

## **NEW LIGHT NEWS**

May - June 2024

Nisan – Iyyar – Sivan 5784

CONGREGATION OHR CHADASH A MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE

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The **counting of the Omer** is observed by Jewish communities worldwide, marking the 49-day period between Passover and Shavuot. This tradition, rooted in ancient agricultural practices and spiritual significance, symbolizes the journey from liberation to revelation. Each evening, a blessing is recited, followed by the enumeration of the days and weeks that have passed since the Exodus from Egypt. This practice encourages introspection, spiritual growth, and anticipation of the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai on Shavuot. It serves as a reminder of the transformative journey from slavery to freedom and the responsibilities inherent in that freedom.

**Shavuot** also known as the Festival of Weeks, marks the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. It is a time for Jews to reflect on their commitment to studying and observing the teachings of the Torah, as well as to express gratitude for the gift of divine guidance and wisdom. Torah study is a central focus of Shavuot observance, with many Jews participating in all-night study sessions known as Tikkun Leil Shavuot.

SHAVUOT 2024— the UMJC is hosting a Tikkun Leil Shavuot, an all-night Torah Study for Shavuot on June 11th-June12. It's a perfect opportunity to stay up late studying words of Torah all through the night. This year's featured guest teachers include our very own, Dr. Patrice Fischer, and others. Invite a few friends over, gather some favorite snacks, your choice of pens and pencils and study along together in person. Tickets are FREE to all who register in advance. Details are found at umjc.org/events.

Studying Torah is not just about acquiring knowledge; it's a pathway to deepening our relationship with G-d. Through Torah study, we unravel the timeless wisdom embedded within its teachings, gaining insight into G-d's will, His attributes, and His plan for humanity. Each passage of scripture offers us an opportunity to connect with G-d on a profound level. Ultimately, studying Torah isn't merely an intellectual pursuit; it's a transformative journey that leads us closer to Him, enriching our lives with meaning, and guiding us towards a deeper understanding of our purpose and our place in the world.

## Join Our Volunteer Team!

Are you looking for meaningful ways to contribute to our congregation? We have several volunteer opportunities

available:

## Greeters Torah Assistants Sound Technicians Video Operators

If you're interested in any of these roles, don't hesitate to get in touch during the week. Join us in building a vibrant and welcoming community together!

Join us for Shabbat service, every Friday evening at 7:30 PM. We livestream our services to YouTube and upload them to Vimeo.

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Stump the Stars, Jewish Style meets here at the synagogue at 7:00 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month; see reverse for calendar. You can also join us by Webex, ohrchadash.my.webex.com/join/ohrchadash, or watch live on YouTube, youtube.com/c/CongregationOhrChadash. Email your questions to stumpthestars@gmail.com.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
			1 / 23 Nisan	2 / 24 Nisan	3 / 25 Nisan	4 / 26 Nisan			
					*Shabbat Service, 7:30 PM	Achrei Mot			
			8 omer	9 omer	10 omer	11 omer			
5 / 27 Nisan	6/ 28 Nisan	7 / 29 Nisan	8 / 30 Nisan	9 / 1 Iyyar	10 / 2 Iyyar	11 / 3 Iyyar			
	Yom HaShoah		Rosh Chodesh Iyyar	Rosh Chodesh Iyyar	**Shabbat Sevice, 7:30 PM	Kedoshim Stump the Stars, 7 PM			
12 omer	13 omer	14 omer	15 omer	16 omer	17 omer	18 omer			
12/ 4 Iyyar	13 / 5 Iyyar	14 / 6 Iyyar	15 / 7 Iyyar	16 / 8 Iyyar	17 / 9 Iyyar	18/ 10 Iyyar			
	Yom HaZikaron	Yom HaAtzma'ut			Shabbat Service, 7:30 PM	Emor			
19 omer	20 omer	21 omer	22 omer	23 omer	24 omer	25 omer			
19 / 11 lyyar	20 / 12 Iyyar	21 / 13 Iyyar	22 / 14 Iyyar	23 / 15 Iyyar	24 / 16 lyyar	25 / 17 Iyyar			
			Pesach Sheni		Shabbat Service, 7:30 PM	Behar			
26 omer	27 omer	28 omer	29 omer	30 omer	31 omer	32 omer			
26 / 18 Iyyar	27 / 19 Iyyar	28 / 20 Iyyar	29 / 21 Iyyar	30 / 22 Iyyar	31 / 23 Iyyar				
Lag BaOmer					Shabbat Service, 7:30 PM				
33 omer	34 omer	35 omer	36 omer	37 omer	38 omer				

<sup>\*</sup> May 3rd Service will include reflections on Yom HaShoah

<sup>\*\*</sup> May 10th Service will include reflections on Yom HaAtzma'ut

<b>June 2024 / Iyyar - Sivan 5784</b>									
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
MISS A SERVICE? You can watch our services here: <a href="mailto:vimeo.com/ohrchadash">vimeo.com/ohrchadash</a> or here: <a href="mailto:www.youtube.com/c/CongregationOhrChadash">www.youtube.com/c/CongregationOhrChadash</a> Audio recordings of the sermon are sent out every week. Email <a href="mailto:OhrChadashOffice@aol.com">OhrChadashOffice@aol.com</a> to be added to the list!						1 / 24 Iyyar Bechukotai Stump the Stars, 7 PM			
2 / 25 lyyar	3 / 26 lyyar	4 / 27 lyyar	5 / 28 Iyyar Yom Yerushalayim 43 omer	6 / 29 Iyyar	7 / 1 Sivan Shabbat Service, 7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh Sivan 45 omer	8 / 2 Sivan Bamidbar			
9 / 3 Sivan	10/4 Sivan 48 omer	11 / 5 Sivan Erev Shavuot	12 / 6 Sivan Shavuot I	13 / 7 Sivan Shavuot II	14/8 Sivan Shabbat Service, 7:30 PM	15 / 9 Sivan Nasso Stump the Stars, 7 PM			
16 / 10 Sivan	17 / 11 Sivan	18 / 12 Sivan	19 / 13 Sivan	20 / 14 Sivan	21 / 15 Sivan Shabbat Service, 7:30 PM	22 / 16 Sivan Beha'alotcha			
23 / 17 Sivan 30/ 24 Sivan	24/18 Sivan	25 / 19 Sivan	26 / 20 Sivan	27 / 21 Sivan	28 / 22 Sivan Shabbat Service, 7:30 PM	29 / 23 Sivan Sh'lach			