



Temple El Emeth Bulletin

May 2026

SHAVUOT

Iyar ~ Sivan 5786

From My Desk-

Thoughts about Mothers' Day

My father (o.b.m.) was fond of quoting sentence 8 in Proverbs 1.

“My son, heed the discipline of your father,
And do not forsake the instruction of your mother.”

He referred to this especially when I was a teenager, and usually when he wanted to impress upon me the importance of respecting my mother (also, of blessed memory). Naturally, like so many teenagers, I had moments where I sought independence from my parents, either in thought or action. As parents, they understood my desires, but there were times when I felt they should allow me greater freedom. Sometimes, my desire for greater freedom clashed with my mother's more restrictive expectations. It was usually then that my father invoked the famous line, referred to, above.

That sentence was written about 3000 years ago by King Solomon, the author of Proverbs. Remarkably, Proverbs 31, which is the source of the homage to women, “Eishet Chayil” (Woman of Valor), opens this way:

דְּבַרֵי לְמוֹעֵל מֶלֶךְ מַשָּׂא אִשָּׁר-סִבְרָתוֹ אִמּוֹ

The words of Lemuel, king of Massa, with which his mother admonished him:

The Sages claim that Lemuel is none other than King Solomon, himself, who gives credit to his mother for continuing to teach him long after he has already assumed the Kingship over Israel. Consider the famous case of the two harlots who approach the King with the claim that the newborn baby present in the royal court as Exhibit A belongs to each of them (1 Kings, Chapter 3). According to a Midrash, on Solomon's left is his mother, Bathsheva, and on his right is Ruth, his aged great-great grandmother. Both are present in Court with him, as he continues to take counsel and advice from them, before issuing his famous solution to an exceedingly difficult problem.

Additionally, Midrash Tanhuma, Shmot 1 (a midrash on Exodus) claims that Solomon became the wisest of men because Bathsheva reproached him for adopting some bad habits, and taught him how a king should conduct himself! (For those who would like to read more about the influential role that Bathsheva played in the development of one of our most venerated Biblical leaders, see this article in the Shalvi/Hyman Encyclopedia of Jewish Women: <https://jwa.org/encyclopedia/article/bathsheba-midrash-and-aggadah#pid-13747>)

My point, of course, is that, Mothers' Day is almost here. Let's recognize that Jewish tradition assigns great honor to women, especially to those who are mothers.

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SHABBAT AND SHAVUOT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

FRIDAY, MAY 1	8:01 PM
FRIDAY, MAY 8	8:08 PM
FRIDAY, MAY 15	8:16 PM
THURS, MAY 21	8:22 PM
FRIDAY, MAY 22	8:23 PM
FRIDAY, MAY 29	8:28 PM

HAVDALAH

Saturday, May 2	9:01 PM
Saturday, May 9	9:08 PM
Saturday, May 16	9:15 PM
Saturday, May 23	9:22 PM
Saturday, May 30	9:27 PM

Hybrid
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, May 5, 2026
7:30 pm

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
(Afternoon Hours by Appointment)

FRIDAY
9:00 AM—12:00 PM

OFFICE CLOSED
FRI, MAY 22 - SHAVUOT

MON, MAY 25th - MEMORIAL DAY

Rabbi Sternstein wishes to be in contact with anyone in our congregation who (G-d forbid) is ill. Please call the Rabbi directly, **914-960-4653**, and/or the Temple El Emeth office, **330-759-1429**, as soon as possible, if you know of someone ill. Please do *not* assume that someone else has informed the Rabbi or office. Even if we receive multiple calls, it is much preferable to our missing vital information.

We thank you for your help.

RABBI STERNSTEIN OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday: 10 AM - 7 PM
Wednesday: 9 AM - 5 PM

Shavuot

Shavuot Service Schedule

Erev Shavuot Thursday, May 21 st <i>In person only</i>	1 st Day Shavuot Friday, May 22 nd <i>In person only</i>	2 nd Day Shavuot Saturday, May 23 rd
Mincha service 5:45 PM Dinner 6:00 PM	Service 10:00 AM EVENING 5:45 PM	Service 10:00 AM YIZKOR <i>End of service</i>
Program with Rabbi Sternstein <i>Stories of Mt. Sinai</i> 7:00 PM	Candle Lighting 8:23 PM <i>From a pre-existing flame</i>	Havdalah 9:22 PM
Candle Lighting 8:22 PM		

