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The Reform Congregation of Jersey City

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## Our First Steps Out of the Darkness

by Rabbi Leana Moritt

Imagine what it felt like for our ancestors to leave their Egyptian homes after the plagues of their day. We celebrate our freedom at the Passover seder, but can we imagine the anxiety and uncertainty the Israelites must have experienced? While the plagues were raging, they were safe in their homes. And then came word it was time to leave. We recount how they fled Egypt, but I also imagine there had to be at least some trepidation alongside the excitement. Perhaps that is how some of us are feeling now.

The CDC has loosened its guidelines; the vaccine is proving successful and the weather has finally turned such that our Temple's leadership has decided we can now take some definitive steps toward gathering as a congregation once more. And while we celebrate what looks like the light at the end of the tunnel, we, too, are moving carefully and thoughtfully. When and for what events? How soon? How many people and using what criteria? Like you, we are carefully reading the science and the recommendations and notice it seems to (thankfully!) change almost daily for the better. Whether you are still hesitant or have already jumped in with both feet and two vaccines back into in-person gatherings, TBE has also decided it is time for us to start making our way back out of the darkness.



Someone once said that 90% of life is just showing up... I don't know who said it first, but I first heard it in seminary in relation to the way Jewish holidays were celebrated in antiquity. The Torah delineates three major festivals ("chaggim") in the Jewish calendar: Sukkot, Passover and Shavuot. Today we celebrate them with huts, matzah and cheesecake (and other things), but that wasn't always the case.

We often translate "chag" as holiday, but the literal translation of a "chag" is a pilgrimage festival. You will notice how close the word is to "haj." That's no accident, because Arabic and Hebrew are both Semitic languages from the same Aramaic source. Of course, when we hear "haj," we think of the "haj" to Mecca, the sacred pilgrimage to Mecca every Muslim is commanded to make at least once in his/her lifetime. This is actually a Jewish idea that comes from the tradition that every Jew would make the sacred pilgrimage to Jerusalem three times each year—at Sukkot, Pesach and Shavuot. Paraphrased, celebrating the holidays in ancient Israel meant just showing up and celebrating being together in one place!

**Now is the time for us to do the same!** We will finally gather together on our lawn (weather permitting) for a picnic on Sunday May 16 from 12—2 pm in honor of the holiday of Shavuot (that begins that night) and to celebrate the end of the Religious School year that ends that day.

Of course, Shavuot is the holiday on which we receive the gift of Torah and recommit ourselves to living by it. Traditionally, we read the Ten Commandments under a chuppah at the bimah in a recommitment ceremony. Receiving the Torah in purity, the food of Shavuot is milk (dairy) for its color. For our pre-Shavuot picnic this year, we are delighted to be serving frozen yogurt sundaes with 10 different toppings—one for each commandment. Please bring your own lunch, mask, and folding chair. Together we will mark our transition back to community with sweetness, music and joy.

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All Kabbalat Shabbat (Friday night services) at Temple Beth-El will be via Zoom video conferencing technology through May 28. June will begin live services twice per month and Zoom services as well. (Pot luck dinners are suspended until further notice.) Watch for details!

To use Zoom:

1. Download the Zoom program at <https://zoom.us>
2. Click [here](#) to enter
3. Enable your camera to view
4. Make sure your computer's sound/microphone is muted.  
(All participants will be muted during the service.)
5. Wait to be granted access from the "waiting room."

Zoom on your computer/laptop, iPad/tablet or cell phone.

