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Mitch Shack and Tina Beranbaum in honor of **Tina's father Yechiel Baruch ben Itzchak Mendel ha Levi's 36th** yarzeit and to welcome their son **Avi** who is visiting from Israel.

KIDDUSH IS CO-SPONSORED IN HONOR OF
Shmuel's 41st birthday. In constant awe of all that you do for our family, friends and the Jewish people. **Hashem** should continue to give you the strength you need to work as you do and may we all merit to be a part of the process. Love, **Chaya, Baila, Esther, Elisheva, Shoshana, and Charlie.**

WE THANK OUR SECURITY VOLUNTEERS	
Friday Evening	
4:30 p.m.	Jamin Eiseman
5:10 p.m.	Jamin Eiseman/TBD
Shabbat Morning	
9:00 a.m.	Scott Rappoport
9:30 a.m.	Orin Green
10:00 a.m.	Rabbi Ertel
10:30 a.m.	Anthony Sclar
11:00 a.m.	Raphy Shapiro
11:30 a.m.	TBD

MINYON SCHEDULE

12/8 Candle Lighting.....	4:25 p.m.
12/8 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.....	9:11 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....	3:30 p.m.
Shabbat Mincha.....	4:15 p.m.
Shabbat ends.....	5:25 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.
Sun. - Thu. Mincha/Ma'ariv.....	4:30 p.m.
Mon., Wed., Thu., & Fri. Shacharit....	6:30 a.m.
Tue.....	6:45 a.m.

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	
PirketAvot.....	7:30 p.m.
Daf Yomi.....	8:30 p.m.
Tuesday	
Women's/Mesillat Yesharim.....	11:00 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	
Women's/PirketAvot.....	11:00 a.m.
Boys 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.

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.

In Memory of Linda Neiman

THE CONGREGATION ADAT YESHURUN
WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

Rabbi Jeffrey Wohlgeleter Todd Salovey, President

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The Torah Reading begins on page 162 in the Hirsch, page 198 in the Stone.
The Haftorah begins on page 838 in the Hirsch and page 1142 in the Stone.

THIS WEEK'S PARSHA opens with the chronicles of Yaakov's offspring. The Torah relates the story of the settlements and wanderings of Yaakov's sons, until they were permanently settled in Eretz Yisrael by Yehoshua. The catalyst for this chain of events was the incident of Yosef and his brothers. Yosef was seventeen years old when the narrative begins. We see he was the most loved of all Yaakov's sons which caused a measure of discomfort. Yaakov gave Yosef a coat of many colors which our sages say was a coat of fine wool, or a longer, better coat than the others wore. The Sforno comments that the coat was the tunic which was designated for leadership, the role which Yaakov assigned to Yosef after the incident between Reuven and Bilhah. There is a midrash equating this coat with a coat originally belonging to Adam. Yaakov received the coat when he bought the birthright from Esav. Because of this coat, the fact that Yosef was his father's personal attendant, and probably because they feared being disinherited, the brothers hated Yosef.

THE TORAH TELLS of Yosef bringing evil reports against his brothers to their father. This helped fuel their jealousy. Rashi says Yosef told of the other boys eating "Aver min Hachai", meat taken from an animal before it was slaughtered. He also told Yaakov that the sons of Zilpah and Bilhah were mocked by the sons of Leah, and that the brothers were behaving licentious. Rashi further comments that Yosef was punished measure for measure for bringing these evil reports. For the report of "Aver min Hachai", he was punished because the brothers had slaughtered a kid goat and did not eat the meat of an unslaughtered animal, thus this animal was used when they sold Yosef.

FOR THE SLAVE-MOCKING report, he ended up a slave, and for the licentious report he was accused of licentiousness by Mrs. Potiphar and was thrown into jail. Many commentaries explain Yosef was not merely speaking Lashon Horah, gossip, but rather he was telling what appeared to be happening and he felt his father should know in order to deal with the other sons. But he was mistaken, and what appeared to be transgressions on the part of his brothers were indeed justifiable actions. Yosef was punished measure for measure for not having been more deliberate in his actions.

YOSEF ALSO DREAMED two prophetic dreams which he told to his brothers. This added to their feelings of hatred. In the first dream, Yosef saw that they were binding sheaves in the field. Yosef's sheaf arose and remained standing and the others gathered around and bowed to his sheaf. The dream intimated that Yosef would rise to power without apparent cause and that it would last for a long time. The sheaves represented the cause of their

PARSHA CONCLUDES

bowing to him: the wheat they would need to purchase in Egypt in the future.

IN HIS SECOND dream, Yosef saw the sun (Yaakov), moon (Rachel) and 11 stars (his brothers) bowing down to him. Yaakov was upset with Yosef for relating the dreams to his brothers and fueling their hatred.

