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## Trash

- Please do not leave any trash in the hallways. Trash must be brought to the trash room and dropped down the chute. Please do not leave trash on the floor of the trash room.
- Please do not drag your trash along the new carpeting.
- Please do not leave trash outside your apartment in the hallway.
- Please make sure your trash does not leak as you carry it to the trash room.

## Hurricane Season

The hurricane season is approaching. **If leaving your apartment for an extended period of time please remove all objects from your porches.** Any hurricane damage at Tower 41 was the result of personal property being blown off the balconies or through the glass sliding doors. Please cooperate.



## Parking

We have requested your cooperation numerous times:

Cars that will not be used for extended periods of time are urged to park on the upper level parking. If you are in need of assistance please do not hesitate to contact the valet.

## Tower 41 Newsletter

If you have anything special you would like to share with the residents of the Tower 41 Condominium, please let the manager know by the last day of each month so we can include it in the following month's newsletter.



## Shabbos Schedule

Date	CANDLE LIGHTING	SHABBOS ENDS	PARSHA
April 20	7:29 PM	8:23 PM	Shemini
April 27	7:32 PM	8:27 PM	Tazria-Metzora
May 4	7:36 PM	8:31 PM	Acharei Mot-Kedoshim
May 11	7:39 PM	8:34 PM	Emor
May 18	7:43 PM	8:39 PM	Behar-Bechukotai

April 22-23, 2012	Rosh Chodesh Iyar
April 19, 2012	Yom Hashoa
April 26, 2012	Yom Haatzmaut Celebrated
May 10, 2012	Lag Ba'Omer
May 20, 2012	Yom Yerushalayim
May 22, 2012	Rosh Chodesh Sivan
May 27-28, 2012	Shavuot



### Yom Hashoa

Yom HaZikaron laShoah ve-la G'vurah, "Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day", known colloquially in Israel and abroad as Yom HaShoah is observed as Israel's day of commemoration for the approximately six million Jews and five million others who perished in the Holocaust as a result of the actions carried out by the Nazis and for the Jewish resistance in that period. In Israel, it is a national memorial day and public holiday. It was inaugurated on 1953, anchored by a law signed by the Prime Minister of Israel David Ben-Gurion and the President of Israel Yitzhak Ben-Zvi. It is held on the 27th of Nisan (April/May).

### Yom Ha'atzmaut

This unique Jewish holiday celebrates Israel's Independence Day, an important one for Jews around the world. Founded on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1948 after the atrocities of the Holocaust, Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrates the founding of modern Israel. Much like America's Fourth of July, Yom Ha'atzmaut is celebrated by having the day off from work, having parades, and setting off fireworks.

### Lag Ba'omer

Lag BaOmer, the 33rd day of the Omer count—this year, Thursday, May 10, 2012—is a festive day on the Jewish calendar. It is celebrated with outings (on which the children traditionally play with bows and arrows), bonfires, and other joyous events. Many visit the resting place (in Meron, northern Israel) of the great sage and mystic Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, the anniversary of whose passing is on this day.

Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, who lived in the second century of the common era, was the first to publicly teach the mystical dimension of the Torah known as the "Kabbalah," and is the author of the basic work of Kabbalah, the Zohar. On the day of his passing, Rabbi Shimon instructed his disciples to mark the date as "the day of my joy."

The chassidic masters explain that the final day of a righteous person's earthly life marks the point at which "all his deeds, teachings and work" achieve their culminating perfection and the zenith of their impact upon our lives. So each Lag BaOmer, we celebrate Rabbi Shimon's life and the revelation of the esoteric soul of Torah.

Lag BaOmer also commemorates another joyous event. The Talmud relates that in the weeks between Passover and Shavuot, a plague raged amongst the disciples of the great sage Rabbi Akiva, "because they did not act respectfully towards each other." These weeks are therefore observed as a period of mourning, with various joyous activities proscribed by law and custom. On Lag BaOmer the deaths ceased. Thus, Lag BaOmer also carries the theme of the imperative to love and respect each other.

### Yom Yerushalayim

Yom Yerushalayim, Jerusalem Day, falls on 28 Iyar. It commemorates what is, in our era, without doubt the most noble moment in the historic love between Jews and Jerusalem: the liberation of the Old City of Jerusalem and the reunification of all Jerusalem during the Six Day War, on the 28 Iyar 5727 (May 20, 1967)

# BASEBALL SEASON Is Upon Us... SPRING is in the air

A rookie sat next to his manager and watched Roger Maris gun down a runner trying to go from first to third."Kid, you won't see a throw like that again in a million years." Three innings later, Maris duplicated the feat. The rookie turned to the manager and said, "Time sure flies up here in the Majors."