The Shavuot flowers in the chapel are the gifts of:

Terri and Steve Anderson and Family
Laureen & Jerry Kinast
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*In Memory of
Inga and Henry Kinast*



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and Family

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Bill and Lucille Vegh
and
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Temple El Emeth
EREV SHAVUOT SERVICE
& DINNER
Thursday, May 21

Service at 5:45 pm
Dinner at 6:15 pm

Shavuot Study Session following dinner

See the enclosed flyer



Within the Synagogue

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In line with the mitzvah of learning Torah (about which we will have more to say during the upcoming holiday of Shavuot), it's a good idea to familiarize ourselves with some of the most famous mothers in Jewish history, and appreciate the grand contributions they made to advancing the Jewish people throughout the ages. Indeed, our own mothers, who brought us into this world, deserve our recognition and respect on that basis alone. If they educated us, reproved us, sheltered us and even nursed us, how much more so do we owe them our respect.

Finally, according to Strong's Biblical Concordance, the Hebrew word *אִמָּה* (Mother, "(as the bond of the family)") is related to the word *אִמָּנוּת* "(from the same [root] as em)". Thus, the bond in creating a family is the force which creates the nation. May we, the children of our nation's mothers be blessed to continue into the future, enlarging our people with women blessed with the finest qualities and values endorsed by our Torah.

Rabbi Seth Sternstein

Hybrid TORAH TUESDAYS WITH RABBI STERNSTEIN

**May 5 & 19, 2026
11 am**

We will explore a topic found in that week's Torah portion. Sessions run about an hour. While basic Hebrew reading ability is not required it will be helpful.

*Call the Temple office if you are planning to attend
or if you would like to have the ZOOM link forwarded to you.*



*Thank you to the following donors who helped to make this
year's Seder a reality:*

Michael & Bobbie Berkowitz

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Programming



LIBERTY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

at Churchill United Methodist Church
89 Churchill Hubbard Road—near Belmont Ave.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ~ MAY 1, 2026

Please let the office know if you are able to help

An evening with
Mayor Derrick McDowell
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2026

Dinner at 6 pm

Program following

Mayor McDowell is a native son of Youngtown, a passionate community advocate, small business owner, and entrepreneur. He understands what's needed most for the future of the City of Youngtown and knows the hard work it's going to take to accomplish that. Mayor McDowell will discuss his first months in office, the challenges he faces and his vision for the future.

Dinner with Mayor Derrick McDowell, June 24, 2026

Name	Member & Out of Town Guest	Associate & In Town Non-Members		
<i>Please List Each Person Individually</i>	\$25	\$35		

*Please list any dietary restrictions or allergies:

Reservation form with payment due at Temple El Emeth by June 19

Sisterhood

El Emeth Sisterhood 54th Annual Donor Luncheon

Catered by Jeff Chrystal Catering

Honoring
Lisa Mirman

Thursday, May 28th

11:30 AM—2:00 PM

Luncheon Cost—\$20

RSVP by Thursday, May 21st

to

templeelemeth@gmail.com

330-759-1429

Donors of \$25 or more are invited to attend.



Shabbat Shalom

Sisterhood Shabbat
Saturday, June 6, 2026

Service *10:00 AM*
Kiddush Luncheon following

please contact the Temple office
if you would like a part in the
service

RSVP by May 29th

News & Notes

MAZAL TOV

to those celebrating a Birthday in May

1	Sheila Heyman-Schwartz	26	Bobby Pazol
	Phillip Silverman		Estelle Silverman
4	Antonio McNutt	27	Bill Benedikt
5	Lisa Mirman	28	Lori Szoke-
8	Sam D. Roth		Schonberger
9	Polly Flesher	29	Rochelle Miller
	Sophia Kapon	30	Steve Klein
10	Bonnie Burdman	31	Randy Blecher
11	Jack Kohan		Sandy Miller
13	Erica Solomon		
16	Sonja Schwartz		
17	Gary Cohen-Manning		
18	Jeff Simon		
21	Arnie Clebone		
23	Jeff Grinstein		

MAZAL TOV

to those celebrating an Anniversary in May

6	Paula and Mo Ferguson	19 th
8	Bonnie & Lee Burdman	33 rd

Happy
Anniversary



EL EMETH GRADUATES!

