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The Feast of Weeks The Season of the Gift of Our Torah

Join us for two Eastern Connecticut Shavuot Gatherings:

An Evening of Learning – Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Thursday, May 25th from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Temple Emanu-El, Waterford

The Celebration of Revelation is expanded when the voices of women are included. We'll learn from midrashim (in English) of contemporary Israeli women published in the collection "Dirshuni," and add our own voices to the revelation of the many faces of Torah. We'll open further aspects of ourselves with kabbalistic yoga, drumming and a Ma'ariv service.

Shavuot Morning Service

Friday, May 26th 10:00am - 12:00pm,

Beth Jacob Synagogue, Norwich & Zoom

The Shavuot service, led by our five rabbis and cantorial soloist, is packed with spiritual and emotional content: The joyous songs of the Hallel Psalms, the Ten Commandments, and the Yizkor memories of loved ones no longer celebrating holidays in this plane of existence. Please join us!



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Tuesday, May 9th at 6:00 PM - What's Going On with Israel? - See Back Cover

Wednesday, May 10th & 24th at 7:00 PM - Why Do Good People Suffer? Discussion Class on Zoom

Tuesday, May 16th at 6:00 PM - Brews, Views, Schmooze with Jews at Willimantic Brewing Company

Sunday, May 21st at 9:00 AM - WAIM Garden Volunteer Day at Lauter Park - See Page 10

Thursday, May 25th at 7:00 PM - Eastern CT Tikkun Leil Shavuot & Service - See Front Cover

Friday, May 26th at 10:00 AM - Eastern CT Joint Shavuot Morning Service - See Front Cover

Friday, June 2nd at 5:30 PM - Jewish Explorations End of Year Party

YOU CAN DO IT!

Volunteer Opportunities

This is my final piece as the Co-President of Temple Bnai Israel. My term ends in June and I will be retiring from the Board.

First of all, I would like to thank my colleagues on the Board for all the support they have given me over my three years in office. I do so with all my heart. It has been a difficult and challenging tenure. It has also been immensely rewarding. We've talked here before, perhaps too much, about the impact on the congregation of the pandemic - the reliance more and more on the virtual synagogue experience. Suffice it to say that despite the imperfections of a technological, electronic synagogue, we have managed quite well.

We successfully navigated the Rabbi's sabbatical; found a new, crackerjack Office Administrator; celebrated several b'nai mitzvot. We have attracted new members, many of whom have become active. The website has been modernized, and we have retained a social media professional. We have returned to live and lively communal celebrations: Friday Night Shabbat, the Fete for Former Presidents, Hanukkah and Purim gatherings, a Community Seder. We have marched for the environment, and walked for warmth. Not bad; not bad at all.

I am optimistic about the future of Bnai Israel. I look forward to providing whatever support I can to the Temple, the Board and the community. I hope we can count on you, too.

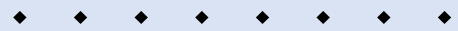


Fundraising and Development Committee invites membership!

Currently looking for help with an initiative to get advertisers on our website and public Facebook page.

Contact Sheila Amdur:

sheilabamdur@gmail.com



Caring Committee needs volunteers!

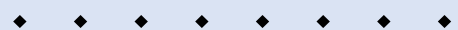
Help in the effort to offer support to our congregation members in need.

Contact Ellie Shane:

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or Fran Jaffe:

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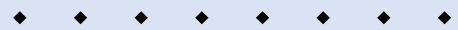


Library Committee needs volunteers!

Have updated computer hardware, now we need people to breathe life back into the library.

Contact Rochelle Marcus:

rochelle.marcus@gmail.com



Grounds Coordinator position open!

Looking for volunteer(s) to oversee the maintenance of the Temple grounds. Work with the Beautification Committee in coordinating the vendors who mow the lawn, prune the plants, plant flowers and shrubs, and keep the grounds tidy.

Contact Temple Office:

(860)423-3743,

office@templebnaiisrael.org



Why should you care?

On May 9th, Gideon Hartman, Ishay Stein, and I will be presenting and leading a conversation on the current political whirlwind in Israel. Why should you care? I'm sure we'll all say more about that during the event, but I'd like to share some bullet points I and others shared in a WhatsApp chat of people involved in USA4IsraeliDemocracy.

