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THE FOLLOWING YAHRZEITS ARE BEING OBSERVED THIS WEEK:**

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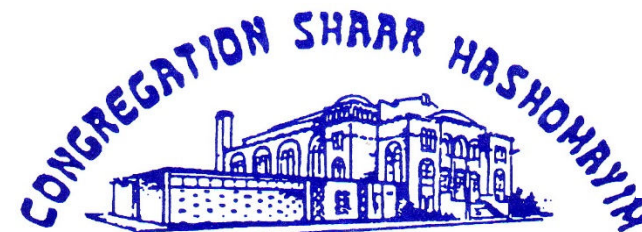
			BOARD/ROW
16	29	Anna Selber Sol Ester Asa Joseph Upiter Nathan Kaplan Aaron Leiderman Saul Beerbohm Zelig Price Max Garber	Chana bas Leibel Sol Esther bas Moshe Yosef ben Laybar Noach Tzvi ben Gavriel Hacoen Aaron ben Levi Yisroel ben Shlomo Menachem Mendel ben Yekutiel

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17	01	Peter Meretsky Marion Levin Kathryn (Kathy) Cohen Freda Katz (Katzman)	Pesach ben Yacov Ruth bas Avraham Fruma bas Mayer	7-1 8-3 10-2
18	02	Bertha Roth David Leib Ordower Samuel Rosen Dr. Stanley Raphael Mikhail Rabkin	Bluma bas Yaacov Dov Leib ben Meir Zusha ben Yisrael Shlomo ben Tzvi Moshe ben Zalman	1-7 2-4 9-3
19	03	Miriam Porutchyk Molly Lyons Betty Lobbenberg Morris Storm Sara Schen Jacob Orechkin Manuel Golden Boris Nosanchuk Jack Kay Vladimir Volynsky	Malka bas Baruch Bayla bas Shlomo Sorah bas Avrum Yacov ben Yehuda Leib Menachem Mendel ben Moshe Yacov Dov ben Mordechai Ze'ev ben Yitzchak	1-9 4-2
20	04	Benjamin Yuffy Frank Mendleson Rabbi Sydney Mossman Monya Dron Udasha Pasikov Rose Laurie Simon Fruchter	Binyomin ben Michoel Efraym Zalman ben Yakov Yeshia ben Shmuel Abba Manya ben Shmuel Udasha bas Yosef Hersch Rochel bas Leib Shimshon ben Eliezer	9-4 9-2
21	05	Joseph Sandler Mordechai Mendel Subelsky	Mordechai Mendel ben Abraham	1-1
22	06	Aaron Orechkin Max Lewin Chenya Wyman Mary Burk Yankel Weisz & Esther Weisz Abraham (Al) Hochberg Mendel Weisz	Aaron ben Moshe Mordechai ben Yacov Yosef Sonya bas Yosef Miriam Lieba bas Kalman Shlomo Avraham ben Ya'akov Mendel ben Yankel	3-5 6-2 8-5

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SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026	29 IYAR 5786
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Parshas Bemidbar

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44th Day of the Omer

TORAH PORTION:

Bemidbar

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The Book of Bamidbar — "In the Desert"— begins with G-d commanding Moshe to take a census of all men over age twenty — old enough for service. The count reveals just over 600,000. The levi'im are counted separately later because their service will be unique. They will be responsible for transporting the Mishkan and its furnishings and assembling them when the nation encamps. The 12 Tribes of Israel, each with its banner, are arranged around the Mishkan in four sections: east, south, west and north. Since Levi is singled out, the tribe of Yosef is split into two tribes, Ephraim and Menashe, so there will be four groups of three. When the nation travels, they march in a formation similar to the way they camp. A formal transfer is made between the first-born and the levi'im, whereby the levi'im take over the role the first-born would have had serving in the Mishkan if not for the sin of the golden calf. The transfer is made using all the 22,000 surveyed levi'im from one month old and up. Only levi'im between 30 and 50 will work in the Mishkan. The remaining first-born sons are redeemed with silver, similar to the way we redeem our first-born today. The sons of Levi are divided into three main families, Gershon, Kehat and Merari (besides the kohanim — the special division from Kehat's family). The family of Kehat carried the menorah, the table, the altar and the holy ark. Because of their utmost sanctity, the ark and the altar are covered only by Aharon and his sons, before the levi'im prepare them for travel.