If you have a high school or college graduate this year, please make sure we have your information by **MAY 15th** to include in the *June / July* Temple Bulletin.

Please include your graduate's college or work plans after graduation.



Items for the JUNE/JULY SUMMER BULLETIN

must be received no later than
May 15th.

*Donations received between
May 18th & July 17th
will appear in the **AUGUST** Bulletin*

Yahrzeits

May 2 - May 8

15 Iyar - 21 Iyar

Bessie Agrenovitz*
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Jennie Deitchman*
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Morris Grossman*
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Maurice H. Kaplan
Sol (Zalmon) Karner*
Regina Kornspan*
Jennie Lerner*
Myer M. Levick*
Michael Levin*

May 2 - May 8

15 Iyar - 21 Iyar

Henry Levy*
Sadie Grossman Lyman
Sam Margel*
Myers Moranz*
Evelyn Moss
Eugene Passell
M. David Protetch*
Dora Sharapan
Ignatz L. Shonberg*
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Abraham Wolfson*

May 9 - May 15

22 Iyar - 28 Iyar

Dora Alter*
Leo Berger
David Braff*
Joseph Brockman*
Morris Brown*
Jacob Bunshaft*
Marion Clebone
Samuel Drabkin*
Rose Faber*
Jean Freeman*
Marc Allen Froomkin*
Frank Gelbman*
Harry Greenberger
Joel Greenberger
David Henkin*

Yahrzeits

May 9 - May 15

22 Iyar - 28 Iyar

Shirley Kaplan
Nathan Koffman*
Bertha Landau*
Anna Lapidus*
Lillian Berkowitz Lockshin*
Sam Mirkin*
Pauline Moranz*
Rachel Myerovich*
Abe Newman
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Rosa Simon*
Adolf Stern*
Marion Sweedler
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Lillian Zoldan*

May 16 - May 22

29 Iyar - 6 Sivan

Ida Borovetz*
Mona Lazar Briskin*
Louis Chudakoff*
Howard Cohen*
Barbara Z. Coopersmith*
Jack Eisenstot*
Samuel Feldman*
Hyman J. Fine*
Sam Froomkin*
Robert Gluck
Louis Goldberg*
Morris Goldberg*
Allen Goldstone*
Etta Gross*
Hugo Gross*
Nechumeh Hurewitz*
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Jeanette Lapidus*
Marsha Malkin*
Anny Mandel*
Henrik Mandel*
Rosa Mandel*
Richard Mendelsohn

May 16 - May 22

29 Iyar - 6 Sivan

Lois Lerner Polakoff*
Fanny Protetch*
Charles Shorr*
Joseph Sigel*
Lena Gordon Silver*
Mamie Silver*
Myron Solyn*
Julius C. Speck*
Hannah Steinberg*
Herman Super*
Hyman J. Udell*
Fannie Weber*
Leslie Weiss
Harry Wilkoff*
Golda Zoldan

May 23 - May 29

7 Sivan - 13 Sivan

Chaim Abramovitz*
Rebecca Adler*
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Rose Singer*
Sophia Slonim*
Ceporeh Stein*

May 23 - May 29

7 Sivan - 13 Sivan

Schmuel Stein*
Sureh Stein*
Leonard Tanenbaum*
Anna Teman*
Louis Udell*
Esther H. Ulansky*
Surah Vegh
Celia Wine*
Sara Wolkoff*
Hilda Zatell*

May 30 - June 5

14 Sivan - 20 Sivan

Gershon Boruch Bassin*
Fanny Cohen*
Rose Heller Engel*
Ruth Farbman*
Sam Jacob Farbman*
Joshua Foster*
Minnie Frankle*
Tillie Varhaft Fried*
Irving Froomkin*
Herman Funk*
Rishe Gateman*
Sam Gerson
Hyman Glikman*
Ernest Gottesman*
Louis Jack Green*
Rebecca Greenberg*
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Harry Kauffman*
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Rose Leibel*
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Yahrzeit

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Yahrzeit

In Loving Memory Of:

Ethel Schwartz

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by Sherri & Gary Clayman

Lena Gordon Silver

by Lenore Ackerman

Myron Solyn

by Dick Solyn

Beloved mother, Sara Wolkoff

Grandmothers, Rebecca Harskovitz
& Pauline Wolkoff

by Elyse & Harry Silverman

CHAI CLUB

In Memory of Evelyn Moss

By Claudia & Mel Moss & Family

CHAI CLUB DONORS

contribute a minimum of \$18.00 to
Temple's Kiddush Luncheon Fund.
The Gelbman Memorial Fund helps
in subsidizing the Luncheon Fund.