THE BROTHERS BELIEVED Yosef was dreaming of usurping the throne which belonged to Yehudah, and thus felt that such an act of treason and rebellion deserved death. They planned to kill him, and would have, had not Reuven stepped in. He suggested that, rather than kill him, they throw him into a pit, thus disposing of him in a “clean” way. While Reuven was away from the rest, they sold Yosef to a band of Yishmalite travelers for twenty pieces of silver. They took Yosef’s coat, dipped it in blood, and told their father that Yosef was killed by wild animals. However, Yaakov did not believe them and refused to be comforted. Meanwhile, Yosef was brought to Mitzrayim and sold to Potiphar as a houseboy.

THE TORAH SEEMINGLY interrupts this narrative with the story of Yehudah and Tamar. Our sages explain the connection. The brothers blamed Yehudah for Yaakov’s abundant distress, because he had the idea of getting rid of Yosef. Therefore they shunned him and their esteem for him was lowered.

WE THEN RETURN to Yosef in Egypt. The Torah relates how Yosef rose in value in Potiphar’s household, but ended up in jail for rebuffing the advances of Mrs. Potiphar. This was a test for Joseph. After passing it he became known as Yosef Hatzadik—the righteous. The midrash tells us that when Yosef was about to sin, he saw the image of Yaakov before him and he stopped. The Chiddushei Harim comments: at a time of crisis we become incapable of calm, reasoned analysis. The only thing we have to rely on is our instinct, which we have developed over years of living. Yosef was faced with an awesome challenge which robbed him of the opportunity to think clearly and, therefore, he had to rely on his instincts which were ingrained in him from growing up with Yaakov. When the midrash says he saw an image of Yaakov and recoiled, it is telling us he relied on his instincts to outweigh his temptation, thus he passed the test. This is a tzaddik!

THE PARSHA CONCLUDES with Yosef favorably interpreting two dreams for fellow prisoners, two of Paroh’s chamberlains. At Paroh’s birthday celebration the dreams are fulfilled, and when the wine steward is pleased by this, Yosef asks him to intercede on his behalf.

SPONSOR A KIDDUSH

For a regular kiddush the Primary Sponsorship is \$295 (designated as such in the bulletin). All co-sponsors of kiddush \$175. Email Annette Olson at info@adatyeshurun.org or call her at 858-535-1196 to reserve your date.

DATES THAT ARE AVAILABLE:

December 16th, 23rd & 30th

Nazel Tov

to

Rabbi and Leoni Loffman on the birth of their daughter!

Welcome our New Members

David and Rachel Rosenstock and their children, **Ephraim, Baram, Aviva and Yaron**

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.

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 \$36 Presents PER TICKET



- **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)

Drawing takes place during Parent Child Learning on Saturday, January 6th \$36 per ticket—for every 10 tickets you buy or sell you get 1 FREE ticket For Info or to order your tickets contact the Shul office at annette@adatyeshurun.org - Presence not required to win

Create an eternal bond.
Pick a *sefer* to learn together.
Explore the Torah's teachings.



Celebrate with a *siyum* at the end of the season.

Parent-Child Learning

Every Motzei Shabbos (Saturdays)
Beginning one hour after *Havdala*
at Adat Yeshurun

Melava Malka Served
Prizes Ruffled

Join the Grand Prize Raffle for Full Participation
Starting November 11



Adat Yeshurun Chanukah
Party...
Just got BETTER



We invite the Adat Yeshurun Community, from Grandparents to babies to join us at our Shul Chanukah Party on Sunday, December 17th at 5:30 p.m. and enjoy good food, good family fun and good company!

We have several activities planned for you to enjoy;

- Ceramic Pottery Painting & Candle Making
- Scavenger Hunt
- Family Latke Showdown (come prepared to make your "family" Latke that will win the Latke Showdown Competition)!

We will have prizes for the winner(s) of the Scavenger Hunt and the Family Latke Showdown!

Dinner, Scavenger Hunt & Family Latke Showdown Costs:

\$18/adult (ages 13 and over)

\$10/child (ages 4-12)

These costs cover your dinner, the Scavenger Hunt and the supplies for the Family Latke Showdown.

Additional Cost to participate in the Ceramic Pottery Painting and Candle Making.

The Hot Spot: Pottery Painting & Candle Making will bring several options of ceramics for you to paint, then bring them back to their shop where they will fire them in the kiln and then return to the shul later in the week for you to pick up.

There are two options for the Ceramic Pottery painting:

1. Family Project – painting a Menorah – cost will be \$30. Limit One Menorah per family.
2. Individual Project – painting one item from a selection of pottery (i.e. Star of David, plate, cup, etc.) AND making one candle – cost will be \$25. Limit One pottery item and One candle.

You can choose to do a Family Project AND an Individual Project, but you will be billed for both projects.

RSVP DETAILS: Please RSVP by contacting Annette at annette@adatyesheurun.org by Monday, December 11th and please provide:

1. Number of people attending and ages of anyone 18 and under.
2. Whether you will participate in one or both of the Ceramic Pottery Painting Activities (you will be billed additionally for those activities), and list of those in your family participating.