**To follow the service with a digital flip book siddur, click [here](#)**

*Virtual is good, but really bringing Shabbat into your home is even better! Set up candles, wine/juice and challah/bread in front of your screen and let's literally light the candles, make kiddush and motzi together.*

<b>Friday, May 7</b>	<i>Zoom</i>	
First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Services featuring Grades 3, 4, 5 & 7		6:30 pm
<b>Friday, May 14</b>	<i>Zoom</i>	8:00 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Services		
<b>Sunday May 16/Monday May 17</b>		7 pm — 11 am
All night Tikkun Leil Shavuot & Yizkor & Full Morning Service Learn with Reform Rabbis from across the United States. Register <a href="#">here</a> and receive the full lineup of all-night offerings		
<b>Friday, May 21</b>	<i>Zoom</i>	8:00 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Services		
<b>Saturday, May 22</b>	<i>Livestream</i>	
Shabbat morning service and bar mitzvah of Maya Mankoff Livestreamed over YouTube <a href="#">here</a>	10:30 am	
<b>Friday, May 28</b>	<i>Zoom</i>	8:00 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Services		
<b>Friday, June 4</b>		8:00 pm
First Friday Family Kabbalat Shabbat services <b>LIVE! On the Temple lawn!</b> <b>Graduation Shabbat</b> <i>This service will <b>not</b> be viewable over Zoom.</i>		



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**Rabbi Moritt is available for virtual pastoral counseling and her other usual duties during this challenging time. To keep our employees healthy, most are working from home with adjusted hours and limited access to files. Our phones and emails are up and running.**

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### Shabbat & Holiday Candle Lighting

Friday, May 7	7:41 pm	Friday, May 21	7:54 pm
Friday, May 14	7:48 pm	Friday, May 28	8:00 pm
Sunday, May 16 (Shavuot)	7:50 pm	Friday, June 4	8:06 pm

## Rabbi's Message *(continued from page 1)*

Thanks so much to our TBE community members Debbie and Mark Kahn who own Downtown Yogurt and who have generously offered to supply the yogurt and the toppings. Please help us all plan how much FroYo to have on hand by RSVPing [here](#).

While we are still working out the details, the Building Transition Task Force has authorized that we begin holding one Kabbalat Shabbat service outside and one limited service inside our sanctuary each month starting in June. We anticipate our first in-person service will be held outside on Friday, June 4 at 6.30 pm. We decided to have our monthly outdoor service coincide with our Family Service since our children are not yet eligible for the COVID vaccine. Since we also do not have outdoor lighting, this pairing allows us enough daylight to celebrate properly.

June 4 will also be **Graduation Shabbat**. We hope that whether someone in your family is graduating from preschool, elementary, middle or high school; college or graduate school or any kind of program, that you join us for Graduation Shabbat on the lawn. Please allow us to celebrate your accomplishment by letting us know [here](#) about your graduation, even if you aren't able to be with us in person. Unfortunately, we do not have the technological capabilities to live stream from outdoors.

Stay tuned for the announcement as to when we will hold our first in-person Shabbat service live from our beloved sanctuary. Limited to 25 masked, distanced and fully vaccinated congregants, we will livestream our one monthly sanctuary service over YouTube as our b'nai mitzvah services have been since the fall. We will be establishing a system by which 25 people per service can sign up to attend. We are not yet reinstating onegs or communal dinners on Shabbat.

It's not quite arriving at the Promised Land, but after 15 months away from each other, we will be ready to sing songs of gratitude, to dance and to celebrate being together!

In friendship,

*Rabbi Leana Moritt*

## Celebrate being together again at our **CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC!**

Sunday, May 16, 12-2 pm  
on the Temple lawn

Rejoice in spring, Shavuot, the end of the Religious School year, and the Temple's future!

- BYO lunch and folding chair
- Music!
- Frozen Yogurt Sundaes will be served with 10 (commandment) toppings!\*

**RSVP appreciated so we have enough yogurt for everyone.**

\*Frozen Yogurt courtesy of Debbie and Mark Kahn of Downtown Yogurt.  
Thank you!!!





Saturday, May 15 @ 10:30 in Hamilton Park!

We are returning to LIVE IN-PERSON Tot Shabbat this month!  
Weather permitting. Decision will be made Friday afternoon,  
so watch your email.



Calling all children 0-5 and their grownups! Bracha the bear is back and eager for us to join her at Tot Shabbat this month! We will sing, dance, tell a story, have a snack and blow bubbles in the park. *We will follow State mask and social distancing requirements.*



Thank you to Megan Dolbee Russek (Adelaide's mom) for bringing the snack and juice boxes this month. Please consider volunteering for next month.

