Jewish. Together, we built a life rooted in shared values and traditions. This experience led me to make a conscious decision to convert to Judaism—not only out of love, but a genuine spiritual conviction.

Today, Judaism is an essential part of our daily lives. We attend synagogue, celebrate Jewish holidays, and follow the teachings of the Torah. It is not just a belief, but a way of life that shapes our home and our decisions.

One of our greatest responsibilities is raising our children within this faith. We teach them values such as respect, kindness, and justice, while maintaining traditions that strengthen their identity and sense of belonging.

Living in the Dominican Republic presents unique challenges, as the Jewish community is small and resources are limited. However, this also deepens our commitment and strengthens our connection to our faith and traditions.

Being Jewish by choice is a lifelong commitment. It is reflected in daily actions, in family life, and in the preservation of identity.

Choosing Judaism is choosing a life of meaning, community, and continuity.

Y A H R Z E I T

May 31-June 6/15-21 Sivan

Samuel Levine, Fani Traurig, Sarah Blachner, Harry Hoffer, William Kochansky, Minnie D. Willner, Hinda Liebeskind, Dinah Brooks Tucker, Saul H. Buchbinder, Gustave Sachs, Ethel Cohen, Ann Tepper, Julius A. Rose, Eva Posner, Tillie Turtelbaum, May Fox, Eliot D. Bronstein, Betty Goodman

June 7-13/22-28 Sivan

Masha Rubine, Max H. Doyne, Miriam Eicken, Janis Levine, Pauline Perlberg, Raymond Willensky, Mildred Bronstein, Eleanor Finkelstein, William Levine, Ruth Lockett, Betty Wexler, Perl Kapiloff, Esther Brown, Ida Ray Sugerman, Joseph Preminger, Dorothy Vogel, Abraham H. Shopkin, Sara Raquel Perl

June 14-20/29 Siva-5 Tamuz

Jack Gold, Dorothy Wolfson, Rose Sorkin Gurland, Sol A. Altschuler, J. Edward Bennett, Wiliam Doros, Harry Derechin, Dr. Herbert W. Weisman, David Louis Rogow, Sidney Greenberg, Fern Mildred Kohn, Mildred Grodberg Witkind, Jacob Golush, Lauren Michelle Wendroff, Yetta Schapiro, Dr. Steven L. Goldberg

June 21-27/6-12 Tamuz

Lena Penchansky, Dr. Charles Lipschutz, Jeffrey B. Epstein, Jerome Levy, Fanny H. Morganstein, Sophie Sachs, Lecy Seclow, Simon Dubowsky, Gertrude Lichtenfeld, Henry Schnitzer, Max E. Lourie, Dr. David S. Steinbaum, Louis Perwin, Dr. Ben Lipschutz, Annette Levine Lang, Elaine Lapidus, Miriam Ruth Poloway, Elaine Wexler

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

JUNE 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8BOARD	9	10	11	12	13
14Flag Day	15ROSH CHODESH	16ROSH CHODESH	17	18	19Juneteenth	20
21Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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