You should care because:

- Half the Jewish People lives in Israel and we care about them;
- We also care about the other citizens of Israel;
- So much Jewish culture, religion, and civilization is created there and influences world Jewish life in explicit as well as subtle ways;
- The challenges to democracy throughout the world energize each other and strengthen anti-democratic forces here. Conversely, democratic solidarity is mutually reinforcing around the world;
- Israel is the biggest collective project of the Jewish people in the past many centuries and represents Jewry in the minds of many, so its moral and political character influences Jews and others everywhere;
- Our congregation is directly connected to Israel through the Jewish Federation and especially its Young Emissary program;
- We want this project so many of us have supported in so many ways to reflect the values that motivated our support.

I hope you'll join us for what I'm sure will be an important gathering.

Rabbi Jeremy



TORAH READINGS FOR MAY 2023
Iyyar - Sivan, 5783

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

15 IYYAR, 5783

Parashat Emor

Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23

This year: 21:1 - 22:16

Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15-31

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

22 IYYAR, 5783

Parashat B'har B'hukotai

Leviticus 25:1 - 27:34

This year: 25:1-28

Haftarah: Isaiah 24:2-15

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023

29 IYYAR, 5783

Shabbat Mahar Hodesh

Parashat B'midbar

Numbers 1:1 - 4:20

This year: 1:1-54

Haftarah: I Samuel 20:18-42

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2023

7 SIVAN, 5783

Shavuot II

Deuteronomy 14:22 - 16:17

Haftarah: Habakkuk 3:1-4



MAY SHABBAT SERVICES AND CELEBRATIONS

Please note Zoom and In-Person availability for each week and watch your email for last minute changes!

Friday, May 5, 2023 **7:30 PM** **Shabbat Service - In Person & by Zoom**

Saturday, May 6, 2023 **9:30 AM** **Bagel & Bible - In Person & by Zoom**

The seven weeks from Passover to Shavuot are often attached to seven Sephirot – aspects/channels/costumes of God. (And, since we're in the divine image, of us.) This Shabbat is the second day of "Hod – Majesty." Some of the Sephirot are relatively easy to understand, like "Hesed – Love" or even Malchut/Shechinah – Divine Presence. But what's the deal with Hod, a Sephirah associated with Aaron the High Priest and prayerfulness? How might this week contribute to our spiritual growth? Let's learn a bit.

Friday, May 12, 2023 **6:15 PM** **T.G.I.Shabbes - In Person, Zoom opens at 6:45 PM**

For this month's T.G.I.Shabbes, we'll learn how yeast and gin built the Jewish Catskills with Temple member Ellie Shane. Free samples included!

Saturday, May 13, 2023 **11:00 AM** **Forever Young Service - In Person & by Zoom**

Join Morah Stephanie Malinow for this month's Forever Young Service.

Friday, May 19, 2023 **7:30 PM** **Tikkun Olam vaNefesh Service - In Person & by Zoom**

Saturday, May 20, 2023 **10:00 AM** **Shabbat Service - In Person & by Zoom**

Friday, May 26, 2023 **6:30 PM** **Shabbat Dinner at a Member's Home - In Person**

Saturday, May 27, 2023 **10:00 AM** **Shabbat Service - In Person & by Zoom**

COMING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY

We would like to thank everyone who has attended their Together at Temple dates. We truly shine as a community when we come together! We understand that schedules change and get busier as summer approaches, but please consider signing up for a couple of extra Together at Temple dates if you have not already, or if you need to cancel please ask someone to attend in your place.

We would especially like to thank our Shabbes Dinner hosts for opening your homes and creating an inviting and joyous Shabbes experience. **We're looking for Shabbes Dinner hosts for both May 26th and June 23rd** - please contact Jackie at office@templebnaiisrael.org or 860-423-3743 for more information or to volunteer!

CARING COMMITTEE - Caring For Each Other In Times Of Need

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Thanks to Sheila Amdur and Carol Kraus for their leadership in April. Doreen Simonsen is our leader for May, and a partner volunteer would be appreciated.

