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## From Rabbi Moch .....

### Pesach and the Danger of Fear

As I begin to think about Pesach, the Arab world is in utter turmoil and the Israeli electorate has again thrown its support behind Benjamin Netanyahu

and his Likud party. This support reflects two things important to Israelis, and the reality behind those two things in Israeli decision-making. First, Israelis believe Netanyahu when he tells them that Iran is gaining power throughout the region; it wants to achieve nuclear weapons production, and it wants to use its power to crush Israel. Israelis also see plainly that the Palestinian Authority long ago gave up on the idea of negotiating a peace with Israel, instead trying unilaterally to achieve status as a "recognized nation" among nations. Israelis know too well the folly of major unilateral decisions. The Gaza/Hamas mess resulted from Israel unilaterally withdrawing from Gaza, without first negotiating what would happen in the aftermath of that withdrawal.

All of these challenges are real. Iran is a danger; the Arab world is increasingly unstable and the Palestinian Authority is not interested in negotiating any peaceful resolution to its conflict with Israel. The more significant reality, however, is the fear that Israelis have of those difficult challenges. Their fears lead them to support policies which make them feel safer, but which in the end help make peace negotiations an unlikely result. Israeli fears led their government to erect barriers and check points to screen Palestinians entering or leaving Palestinian territory. It led to the building of an enormous security fence to keep Palestinians out of Israel. It led to collective punishments including the destruction of houses belonging to the parents and relatives of someone who acted violently against Israel.

All these policies make Israelis feel more secure, but in reality make them less so, because it makes the possibility of finding a negotiated peace with the Palestinian Authority almost impossible. It also lessens the ability for any Palestinian to relate to Israel as a negotiating partner rather than a hated power that constantly humiliates and degrades them.

On election-day, Netanyahu warned Israelis that "The Arabs are coming to vote in droves." Most leaders should want all their voters to come out in droves, but Bibi was utilizing fear to increase the odds that Jews trying to decide how to vote would vote for him out of fear.

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## President's Message

Hello and Happy Spring! Now that we have a bit more light at the end of the day, I find myself doing more in the evening. In doing so, I have gotten better at 'preparing' for my evenings and for my life in general. Funny thing — preparing and preparation. Some of us are really great at it while many of us do our 'best' work under pressure! (Read below for more about that!)

By the time this newsletter is printed and released, many of us a Kolot Mayim will be busy preparing for the April 5th Passover Seder! Unfortunately, our student rabbi, Rabbi, Michael Cohen will be unable to lead us due to the sudden death of his brother. I'm sure you all join me in wishing him our sincere condolences. Julie Elizabeth, joined by Kouskous (Gary and Amber) will lead the Seder in his place. Our wonderful lay leaders also will have been busy preparing for the Seder, and Katrina and company have been doing most of the legwork to assure our Seder meal and setup is ready. Thank you to all involved for giving their time and their love.

I suppose all of us are preparing in our own way. I do hope to see you, your family and your friends at the Seder. Please see page 24 for the last chance to reserve, if you haven't already.

Speaking of preparation, Shavuot occurs in May. This happens to be the holiday that my father, Frank Gafter, passed away, during the morning of May 24th, 2007. I recently learned a great deal about Shavuot from ReformJudaism.org. Here are some of the nuggets for you, your family and your friends to consider: "The Bible teaches that the Israelites had three days to prepare to receive the Torah at Mount Sinai. To ready themselves for the momentous occasion, they were instructed to wash their clothes and to stay ritually pure. By recalling those three days, Jews today can use the three days before Shavuot to prepare personally, as a family, and as a community to re-experience this life-changing event."

What I didn't know was that there are no particular mitvot (commandments) associated with Shavuot but there are some really interesting rituals. Many people stay up all night studying Torah. This custom apparently evolved from the story of the Israelites at Sinai. They overslept and had to be roused by Moses! Consequently, this is why we have the custom of staying up all night to study and celebrate receiving the Torah. This is a community-based custom in order to re-experience standing at Mount Sinai, where the Jewish people received Torah.

In April, we have the three Yoms during the week of the 19th. You will find information about community observances for Yom Ha Shoah, Yom Ha Zikaron, and Yom Ha Atzma'ut on pgs 6 and 7.

