

This Week at  
 Temple Israel of Long Beach  
 Experiencing the Warmth of Tradition



May 23, 2026  
 7 Sivan 5786  
 Shabbat Shavuot



**Candle Lighting**  
**Shabbat - 7:55 pm**  
**Kabbalat Shabbat – 8:05 pm**  
**For week of 05/23/26 - 05/29/26**



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**MEMORIAL DAY MAY 25**

The origin of Memorial Day is Decoration Day, a day of remembrance for soldiers killed during the Civil War.

Decoration Day, as it was called, was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by a Union General, and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The date was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

World War I changed the parameters of Memorial Day, making the day more inclusive of all the wars involving America.

In 1922, inspired by the poem, "In Flanders Field where poppies grow...", the VFW began selling poppies, made by disabled war veterans, to help those in financial need. So, stop as you leave the food store, make a donation and accept one of those poppies as a "Thank You".

In June 1968, by an act of Congress, Memorial Day was established as the last Monday in May, creating a 3-day weekend for Federal employees, moving the date from May 30.

Unfortunately, the traditional observance of Memorial Day has become less and less important in the lives of many Americans who consider the holiday the "unofficial" start of summer, a three-day weekend. Although many still participate and watch Memorial Day parades, the significance of this Day of Remembrance is lightly considered.

So, on this Memorial Day, take some time to remember and honor the men and women who made the "ultimate sacrifice" in protecting our freedom and our way of life. Thank a veteran for their service in "harm's way", both here and abroad, protecting America from our enemies.

Bless you, may God bless our veterans, and may God bless the United States of America.

**Hon. Stephen J. Kohut**



**SHAVUOT SCHEDULE**

**Thursday May 21**  
 Erev Shavuot  
 Candle Lighting at 7:54 PM

**Friday – May 22**  
 First Day  
 Services at 9:30 AM

**Saturday– May 23**  
 Second Day  
 Services at 9:30 AM  
**Yizkor at approx 11:00**



<b>Marcie Livingston</b>	<b>Helen Dresner</b>
<b>Kai Denson</b>	<b>Gert Griboff</b>
<b>Joan Schlissel</b>	<b>Sima Buckner</b>
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<b>Mark Goldberg</b>	<b>Bonnie Gurland</b>
<b>Irwin Richmond</b>	<b>Louis Meltzer</b>

**IN MEMORIAM**

<b>Ed Levie</b>	<b>Clara Bogdanoff</b>
<b>Tonia Garfinkle</b>	<b>Amelia Stern</b>
<b>Leslie Peckman</b>	<b>Minnie Samuels</b>

