



May 8, 2026

21 Iyar 5786

SCHEDULE

Candle Lighting: Behar-Bechukosai 5/8 7:47PM

Shabbat Ends 5/9 8:51PM

Candle Lighting: 5/15 7:54PM

SHABBAT SHALOM

A warm welcome to our guests

We welcome you and are pleased that you have joined us to worship. We hope you will feel welcome whenever you are in town. If you are a new resident to our area, please introduce yourself so we can properly welcome you and tell you more about our wonderful congregation and community.

CONTACT US

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Rabbi Joshua Shorr | Direct: 443.625.2361
RabbiJosh@knesethisrael.org (NEW)
Available M-W 6-7PM. Call the office to book an appointment

Schedule

Saturday, May 9 - 9:00am Adult Class/9:30am Service
6:00PM Lag B'Omer
Saturday, May 16 - 9am Adult Class/9:30am Service
Saturday, May 23 - 9am Adult Class/9:30am Service

Virtual Lecture

Join Rabbi Josh Shorr via Zoom
Tuesday, May 12th at 5PM in honor of Shavuot
"Archeological Evidence of Mount Sinai"
Email or call the KI office for the Zoom link

Women of CKI - our next book club meeting for Rosh Chodesh Av will be on
Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 5:00 pm EST.

(Click the Zoom link from our website or contact the office)

Our book will be *Heart of a Stranger: An unlikely Rabbi's Story of Faith, Identity, and Belonging* by Angela Buchdahl - the life story of the first Asian-American Rabbi at NYC's Central Synagogue. We will discuss both the book and how it relates to some of our own experiences, those that I shared last session and some of yours if you would like to share!

A Broadway Journey with Shouvik Mondle & company

Sunday, May 31st 2PM- 4PM

\$30 Member/ \$35 Non-members
\$25 Teens 14-17
\$40 after May 27th

More information to be announced soon.

PARASHAT BEHAR-BECHUKOSAI

Torah: Leviticus 25:1 - 27:34

Pages: 531-550

Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19 - 17:14

Pages: 551 - 553

The name of the Parshah, "Behar," means "on Mount [Sinai]" and it is found in [Leviticus 25:1](#). The name of the [Parshah](#), "Bechukosai," means "in My statutes" and it is found in [Leviticus 26:3](#).

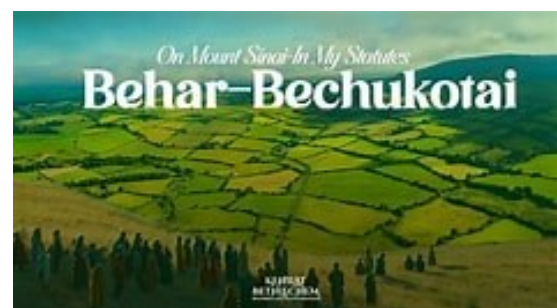
On the [mountain of Sinai](#), [G-d](#) communicates to [Moses](#) the laws of the [Sabbatical](#) year: every [seventh](#) year, all work on the land should cease, and its produce becomes free for the taking for all, man and beast.

Seven Sabbatical cycles are followed by a fiftieth year—the [jubilee](#) year, on which work on the land ceases, all indentured [servants](#) are set free, and all ancestral estates in [the Holy Land](#) that have been sold revert to their original owners. Additional laws governing the sale of lands, and the prohibitions against [fraud](#) and [usury](#), are also given.

[G-d](#) promises that if the [people of Israel](#) will keep His [commandments](#), they will enjoy material prosperity and dwell securely in their [homeland](#). But He also delivers a harsh "rebuke," warning of the [exile](#), persecution and other evils that will befall them if they abandon their covenant with Him. Nevertheless, "Even when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away; nor will I ever abhor them, to destroy them and to break My covenant with them; for I am the L-rd their G-d."

The Parshah concludes with the rules on how to calculate the values of different types of pledges made to [G-d](#), and the [mitzvah](#) of [tithing](#) produce and livestock.

(Citation from Chabad.org)



REFUAH SH'LEIMA (SPEEDY RECOVERY)

Jeffrey Blum, Joyce Ani, Ethan Halpern, Glenn Carr, Mel Hyatt, and Marcia Lewis.