We also have two wonderful Cabarets coming up, on the heels of our March event which featured 3 of the 5 members of **the Klez** (a last minute fill-in for **Avram Devon McCagherty**, who was unable to come). We are very grateful to Avram for arranging this for us, and to the Klez for a wonderful performance. Our April Cabaret will feature **Jack, the Medley Man**, as well as several of his friends in the Open Mic section, and in May, we will have **Deb Maiké**, freshly back from Mexico. Both evenings will present wonderful music, and all for only \$5! Come to support your Temple and enjoy a musical treat! Our gratitude also to Bill Cox for the wonderful homemade scones!

In closing, enjoy preparing for whatever is in front of you. Take the time to consider what matters most in your life and the lives of those around you. May we all share in all of your successes, no matter how small or how huge! B'Shalom, *Richard Gafter*



From Rabbi Moch, continued from page 2. Fear is our greatest enemy, when it turns us from our basic values of *tzedek tzedek tirdof*, "Righteousness, righteousness you shall pursue." Pursue acts righteously, even to your own detriment. Fear is our greatest enemy when it leads us to separate ourselves from those we must bring closer and get to know better if we ever want to understand each other enough to arrive at a settled agreement. Fear, like sin and like the leavening of hametz we try to clean out of homes for Pesach, froths and multiplies and ferments until it generates distrust, hatred and anger - a very combustible mixture.

When our people left Egypt, the Torah says, "God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, though it was close, for God said, 'The people may have a change of heart when they see war and return to Egypt.'" The word for Egypt in Hebrew is Mitzrayim. It means "straits" or "woes." Whenever we feel attacked, we tend to retreat to what we think of as the close, narrow place of refuge. Fear drives us right back to Mitzrayim, back to the spiritual slavery we learned and tolerated there. Let us turn from fear and retribution and revenge to getting to know each other. Not doing so will leave us in Egypt with no sea of salvation to cross.

As we celebrate our people's Exodus from Egypt, let us pray that we can leave behind us the "straits" of fear that lead to human hatred. Instead let us take up the wisdom to speak of the land and the destiny we share and let us afford each other something of what the other needs without sacrificing what we need. May Pesach lead us all out of the narrow confines of our fear and into a risky future, but one in which seas may be crossed and the promises of our land and the promises of our vision gained. Begin by getting to know a Palestinian. In fact, you might even begin by inviting a Palestinian to share the Pesach Seder with your family.

*Rabbi Shimon*



## Social Action Committee Report

Your Social Action Committee has chosen a special project to support this Spring: the **Neve Michal Children's Village** in Israel. It provides refuge and a caring home to about three hundred children and youth at risk.

It also has a Teenage Girls' Emergency Crisis Centre, an elementary school, day care, enrichment programmes, and an external Crisis and Counselling Service for families at risk.

Their website, [www.emunah.org/neve\\_michal.php](http://www.emunah.org/neve_michal.php) has more information.

We hope you will consider a donation to this worthy cause, which has a special place in the heart of Reva Hutkin, the rock of our Committee.

Passover, which celebrates freedom, is a good opportunity to consider the need for abused and disadvantaged children to be free to realize their potential.

Please mail donations to Kolot Mayim S.A.C. (for Neve Michal). We hope to receive all donations and make our contribution by the end of May.

Our Committee thanks you for considering this deserving project.

*Sandy Fagan*

## Simechas

Martin and Caroline  
are pleased  
to announce the engagement  
of their son, Quintin  
to Amy Mockford.  
Their wedding  
will take place in May.

Mazel Tov  
to  
Dorothy and David  
Torontow  
on the occasion of their  
62nd  
Wedding Anniversary!

### JACK'S YOUTUBE

channel, <http://youtube.com/jackthemedleyman> displays 24 of the medleys he has performed in and around Victoria at folk clubs, coffeehouses and cabarets.

And open stage with:

**SCOTT MACDOUGALL**, finger-style guitarist extraordinaire. He performs classic tunes like Fats Waller's "Ain't Misbehavin'."