Mark your calendars for Tot Shabbat mornings through the end of the calendar year. We will be meeting outside in various locations throughout the summer. Watch for location details.

June 12 July 10 August 14 September 25 — Sukkot on the Temple lawn

If you are not on our Tot Shabbat list, please email [office@betheljc.org](mailto:office@betheljc.org) and ask to be added to our email list. Drop-ins always welcome.

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## PAJAMA HAVDALAH

Saturday, May 22  
6:45-7:15 pm

Join Rabbi Moritt and some of her favorite stuffed animals as the stars come out on Saturday night to say goodbye to Shabbat with a little story, a little song and a little mystery in the light of Havdalah.

Future Pajama Havdalas:  
June 26 — Morah Marian  
July 24 — Rabbi Moritt  
August 21 — Morah Marian

Register by clicking [here](#); you'll receive a email with the link to join.

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## FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICES

First Friday of each month  
at 6:30 pm

Religious School Students  
are expected to attend  
each month!

Friday, May 7

Grades 3, 4, 5 & 7 are  
presenting in this service

## **What Counts?** by Marian Kleinman, Director of Education

I look forward to celebrating Shavuot with you at our Temple Beth-El lawn, on Sunday, May 16, 12-2:00pm for our **Congregational Picnic!**

Years ago, in addition to attending cantorial and educator conferences, I traveled to Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, to study, learn, and make music at *Hava Nashira*, a 3-day intensive conference for Jewish Song-Leaders. The exciting faculty continues today to include many of our most well-respected and well-known composers such as Craig Taubman, Jeff Klepper, Dan Nichols, Josh Nelson, and others. The year I was there, I studied with Debbie Friedman as well as with others.



These names seem like meaningless namedropping until you connect them with tunes we sing each Shabbat at Temple Beth-El: Debbie Friedman's *Mi Sheiberach*, Jeff Klepper's *Shalom Rav* and Craig Taubman's *B'yado*, are the ones you're likely most familiar with.

As I flew by plane across the USA, which included being crammed into a tiny seat on the second plane necessary to reach there, I gave some time to a 49-day project which repeats each year. I have to admit, I struggle with this activity each year, and have tried it many times! I remind myself: "a little is better than nothing, it doesn't have to be perfect," so this year, like then, I again delved into the *Sefirat Ha'Omer*, the counting of the omer. This is a traditional practice, begun thousands of years ago at *Har Sinai* (Mt. Sinai).

There's history and there's practical applications of counting. The *omer* (about 2 quarts of barley) was brought as the afternoon offering on the second day of Pesach. That day is "Day 1" of the counting of the omer. The 49 days of counting culminates in the holiday of Shavuot. On Shavuot, "Day 50," we celebrate the receiving of the Torah at *Har Sinai*. Historically, the system of counting the omer didn't start until the Israelites settled in the land and became farmers.

On Pesach, despite the pandemic, many of us enjoyed a Seder with our families and friends. In the 49 days that follow, we're offered a spiritual opportunity, much the same as the opportunity offered our ancestors, the Israelites who left Israel. We have the chance to examine the ways we're "enslaved" or "oppressed" in our lives today, and to move forward, refine ourselves, based on important truths we can find in Torah.

The days of counting are about achieving personal freedom in our lives. It's not something I'm an expert about; in fact, as I write, I'm again referring to Rabbi Simon Jacobson's *Hayom Yom Echad: A Spiritual Guide to the Counting of the Omer* (1996). This little spiral book, a gift from my brother, sat on my bookshelf for a few years, and now I've again dusted it off and read more. Jacobson lists seven emotional attributes that can be attached to each of the seven weeks, to be used together to create 49 combinations. The seven attributes are *chesed* (lovingkindness), *gevurah* (justice), *tiferet* (beauty and harmony), *netzach* (endurance), *hod* (humility), *yesod* (bonding), and *malchut* (nobility).