May the Holy One, Blessed is He, be filled with compassion for them, to restore their health, to heal them, to strengthen and revivify them. May He send them a speedy and complete recovery from heaven, a recovery of the body and a recovery of the spirit, swiftly and soon. Amen.

If you know of someone who should be mentioned in our weekly *Mi Sheberach*, please contact either the office or Steve Sutton. If you have added a name to the list, please keep us apprised of their progress and let us know when, G-d willing, they can be removed.

BIKUR CHOLIM (Visiting the Sick)

When there are members of the Kneseth Israel community who are ill, injured, or hospitalized, we do not always know about it. If you or someone you know would benefit from a call or visit from Rabbi Josh, please contact the synagogue.

Yahrzeit Minyanim

For those desiring a minyan to observe a yahrzeit, please call or write the office at least one week in advance at 410-263-3924 or office@knesethisrael.org

Please make some calls yourself to bring in Jewish adults who can count towards the minyan.

HONORS AND MEMORIALS DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Kneseth Israel offers several opportunities to honor or memorialize family and friends. Please contact Steve Sutton at sjsutton@knesethisrael.org for opportunities and donation amounts. The minimum donations for these most purchased items are as follows: **Memorial Plaque** on a Yahrzeit Board: from \$450 for members; \$550 for non-members. **Leaf on Tree of Life** (Main Foyer) from a minimum of \$250; Stones on the Tree of Life remain a minimum of \$1000. **Simcha Plaques** (Board in Auditorium): Single width plaque from a minimum of \$300; Double width plaque from a minimum of \$600. Consider one of these honor or memorial opportunities or another donation. Contact Steve Sutton at sjsutton@knesethisrael.org or 410.721.0679.

YEAR-ROUND FOOD DONATIONS

Kneseth Israel is now collecting nonperishable food items year-round for donation to the Anne Arundel County Food Bank, in addition to the special campaigns we highlight several times a year. Please bring your items for donation to shul whenever you come and leave them in the bin by the main entrance.

Yahrzeit Notices

If you would prefer getting your yahrzeit notices by email, please call the office to let us know and to make sure we have your email address.

Yahrzeits for This Week

The following Yahrzeits are being observed during the week of May 10 - May 16

Sunday, May 10

Esther Stein
Sheldon Levy
Yetta Sue Berman

Monday, May 11

Tuesday, May 12

Max Kotzin

Wednesday, May 13

Judith F. Rubin
Henry Leventhal

Thursday, May 14

Charlotte Adler Stern
Mary Joffe Feldman
Dr. Harold Fred Earle
Hyman Cohen

Friday, May 15

Douglas Edward Sherr
Lila Meyerson
Mollie Kurnow
Ernest H. Halpern
Adrienne Pittle Gordon
Rose Donner
Geraldine H. Brilliant
Kate Block
Emanuel Michael Auslander

Saturday, May 16

Abraham Gritz
Nathan Greiff

CONTRIBUTIONS

Yahrzeits

In memory of Morris Albert by Edward Albert
In memory of Abraham Gritz by The Gritz Family
In memory of Margery Columbine Blum by Jeffrey Blum
In memory of Joseph Charlow by Fran Block

Contributions

Speedy recovery to Marcia Lewis from Sara & Jack Schmerling
In memory of Jerri Shafran from Sara & Jack Schmerling

CKI CEMETERY - INFORMATION

For emergencies or to purchase plots

TEGELER Monuments Co. - 410.944.0300

(24 hr. availability - Emergency line)

For a key

Chesapeake Cycles

(across the street from cemetery)

Tuesday - Saturday 9am-5pm

Or sign out a key from KI and return afterward
410.263.3924 or email - office@knesethisrael.org
Or call Committee Chair- *Jonas Legum*

SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

A small statement piece for your home or as a gift!

This collectible item reflects the beauty and spirituality of Judaism.