**TAPESTRY**, Folk trio John, Sharon & Michael, with a repertoire of folk-era and contemporary tunes.

### Tzedakah: A way of life.

### Kolot Mayim Supports Food Bank

Hundreds of people rely on the various food banks in town. Torah tells us to leave the four corners of our fields for those in need; today, this could be translated to mean the 4 corners of our shopping carts!

I urge everyone to bring a little something to Shul on Fridays for our Tzedakah Box. We support two food banks: Jewish Family Services and the James Bay Community Project Food Bank. If everyone brought one can each week, it would go a long way to helping those in need. Thank you for your support.

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**THE VOICE**

## KM Cabaret

**April 25th**

hosting and featuring  
**Jack the Medley Man**

at the JCCV  
3636 Shelbourne Street

**8:00 Open Mic**  
**9:00 Break & Refreshments**  
**followed by our feature performer**

\$5.00 at the door. No host bar and light snacks.

For info, or to register as a feature performer,  
contact Reva at 250-388-4161 or <bubbareva@gmail.com>.

***Come for a fun evening; share your talents,  
and enjoy the talents of others.***

The Cabaret is a fundraiser for Kolot Mayim Reform Temple.

## What is the Point of Remembering?

BY RABBI MARK STRAUSS-COHN , 4/25/2012

In the 20th century, three new holy days were inserted to the Jewish calendar based on the massively significant events of the Shoah and the Establishment of the State of Israel: Yom HaShoah v'Hagveurah, Yom HaZikaron, Yom HaAtzmaut. Yom HaShoah v'Hagveurah is the Memorial Day for the Shoah and the Resistance and was placed on the 27th Day of Nisan because that was the day on which the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising started (1943). Yom HaAtzmaut (Independence Day) is the 5th of Iyyar because Israel was declared a state on that day in 1948, when the British Mandate ended. Yom HaZikaron (Memorial Day for Fallen Soldiers and Victims of Terror) precedes Yom HaAtzmaut because how can we celebrate Israel's independence without first stopping to remember those who have fought for – or suffered as a result of – the existence of this land? *Continued on page 8.*



**KM Cabaret**

**May 30th**  
featuring

**Deb Maike**  
*Singer Songwriter*

at the JCCV  
3636 Shelbourne Street

**8:00 Open Mic**  
**9:00 Break & Refreshments**  
**followed by our feature performer**

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**YOM HASHOAH - HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH**  
11:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

AT THE  
**VICTORIA JEWISH CEMETERY**  
ON CEDAR HILL ROAD  
JUST SOUTH OF HILLSIDE

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Please join us for our annual commemoration event, to remember those who perished in the Holocaust as well as recognize the strength of survivors and the lessons to be learned for all peoples.

During the service, we will hear personal stories from multiple generations — a Holocaust survivor, community members representing the second generation and third generation, as well as the presence of a fourth generation, representing the future.

The tragedy of the Holocaust continues to reverberate through the generations and provides relevance for Jews and non-Jews alike in today's world. We ask you to join us to commemorate past events and as a sign for the future that such actions are morally and legally to be condemned for any peoples in today's world.

Presented by the Victoria Holocaust Remembrance & Education Society



## **Wednesday, April 22nd, 2015 - 5:30pm Yom HaZikaron / Yom HaAtzmaut**



Featuring a Yom HaZikaron Observance

- Sounding of the Siren
- Candle Lighting and Reflections
- prayers and remembrance for Israel's fallen and those impacted by conflict in the region

Followed by a  
Yom HaAtzmaut  
Celebration and  
Falafel dinner!

**Featuring a musical performance by Josie Davidson**

**Kosher Israeli Food prepared in the Chabad Kitchen**  
~ Falafel, Pita, Hummous, Israeli Salad, Bamba, Halva & more~

**There is NO CHARGE for this event (although donations welcome)**

**Presented by the Jewish Federation of Victoria & Vancouver Island**  
**and taking place at the Jewish Community Centre of Victoria**  
**3636 Shelbourne Street in Victoria BC**



## The Victoria and Vancouver Island Jewish Burial Society

The Jewish Burial Society of Victoria and Vancouver Island is a service organization founded to assist all Jews with end of life requirements. We administer four totally separate and distinct sections in the Hatley Memorial Gardens and provide space for all persuasions of Jewish life from orthodox to secular, complete with cremation if specified.