For about a year, we have been participating in the JFEC's Friendly Visitor outreach program. As part of that effort we delivered Passover gift bags to area nursing homes and rehab facilities. The gift bags were warmly received. Gift bags are given for Rosh Hashanah, Hanukkah, Purim and Passover – you can volunteer to help us with this rewarding program!

Please consider joining our committee and volunteering to help the members of our wonderful temple community who might need us. Contact Rav Jeremy, Ellie or Fran to volunteer or to reach out for help.

Ellie and Fran

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SEDER - A FESTIVE EVENING!

The Temple's Family and Community Seder on April 11th was a festive and joyous evening. With a special Haggadah and service planned by Rav Jeremy and Ravit Stein, the 45 people who attended sang and danced and ate (and ate!). The evening began with a welcoming serenade by Ellie Shane and the "Temple Tempests"—There's No Seder Like our Seder—sung to the tune of "There's Business Like Show Business."

Our special thanks to the Seder Crew—Ellie Shane, Margi Mossberg, Peggy Beckett-Rinker, Fran Jaffe, Carol Kraus, Sheila Amdur, Gary Berman, Jim Baber, Jesse Brockell, Doreen Simonsen, David Goldhamer, Gloria Gerald and her grandson Eli, Susan Meisler, Jackie Slorach and her daughter, Merle Potchinsky and all who helped and participated. Special thanks to Honey and Harry Birkenruth for the donation of lovely Spring flowers for all the Seder tables. When we come together as a "village," the Temple sings!

(If you have any ideas and would like to help with any other social event or happening at the Temple, please contact Hillary Stern at hillarystern21@gmail.com.)



From Generation to Generation, Part 2

Last month our focus was on the role of holiday celebrations in creating bonds between generations. Today we will look at the role of Torah, the Sanctuary, and the siddur - physical objects that keep our values not just in our minds, but in our sight and our other senses, as they did in previous generations.

Torah is not only a set of stories and instructions, but a practice: a creative dialogue with the past and with each other to discover truths about ourselves and our world and to learn how to become our best selves. With this as our educational commitment, the students and I often discuss the weekly parsha. We share not only reactions to the stories themselves (for example: Why was Moses originally nervous about going to Pharaoh to ask him to free the Hebrew slaves and how did God help him?), but we engage in conversations about how this story might relate to experiences we actually have in our own lives today.

On the Saturdays when we experience Shabbat in the Sanctuary, we talk about the things which make it a sacred space - a place for prayer and quiet reflection, and for a sense of belonging to a community with shared values and traditions. Using the *Siddur Kol HaNoar* for reading and singing both in Hebrew and in English continues the bond between the generations in a beautiful, accessible format. Back in the classroom, we encourage student engagement, as we study particular prayers, songs and stories - *from Generation to Generation*.

COVENANT SOUP KITCHEN UPDATE

Bernice Freedman-Warnke

The first thing I'd like to say is, "Thank you very much!" to everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to bring food and other items to the soup kitchen.

There are currently several areas of great need. The "Senior Box Program", as it is commonly called, has 110 guests enrolled but as the number increases so does the need for volunteer drivers to deliver the boxes. In addition, those who are able to come to the kitchen have expressed how difficult it is to carry the 30+ pound boxes home. To support them, the kitchen is looking for donations of grocery carts (such as *dbest products Cruiser Cart Deluxe 2*). If you are familiar with Facebook Marketplace, you can search for one there - they are also available through Amazon.

Supplies are running low at the moment, and we need shampoo, deodorant, and feminine hygiene products, in addition to the items on the wish list. Donations can be brought to the door marked "CSK Deliveries" and Jacob will be happy to help you. As always, monetary donations go a long way toward helping the kitchen meet clients' needs. Feel free to contact Anya with any questions or concerns at 860-423-1643. Monetary donations can be mailed to: Covenant Soup Kitchen, 220 Valley St, Willimantic 06226, ATTN: Kimberly.

You've never really lived until you've done something for someone who can never repay you. Thank you in advance for any way you are able to help!

Happy Spring to all! I hope you had the opportunity to see the beautiful daffodils blooming in front of the synagogue as part of our commemoration of the 1.5 million children who perished in the Holocaust. So many of you were instrumental in planting the bulbs last fall and creating this beautiful living memorial to monumental loss.