ROSH CHODESH



We bless the month of Sivan

The Molad (New Moon) for Sivan is this evening, May 16, at 6:02 PM and 15 Chalokim. The time of the New Moon is the single moment when the New Moon is visible in Israel.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

DAY	DATE	MORNING & EVENING	
FRIDAY	MAY 15		Yom Yerushalayim / Candles 7:20 pm or 8:29 pm
SATURDAY	MAY 16	9:00 A.M.	Havdalah 9:37 pm
SUNDAY	MAY 17	8:30 A.M.	Rosh Chodesh / Morning Minyan

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 Tzvi Hensz on Tuesday, May 19th.

MAZEL TOV WISHES



Mazel Tov Wishes to Kelly-Lynn and Mark Abraham, on the occasion of their Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, May 20th.

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/>

SHAVUOT AT THE SHAAR



Join us for **Shavuot Morning Services** at the **Shaar**, followed by Kiddush and Dairy Desserts in the Social Hall **THIS Friday, May 22nd and Saturday, May 23rd, 2026 (Yizkor) at 9:00 am.**

SHAVUOT DAIRY PARTY AT CHABAD



Join us for a **Shavuot Dairy Party** at **Chabad**, 1506 Victoria Ave., **THIS Friday, May 22nd, 2026 at 5:00 pm** for a delicious dairy dinner, featuring an assortment of ice cream and cheesecake. Torah Reading (10 Commandments). Free Admission. Please RSVP by THIS Tuesday, May 19th, 2026 at www.windsorchabad.com

OFFICE CLOSED



The Shaar Office is **CLOSED THIS Monday, May 18th, 2026.** Wishing all of our members a Safe and Happy **Victoria Day Long Weekend** ☺.



Shavuot (May 21-23)

Shavuot has a double significance. It marks the all-important wheat harvest in the Land of Israel and it commemorates the anniversary of the day G-d gave the Torah to the entire nation of Israel assembled at Mount Sinai, although the association between the giving of the Torah and Shavuot is not explicit in the Biblical text.

The holiday is one of the *Shalosh Regalim*, the three Biblical pilgrimage festivals. It marks the conclusion of the Counting of the Omer, and its date is directly linked to that of Passover. The Torah mandates the seven-week Counting of the Omer, beginning on the second day of Passover, to be immediately followed by Shavuot. This counting of days and weeks is understood to express anticipation and desire for the giving of the Torah. On Passover, the people of Israel were freed from their enslavement to Pharaoh; on Shavuot they were given the Torah and became a nation committed to serving G-d. The word Shavuot means weeks, and the festival of Shavuot marks the completion of the seven-week counting period between Passover and Shavuot. **YISKOR is recited next Shabbat.**

CIJA COMMUNITY BRIEFING & Q&A



Join **Noah Shack**, CEO of Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, and **Bruce Elman**, Co-Chair of CIJA's Legal Task Force, for a **Community Briefing & Q&A** on **Thursday, May 28th, 2026 at 6:30 pm** at the **WJCC**. RSVP and submit questions at www.jewishwindsor.org/cijabriefing/

WINDSOR JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL



Mark your calendars – the **Windsor Jewish Film Festival** is back, at the beautiful **Capitol Theatre**, for its 23rd year, from **Sunday, May 31st to Thursday, June 4th, 2026**. For more information, please visit: www.windsorjewishfilmfestival.ca

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KIDDUSH



The Congregation is invited to the Charles Zalev Social Hall for Kiddush following the service. The Kiddush this Shabbat is sponsored by Galina Rabkin, in memory of beloved husband, Mikhail Rabkin (AH).

SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN

There will be a Sunday Morning Minyan this Sunday, May 17th at 8:30 am. Sunday Morning Breakfast has been cancelled until further notice.

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JOKE...

My wife just phoned me, and said, "You know that Gladiator movie that I got you for Chanukah many years ago?"

Me: "Yeah."

Her: "Fast forward one hour, 16 minutes and 28 seconds."

Me: "Ok, now what?" **Her:** "You see the gladiator at the front, fighting the lion?"

Me: "I can see that, yeah." **Her:** "Just behind him, there are two gladiators having a sword fight with each other."

Me: "Okay, I see them." **Her:** "Well, behind those two, on the left-hand side of the screen, there's a gladiator holding a spear."

Me: "Yes, I can see him." **Her:** "Right! Those are the sandals I want for my birthday."