**Wailing Wall Sculpture on a Stone Base
Jerusalem 925 Sterling Silver**

By Ben Zion Israel

Please contact: Laura Sutton 410 721-0679 or
Ls217@comcast.net



CONTRIBUTION OPTIONS

If you would like to make a contribution to a specific Fund or Trust, please see the list below. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

- Building Fund
- Cemetery Beautification Fund
- Cemetery Trust
- Endowment Trust
- Kiddush Fund
- Kitchen Fund
- Library Fund
- Program Fund
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- Rosenblatt Memorial Fund
- School Fund
- Sisterhood Fund
- Torah Fund
- Tree of Life & Simcha Fund

LATEST AND GREATEST ON LIVESTREAMING SERVICES

We will continue to livestream our services via Zoom. Just so you are aware, you need to continue to call/write the office whenever you want to livestream so you can get the link. Sometimes we will have the service monitored with an operator (thank you Steve Sutton, Walt Beckerman, and Donna Kahn) when the camera will be zoomed and panned for a wonderful experience. Sometimes the camera will be set to just focus on the full bima without zooming/panning when there is no operator - audio will be the usual. Again, the set-up is determined by availability of operators. Anyone who wants to learn how to be an operator (can do from home with your own computer), please let the office know. **If you would like the zoom link for services, please call the office. The link will be for the entire year of 2026.**

PLEASE NOTE

If we have inadvertently omitted your name for any reason, please accept our apologies and please call the office at 410-263-3924 with complete information so we may include your information in the next publication. Please advise the office of any congregant's simchas that you are aware of or if you know of someone who is ill so we may acknowledge it. When calling the office, if you get the answering machine, please leave a message. Someone will return your call.

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KI FACEBOOK PAGE

We are putting in positive thoughts for members of the congregation on our Kneseth Israel Facebook page. If you would like to contribute, please feel free to participate.

MOTI'S MARKET



Kneseth Israel receives regular deliveries from Moti's Market. If we order a kiddush lunch, or if the amount of any order meets the threshold for free delivery, your personal order of groceries, deli, or meat, will be delivered to the shul on Friday. You can order on their website and pick up at the shul. Please let the office know if you are placing a personal order .

[410.263.3924 or email – office@knesethisrael.org]

May 2026

Dr. William Reichel
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 David Auslander
 William Rutman
 Sara Mary Selzer Ostrusky
 Simon Milton Kotzin
 Sallye Abrams
 Esther Stein
 Sheldon Levy
 Yetta Sue Berman
 Max Kotzin
 Judith F. Rubin
 Henry Leventhal
 Charlotte Adler Stern
 Mary Joffe Feldman
 Dr. Harold Fred Earle
 Hyman Cohen
 Douglas Edward Sherr
 Lila Meyerson
 Mollie Kurnow
 Ernest H. Halpern
 Adrienne Pittle Gordon
 Rose Donner
 Geraldine H. Brilliant
 Kate Block

Emanuel Michael Auslander
 Abraham Gritz
 Nathan Greiff
 Lila Gumnick
 Bella Zimmerman
 Melvin Sacks
 Lena Reiter
 Betty Levin
 Rose L. Garfield
 Frieda Riegel
 Mildred Krissoff
 Hyman Goodstein
 Elsie Greenberg Stebbins
 Walter George Nussbaum
 Joseph S. Katcef
 Hyman L. Young
 Michael Sachs
 Judith Elaine Rubin
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 Joseph Charlow
 Bertha Blum
 Michael Goldstein
 Flora Mollie Freedman
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 Rebecca Lott
 Ruth Levitt
 Arthur Koplin
 Frank Ossry
 Maria Goldrat
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June 2026

Bernard Zelko
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 Ester Leibowitz
 Rabbi Abraham Horvitz
 Marilyn Halpern
 Dr. Alex L. Boro
 Jeffrey Howard Torf
 Irene Strauss
 Sara Shaer
 Morris Levy
 Max Koman
 Edward Paul Ellis
 Leatrice H. Reiter
 Harry Kauder
 Morris Siskind
 Philip A. Lehman
 Arlene I. (Sinen) Hecker
 Charlotte Greenfield
 Dorothy Feldman
 Corinne Goldstein Earle
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 Julius Moss
 Noah Joffe
 Milton Genderson
 Blossom Genderson
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 Bernice Gesas Stark
 Solomon J. Shafran
 William Katcef
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 Sheila Beres Friedman
 Jack Peretz
 Ida Silverstein
 Miriam Stern Schwarzschild
 Ethel Schwartz
 Fanny Levy
 David Klawans
 Ida Klawans
 Louis Zimmerman
 Ethel D. Snyder
 Albert Greenbaum
 Janice Zoe Devorah
 Diana Beiber
 Diane Golbitz Hamilton
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