The Tikkun Olam committee wants to offer you different opportunities to bring more beauty and nourishment into our community in the next few months. We are hosting events that uplift and celebrate each other inside and outside of the temple community, as well as events that give us tools to take steps to reduce the effects of climate change. These programs are as follows:

May 21st at 9:00 AM, please help with garden upkeep in the **WAIM Community Garden**. The produce we grow goes to families who do not have easy, affordable access to fresh produce in our community.

June 4th at 4:00 PM, please **help us host our two resettled QCRR refugee families** for a special welcome meal with crafts and games. Our goal is to provide nourishment for the heart and body including ethnic dishes that might be similar to foods eaten in Afghanistan and Syria, where our families are from. If you have ideas of dishes we might share, please contact Martha Cutter. Please also join us for this welcoming, joyous afternoon.

Mid-July we are planning a **kick-off event with the Inter-Religious Ecojustice Network** to onboard as many synagogue members as possible to participate in the **Home Energy Solutions program** that Connecticut offers. If you have not had an **energy audit** for your home in more than 2 years, now is the time to sign up. Please come to our special event to learn and ask questions about this program. You will also find out about rebates and discounts that the State has available for products and services to make your home more energy efficient. If you would like to get started now, you can call 1-877-WISE-USE or visit <https://energizect.com/energy-evaluations/HES> to schedule your home energy audit.

Our synagogue is scheduled to have its energy audit on May 5th!

- We are eligible for a \$1000 grant to the synagogue for energy efficiency upgrades. Your participation in the Home Energy Solutions program will help us receive that funding!
- Two members of this committee have already scheduled audits for this month!

Additionally, we are planning more direct involvement with the local branch of the NAACP and will continue to promote and support environmental justice issues. Please refer back to my extensive article in January's bulletin regarding how we may partner with the Reconstructionist movement in the conversations about reparations and anti-racism efforts at Temple Bnai Israel (excerpt reprinted below). Please let me know what speaks to you or what ideas you would like to bring to these conversations as well. This work is ongoing and we appreciate hearing from you - contact Merle at 860-450-0435 or jermerle@att.net.

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From the January 2023 Issue of The Bulletin:

Though fully supportive of the Movement's work towards reparations, we, at Temple Bnai Israel, largely envision that our synagogue community will be focusing our efforts locally. Our main thrust will be to support organizations like the Windham Branch of the NAACP. We, the leadership of the synagogue and the Tikkun Olam Committee (TOC), are anxious to hear your ideas about how our community should proceed with this work. The TOC has been considering additional education programs at times working along-side the Hochberg committee and NAACP and perhaps the Interfaith Working Group; continuing environmental justice advocacy and action; and supporting initiatives and causes important to our local NAACP branch.

Some of the ways Reconstructing Judaism and their Thriving Communities Department have been engaged in this work and points where we may wish to intersect with them include the following areas. Perhaps most significantly, they are sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Southern United States in March 2023 (16th-19th) to Atlanta, Montgomery and Selma. They will be visiting important sites from the Civil Rights era and continuing the learning and growing.... The Movement also continues to provide materials for our congregations to use in learning and engaging including art prints for installation. These art pieces are created by Jews of color and provide a unique lens for greater understanding. You can view the pieces at <https://www.reconstructingjudaism.org/reparations/commissioned-artwork/>.

Please connect with me or members of the Board if you have thoughts, ideas, or interesting directions that our congregation might wish to pursue and thank you so very much for your investment of thought and time as we do what we are called to do as Jews.

WAIM COMMUNITY GARDEN VOLUNTEER DAY

Sunday, May 21st from 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Join the Tikkun Olam Committee for a morning of coffee and gardening at the WAIM Community Garden at Lauter Park in Willimantic. Help us get the garden that provides produce for those who need it most in our community reading for planting! Dress for the weather and working in the dirt, and don't forget your gardening gloves and tools if you have them.

The Tikkun Olam Committee will hold a meeting directly following the work party.



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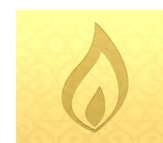
Remember to light your Yahrzeit candle on the night before the date shown. It is also appropriate to join our Shabbat celebration to say Kaddish on the Shabbat when your loved one's name is read, and to give tzedakah in your loved one's memory. May their memory be a blessing.