The Society works with the Victoria Chevrah Kadisha in preparation of the body for burial, and works with the family in all ways to ensure that the concern and embrace of the entire community for the bereaved.

While we are a non profit Society, regretfully, end of life does not respect one's pocketbook, and costs are dear. There is a small membership charge that must be paid to become a member of our Society, and arrangements for this, and for burial requirements may be made at any time. We recommend dealing with one's self and saving the pain and expense of the survivors at a very stressful time.

For additional information on a highly confidential basis, call Joel Fagan (250 477-2006), or Jack Shalinsky (250 477-1012).

## The Glue of any successful organization is participation: Ten Things You can do as a Temple Member

Offer to give a "drash" at one of our Services

Volunteer to be on a committee

Start a Temple Book Club

Donate to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Join ARZA Canada and support Israel

Honour other members through the Chai Fund

Write for the Newsletter

Agree to sit on the Temple Board

Bring a friend to Temple events

Encourage our young people

## Chai חַי

THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE  
SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER:

### CHAI FUND

*Hank Peters*

In honour of the birth of [Rabbi Moch's granddaughter](#) - *David & Dorothy Torontow*

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Condolences to [Gilda Good](#) on the passing her aunt Rhea Filger in Montreal - *David & Dorothy Torontow*

The Point of Remembering, Continued from page 5. And so the country stops on Yom HaZikaron. We stopped at 8pm last night for a minute while a siren sounded across the country. We stood in an outdoor theater with roughly 4,000 people, who stood motionless and emotion-filled. The service was filled with readings and stories of people who died in terror acts as well as in battles in Israel's wars. There was music, psalms, and prayers. There were little blue and white lights. Everyone there knew why we were there. No one needed an explanation. There were observances all over the country. Everywhere everyone is touched. And the slogan of the group that organizes observances, marches, and prayers during these intense eight days, "Between Yom HaShoah and Yom HaAtzmaut, we are all Israelis." Just reading the quote brings tears to my eyes. The life of an American living in Israel has been compared to kissing someone through a sheet of glass. I can identify with that statement (and may in another post). But for now, this week, I feel very Israeli. I am weighed down by the complex history and uncertain future. I am filled with pride over the efforts of so many whom I will never have known but who worked to make this land available to me. I am so grateful that Israel exists, no matter how perfect or imperfect. I

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## A "Reform" School for Jewish Boys

BY MICHAEL A. MEYER

Today the Union for Reform Judaism is engaged in a variety of activities that include the Religious Action Center, camping, and assistance to its member congregations. But when it was formed back in 1873, it had only a single major purpose: to establish the first successful rabbinical school in the United States.

The need was great. More and more congregations were instituting religious reforms. Their members, nearly all from Germany, had sought their spiritual leadership from the ranks European Reform rabbis. However, these men, no matter how brilliant, were incapable of giving a proper sermon in the English language or did so with a heavy German accent. The lay leadership now wanted American-trained rabbis, especially for their children, for whom German was no longer their mother tongue. Small congregations, who couldn't afford importation, often had to settle for charlatans, individuals with a minimal Jewish knowledge, who cribbed their sermons from the work of others. For the most part these men did not have the audacity to call themselves "rabbi," but made do with the title of "reverend." Not surprisingly, congregations hired them on short contracts and generally dismissed them after two or three years.

To deal with this problem, Isaac Leeser, the cantor of the Sephardi synagogue Mikveh Israel in Philadelphia, had tried to create a conservative but modern seminary in 1867. Named Maimonides College, it was established with great hopefulness only to shut its doors within six years. Lacking a broad union of congregations to support it, financial problems did it in.

It was the brilliance of Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise to realize that only with a congregational union as a permanent source of income could an American rabbinical seminary be put on a secure financial basis. He also knew that its foundation had to be laid by laymen, not rabbis. That is why in 1873 he allowed the initiative for what became the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (today the URJ) to come from the president of his Cincinnati congregation, Moritz Loth. Two years later, in 1875, seventy-two congregations had joined the Union--an impressive number in those days. Financial support, however, was another matter. By sober reckoning, the \$5000 collected was simply not enough. But that didn't stop Wise. Convinced that once the school was in operation doubts would evaporate, the headstrong rabbi went forward nonetheless. He apparently knew that the impressive opening exercises in Cincinnati's Plum Street Temple would have their effect. After only a few months \$64,000 had been pledged and the Hebrew Union College was in business.

