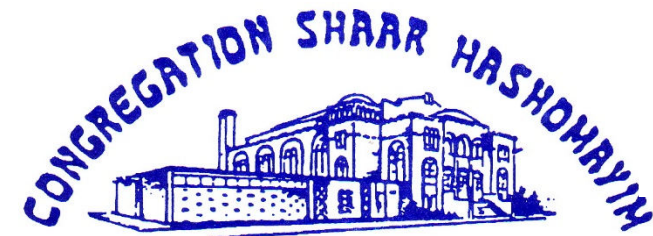


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THE FOLLOWING YAHRZEITS ARE BEING OBSERVED THIS WEEK

APRIL / 2026 – IYAR 5786	BOARD/ROW
18 01 Rubin Mandel Rachel Subelsky Bess Cohen Fridman Family Polishchuk Family Anne Luborsky Dr. David Boot	Rochel Riva bas Dov 1-1  Chasha bas Yehudis
19 02 Hannah Snyder Rose Lillian Uten Meyer Glynn Joseph Berg Yechiel Stone Sol Marshall Bennie Subelsky	Chana Yocheved bas Aharon 6-1 Rachel Leah bas Yitzchak Mordechai HaCohen 6-1 Yitzchak Meir ben Yonah 4-4  Yechiel Michol ben Moshe 1-1
20 03 Martha Gumprich Lily Morson Dave Meretsky Philip Engel Meyer Ozadovsky Rachel Tucker	Miriyam bas Zelig  Yechezkel ben Avraham 2-4  Rachel bas Tzvi Hershel
21 04 Irving Wayne Max Goldhar Marilyn Esther Baker Zelig Novargrad Gabriel Epstein Isaac Weingarden	Yitzchok ben Zechariya 7-4 Melech ben Tzvi Hershel 6-1 Esther Miriam bas Reb Dovid 3-3 Gavriel ben Shmuel 2-2 Yitzchak ben Leib
22 05 Morris Golden Bennie Kolar Sam Jerzy Naftuli Malic Susan Lillian Kamin Rezek Mordecai Morris Kerensky Zali (Sura) Stein Morris Rotman Perle Shats	Moshe ben Chaacha 7-2 Rasha Bayla 4-3 Zalman ben Shmuel Zavel Naftoli ben Avraham Shoshana bas Isser  Sara bas Zev Volf 5-1 Moishe ben Nachman Rotman Perle bat Menashe
23 06 Anne Rotofsky Jacob Averbuck Jewel Jackson Sarah Petchersky Gertrude Troester David Schwartz Annie Cohl Esther Reva Horn Howard Goldberg Yankee (Betty) Sherr Lily Sacks	Chana bas Ya'akov  Chaya Sora bas Pinchas Halevi 2-3 Gittel bas Shmuel 1-9 Aharon Dovid ben Tzvi Hersh Chana b' Reb Feivel Kohos Esther Rivka bas Moshe Tzi Halevi 3-4 Chaim Pesach ben Reb Wolf Ve'ev Rivka bas Avram
24 07 Harry Chinsky Charles Krassov Dina Kamen Edward Slobasky Annie Tobey Sender Sam Salsky Rochel Devora Kramer Jennie Kabachnick Hilda Hurwitz Ida Katzman Tibe Sandler Toby Rubenstein Iona Plotnik Dora Mendleson Jack Shanfield Maxwell Richter	Naftali ben Betzalel 7-2 Yechiel ben Godeh 9-3 Dinka bas Avraham 2-4 Yitzchak ben Moshe 2-2 Chana Toyve bas Tzvi 1-1 Sender ben Chaim Nosson  Shena Golda bas Yitzchock Levi Hoodle bas Moshe Chaiya bas Yerucham  Tibel bas Matas Lea bas Elia Izsak Devorah bas Yacov Meyer ben Yosef Menachem Mendel ben Isaac

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026** **1 IYAR 5786**  
**Parshas Tazria-Metzora – Rosh Chodesh**  
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16<sup>th</sup> Day of the Omer

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### Tazria

The Torah commands a woman to bring a korban (sacrificial offering) after the birth of a child. A son is to be circumcised on the eighth day of his life. The Torah introduces the phenomenon of tzara'at (often mistranslated as leprosy) — a miraculous affliction that attacks people, clothing and buildings to awaken a person to spiritual failures. A kohen must be consulted to determine whether a particular mark is tzara'at or not. The kohen isolates the sufferer for a week. If the malady remains unchanged, confinement continues for a second week, after which the kohen decides the person's status. The Torah describes the different forms of tzara'at (biblical affliction). One whose tzara'at is confirmed wears torn clothing, does not cut his hair, and must alert others that he is ritually impure. He may not have normal contact with people. The phenomenon of tzara'at on clothing is described in detail.

### Metzora

The Torah describes the procedure for a metzora (a person afflicted with tzara'at) upon conclusion of his isolation. This process extends for a week and involves korbanot and immersions in the mikveh. Then, a kohen must pronounce the metzora pure. A metzora of limited financial means may substitute lesser offerings for the more expensive animals. Before a kohen diagnoses that a house has tzara'at, household possessions are removed to prevent them from also being declared ritually impure. The tzara'at is removed by smashing and rebuilding that section of the house. If it reappears, the entire building must be razed. The Torah details those bodily secretions that render a person spiritually impure, thereby preventing his contact with holy items, and the Torah defines how one regains a state of ritual purity.