Kaddish will be said for the following yahrzeits on May 5th and May 6th			
Marian Solotaroff Sherman		15 Iyar	May 6
Annie Segal	Grandmother of Herb Segal	17 Iyar	May 8
Irving Golden	Father of Marjorie Golden-Mossberg	17 Iyar	May 8
Minnie Berkman	Grandmother of Eleanor Shane	20 Iyar	May 11
Gertrude Chus Stone		20 Iyar	May 11
Beatrice Polsky	Mother of Carol Polsky	20 Iyar	May 11
Solomon Flaum		21 Iyar	May 12
Kaddish will be said for the following yahrzeits on May 12th and May 13th			
Rachel Rabinowitz		22 Iyar	May 13
Estelle Mossberg	Mother-in-law of Marjorie Golden Mossberg	22 Iyar	May 13
Chester Nessel	Father of Marsha Hilsenrad	22 Iyar	May 13
Jacob Brettschneider	Second Cousin of Bruce Brettschneider	23 Iyar	May 14
Norman Drazen	Father of Karen Drazen	23 Iyar	May 14
Saul Narotsky	Father of Debbie Stoloff	24 Iyar	May 15
Isaac Moskowitz		24 Iyar	May 15
Norman H. Prague		24 Iyar	May 15
Sophie K. Nessel	Mother of Marsha Hilsenrad	24 Iyar	May 15
Abraham I. Rubinstein		25 Iyar	May 16
Martin Shapiro		25 Iyar	May 16
Helen Berkman	Mother of Eleanor Shane	25 Iyar	May 16
Karma Steinman	Sister of Scott DeShong	25 Iyar	May 16
Leon Brettschneider	Great-Uncle of Bruce Brettschneider	26 Iyar	May 17
Dorothy G. Kirkham	Mother of Sue-Ellen Kirkham	26 Iyar	May 17
Henry Berman	Father of Gary Berman	26 Iyar	May 17
Rebecca Rothblatt Cohen		27 Iyar	May 18
Isaac Rosen		27 Iyar	May 18
Michael Greenfield	Brother-in-Law of Art Kirschenbaum	27 Iyar	May 18
Eva Rosen	Mother of Jerome Rosen	27 Iyar	May 18
Jeffrey DeLuca	Brother-in-law of Grace Adams	27 Iyar	May 18
Anne Miller Sidney	Mother of Stuart Sidney	28 Iyar	May 19

Yahrzeits for May continued on page 14



May their memories be a source
of strength and a blessing.



MAY YAHRZEITS (continued)

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Miriam Milevitz		29 Iyar	May 20
Amber Blumenstein	Sister of Glenn Blumenstein	29 Iyar	May 20
Harry Sherman	Great-uncle of Debra Sarazin	2 Sivan	May 22
Sally Berman	Mother of Gary Berman	2 Sivan	May 22
Doris Glassman	Mother of Leanne Rand	2 Sivan	May 22
Isidore Rosenstein		3 Sivan	May 23
Gordon Lassow	Father of Michael Lassow	3 Sivan	May 23
Irmgard Weiss	Mother of Linda Ruth	3 Sivan	May 23
Anne E. Rosen		4 Sivan	May 24
Nelson Kosto	Brother of Susan Meisler	4 Sivan	May 24
Jason Kosto	Nephew of Susan Meisler	4 Sivan	May 24
Hyman Sherman	Great-Grandfather of Debra Sarazin	5 Sivan	May 25
Arthur Krishner Buchbinder		6 Sivan	May 26
Alex Sepowitz		6 Sivan	May 26
Jimmy Drazen	Brother of Karen Drazen	6 Sivan	May 26
Morris Goldstein	Uncle of Herb Segal	6 Sivan	May 26
Kaddish will be said for the following yahrzeits on May 26th and May 27th			
Frances E. Cohen	Grandmother of Carol Colombo	7 Sivan	May 27
Marcia Paster	Mother of Sharen Peters	7 Sivan	May 27
Arthur W. Evans		7 Sivan	May 27
Eleanor Nishball	Mother of Alex Nishball	8 Sivan	May 28
Herman Brettschneider	Great-Uncle of Bruce Brettschneider	8 Sivan	May 28
Elaine Guny Cohen	Sister of Ida Millman	8 Sivan	May 28
Toube Ringel	Mother of Faye Ringel	8 Sivan	May 28
Sarah Ratner		11 Sivan	May 31
Francis Horn	Aunt of Roberta Schwane	12 Sivan	June 1
Philip R. Cohen		12 Sivan	June 1
Lena Beller		13 Sivan	June 2

