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Gary and Barbara Frank in honor of the **Erlich Family, Dr. Jonathan, Dr. Marion, Avigayil** and **Sara**, here from Sydney. Love, **Barbara & Gary Frank**

MINYON SCHEDULE

12/15 Candle Lighting.....4:26 p.m.
12/15 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat....4:30 p.m.
Hashkama Minyon.....7:50 a.m.
Talmud in Depth.....8:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning.....9:00 a.m.
Shema-Latest Time.....9:15 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....3:35 p.m.
Shabbat Mincha.....4:20 p.m.
Shabbat ends.....5:27 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.....4:30 p.m.

**IMPORTANT KIDDUSH
SPONSORSHIP DEADLINE!**

Annette will be away from the office from 12/23/17 - 1/7/18. The bulletins for December 30th and January 6th will be prepared on December 20th. If you would like to sponsor or co-sponsor either of those Kiddush and want your announcement in the bulletin, you must contact Annette and provide the wording for your kiddush announcement by Wednesday, December 20th or we will not be able to include it in the bulletin.

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**DATES THAT ARE
AVAILABLE:**

**December 23rd & 30th
January 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th**

In Memory of Linda Neiman

**THE CONGREGATION ADAT YESHURUN
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This Week's Torah Reading

**The Torah Reading begins on page 175 in the Hirsch, page 222 in the Stone.
The Maftir Reading begins on page 539 in the Hirsch and page 768 in the Stone.
The Haftorah begins on page 953 in the Hirsch and page 1143 in the Stone.**

AS THE PARSHA opens, Yosef is languishing in prison after his incident with Mrs. Potiphar. Our Sages tell us Yosef should have been in prison for 10 years but received an extra two for having trusted in the wine steward. Even though we are obligated to fend for ourselves, Yosef was expected to have a higher level of faith. Therefore his specific instructions to the wine steward constituted a lack of faith. It must be understood that Yosef's bitachon (faith) was so great, Hashem, who is exacting with the righteous and demands perfection from them, held Yosef accountable for the superfluous use of his words. Because Yosef said "mention me" and "remember me to Paroh", he was held in prison an extra two years for the two statements.

WHILE YOSEF IS in jail, Paroh dreams of cows coming out of the Nile river: seven fat cows being eaten by seven skinny ones. Paroh then has a second dream in which seven ears of healthy grain are sprouting on a single stalk, and behold, seven scrawny, wind-scorched ears come and swallow them up. Alas, none of his magicians (Egyptian psychoanalysts) can interpret the dreams. Enter the wine steward, who remembers the convict who had interpreted his dream two years earlier with such clarity, that he felt obligated to let Paroh know that perhaps all was not lost. The wine steward tells Paroh about Yosef (notice the way the steward describes him), and how he had been so correct with his interpretation. He then suggests he might be able to help Paroh with his problem.

PAROH SUMMONS YOSEF and tells him about his dreams with astonishing variations and with many omissions and additions. There are those commentaries (the Radak and Ramban) who do not ascribe any significance to the changes. However, many others (Midrash Tanchuma, Zohar, Kli Yakar, Hirsch) see great significance in these alterations. Even among these commentators, there is a difference of opinion as to why Paroh made these changes. Some say Paroh did not understand his dream and thereby inadvertently changed some of the details, while others say they were purposely disguised to test Yosef's veracity.

YOSEF'S RESPONSE TO Paroh's request for interpretation, is that he has no capabilities, rather it is G-d who gives him the interpretations. As our sages explain, every dream contains some elements of nonsense and some elements of truth. The truths are messages from the spiritual realm and therefore must be understood by a spiritual person.

PARSHA CONTINUES

Without the spiritual angle, the dreams may be interpreted freely and their point missed completely. Thus, to interpret dreams correctly, one must have a connection with G-d to understand the messages being sent. According to the Ramban, the dream contained the seeds of the interpretation. Yosef merely read the signs that already existed in the dream. Hashem was speaking in images and Yosef was reading them clearly.

YOSEF EXPLAINS THAT the dreams foretell of seven good years, followed by seven years of famine. After outlining the general interpretation, Yosef now proceeds to interpret the details. During the seven good years, there will be a great abundance in Egypt, but then will come incredible famine to the entire region. The good years will be completely forgotten. The fact that Paroh dreamed two dreams in one night, was understood as a sign that this would happen immediately. Yosef counseled Paroh that he should appoint a wise and discerning man as overseer of the land of Egypt. This man should prepare the land of Egypt during the years of plenty, for the years of famine, by storing the abundance of grain and crops.

PAROH IS SO impressed with Yosef's interpretation he appointed Yosef as Viceroy of Egypt. Paroh recognizes Yosef as a man of G-d and therefore feels he would be best for the position. Yosef's name is changed to 'Tzafnas Paneach' - the one who explains hidden things. He is also given Asenath, the daughter of Potiphar, to marry. According to the Midrash, Asenath was the daughter Dinah conceived after being raped by Shechem, and was then adopted by Potiphar. Yosef then has two sons, Menashe and Ephrayim. The Torah describes the fulfillment of Paroh's dreams, and how Yosef implements his council.

THE TORAH CONTINUES with the account of how Yosef's brothers end up in Egypt to buy grain. Although they had plenty in their own storehouses, Yaakov felt that if they did not go to Egypt with everyone else, they would become conspicuous and be placed in danger. So the brothers of Yosef descend to Mitzrayim, leaving their youngest brother, Binyomin, at home. Yaakov was afraid that some danger would befall Binyomin so he refused to allow him to accompany the brothers. When they arrive in Egypt, Yosef recognizes them but they do not recognize him. Yosef does not reveal himself to them and begins a long series of tests to ascertain if they have changed their attitude towards him. He accuses the brothers of being spies, and tells them the only way they will be allowed to leave Egypt is if they bring their youngest brother to him. They are thrown into prison and must return home without Shimon, who must wait in prison until Binyomin is brought back. When they arrive at an inn on their way home, they find that the money they have used to pay for the grain has been returned to them and they become frightened.

