



Newsletter

May 2009 / Iyar 5769

May Calendar

Date	Event
2	9:45 AM, Shabbat service (Lutheran Church)
9	9:30 AM, Breakfast study with Rabbi Audrey Marcus-Berkman & 11:15 service; study session will focus on the book of Ezekiel, which contains some of the strangest imagery and most difficult to understand passages in the Hebrew Bible. We will study parts of the book, and also learn about prophetic literature in general. (Lutheran Church)
16	6:30 PM, Kabbalat Shabbat and potluck dinner (member home - call for location)
17	No Saturday service
23	Memorial Day Weekend, No Saturday service
29	8:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat service and Tikkun Leyl Shavuot with Dorshei Tzedek and Hillel Bnai Torah Location TBD
30	9:45 AM, Shavuot Day 2 service (Lutheran Church)

Setup & Kiddush Schedule

Date	Setup/Cleanup	Kiddush
May 2	Wallit	E Morris / TBD
9	TBD	Auslander / TBD Breakfast: Sidner/Rich
16	No Service	(Friday night service)
23	No Service	(Memorial Day Weekend)
May 30	TBD	TBD

Officer Nominations

The Nominating Committee report recommends the following slate of officers for the coming year:

President: Rosalind Bronsen
 Vice-President: Joyce Lazarus
 Vice-President: Madelyn Morris
 Secretary: Steve Adler-Golden
 Treasurer: Ellen Fisher
 Assistant Treasurer: Ross Feldberg

June 26-28 Retreat Sign Up

Celebrate the beginning of summer at the 2009 Retreat June 26-28, Craigville Conference Center in Cape Cod.

Rabbi Audrey will be there with her family. She will lead discussions on Saturday morning (to start our Shabbat service) and Sunday morning.

I'll be sending out an email a few weeks before the weekend with signup forms.

The cost this year will be \$204 per person (our actual cost). The subsidized cost is \$150 per person. You are encouraged to pay whatever is appropriate to you. If you haven't already contacted me, please send me an email and let me know if you are planning to attend.

I welcome all ideas and offers of help.

Thanks,
 Charlotte Swartz
 781-488-3615 or chars1@msn.com

Event Notices from Rabbi Audrey

*Screenings of the documentary
 "The Case for Israel: Democracy's Outpost"
 Sunday, May 3, 7:00 p.m.
 West Newton Cinema, 1296 Washington Street, West Newton
 OR
 Thursday, May 7, 8:00 p.m.
 Temple Emanuel, 385 Ward Street, Newton

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Officers

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Committee Chairs

Adult Education: Joyce Hollman
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Torah/Haftarah portions for the month

May 2	Acharei Mot-Kedoshim	Lv 16:1-20:27	Amos	9:7-15
May 9	Emor	Lv 21:1-24:23	Ezekiel	44:15-31
May 16	Behar-Bechukotai	Lv 25:1-27:34	Jeremiah	16:19-17:14
May 23	Bamidbar	Nu 1:1-4:20	Hosea	2:1-22 <i>Birkat HaHodesh</i>
May 30	Shavuot	Ex 19:1-20:23	Ezekiel	1:1-28, 3:12

Event Notices (continued)

The film, featuring Alan Dershowitz, presents a vigorous case for Israel's right to exist, to protect citizens from terrorism and to defend its borders. The West Newton screening will feature Brandeis professor Jonathan Sarna. Tickets are \$10, or \$18, which includes a dessert reception with Professor Sarna.

The Temple Emanuel screening is free, and includes a post-film discussion with Alex Safian, associate director of CAMERA. For more information on the West Newton screening, visit <http://www.bostonort.org/> or call 781-444-5954.

For more information on the Temple Emanuel screening, email Terri at tswartzrussell@templemanuel.com.

*Author Amy Dockser Marcus to discuss her book "Jerusalem 1913: The Origins of the Arab-Israeli Conflict" Sunday, May 3, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Temple Emanuel, 385 Ward Street, Newton

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Amy Dockser Marcus discusses her perspective on Israel's history and its place in the world. This event is free, but RSVP is requested. For more information or to RSVP, email Terri at tswartzrussell@templemanuel.com.

*Faces of Israel: Taste the Food & Try the Wine Sunday, May 3, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. The Boston Synagogue, 55 Martha Road, Boston

The event includes Josh Ruboy from Chai Catering and The Butcherie in Brookline, and Cathy Huyghe from 365daysofwine.com. Suggested donation is \$5. For more information, call 617-523-0453 or visit <http://www.bostonsynagogue.org/>.

*61st Anniversary of the State of Israel Celebration Sunday, May 3, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. Auburndale Park, West Pine Street, Newton

The Israeli Scouts and the Israeli House invite you to celebrate Israel's Independence Day with a barbeque, sporting activities and Israeli folk dancing. Tickets are \$20 per family. For more information, contact Sharon at 617-535-0206 or israelih@boston.mfa.gov.il or visit <http://boston.mfa.gov.il/>.

*Darfur: What Next?..A Day of Education, Inspiration, Solidarity & Action Sunday, May 3, 3-8 PM Andover Newton Theological School & Hebrew College 160 Herrick Road, Newton Centre, MA

Keynote speaker: Rev. Gloria White-Hammond, Chairwoman of the Save Darfur Coalition, along with a variety of educational and activist workshops.

Cost: \$10, \$5 for students/seniors, includes dinner (Note: all food is kosher; financial assistance is available upon request) Register online: <http://tinyurl.com/darfurconf> To learn more, please contact Rabbi Or Rose at orose@hebrewcollege.edu, 617-559-8636.