Reviewing these attributes reinforces to me my need to read and reflect more on these spiritual messages and self-improvement. I look forward to gathering together with you very soon, to celebrate *Shavuot*, to celebrate the giving of Torah after the successful Exodus from Egypt and from slavery.

*L'shira* (with song)

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## **Religious School – Reminder!**

You can already complete and submit your Religious School registration form for the upcoming 5782 (2021–22) Religious School year. Please do this at your earliest convenience using the form at our website. We need your registration in order to plan class schedules and teacher assignments for September. Please contact Marian right away if you have any questions about enrollment for the fall. You can email her at [morahmarian@betheljc.org](mailto:morahmarian@betheljc.org).



Like last year, Temple Beth-El has joined with other Reform congregations throughout the country for multiple Torah study sessions throughout the night. Rabbi Moritt's session will be called:

*"Why are there only 6 layers in a 7-layer cake and other Jewish numerological questions of cosmological significance."*

Hers will be but one of dozens of wonderful offerings throughout the night.

### Complete Schedule Register Here

Temple Sinai (Reno, NV)	Temple B'nai Israel (Kalamazoo, MI)
HaMaqom   The Place (Berkeley, CA)	Temple Bat Yam (Ocean City, MD)
Congregation Ahavath Beth Israel (Boise, ID)	Agudas Israel Congregation (Hendersonville, NC)
Temple Emanuel Sinai (Worcester, MA)	Temple Beth Rishon (Wyckoff, NJ)
Congregation B'nai Tzedek (Fountain Valley, CA)	Temple Emanuel (McAllen, TX)
Temple Emanu-El (Dothan, AL)	Temple Beth-El (Jersey City, NJ)
Beth Israel Congregation (Jackson, MS)	Temple Beth El (Knoxville, TN)
Congregation Shir Tikvah (Troy, MI)	Temple Beth El (Odessa, TX)
Sinai Temple (Champaign, IL)	Congregation Rodef Sholom (Youngstown, OH)
Congregation Kol Haverim (Glastonbury, CT)	Congregation Beth El (Tyler, TX)
Temple Beth Israel (Macon, GA)	Congregation Gemiluth Chassodim (Alexandria, LA)
Temple Beth El (Augusta, ME)	Temple Beth Shalom (Vero Beach, FL)
Temple Concord (Binghamton, NY)	Beth Chaim of Malvern (Malvern, PA)
Congregation Beth Israel (Corpus Christi, TX)	Temple Dor Dorim (Weston, FL)
Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek (Chester, CT)	Temple Beth Abraham (Nashua, NH)
Temple Beth El (San Pedro, CA)	Temple Mount Sinai (El Paso, TX)
Temple Menorah (Redondo Beach, CA)	Congregation Beth Israel (Bellingham, WA)
Beth David Reform Congregation (Gladwyne, PA)	

## Small Conggregations TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT 5781

Sunday, May 16 thru  
Monday, May 17

7:00 pm ET thru  
8:00 am PT

Join congregations and rabbis from all around the country via Zoom for an unique set of online study sessions including music, TV shows, and a celebration of Torah for all ages!

Programs run from  
7:00 pm ET until  
8:00 am PT.

## Bat Mitzvah



Maya Mankoff, daughter of Neelam and Don, sister of Ram, will become a Bat Mitzvah on May 22nd. Maya is a 7th grader at Stevens Newport Coop School. Maya swims fast, runs faster, and aspires to earn a (partial?) tennis college scholarship. She likes sword fighting with her friends in Hamilton Park. She plays trumpet, and takes singing and Spanish lessons. She currently wants to become a courtroom lawyer.

Maya has been shaped by her early years with her Aunt Sulu (her nanny); holiday gatherings and beach trips with her Dad's (Jewish) side of the family; weekends with her mom's (Indian) close extended family; her elementary years of creative projects outdoor play at Embankment School; and middle school at Stevens, where she's made friends and appreciates her classmates and teachers.

