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## **SHABBAT SHALOM**

3 – 4 June, 2016

27 Iyar 5776

Parashat Bechukotai  
(Leviticus 26:3-27:34)

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### **From the Rabbi's desk**

So it's June already. What happened? A minute ago it was Pesach and now the UJC chevre is starting to think about the coming summer migration. We seem to be fast-forwarding through Spring. I am feeling a bit dizzy.

The programmatic year is drawing to a close soon, but it is by no means over. June is packed with activity. There will be time to rest in July and August. For now, there is much to do.

Here is what is coming. We have two B'not Mitzvah this month - Sofia Berman this coming Shabbat and Ilana Golin on June 18th. Rabbi Geoffrey Dennis is joining us as our scholar-in-residence June 5th - 8th (see Shabbat Shalom for details.) You don't want to miss this exploration of Jewish folklore and myth. June 5th is the closing lunch for Shorashim. On June 10th, we will hold a special farewell service for those families moving away from Hong Kong this summer. Our annual Tikkun Leyl Shavuot takes place on June 11th at 8:30 PM. That evening we will study into the wee hours to mark the giving of Torah at Sinai and celebrate the end of the One Congregation/One Book project. Rabbi Martha and I are sponsoring a Shabbat Dinner on June 17th. Shabbat Naso is the 20th anniversary of our ordination and we are in the mood to celebrate. If this isn't enough for you, there will still be time in June and the first week of July to catch at Torah Study before the Zamek-Bergadine family heads off to the US.

June is shaping up to be a grand finale for a very rich programmatic year. Things will slow down in July, but even then we are just drawing a breath as we get ready for 5777. Preparations for next season are already underway. Watch Shabbat Shalom for hints of what is to come. In the meantime, don't miss out on this very full month of study, spirituality, and celebration.

All Blessings,  
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