In those early years the College was a most modest affair. The rabbinate was not regarded as a prestigious profession. Just as Catholic boys who could not make a living on their own were dispatched to a monastery, so Jewish parents sent to Hebrew Union College sons who, in the words of one father in a letter to Rabbi Wise, "weren't good for much else." Some of the early students came from orphanages, others from very poor families. The College authorities were forced to supply not only instruction but also decent clothing for their otherwise shabbily dressed pupils. The boys came to the College at an early age and could be disruptive to the point that one teacher had to be dismissed because he couldn't control his charges. The library consisted of a few dozen volumes, mostly donated and locked up at night to keep away the rats. [urj.org](http://urj.org)



## From Rabbi Moch .....

Shavu'ot falls this year on Saturday night, May 23 and Sunday, May 24. Each year, as we celebrate Shavu'ot we affirm our commitment to Torah and our own on-going education in Torah. Shavu'ot is the late spring/early summer harvest of first fruits. In ancient times those first fruits would be set aside as holy for God and given to the kohanim and used to support the Beit Ha-Mikdash, the Holy Temple. Shavu'ot, sometimes called the feast of weeks or Pentacost, also commemorates the fiftieth day (seven weeks plus one day) after our exodus from Egypt when we arrived at Mt. Sinai and God gave us Torah. For that reason Shavu'ot is called *zeman matan Torateinu*, "the time of the giving of our Torah."

On Shavu'ot, we read at morning Services, the *Aseret Ha-Dibberot*, the Ten Prescriptive Challenges often called the Ten Commandments. We also read of God's revelation to Isaiah and we read the Book of Ruth, the story of the first non-Jew, who became a Jew by choice. It has become a custom on Shavu'ot to decorate the Synagogue with green boughs of trees, to light Yizkor candles for your deceased loved ones, to eat only dairy meals, no meat, and to stay up all night studying Torah or Talmud (the Oral Torah).

Historically in Reform Judaism, young adults who have completed ninth or tenth grade stand before the congregation on Shavu'ot and "confirm" the faith in which they were raised. This festival is the least observed of our major festivals, yet it commemorates the most important moment in our history and collective awareness. Every one of us, man woman, and child should arrange his or her schedule to allow for the observance of this important day in our calendar.

Observe Shavu'ot by

- 1) lighting festival candles on Saturday night from your Havdalah candle and saying Shehecheyanu.
- 2) By having a festive meal with family and friends that begins with Kiddush sanctifying the day.
- 3) By staying away from work and school and spending the morning at Synagogue and if you are napping in the afternoon because you stayed up all night or a good part of it studying, then study Torah in the afternoon.
- 4) Think about each of the the *Aseret Ha-Dibberot*, the Ten Prescriptive Challenges often called the Ten Commandments, and try to apply them to the nuanced circumstances of your life. You might be surprised at how relevant they suddenly become.

*Rabbi Shimon*





## Save the Date! Coming Soon: Victoria International Jewish Film Festival

Vancouver Island's newest film festival celebrating the Jewish experience through film from

November 7-9, 2015 at the Cineplex Odeon theatre at Yates and Blanshard.

Celebrate five movies over three days with the Film Lover Package.

Look to this space in the coming months for more details about the film titles.

### **TICKET PRICING:**

Adults: \$13 per film

Seniors/Youth: \$10 per film

The Film Lover Package: \$125 (includes all five movies plus the Opening Night Reception and a tax receipt)

### **FOR MORE DETAILS:**

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***Have we got a film for you!***



## Shabbat Across America & Canada with Rabbi Moch



## Yom HaAtzmaut History & Customs

Yom HaAtzmaut, Israeli Independence Day, marks the establishment of the modern state of Israel in 1948. It is observed on or near the 5th of Iyar in the Hebrew calendar, which usually falls in April. It is preceded by Yom HaZikaron, Israeli Memorial Day.