CHEVRA KADISHA

After a Jew dies, a burial society, the *Chevra Kadisha* (literally, "holy society") prepares the body for interment. This process, called *Taharah* (purification), involves the ritual cleansing and subsequent dressing of the body, by men for males and by women for females, in preparation for burial. This requires training in the traditions and prescribed methods involved in traditional Jewish burials. This is a very personal and meaningful mitzvah we perform to support our fellow members.

We welcome anyone interested in joining us in this sacred work. Please contact Fran Jaffe (franjaffe@earthlink.net) or Ken Dardick (kdardick@gmail.com), Co-Chairs, or Rav Jeremy (ravjeremy@templebnaiisrael.org).

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10 IYAR	2 11 IYAR	3 12 IYAR	4 13 IYAR	5 14 IYAR 7:33 	6 15 IYAR
			4:30pm Jewish Explorations 7:00pm Ritual Committee		5:30pm Jewish Explorations Family Shabbat 7:30pm Shabbat Service	9:30am Bagel & Bible - What's the deal with Hod?
7 16 IYAR	8 17 IYAR	9 18 IYAR 	10 19 IYAR	11 20 IYAR	12 21 IYAR 7:40 	13 22 IYAR
		6:00pm What's Going On with Israel?	4:30pm Jewish Explorations 7:00pm Why Do Good People Suffer?		6:15pm T.G.I. Shabbes	11:00am Forever Young Service
14 23 IYAR	15 24 IYAR BULLETIN DEADLINE	16 25 IYAR	17 26 IYAR	18 27 IYAR	19 28 IYAR 7:47 	20 29 IYAR
		6:00pm Brews, Views, Schmooze with Jews at WilliBrew All Welcome!	4:30pm Jewish Explorations 7:00pm Board Meeting		7:30pm Tikkun Olam vaNefesh Service	10:00am Shabbat Service 11:00am Jewish Explorations Shabbat Experience
21 1 SIVAN 	22 2 SIVAN	23 3 SIVAN	24 4 SIVAN	25 5 SIVAN 7:53 	26 6 SIVAN 7:54 	27 7 SIVAN 
9:00am WAIM Garden Volunteer Day 11:00am Tikkun Olam Comm. Meeting			4:30pm Jewish Explorations 7:00pm Why Do Good People Suffer?	7:00pm Eastern CT Tikkun Leil Shavuot & Service	10:00am Eastern CT Joint Shavuot Morning Service 6:30pm Shabbat Dinner at Member's Home	10:00am Shabbat & Shavuot Service 11:00am Jewish Explorations Shabbat Experience
28 8 SIVAN	29 9 SIVAN 	30 10 SIVAN	31 11 SIVAN	Temple Bnai Israel In-Person Event Attendance Policy: In order to attend any Temple event in person at the synagogue, individuals over 6 months old must be fully vaccinated and provide evidence of vaccination (either ahead of time or at the door); masks are encouraged but not required while at Low CDC Community Ratings. See Page 2 (Save the Dates) and Page 6 (Services and Celebrations) for information on Zoom vs In-Person event access.		
10:00am Sandwich-making at Soup Kitchen 10:30am Mussar Va'ad			4:30pm Jewish Explorations			



**What's Going On in Israel?
Pizza Dinner & Discussion
May 9th at 6:00 PM**

A panel discussion regarding the current political whirlwind in Israel featuring Israeli Temple members Ishay Stein and Gideon Hartman, as well as Rabbi Jeremy Schwartz.

Come for the pizza dinner and stay for the learning!

Please RSVP by May 5th to:

<https://bnaiisrael.breezechms.com/form/IsraelDiscussion>