Maya has always had a strong will – whether becoming a vegetarian at age 5; arguing with her brother and parents; or declaring that she doesn't want a Bat Mitzvah. But with age, she's also shown a willingness to listen and take others' feelings into account – and thus has agreed to honor her family and community by undertaking her Bat Mitzvah ceremony. Maya's favorite part of preparing for her Bat Mitzvah was writing her D'var Torah; and her favorite Jewish memories are of Hanukkah.

Maya would like to thank Rabbi Moritt, Morah Marian, and Cantor Mandi for helping her along the way.

Maya is loved and cherished beyond measure -- by her parents, family and friends.



7th Graders Ava Pinn and Maya Mankoff showing off the tzitzit they tied themselves in religious school for their b'not mitzvah tallitot (prayer shawls).



To finish off our unit on the Shema V'ahavta, and in preparation for becoming b'not mitzvah, Ava and Maya prepared their own private prayers/intentions/aspirations to tie into the knots of the tzitzit of their prayer shawls.

## Tributes

- To celebrate a happy occasion • To say I'm sorry for your loss
- To remember your loved ones • To thank someone for a kindness

Acknowledgement of your contribution will be sent to the recipient and the message will be listed in the newsletter. To make a donation and offer a tribute for any reason, click [here](#) or contact the [office](#)

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*Jonathan Pinn & Karen Seemen Pinn*

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In memory of Irving Vogleman

*Molly Heitner*

In memory of Eugene Rottenberg,

*Husband & Dad*

*Mildred Rottenberg*

In memory of my sister Anita

*Schonberger-Keel on her Yarzeit*

*Michael & Tyler Schonberger*

in memory of my mother,

*Eileen Pollack*

*Kevin R. Wexler*

### Music Fund

To Lionel Parnes in memory of his

father, Harold Parnes

*Nancy & Nathan Sambul*

Mazal Tov to Maya Mankoff and her family on her bat mitzvah

*Nancy & Nathan Sambul*

Mazal Tov to Dexter Hudspeth and Sotsky/Hudspeth family on Dexter's bar mitzvah

*Nancy & Nathan Sambul*

Mazal Tov to Ben Rosenberg and the Popp-Rosenberg family on Ben's bar mitzvah

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In memory of Nancy's grandfather, David Gurwitz, on his yarzeit

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In memory of Nathan's father, Leon Sambul, on his Yarzeit

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In celebration of Nancy's 75th birthday

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In celebration of the 30th anniversary of my sister and her husband, Bill & Barbara Hall

*Nancy & Nathan Sambul*

Thank you for Morah Marian for inspiring us on Yom HaShoah

*Nancy & Nathan Sambul*

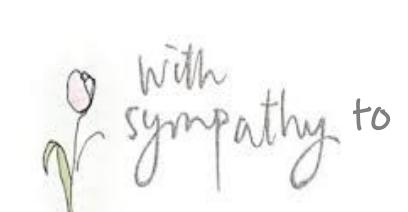
In memory of our father Nathan Schnur on his yarzeit

*Fred & Karen Schnur*

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In honor of Dexter's Bar Mitzvah

*Loryn Sotsky & Eric Hudspeth*



Alain, Amelie and Jennifer Strong Mentha on the death of Alain's father, Guy Alain Gilbert Mentha on March 25.

Lionel Parnes and family on the death of his father, Harold I. Parnes, on April 9.



### Neighbors helping Neighbors

If you are having difficulties getting essential food or medication into your home, if you are living alone, out of work or feeling isolated, please contact Nancy Sambul at [nancy@betheljc.org](mailto:nancy@betheljc.org). Our members want to help as best as we can. If you are able to help deliver groceries or medication on one of your trips, or if you are able to make calls to check in on our elderly or isolated, please let Nancy know.



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**May 27 @ 8 pm**

**The Devil in Jerusalem**  
by Naomi Regan

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Please lend a hand by volunteering [here](#) for our Wednesday Food Pantry, by donating the foods and clothing listed [here](#), or by donating funds [here](#) so we can purchase needed items. Our neighbors in need can use them. (See below if you'd like to use a QR code to access the wishlist.)