The festivities begin the evening before, when Israelis take to streets across the country to attend outdoor concerts, parties and barbecues, as well to watch fireworks displays. Friends and families gather together the next day, usually outside or at nature reserves, museums and other attractions, which remain open to the public free of charge. Also on Yom Ha'Atzmaut, teens compete in the country's Torah championship, and the Israel Prize, the country's highest honor, is awarded in a formal ceremony in Jerusalem to individuals who excel in their chosen field.

On the evening of the holiday, celebrants and officials gather at Mount Herzl, Jerusalem. A ceremony with speeches and a parade of soldiers concludes with the lighting of twelve torches, representing the twelve Tribes of Israel. [Continued on page 13.](#)

## You Say It's Your Birthday

January, March, June or November (or any of the other months not listed)...Nope, that's not the birthday about which we are writing. Jewish Treats wants to know: Do you know your Hebrew birthday?

Knowing the date of one's Hebrew birthday can be an important building block in one's Jewish identity. There are two reasons why one might want to have this information. The easy and obvious reason is that two birthday parties are better than one! (Hey, you've got lots to celebrate, right!)

On a more serious note, however, the Jerusalem Talmud (Rosh Hashana 3:8) relates that a person has a special mazal on his/her date of birth on the Hebrew calendar. "Mazal" is a difficult word to translate, often defined as luck or fortune. Mazal, however, is a much more spiritual concept — it is the spiritual influence that affects a specific person or time. Some days are known to have particularly good or particularly bad mazal. For instance, the ninth of Av (Tisha Ba'Av – date of the destruction of the Holy Temples) is a day of notoriously bad mazal for the entire Jewish nation.

A person's birthday is a day of positive mazal for that person because it is a day that represents potential. Great leaders of Jewish life

have viewed birthdays in many different ways. Some have felt that a birthday is a day meant for introspection, reflection and resolution for the future. Others have used it as a day to celebrate with those close to them, or to bring the celebration to others by handing out tzedakah (charity) and brachot (blessings).

So now that you know the significance of this date in your life, we repeat: Do you know your Hebrew birthday?!

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[The Point of Remembering, continued from page 8.](#)

feel deeply connected with the stories, the land, the heroism, the need. I realize this land's future and mine have been inextricably connected since my DNA test proved that I was here 2,000/3,000 or so years ago. And I am here now, and every time I leave here – I leave a part of myself here. It is not that I don't find fulfillment and satisfaction elsewhere. Clearly I do. But my complete self is in this land of my people and ancestors.

As part of the commemoration on Yom HaZikaron at the Sultan's Pool, a rabbi gave a d'var torah. This week's Torah portion is Kedoshim (holiness) and he drew on the verse, "You shall keep my statutes and my judgments...and live by them..." We live by the mitzvot of Torah, he explained. We live holy lives based not on how well we perform those mitzvot but by how well we take care of

other people. Our lives will be judged not on the length of our beard or how kosher our kitchen is but rather on what kind of positive impact we have made in other people's lives. We are to guard the commandments of Torah – and there is no greater commandment than "love your neighbor as yourself," which also appears in this week's Torah portion. Those who have fought for this land and died defending the population here have done so without ever knowing how many lives they have loved, touched, inspired, and saved.

May we each have the chance to leave this world a better place through the connections we make with our fellow human beings and all of God's creation. May Yom HaZikaron be a time to remember but also to celebrate life and to consider our responsibility to one another.

May those who have died in Israel's wars and fallen as victims of terror be bound up in the bond of eternal life and may we work to preserve their memory as a blessing. [urj.org](http://urj.org)

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[Yom Ha Atzma'ut, continued from page 12.](#)

### TO CELEBRATE YOM HA'ATZMAUT:

Host a party or a special meal to celebrate the occasion.

