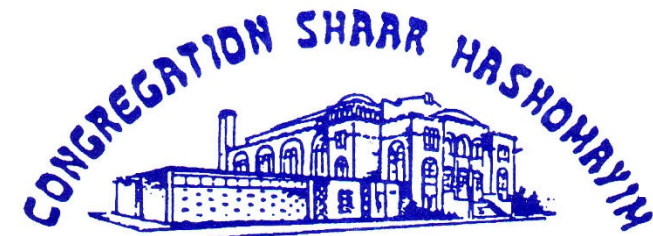


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THE FOLLOWING YAHRZEITS ARE BEING OBSERVED THIS WEEK:**

MAY / 2026 – IYAR 5786				BOARD/ROW
09	22	Mary Mirsky Soshi Gordner Dora Prostak Erna Ruth Mandell Edith Bell	Mirka bas Yehudah Soshi bas Yisrael Dovid De Vora bas Eleazor Esther Rochel bas Menachum Mendel Yehudit bas Yakov Dov Halevi	10-4 9-2
10	23	Bertha Lemkin Jakob Rosenzweig Jerome Garson Arpad Steiner Abraham Mendleson Rosa Feldman	Brayna bas Chaim Jacov ben Joseph Gershon Yakov ben Dovid Moshe ben Andor Avraham ben Levi Ber Rosa bas Chaim	
11	24	Anna Marcus Joe Shaefer Sonia Muroff Edith Weiss Eric Lev	Yosef ben Isaac Sara bas Yakov Esther bas David Levi ben Moshe Haim	5-5
12	25	Aaron Meretsky Selma Hertz Joseph Exelrod Hyman Polsky Yosef Gertopsky Joseph Kopsosky Esther Celis King Mendel Friedman	Aryeh ben Yitzchak Sara bas Yitzchak Yosef ben Israel Chaim ben Moshe Yosef Yankel Yosef ben Yitzchak Esther bas Yackov Mendel Ben Leib	2-1 4-5 1-6 5-4
13	26	Gertrude Beren Morris Tabachnick Simon Meretsky Jake Rudolph Rose Cutler Padob Joseph Blitstein	Moshe ben Yishaya Chaim ben Aryeh Raizel Bas Nochum Halevi Yoseph ben Nathan	8-2 2-1
14	27	Marilyn Spinner Sylvia Gitlin Glosser Albert Gaffen Joseph Armeland Moshe Feyer Samuel Muroff David Bakst	Malka bas Schnaer Zalman Sara bas Yeshayahu Leib ben Chaim Yosef Leib ben Moishe ben David Shmuel ben Manachem Mendel Dovid ben Shaul Halevi	5-3 3-2 2-5
15	28	Anna Gorshowitz Rev. Abraham Abel Gitel Masinovskaya Mordechai Kaufman Samuel Brooks	Nacham bas Tzvi Ya'akov Hakohen Avraham ben Yechezkal Gittel bas Avraham	1-9 8-1

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Behar

The Torah prohibits normal farming of the Land of Israel every seven years. This "Shabbat" for the Land is called "shemita". After every seventh shemita, the fiftieth year, yovel (jubilee), is announced with the sound of the shofar on Yom Kippur. This was also a year for the Land to lie fallow. G-d promises to provide a bumper crop prior to the shemita and yovel years. During yovel, all land is returned to its original division from the time of Joshua, and all Jewish indentured servants are freed, even if they have not completed their six years of work. A Jewish indentured servant may not be given any demeaning, unnecessary or excessively difficult work, and may not be sold in the public market. The price of his labor must be calculated according to the amount of time remaining until he will automatically become free. The price of land is similarly calculated. Should anyone sell his ancestral land, he has the right to redeem it after two years. If a house in a walled city is sold, the right of redemption is limited to the first year after the sale. The Levites' cities belong to them forever. The Jewish People are forbidden to take advantage of one another by lending or borrowing with interest. Family members should redeem any relative who was sold as an indentured servant as a result of impoverishment.

Bechukotai

The Torah promises prosperity for the Jewish People if they follow G-d's commandments. However, if they fail to live up to the responsibility of being the Chosen People, then chilling punishments will result. The Torah details the harsh historical process that will fall upon them when Divine protection is removed. These punishments, whose purpose is to bring the Jewish People to repent, will be in seven stages, each more severe than the last. Sefer Vayikra, the book of Leviticus, concludes with the details of erachin – the process by which someone vows to give the Beit Hamikdash the equivalent monetary value of a person, an animal or property.

WEEKLY SERVICES

DAY	DATE	MORNING & EVENING	
FRIDAY	MAY 08		Candles 7:14 pm or 8:21 pm
SATURDAY	MAY 09	9:00 A.M.	Havdalah 9:28 pm
SUNDAY	MAY 10	8:30 A.M.	Morning Minyan / Happy Mother's Day

MINYAN REQUEST



A minyan is requested for the Shiva of Victoria Zalev (AH) on the following dates and times in the Shaar Chapel: THIS Sunday, May 10th at 8:30 a.m., THIS Monday, May 11th at 7:15 a.m., THIS Tuesday, May 12th at 7:30 a.m. and THIS Wednesday, May 13th at 7:30 a.m. Attend, if you want to do a mitzvah (good deed).

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.

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to Matthew and Joshua Zalev and family, on the passing of beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Victoria Zalev (AH). The graveside funeral service was held on Thursday, May 7th, 2026 at the Shaar Hashomayim Cemetery. Rabbi Sholom Galperin officiated.

Condolences to Morton Irving Brodsky, on the passing of beloved brother, Larry Allan Brodsky (AH). The graveside funeral service was held on Tuesday, May 5th, 2026 at the Shaar Hashomayim Cemetery. *May their memories forever be a blessing.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES



Happy Birthday Wishes to Katerina Stecko, our Office Administrator, this Tuesday, May 12th, and Nancy Elman and Shaina Galperin this Wednesday, May 13th.

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 YERUSHALAYIM CHALLAH BAKE

Yom Yerushalayim

Join us as we celebrate **Yom Yerushalayim** with a special **Community Challah Bake** **Bake THIS Thursday, May 14th, 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. Tickets are \$18 per person and can be purchased at <https://jewishwindsor.org/event/yom-yerushalayim-challah-bake/>

SHAVUOT AT THE SHAAR



Join us for **Shavuot Morning Shabbos Services** at the **Shaar**, followed by Kiddush and Dairy Desserts in the Social Hall on **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., on **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 Tuesday, May 19th, 2026 at www.windsorchabad.com

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/cjabriefing/

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
Brought to you by lead sponsor, The Ruth & Bernard Friedman Endowment Fund.

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 and in part by The Jewish Community Endowment Fund of Windsor, **in Honour of Mother's Day**, including: pinwheel wraps, exquisite teas and a delectable assortment of sweet and savory treats. *Vegan Options Available.



SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN

There will be a Sunday Morning Minyan this Sunday, May 10th 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 to learn how to create your legacy.



The Holy Synagogue

Rabbi Epstein is standing before his congregation ready to give his High Holiday sermon. Unfortunately, he can't focus on spiritual matters, as the physical ones are more pressing. "Friends," Rabbi Epstein begins, "unfortunately, I must report that a massive hole has been found in the roof of the synagogue. "Now I have good news and bad news for you," the Rabbi continues. "The good news is that we have the money to repair it; the bad news is that the money is in your pockets."

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all our Mothers ☺ *Mother's DAY*