Donations to the Food Pantry are tax-deductible. If you donate cash, you'll receive an acknowledgement as usual. If you donate items, email the receipt to [kpd@betheljc.org](mailto:kpd@betheljc.org) or click [here](#) for a downloadable copy of the Temple's In-Kind Donation Form. Click on the second form to donate, complete it, and send it to [kpd@betheljc.org](mailto:kpd@betheljc.org). Keep a copy of the blank for future use.

Thank you so much for your support in keeping our food pantry running during these difficult times. And please stay safe and well.



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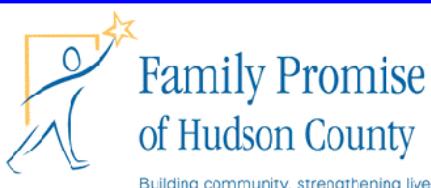
There is also a separate page for Beth-El families!



### Prayers for Healing

If you or a loved one are ill and would like to be added to our *misheberach l'cholim* list (prayer for healing), please let Rabbi Moritt know at [rabbimoritt@betheljc.org](mailto:rabbimoritt@betheljc.org)

We are happy to pray for the healing of body, spirit, psyche and relationship of anyone of any religion. Please include the Hebrew name of the person/people in your prayers (if known) and your phone number so we can be in touch.



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### Family Promise during Covid-19

Over five years ago, Temple Beth-El began working with congregations throughout the area to launch Family Promise of Hudson County. Family Promise has provided hosting opportunities and social services for working families, so they can stay together while struggling to get back on their feet and move to a new home. Especially in this current crisis, there are so many people in great need of our help. Email Lari at [lari@bethjc.org](mailto:lari@bethjc.org) subject line: Family Promise, and tell us what you would like to do to help out. Let us know how you plan to make this year one of giving to those less fortunate than yourself.



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Mount Moriah is a beautiful and well-maintained cemetery that has been serving the Jewish Community for over 100 years. The cemetery is located on the slopes of the Palisades just a few minutes from Hudson County, between Kennedy Blvd and Routes 1&9. The Temple's graves are located on the main road of the cemetery and are adjacent to our original plot where, among many of our founding members, our founding rabbi, the late Maurice Thorner is buried. These graves are available for purchase, either as a family plot or individual graves. For further information, please contact Larry Guterman at [admin@betheljc.org](mailto:admin@betheljc.org)

### **Yahrzeits/Memorial Plaques/ Simcha Tree Leaves *Remember and Honor***



The yahrzeit, or anniversary of a loved one's passing, is a time to remember the person, in the synagogue by reciting the Kaddish prayer, through the giving of extra charity and through learning. Each week at services we speak aloud the names of those people whose yahrzeit has occurred that week.

- To update your family's yahrzeit listings go to the [TBE yahrzeit list](#) or call or write the office.
- To purchase a Memorial Plaque to honor the memory of your loved ones click [here](#)
- To purchase a Simcha Tree Leaf to honor or congratulate friends or family members for special events or accomplishments please click [here](#)



### **Online Cooking or Bridge**

If you are interested in forming an online **Temple Bridge group** or an online **cooking group** please get in touch with Joanna Tartikoff at [bookclub@betheljc.org](mailto:bookclub@betheljc.org).



### ***Yahrzeits***



#### **Week Ending April 24**

(inadvertently left off April list)  
Tess Steierman

#### **Week ending May 1**

James Colker  
Murray Hysen  
Anita Schonberger-Keel

#### **Week ending May 8**

David Gurwitz  
Arthur A. Levine  
Marvin Pinn  
Lynne M. Winograd

#### **Week ending May 15**

Glenn David Bardack  
Evelyn Straus  
Gertrude Wegodsky  
Gerson Werner

#### **Week ending May 22**

Elizabeth Fulop  
Ronald Gale  
Laurence Goldstein  
Irving Gromer  
Shirley Haar  
Shirley Frank Kamien  
Doris Pliskin  
Lawrence Steierman  
Ronald Tarlowe