A Note from Maurita:

A short note to thank you for being so nice
When I slipped and I fell and met up with that ice!

I'd planned to be back in a week or so----
But my bones - and the doctors - said "Seriously? NO!"
I must admit - I felt pretty dumb
As I hunkered down feeling ever so glum.

But, my friends at Temple El Emeth
OH! The thoughts and the good wishes to me that they
send-th,
My spirits were raised 'cause without a doubt,
T'is blessed that I am to be so cared about.

I'm slow to say "Thank You" ~ it's taken a while
To tell you that your thoughts and your prayers-
Your card, texts and letters-
Your kind words and good wishes
Did make my heart SMILE! :-)

Blessings to all ~ Maurita

TEMPLE EL EMETH

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 14 Iyar 8:01 PM HYBRID SERVICE 5:45 pm	2 15 Iyar Emor Havdalah 9:01 PM HYBRID SHABBAT SERVICE 10 am
3 16 Iyar	4 17 Iyar VIRTUAL MINYAN 5:45 pm	5 18 Iyar TORAH TUESDAY 11 am HYBRID BOARD MEETING 7:30 pm	6 19 Iyar	7 20 Iyar VIRTUAL MINYAN 5:45 pm	8 21 Iyar 8:08 PM HYBRID SERVICE 5:45 pm	9 22 Iyar Behar-Bechukotai Havdalah 9:09 PM HYBRID SHABBAT SERVICE 10 am
10 23 Iyar 	11 24 Iyar VIRTUAL MINYAN 5:45 pm	12 25 Iyar	13 26 Iyar	14 27 Iyar VIRTUAL MINYAN 5:45 pm	15 28 Iyar 8:17 PM HYBRID SERVICE 5:45 pm	16 29 Iyar Bamidbar Havdalah 9:16 PM HYBRID SHABBAT SERVICE 10 am
17 1 Sivan	18 2 Sivan VIRTUAL MINYAN 5:45 pm	19 3 Sivan TORAH TUESDAY 11 am	20 4 Sivan	21 5 Sivan Erev Shavuot 5:45 pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:15 pm Dinner Study Session	22 6 Sivan 8:23 PM 1 st Day Shavuot 10 am Service 5:45 pm Service Temple Office Closed	23 7 Sivan 2 nd Day Shavuot Havdalah 9:23 PM HYBRID SHABBAT SERVICE 10 am YIZKOR
24 8 Sivan	25 9 Sivan 	26 10 Sivan	27 11 Sivan	28 12 Sivan SSHD Donor Luncheon 11:30 am ~ 2 pm VIRTUAL MINYAN 5:45 pm	29 13 Sivan 8:29 PM HYBRID SERVICE 5:45 pm	30 14 Sivan Nasso Havdalah 9:28 PM HYBRID SHABBAT SERVICE 10 am
31 15 Sivan	OFFICE CLOSED VIRTUAL MINYAN 5:45 pm					

Temple El Emeth



EREV SHAVUOT SERVICE & DINNER

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Mincha service 6 pm

Dinner 6:15 pm

Shavuot Study Session with Rabbi Sternstein following dinner

Stories of Mt. Sinai 7 pm

Reservation form with payment due at Temple El Emeth by May 18

Shavuot Dinner, Thursday, May 21, 2026

Name

Member & Out of Town
Guest

Associate & In
Town
Non-Members

Please List Each Person Individually

\$25

\$35

Name	Member & Out of Town Guest	Associate & In Town Non-Members	

*Please list any dietary restrictions or allergies:

Reservation form with payment due at Temple El Emeth by May 18

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*Rabbi & Marsha Sternstein,
The Board of Directors
Elyse, Nancy, Maurita & Dominic*

*As we gather to
celebrate Shavuot, we remember
the moment our
people stood together at Mount
Sinai, receiving the Torah with joy,
unity, and gratitude.
May this festival bring light to your
home, sweetness to your heart, and
inspiration to your spirit. May we
all receive the Torah anew — with
joy (simchah) and
sincerity (pnimiut).
We look forward to celebrating
with you in prayer,
study, and community.
Chag Same'ach!*