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# Mother's Day May 13, 2012

## Mother's Day Thoughts and Quotes

- The advice your son rejected is now being given by him to your grandson.
- Working mothers are guinea pigs in a scientific experiment to show that sleep is not necessary to human life.
- Parents often talk about the younger generations as if they didn't have anything to do with it.

## It's Time to go to School

One early morning, a lady went in to wake up her son. "Wake up, son. It's time to go to school!"

Son: "But why Mom? I don't want to go."

Mom: "Give me two reasons why you don't want to go."

Son: "Well, the kids hate me for one, and the teachers hate me, too!"

Mom: "Oh, that's no reason to not to go to school. Come on now and get ready."

Son: "Give me two reasons why I should go to school."

Mom: "Well, for one, you're 52 years old. And for another, you're the Principal!"

## Grandma on the Plane

For two solid hours, the lady sitting next to a man on an airplane had told him about her grandchildren. She had even produced a plastic-foldout photo album of all nine of the children. She finally realized that she had dominated the entire conversation on her grandchildren. "Oh, I've done all the talking, and I'm so sorry. I know you certainly have something to say. Please, tell me... what do you think of my grandchildren?"



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# Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work

Thursday, April 22, 2012 is Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day in America. It is designed to expose children to what the adults in their lives do each day, encourage them in their education, and take time to discuss their future. Rather than being just a career day, it is also an opportunity to discuss with your children how to balance work and family, to experience different workplace environments, and to learn the importance of teamwork. Before the day is over, more than 6.4 million boys and 10.1 million girls will accompany a parent to work. Recent polls have shown that 79 percent of participants say the program helped them see connections between schoolwork and working in the real world. Sixty percent of girls said participation increased their interest in education, while 57 percent said their participation influenced their decision to go to college or professional school. To learn more about this event, visit [www.daughtersandsonstowork.org](http://www.daughtersandsonstowork.org). You'll find information, ideas for the day, and activities for participating children. You may also wish to discuss your plans with your employer to find out if there are any activities planned by your company.

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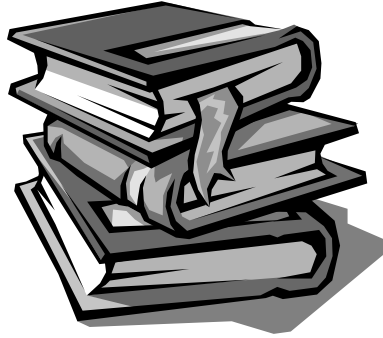
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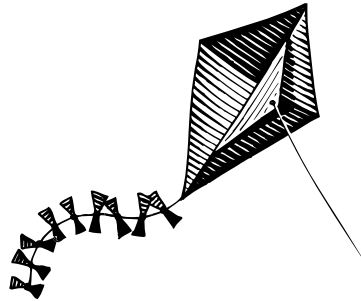
# Did You Know?: Kite Trivia

April is National Kite Month.

In ancient China, it was believed that kites could ward off evil spirits. Today, the kite is regarded as a symbol of good luck.

The first recorded attempt to use kites to obtain scientific data occurred in 1749 when two Scottish scientists, Alexander Wilson and Thomas Melville, fastened thermometers to kites in order to record the temperature of the air at high altitudes.

In 1847, chief engineer T.G. Hulett used a kite to string the first steel cable over the Niagara River in order to continue construction of a suspension bridge over the gorge.



The first patent issued for a kite was granted in 1866 for a hexagon-shaped flat kite with two inwardly bent masts.

In 1887, E. D. Archibald, an English meteorologist, took the first aerial photograph by attaching a camera to his kite.

In 1898, a modified Hargraves Box Kite rose more than two miles over the Earth's surface to a height of 12,471 feet (3,801 meter) above Milton, Massachusetts. Today's kits are restricted by aviation rules to fly no more than 300 feet high or within three miles of an airport.

Guglielmo Marconi, inventor of the wireless telegraph, used a hexagon kite in 1901 to lift an antenna four hundred feet in order to receive the first radio signal ever transmitted across the ocean.

During World War II, kites bearing pictures of enemy aircraft were used by the United States Navy for target practice. Huge box kites were also flown above American war ships to ward off attacking enemy aircraft. Long steel wires were suspended from each kite, causing damage to any approaching planes.

On April 4, 1975, a world record was set by Kazuhiko Asaba of Kamakura, Japan, for the most kites flown on a single line-1,050. Since then the record has been broken a number of times. The current record is 11,284 kites on one string.

The largest kite in the world is flown each year in Hoshubana, Japan, a small village near Tokyo. The kite measures 36 feet wide and 48 feet long and weighs nearly a ton. It can take 50 or more men to send the kite aloft.

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