

May 2009

Iyar-Sivan, 5769

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אייר - סיון תשס"ט



## *Stony Brook Hebrew Congregation Newsletter*

### **This month's services schedule**

Date:	Candle lighting	Evening Service	Shacharit	Kriat Shema	Mincha/Maariv	Shabbat Ends
1-2	7:31 pm	7:00 pm	9:30 am	9:19 am	7:25 pm	8:33 pm
8-9	7:38 pm	7:20 pm	9:30 am	9:15 am	7:30 pm	8:40 pm
15-16	7:45 pm	7:20 pm	9:30 am	9:11 am	7:40 pm	8:47 pm
22-23	7:52 pm	7:20 pm	9:30 am	9:08 am	7:45 pm	8:53 pm
29-30	7:58 pm	8:00 pm	9:30 am	9:07 am	7:50 pm	8:59 pm

### **Learning**

**Tuesdays at 8:00 pm** – Weekly Talmud class led by Rabbi Roffman in the Beit Midrash.

### **Special events in May**

**JSU Shabbaton** – Shabbat of May 2nd.

**Lag Ba'Omer** – May 12th.

**Shabbat Luncheon** – On May 16th, at 51 Hawkins Road. Lunch starts at 12:30 pm. E-mail [sbhc@verizon.net](mailto:sbhc@verizon.net) or call 751-3289 to reserve.

**Rosh Chodesh Sivan** – Starts the night of May 23rd and ends the night of May 24th.

### **Shavuot Schedule**

#### **Thursday Night, May 28th**

Candle Lighting 7:57 pm  
Mincha/Maariv  
at Beit Midrash 8:00 pm  
Shavuot Night Learning 11:30 pm

#### **Friday, May 29th**

Shacharit  
on Campus 9:30 am  
Kriat Shema 9:07 am  
Mincha/Maariv  
at Beit Midrash 8:00 pm

#### **Shabbat, May 30th**

See Shabbat times above

## **Nachas News**

Happy Birthday to Barbara Federmann, Ilana Shloss-Gamilel, and Chana Stein.

## **Observing Yahrzeit**

Barbara Ebin for her mother Jean on the 7th of Sivan, May 30th.

Frank Federmann for his mother on the 12th of Iyar, May 6th.

## **Kiddush**

Kiddush this month is sponsored by the Lederers and Dr. Berger.

## **Rabbi Roffman's Monthly Message**

The Mishna Berurah when discussing the Shema gives an interesting perspective on how to view the Torah. He states that one should read the Shema as if it were a letter written to you personally, with instructions and advice that you need to know.

Many things happened in the times of Moses that were not written in the Torah. Some of them are recorded in the Midrash, and some of them are not. HaShem wrote the Torah as a personal letter to the Jewish people. The Torah is a letter that He wanted us to take out and read over and over again.

On Shavuot, HaShem communicated directly with the Jewish people, without a medium or go-between. Afterwards, we had prophets that acted as messengers. But HaShem knew that we would not always have prophets. So the true gift of receiving the Torah on Shavuot is that we would have a way to listen to HaShem's message any time that we wanted. All we have to do is take out the letter that He wrote to us.

Chag Sameach