THEY RETURN HOME to report their ordeal to their father who, at first, refuses to send Binyomin, but later acquiesces. They take presents, and their brother, and return to Egypt. After meeting with Yosef the brothers are sent on their way. However, after they leave the city, they are accosted by Yosef's steward and are accused of stealing Yosef's goblet, which was secretly placed in Binyomin's sack. Binyomin is arrested and the brothers are told to leave.

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.



MIKVAH APPOINTMENTS
(858) 535-1072

WE THANK OUR SECURITY VOLUNTEERS

Friday Evening	
4:30 p.m.	Mark Brunswick
5:00 p.m.	Mendy Rezmovitch
Shabbat Morning	
9:00 a.m.	Milton Krasner
9:30 a.m.	Len Jurkowski
10:00 a.m.	Dave Hastings
10:30 a.m.	Rick Venger
11:00 a.m.	Moises Eilemberg
11:30 a.m.	Craig Glasser

Welcome our new Executive Assistant, Catharine Simolari, in the shul office!

Thank you to Darcy Nielsen who temped for us and helped us so much for the past seven months!

Please welcome Catharine to our community. You may reach her directly at catharine@adatyeshurun.org or call (858) 535-1196 Opt 1.

Adat Yeshurun Chesed Toy Drive

Through Jewish Family Services we are collecting NEW and unwrapped Toys and Games to be distributed within our San Diego Community.

Please drop off the Toys and Games at the Adat office up now and up until December 14th. Thank you so much for participating in this Mitzvah.

Mazel Tov

to
Steve and Ava Weitzen on the engagement of their daughter, **Shana to Gary Gold!**

YOU CAN NOW LISTEN TO THE RABBI'S CLASSES ONLINE!!

www.adatyeshurun.org

Weekly lectures are all on the web for you to listen to anytime you wish

CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	Talmud in Depth.....7:45 a.m.
	Daf Yomi.....5:00 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 Yesharim11:00 a.m.
	Daf Yomi.....5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Women's/Pirkei Avot.....11:00 a.m.
	Girls Club.....5:00 p.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.

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- **Grand Prize** - Apple MacBook Pro 2.3 GHz 256GB (value \$1,499) OR Microsoft Surface Pro I5 256GB (value \$1,299)
- **First Prize** - iPhone X 64GB (value \$999), OR Samsung Galaxy Note 8 64 GB (value \$960)
- **Second Prize** - DJI Spark Drone (value \$499)

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For Info or to order your tickets contact the Shul office at
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AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 CHOLENTS - AUSTRIA

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The Hanukkah story of assimilation repeated in Europe of the 1800's. Leading European rabbis re-affirmed the Maccabean charge that assimilation was due to insufficient Jewish education & exposure to Gentile culture. Rabbis acknowledged their responsibility to re-haul the Jewish education system to demonstrate the relevance of Judaism even in modern times. The consensus was that knowledge of Torah strengthens Jewish identity & bolsters commitment to G-d's law. Knowledge can also block corrupt propaganda that tempts Jews to believe that Antisemitism would disappear if they join alien cultures.

The revolution in Jewish education in Europe produced 4 school systems of differing philosophies.

R. Haim of Volozhin, a disciple of the Vilna Gaon, established the 1st modern yeshiva in Lithuania. The focus on Talmud (Jewish law) & Mussar (ethics) reflect the philosophy of Lithuanian yeshivas of providing excellent Jewish education in a spiritually protective environment.

The dual curriculum day school was promoted in Germany mainly by R. Samson Raphael Hirsch (SRH), a disciple of R. Isaac Bernays. SRH stressed that the goal of including secular subjects to Judaic studies was to deepen the Jewish understanding of G-d's world and the mission G-d assigned to Jews.

Two additional school systems were established in the Austrian Empire. R. Moshe Sofer, aka Hasam Sofer (HS), approved of adding science to the yeshiva curriculum since science is a deciding factor in Jewish law. However, the yeshiva must protect the students from exposure to heretic scientific theories such as evolution by selecting religious teachers only. HS rejected standardizing education by the students' age. He argued that subjects should be customized by aptitude to spare students an un-due frustration & failure. HS also opposed the study of secular subjects because precious time would be wasted in pursuit of information irrelevant to Jews.

Sarah Schenirer, a Belz Hasid responded to assimilation among women in a similar way, pioneering the Beis Yaakov school system on the dual curriculum model of SRH.

Today, Volozhin & HS yeshivas founded on the philosophy of blocking the creeping influence of pop culture prosper. However, many Modern Orthodox (MO) Jews, who are considered SRH followers, sharply deviate from his idea of measured exposure to the world. The claim that a free exploration of other cultures is permissible & beneficial drives their immersion in pop culture, and shapes MO support of corrupt ideas. The brewing crisis of Jewish identity in the MO community is signaled in the phrase 'off the derech' (off the Jewish path), a euphemism for assimilation.

"And may it be Your will to accustom us to study Your Torah and attach us to Your commandments... Let not the evil inclination dominate... Rescue from the destructive spiritual impediment." (Siddur p.20)

This Shabbos Hanukah Maccabean cholent features Talmudic era staples of barley, raisins, dates & olive oil of course.

Shabbat Shalom, Flora Brunswick

Girls Club



Meet your new best friends.

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They're in junior high...just like you.

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12/20

1/3/18

1/17/18

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