#### **Week ending May 29**

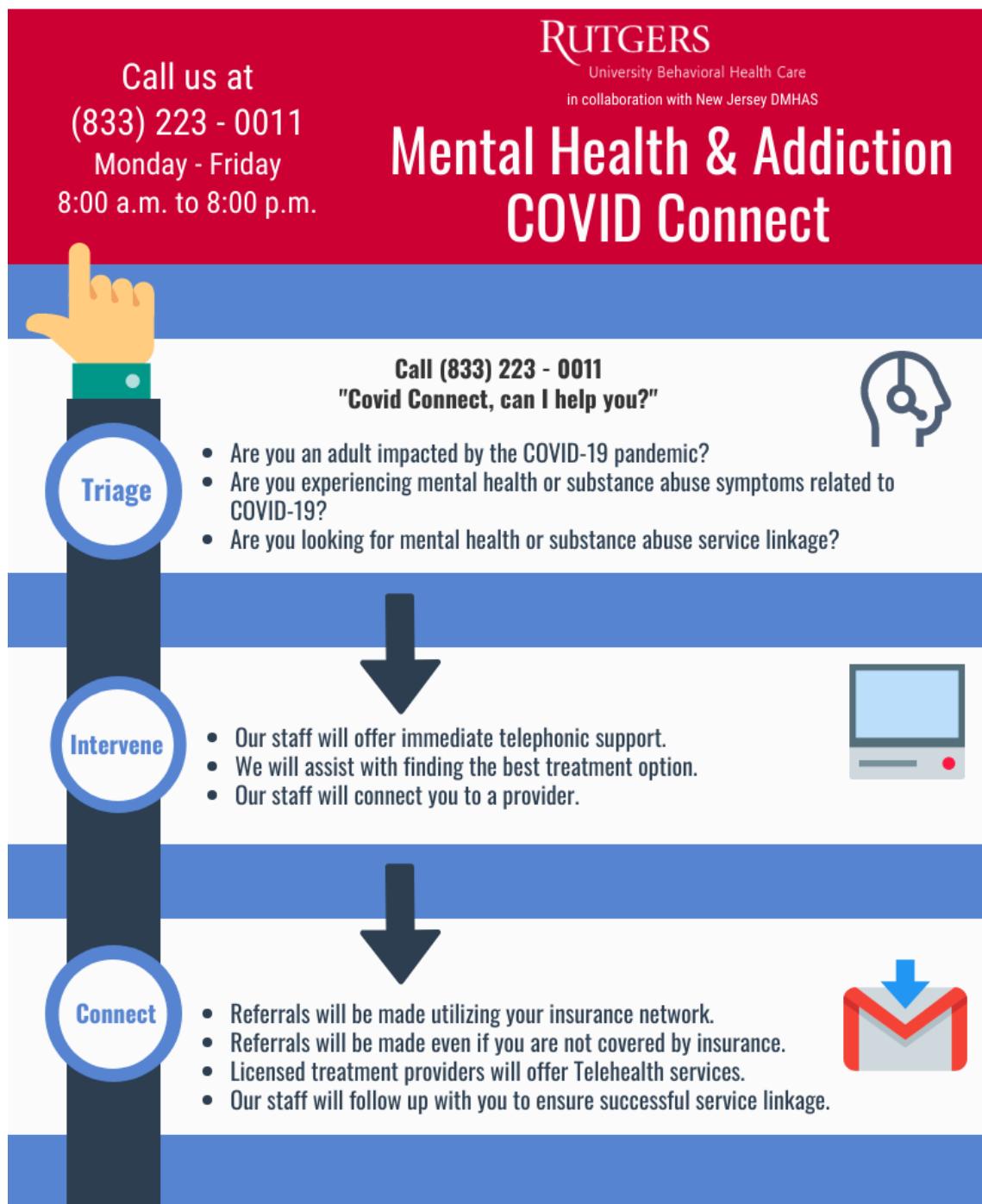
Nathan Bayarsky  
Selwyn Gross  
Rabbi David Hachen  
Bella Pesin  
Maxwell Rosenzweig  
Martha W. Schonberg  
Ann Vogelman

#### **Week Ending June 5**

Beatrice Meltzer



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