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## WEEKLY SERVICES

DAY	DATE	MORNING & EVENING	
FRIDAY	APR 17		Candles 6:56 pm or 7:58 pm
SATURDAY	APR 18	9:00 A.M.	Rosh Chodesh / Havdalah 9:01 pm
SUNDAY	APR 19	8:30 A.M.	Morning Minyan

## MINYAN REQUEST

REQUESTED BY	YAHREITZ OF	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Stephen Cheifetz	Uncle, Morris Rotman (AH)	THIS Wednesday, April 22	7:30 am	Shaar Chapel



Attend, if you want to do a mitzvah (good deed). **\*Your attendance is important, to support those observing a yahrzeit.**

## GOOD HEALTH WISHES: A SPEEDY RECOVERY



**REFUAH SHLAIMAH:** to David Lazarus and all those who are not well at this time.

Please notify the office of any congregant and/or family member who is ill or hospitalized. Your call will ensure that our clergy can follow up with calls and special prayers.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES



Happy Birthday Wishes to Emma Zeller on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, Jessica Adler on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, Max Zalev on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and Jonathan Bruneau on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## UPCOMING UNVEILING

Katherine 'Katie' Enkin (AH)	Sunday, April 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	1:00 pm
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## COMMUNITY SECURITY INITIATIVE



**Protecting the safety and security of our Jewish institutions and facilities is a shared community priority in Windsor.** A new community security initiative is strengthening safety across all Jewish institutions and facilities, led and overseen locally by our community's institutions and spearheaded by their presidents and professional leadership. **This effort reflects shared responsibility, collaboration and care for our collective wellbeing.**

Funds raised **will support physical security infrastructure enhancements** and address **evolving security needs** across the community. Resources will be allocated as required, with **clear lay and professional oversight to ensure accountability and thoughtful decision-making.** We invite you to support this important initiative and help ensure a safe, connected future for our community. All donations receive a tax receipt. To donate, please visit: <https://jewishwindsor.org/giving/community-security/>

## YOM HA'ATZMAUT



Mark **Yom Ha'atzmaut** with hands-on activities, Israeli flavours and a warm, welcoming community gathering. Join us to celebrate 78 years of independence **THIS Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026** from **3pm-5pm**. RSVP at <https://jewishwindsor.org/event/yom-haatzmaut-2026/>

## LUNCH & LEARN AT CHABAD



Chabad of Windsor is hosting a **Monthly Lunch & Learn** with **Rabbi and Rivka Galperin**, including a delicious lunch and relevant Torah-based class. You are invited to their upcoming class on **Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026** at **12:00 pm to 1:00 pm**, at Chabad – 1506 Victoria Ave. RSVP required at 519-256-2572 or [windsorabb@gmail.com](mailto:windsorabb@gmail.com)

**Yom Hazikaron, This Tuesday, Memorial Day** for the Fallen Soldiers of Israel and Victims of Terrorism"), is Israel's official remembrance day, enacted into law in 1963.<sup>[3]</sup> While Yom Hazikaron has been traditionally dedicated to fallen soldiers, commemoration has also been extended to civilian victims of political violence, Palestinian political violence and terrorism in general.

**Yom Haatzma'ut, Independence Day, This Wednesday,** (Day of Independence) is the national day of Israel, commemorating the Israeli Declaration of Independence in 1948. Independence Day is founded on the declaration of the establishment of the State of Israel by the Jewish leadership headed by future Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion on 14 May 1948.

## YOM YERUSHALAYIM CHALLAH BAKE

*Yom Yerushalayim* Join us as we celebrate **Yom Yerushalayim** with a special **Community Challah Bake Challah Bake** on **Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026** at **6:30pm-8:30pm** at the **WJCC**. We're excited to welcome Alissa Kondogiannis, founder of Barnstar Kitchen, who will guide us step-by-step through the beautiful tradition of making challah from scratch. Together we'll mix, knead, braid and bake, while connecting with friends and celebrating Jerusalem. Whether you're an experienced baker or trying challah for the first time, this hands-on evening is all about community, tradition and a little bit of flour-covered fun. Tickets are \$18 per person and can be purchased at <https://jewishwindsor.org/event/yom-yerushalayim-challah-bake/>

## KIDDUSH



The Congregation is invited to the Charles Zalev Social Hall for Kiddush following the service. The Kiddush this Shabbat is sponsored by Congregation Shaar Hashomayim.

To sponsor a Kiddush, please call the Shaar Office at 519-256-3123 or email [shaar@mnsi.net](mailto:shaar@mnsi.net)

## SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY KIDDUSH



The Shaar Social Committee invites you to join us for Shabbos Services on **Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026** in Honour of **Mother's Day**. A special upgraded Kiddush will follow. If you would like to help sponsor, please contact the Shaar Office at 519-256-3123 or email [shaar@mnsi.net](mailto:shaar@mnsi.net)



## SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN

There will be a Sunday Morning Minyan this Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. Sunday Morning Breakfast has been cancelled until further notice.

## LIFE & LEGACY



How will you assure Jewish tomorrows? Be remembered forever with a gift to Congregation Shaar Hashomayim in your will, trust, retirement account, or life insurance policy. It's easier than you think! Contact Shaar Hashomayim at 519-256-3123 or [shaar@mnsi.net](mailto:shaar@mnsi.net) to learn how to create your legacy.



## Words of Wisdom from Rabbi Jonathan Sacks:

From time to time, couples come to see me before their wedding. Sometimes they ask me whether I have any advice to give them, as to how to make their marriage strong. In reply, I give them a simple suggestion. It is almost magical in its effects. It will make their relationship strong and in other unexpected ways, it will transform their lives.

They have to commit themselves to the following ritual. Once a day, usually at the end of the day, they must each praise the other for something the other has done that day, no matter how small: an act, a word, a gesture that was kind or sensitive or generous or thoughtful. The praise must be focused on that one act, not generalized. It must be genuine: it must come from the heart. And the other must learn to accept the praise.

That is all they have to do. It takes at most a minute or two. But it has to be done, not sometimes, but every day.