ADAT YESHURUN'S CHANUKAH PARTY...

JUST GOT BETTER.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 5:30PM

POTTERY PAINTING - PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT - FAMILY LATKE SHOWDOWN



Boys Club



Meet your new best friends.

They're Jewish...just like you.
They go to Adat...just like you.
They're in junior high...just like you.

And you're gonna love Wednesday nights...just like them!
Shmooze. Eat. Do fun stuff. Repeat.

Every alternate Wednesday
5:00pm-6:45pm
beginning October 18
All 6th-8th graders invited

Upcoming Dates:
12/13
12/27



See you in the big classroom!
RSVP: thewogies@aol.com

Girls Club



Meet your new best friends.

Upcoming Dates:
12/20

They're Jewish...just like you.
They go to Adat...just like you.
They're in junior high...just like you.

And you're gonna love Wednesday nights...just like them!
Shmooze. Eat. Do fun stuff. Repeat.

Every alternate Wednesday 5:00pm-6:45pm beginning October 25
All 6th-8th graders invited



See you in the big classroom!
RSVP: thewogies@aol.com

Torah High School
Presents...
The Eleventh Annual
Dinner Theatre

Be
BOLD

Sunday, December 10th

KID FRIENDLY MENU OPTIONS!

*Please join us for an evening of delicious cuisine, inspiration,
drama, comedy, dance, song, music and more!*

*Featuring the talented Torah High Theatre Troupe,
Dance Ensemble, & Choir!*

Platinum Sponsor: \$180
Includes VIP Seating
For Four

Gold Sponsor: \$90
Includes VIP Seating
For Two

TICKETS

Adults: \$25
Students: \$18

Torah High School
(2nd floor Social Hall)
9001 Towne Centre Drive
San Diego, CA 92122

Dinner: 6:00 pm
Curtain: 6:45 pm
Dessert: 7:45 pm
Women only event

*****An RSVP is required in order to attend*****

(858) 558-6880

<http://bit.ly/THSdinnertheatre>

Esav's assimilation began when he left home on a world tour. Trekking exotic cultures and meeting cool people made him fall in love with exciting ideas to the point of wanting to join them. To ease his absorption into foreign societies, Esav copied his new friends' manner of dress, speech and partying. Esav felt good to be accepted and thrilled to experience numerous pleasures that surpassed his father's strict morals. Esav's assimilation was complete at the sale of his birthright when he officially divorced his heritage for a life of vice and murder.

While Esav completed the drift from his roots in a single generation blitz, in the family of Yitzchak Bernays, Chief Rabbi of Hamburg assimilation stretched over four generations.

R. Bernays was the first orthodox rabbi with a college degree. His German professors attested to his "rarely seen profound proficiency" while his rabbis, who considered him their equal, remarkably appointed him to the rabbinic court while he was still in his early 20's.

To block assimilation in Hamburg, Chief Rabbi Bernays was the first to allow modern practices (i.e, teaching Torah in German instead of in Yiddish and including German subjects in the yeshiva). However, his message that the objective of secular studies should be to deepen one's understanding of G-d's Law, was overlooked in the excitement of joining the ranks of the world's majority. Osmosis of German culture into Orthodox circles erased boundaries and yielded the unlikely match of R. Bernays granddaughter and an atheist Viennese psychiatrist named Sigmund Freud. Smitten with her prominent husband, Martha Bernays-Freud was eager to please him despite the upset of not being allowed to light Shabbos candles. The Freuds raised their heiress daughter, Anna, atheist on Sigmund's insistence: "I don't speak Yiddish. I speak German. My culture is German. I am German!" Years later, Anna's morals would be tested. On his deathbed, Freud said: "If Anna thinks it's right, then make an end of it", leaving the decision to euthanize him in his daughter's hands. R. Bernays, Anna's great-grandfather taught that G-d set humanity apart from animals when He breathed life into man. The part of G-d that man carries in him sanctifies his life and endows him the ability to act G-dly. Therefore, euthanizing man is a euphemism for the murder of a sacred entity and rebellion against its Owner. However, Darwin's voice of science and reason promised Anna that man is equal to animals because he evolved from animals. Therefore, killing her father is as companionate as euthanizing a suffering animal. Finally, Anna Bernays-Freud decided to make an end of it all; to divorce her heritage and sever her father's life. As a poisonous syringe pricked her father's arm, Freud overruled R. Bernays and Anna entered Esav's tent never to emerge again.

This Shabbos cholent is Jewish lentil stew, free of foreign influence, drawn from the heritage of Yaakov in a tribute to the fathers of Modern Orthodoxy; R. Yitzchak Bernays and his disciple R. Samson Raphael Hirsch.

Shabbat Shalom, Flora Brunswick