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Anne and Len Jurkowski in honor of Zac's aufruf. Welcome to Mali, her parents Ari and Chaya Weitzner, and all of Zac's friends who have come to celebrate with us.

MINYON SCHEDULE

1/5 Candle Lighting.....	4:39 p.m.
1/5 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat.....	4:45 p.m.
Hashkama Minyon.....	7:50 a.m.
Talmud in Depth.....	8:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning.....	9:00 a.m.
Shema-Latest Time.....	9:24 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....	3:45 p.m.
Shabbat Mincha.....	4:30 p.m.
Shabbat ends.....	5:40 p.m.
Parent/Child Learning.....	6:30 p.m.
Daf Yomi II.....	7:30 p.m.

THIS COMING WEEK

Sunday Shacharit.....	8:30 a.m.
Mon. & Thu Shacharit.....	6:30 a.m.
Tue., Wed., & Fri. Shacharit.....	6:45 a.m.
Sun. - Thu. Mincha/Ma'ariv.....	4:45 p.m.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	
Talmud in Depth.....	7:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....	5:15 p.m.
Monday - Thursday	
Talmud I.....	6:00 a.m.
Monday- Friday	
Talmud in Depth.....	7:30 a.m.
Monday	
Pirkei Avot.....	7:30 p.m.
Daf Yomi.....	8:30 p.m.
Tuesday	
Women's/Mesillat Yescharim	11:00 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....	5:15 p.m.
Wednesday	
Women's/Pirkei Avot.....	11:00 a.m.
Prophets/Mishlei.....	7:30 p.m.
Daf Yomi.....	8:15 p.m.
Thursday	
Parsha.....	7:30 p.m.
Daf Yomi.....	8:15 p.m.

In Memory of Linda Neiman

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This Week's Torah Reading

**The Torah Reading begins on page 213 in the Hirsch, page 292 in the Stone.
The Haftorah begins on page 843 in the Hirsch and page 1147 in the Stone.**

THE BOOK OF SHEMOT begins with an account of the deaths of Yosef and his brothers, and with the growth and prosperity of the children of Israel in Mitzrayim. A new king arose in Egypt and his attitudes regarding the Jews were different. Our Sages are in dispute as to whether it was a new king who did not honor the original arrangement with the Jews, or whether it was the same king, who changed his policies. The sages who say that it was really a new king, do so because the verse actually states "new king". Others say it was the same king because the text does not say "and the king died, and there arose..." In actual fact, this presents a dilemma to those sages who say this was a brand new king; why doesn't the Torah say that the old king died and a new one arose? Perhaps those words are indicative of a succession. If there was no succession, this Paroh was a complete outsider. It is for this reason no mention is made of the death of the old Paroh. However, the question still remains, on what merits was this new king chosen? If we look carefully at the parsha we can see he was chosen on the merits of his hatred for the Jewish people. His campaign promises included a very strong position against the Jewish nation, which greatly bolstered his public image. After his appointment, Paroh tried to carry out all his promises.

THE EGYPTIANS SOUGHT a way to deal wisely with the Jewish nation lest they became too strong and rebel. They were turned into slaves and forced to build the cities of Pithom and Ramses as supply centers for Paroh. This was indicative of Paroh's wickedness; he was as determined to destroy the Jewish spirit as he was bent on destroying the body. Pithom and Ramses were built on an earthquake belt. Each time they were built the earth would quake and they would be reduced to rubble, forcing the Jews to rebuild them. The futility of their work was meant to destroy their spirit. This approach, however, did not work and the Jews continued to multiply. The Egyptians increased the hard labor of the Jews in an attempt to break them physically and spiritually. Paroh commanded the Jewish midwives Shifra and Puah, who became Yocheved and Miriam, to kill all Jewish boys at birth. Paroh chose boys, in particular, because his astrologers had informed him that the Jews would be delivered by a man born of a Jewish woman. But the midwives did not listen. They told Paroh the Jewish women were all skillful as midwives and therefore it was impossible to reach them before they gave birth. Hashem rewarded these two women by making them the forerunners of the priestly and royal dynasties. Paroh then ordered all Egyptians

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to participate in his plan against the Jews and their G-d by throwing all newborn boys into the Nile. His astrologers told him this was the best method. As G-d had promised that he would not send a flood to the world, there would be no measure for measure retribution against the Egyptians for throwing children into the Nile.

THE TORAH THEN relates how Moshe was born and how he was hidden for three months, until he could be hidden no longer. He was then placed in a basket and sent to float in the river. Paroh's daughter saw the basket while she was bathing and retrieved the child and raised it as her own. Moshe grew physically and spiritually in the house of Paroh. When he grew up he was drawn to his people and their plight. Seeing an Egyptian beat a Jew, he rose up, made sure no one saw, and killed the Egyptian using the divine name. However, two Jews, Dasan and Aviram saw the incident. Moshe became afraid of being killed by Paroh, and ran away to the land of Midian. There he met the daughter of Yisro, the priest of On, and married her.

THIS CONCERN FOR other people is a prerequisite for a leader of the Jewish people. It is interesting to note only one fact surrounding Moshe's birth is told when we first meet him, namely that he was born of a woman and man from the tribe of Levi. No elaborate lineage, no stories of the greatness of his forefathers. Perhaps the Torah is sending two messages to us. First, Moshe was born a human being, he is not a son of G-d, nor is he larger than life. He became Moshe because of what he was inside, and because he raised his nature to a divine level. Also, his greatness was not inherited but very much a product of his own spiritual efforts. According to Rashi it would seem that Moshe's concern for the Jewish people preceded even his awareness that he was Jewish, but existed because of his natural intolerance to injustice or violence. This concern was the hallmark of Moshe, and one of the most important criteria for Jewish leadership.

WHILE MOSHE WAS tending to the sheep in Midian, back in Egypt things were getting much worse for the Jews and Egyptian oppression was increasing. G-d appeared to Moshe in a burning bush and commanded him to tell Paroh to let the Jews go. Try as he would, Moshe could not convince G-d he was not the right spokesman. Our Sages see in the burning bush a revelation, that despite the "fires" our nation will endure. It will never be consumed—we will remain eternal. Moshe's stick was transformed into a serpent, he was stricken with leprosy and he was told the waters of Egypt will turn to blood. These signs are a subject of debate among the commentaries. Some say they were punishments for Moshe's hesitation, others say they were verification of Moshe's role as emissary. Aharon, his brother, was appointed as his spokesman and Moshe left Midian for Egypt.

MOSHE AND AHARON went to Paroh to deliver G-d's message, but Paroh did not believe it and increased the work load of the Jews. Moshe returned to Hashem to report his failure but Hashem told him to be patient, to wait and see what would happen next.

We wish our visitors a warm La Jolla welcome. Please introduce yourself to the Rabbi and the President so that we can meet and greet you.



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