Change your Facebook profile picture to that of the Israeli flag for that day or wishing Israel a happy birthday on your status to share your love of the Jewish homeland. [reformjudaism.org](http://reformjudaism.org)

April/May 2015							Nissan-Iyar-Sivan 5775						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday							
White squares indicate rabbinical leadership. Green square indicates musicians at service.			1 April 12 Nissan	2 13	Pesach 3 1st Seder 14 NO Kabbalat Shabbat Service	Pesach 4 15 Pesach 2nd Seder							
Pesach 5 Kolot Mayim Seder 5:30 for 6 pm start	Pesach 4 17	Pesach 5 18	Pesach 6 19	Pesach 7 20	Pesach 8 21 7:30 pm K.Shabbat Service led by Joel Fagan	Yizkor 11 Pesach 22							
12 23	13 24	14 25	15 26	16 27	17 28 7:30 pm K. Shabbat Service led by Lynn Greenhough	Shemini 18 29 Rosh Chodesh							
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**Saturday April 16th at 7:30 pm.**

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## Those we remember ...

**March 2015  
Adar-Nissan 5775**

OBSERVED DATE	CIVIL DATE YEAR OF DEATH	HEBREW DATE YEAR OF DEATH	NAME	RELATIONSHIP	MOURNER
April 1, 2015	April 1, 2005	21 Adar II 5765	Martin Spigelman	Husband of	Phyllis Chuly
April 1, 2015	April, 2006	Unknown	Alex Aiken	Uncle of	Martin Hergt
April 4, 2015	April 4, 2010	20 Nisan 5770	Rita Ryant	Sister of-In-Law	Joe Gougeon-Ryant
April 4, 2015	April 4, 2012	12 Nisan 5772	Marion Marks	Mother of	Lynn Marks
April 5, 2015	April 5, 2004	14 Nisan 5764	Blanche Dinning	Mother of-in-Law	Julie Elizabeth
April 5, 2015	April 5, 2013	25 Nisan 5773	Carole Rotstein	Friend of	Katrina Hanavelt
April 7, 2015	April 7, 2002	25 Nisan 5762	William Baker	Husband of	Arlette Baker
April 8, 2015	April 25, 1970	19 Nisan 5730	Linda Quinn	Sister of	Susan Halpert
April 8, 2015	April 17, 2006	19 Nisan 5766	Elfriede Szabo	Grandmother of	Caroline Hergt & Geneveie Brandt
April 9, 2015	April 9, 2010	25 Nisan 5770	Keith Young	Brother of	Gail Parrish
April 10, 2015	April 10, 2002	28 Nisan 5762	Hyman Stern	Father of	Gilda Good
April 11, 2015	April 11, 2011	7 Nisan 5771	Denny Solo	Brother in Law of	Jacqueline Seigel
April 13, 2015	April 13, 2011	9 Nisan 5771	George Mendenhall	Father of	Tina Kushner
April 19, 2015	April 22, 1974	30 Nisan 5734	Elias Gans/Eliyahu	Father of	Michael Gans
April 19, 2015	April 21, 2004	30 Nisan 5764	Elfriede Maroke	Aunt of	Caroline Hergt & Geneveie Brandt
April 23, 2015	April 23, 2006	26 Nisan 5766	Sonia Wagner	Grandmother of	Ian Aaron
April 28, 2015	April 28, 2014		Nathan Letovsky	Step Father of	Bill Katz
April 29, 2015	April 29 2008	24 Nisan 5768	Margaret Sugarman	Mother of	Sandy Fagan
April 29, 2015	April 29, 2008	24 Nisan 5768	Alex Aiken	Uncle of	Martin Hergt
May 1, 2015	May, 2006	unknown	Nieves Molina	Aunt of	Grace Sandell
May 3, 2015	May 4, 2012	11 Iyar 5772	David Ritt	Friend of	Dorothy & David
May 4, 2015	May 6, 2004	15 Iyar 5764	Julius (Ziggy) Bleviss	Father of	Morris Bleviss
May 6, 2015	May 6, 1989	1 Iyar 5749	Joseph Yacowar	Father of	Hal Yacowar
May 9, 2015	April 23, 1992	20 Iyar 5752	David Halpert	Father of-in-Law of	Susan Halpert
May 13, 2015	May 13, 1983	1 Sivan 5743	Alice McCulloch	Grandmother of	Rennie Parrish

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of  
Gary and Amber  
(Kouskous)  
at our Passover Seder.