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**May, 2018**  
**16 Iyar – 17 Sivan, 5778**

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**Service Schedule**

Egalitarian Friday Night Services begin at 8:00 p.m., followed by an Oneg.

Children's Service Friday, May 11, 6:45 p.m.

Traditional Saturday morning services begin at 10:00 a.m. and are followed by a Kiddush.

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**Candle Lighting Times:**

May 4, 8:29 p.m.  
May 11, 8:36 p.m.  
May 18, 8:43 p.m.  
May 19, Erev Shavuot, after 9:49  
May 20, 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of Shavuot, after 9:50  
May 25, 8:49 p.m.



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**Mark your Calendars**



May 3, Lag B'Omer  
May 9, Sisterhood Closing Luncheon  
May 11, Children's Service  
May 19 and 20, Shavuot

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**Yahrzeits**  
**May their memories be for a blessing.**

May 2, 27 Iyar - Jean Berk  
May 5, 20 Iyar - Dora Goodman  
May 6, 21 Iyar - Laivy Paul  
May 9, 24 Iyar - Paul McMurray  
May 11, 26 Iyar - Jacob Feinstein  
Sivan - Ab. Winski  
Sivan - Harris Levine  
May 15, 1 Sivan - Kevin Gartenhaus  
May 18, 4 Sivan - Samuel Goodman  
May 18, 4 Sivan -Max Litman  
May 19, 5 Sivan - Jacob A. Spector  
May 20, 6 Sivan - Mose Berger  
May 21, 7 Sivan -Freida Salzman  
May 21, 7 Sivan -Leo Goldstine  
May 22, 8 Sivan - Louise S. Klatch  
May 24, 10 Sivan - Samuel Bass  
May 24, 10 Sivan - Louis Roger  
May 24, 10 Sivan - Maynard Altman  
May 25, 11 Sivan - Eda Zovod  
May 27, 13 Sivan - Bessie Singer  
May 27, 13 Sivan - Rosa Lee Zovod  
May 29, 15 - Esther Tzucker  
May 30, 16 Sivan - Lucille Elkin

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**A Note from your Editor –**

As many of you know, I will be moving away from Lafayette within the next weeks, and we will need someone to take over my job as editor. Please contact me or Harriet Diamond if you are interested in taking over this position. Harriet's email is [Hardiam819@gmail.com](mailto:Hardiam819@gmail.com), and mine is [bridgejudy@aol.com](mailto:bridgejudy@aol.com).

In the meanwhile, please send me your thoughts and suggestions. Deadlines are usually a week before the end of the month.

Judy Weitzman-

## Lag B'Omer Laws and Customs

Lag B'Omer, occurs on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of Iyar and corresponds to the 33<sup>rd</sup> day since the first day of Passover. This is not only a day of celebration, but also a day that marks a cessation of the semi-mourning restrictions between Passover and Shavuot. Weddings and haircuts are all permitted.

Lag B'Omer is the "celebration" day of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, the legendary author of the Zohar. Although Lag B'Omer is the anniversary of his death, in accordance with his express wishes, it is treated as an occasion of great joy.

Tradition includes the lighting of bonfires, singing, dancing, playing with bows and arrows, eating carob and reading the 33<sup>rd</sup> Psalm.

The bonfires are often attributed to the very last day of Rabbi Shimon's life. On that day, he was allowed to reveal the secrets of the Torah, but because the time necessary to do that took so long, he caused the sun to remain in the sky longer than usual. In celebration, of that miracle, bonfires are used to light up the sky.

The story of the carob fruit goes back to the time when Rabbi Shimon and his son, Rabbi Elazar, were fugitives from the Romans and hid out in a cave in the village of Miron for thirteen years. Miraculously, a carob tree sprouted near the cave and provided plentiful fruit for father and son.

Bows and arrows represent rainbows. The Hebrew word, *keshet*, also translates as *bow* and after the flood, G-d's promise to never again destroy the world by flood, was symbolized by a rainbow. The use of bows and arrows reflects on G-d's promise. Rabbi Shimon protected his entire generation and no rainbows appeared during his life time.

The 33<sup>rd</sup> day since Pesach leads easily to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. Not only the coincidental numerals, but the psalm itself, one of celebration, fits perfectly with the holiday.

"Sing to Him a new song;  
play well with joyful shouting."



To honor someone with a new leaf on the **Tree of Life** in the Shul, please call Jo Gartenhaus at 765-464-1209 to learn how.

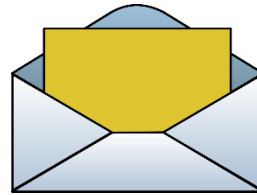
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And, as always, thanks to Sonya Garfinkel for preparing Onegs.



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To have a **Happy Day Card** or a **Memorial Card** sent in your name, please contact Esther Chosnek by e-mail at [erc@wolfelt.com](mailto:erc@wolfelt.com). She will promptly send your card for a minimum donation of only

\$5.00. You need only contact Esther, then send your check, made payable to Sisterhood Sons of Abraham to Sisterhood Treasurer, Sonya Garfinkel, 2229 Carberry Dr., West Lafayette, IN 47906.

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**Cheers**



Closing Luncheon

Wednesday, May 9, 12:00 noon

East End Grill, 1016 Main St.

RSVP to Gisela Friedlaender, 463-1626.

Order lunch a la carte.