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The **Board of Directors and Friends** in Honor of **Harvey and Anne Brenner** for their gallant work chairing the No-Gala-Gala. Your creativity, care, persistence, and heartfelt dedication are so inspiring for all of us. On behalf of the congregation we thank you for your hard work. Congratulation on the incredible success. May you both have many blessings, and may you go from strength to strength. Zum Gala Gala Gala Zum Gala Gala!

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Opi and Nana Li (John and Liora Peiser) and **Saba and Savta (Yoav and Ariela Levi)**. With unending gratitude to **Hashem** we welcome our first grandson into our family. Mazel Tov to his ecstatic parents, **Daniela and Delon** and big sister **Atara**. A special welcome to **Uncle Gary, Auntie Caryn**, and cousins **Elisheva and Racheli**, and to **Great Uncle Osher**. Mazel tov to **Auntie Natalie and Cousin Arielle**. A very big honor for Great Grandmothers **Nana Yael and Savta Sara**.

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Rabbi and Chaya Ertel and family In honor of the very special occasion of **Elisheva's** Bas Mitzvah. **Mommy and Tatty** are very proud of you. And a special thank you to the **Rabbi and Shoshie** and the amazing **La Jolla community**. And also in Honor of **Richard Mendelson's** ufruf (**Chaya's** brother) wishing you and **Michelle** only joy and happiness! Love the entire **Ertel/Mendelson/Kay/Blackman families!**

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The **Wainstein, Butbul and Vanderveen Families** in loving memory of **Morris Wainstein**, our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, who taught us values of honesty, charity, and love for all. His wit and sense of humor endeared him to all who knew him.

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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 annette@adatyesurun.org or call her at **858-535-1196** to reserve your date.

**DATES THAT ARE
AVAILABLE:**

**May 19th, 21st (Shavuot) & 26th
June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th**

In Memory of Linda Neiman

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

The Torah Reading begins on page 488 in the Hirsch and page 696 in the Stone. The Haftorah begins on page 885 in the Hirsch and page 1177 in the Stone.

PARSHAS BEHAR OPENS with the commandment for the Shmittah (sabbatical) year. The section is introduced with the words, "And G-d spoke to Moshe on Mount Sinai." Our Sages give many explanations as to the connection between the sabbatical year and the giving of the Torah on Har Sinai. As we already know that the entire Torah was given on Har Sinai, our Sages wonder as to why that fact is repeated here.

THE TORAH DESCRIBES the details of this mitzvah to let the land rest in the seventh year, and the extent to which this commandment applies. Following seven cycles of seven years, the year after that seventh Shmittah year is called the Yovel, or Jubilee, year. This fiftieth year, declared by the Sanhedrin to be the Jubilee year, has the same laws as the Shmittah year with a few additions. During the Yovel the land returns to its original owner, slaves are freed, and debts are released. One of the explanations of these laws is that G-d wants to emphasize to His people that land and freedom are divine gifts. Ownership reverts to those to whom He wills it. Once people realize this, it influences them to refrain from cheating and stealing. They will reflect on the fact that there is a supreme owner. By counting the years, the nation is constantly reminded of this.

THE NEXT SECTION of the Parsha explain the laws pertaining to the sale of movable property and the sale of ancestral portions, houses, and interest. It also deals with ownership of a non-Jewish slave, a Jewish slave and finally, a Jew who is a slave to non-Jews. Rashi explains that although these laws seem to be random in their placement in the Torah, they actually follow a logical sequence. By the progression of the commandments the Torah tells us if a person allows greed to get the best of him, and this greed motivates him into opposing the observance of the Sabbatical and Jubilee years, he will eventually lose his money and be forced to sell his movable property. If he still does not repent, he will find himself forced to sell his ancestral portion and his house, and finally he will find himself in a situation where he must borrow money at interest. If the progression of punishments does not have the desired effect, then stage two begins where he will eventually sell himself to a fellow Jew, and finally even to a non-Jew. Then, worst of all, he will ultimately sell himself and become a servant of idols.

PARSHAS BECHUKOTAI BEGINS with the brachos (blessings) that Hashem promised the Jewish people as a reward for keeping the mitzvahs. The Ramban comments that these blessings were a covenant between G-d and the Jewish people. The first covenant

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forged between them on the top of Mount Sinai was broken by the building of the golden calf. Hence, when G-d gave Moshe the second set of ten commandments and commanded him to teach the Torah once again, it was necessary to ratify the covenant a second time. This time however, the covenant was ratified not by means of offerings as it was the first time, but rather by the promise of blessings and curses, as we see in this week's parsha.

A COMMON QUESTION asked when looking at this section of the Torah is: "All of the blessings that G-d promises us for faithful adherence to the Torah seem to be merely material blessings. How is it possible that G-d rewards our spiritual pursuits with only material, physical rewards?" Some commentaries say that it is obvious there will be spiritual rewards for keeping mitzvahs, thus the Torah does not need to emphasize them. However, the material rewards promised to us come through a change in the nature of the world. When G-d changes the nature of the world, going against the natural order of things, it is then necessary to teach that if we adhere and are obedient to the Torah, G-d will deal with us miraculously. There are others commentaries who explain that the material rewards promised to us give us an ability to better perform mitzvahs. When we prosper and have security and good health, it is much easier to adhere to the commandments than when our lives are in turmoil.

AFTER THE FIRST thirteen verses of the parsha comes the section called "the tochachah", (admonitions). The tochachah found in this parsha is the first of two sections of rebuke in the Torah, the other one being in Parshas Ki Tavo. The Ramban explains the necessity for these two chapters of rebuke. They each deal with different periods of our history. The first chapter, the one in today's parsha, is about the first temple era and its aftermath, whereas the second section deals with the second destruction and the current exile. Ramban uses verses in Bechukosai as proof, for there are constant references made in this parsha to the neglect of Shmittah as being the cause for our exile. We know this to be true because one of the major causes of the destruction of the first temple, and our subsequent exile from the land of Israel, was the neglect of the Shmittah years. Also, adds the Ramban, nowhere in this parsha are we promised a full repentance or a full return to our former eminence, nor are we promised a complete redemption. Historically, when the Jews returned from the seventy years exile in Babylon, not all returned. The temple was not returned to its former glory and Eretz Yisroel was not a free country.

THE PARSHA CONCLUDES with the section about gifts to the temple. This pertains to a specific type of gift: a person saying "may the cash value of this gift be my responsibility to give as a donation to the temple." One could question why this section of the Torah follows the section of rebuke. Some explain after hearing the litany of punishments and curses, a Jew might feel that he has no value. Therefore the Torah hastens to tell us that no matter what, G-d assigns value to every Jew. Alternatively, the Torah reminds us that when we admonish our fellow Jews we should first recognize of all their value in G-d's eyes, and thus treat them accordingly.

WE THANK OUR SECURITY VOLUNTEERS	
Friday Evening	
6:45 p.m.	J. Forman/A. Klitofsky
7:20 p.m.	Gavin Horn
Shabbat Morning	
9:00 a.m.	Howard Dyckman
9:30 a.m.	Howard Schachat
10:00 a.m.	Harvey Brenner
10:30 a.m.	D. Levi/S. Nemzer
11:00 a.m.	Hal Hanono
11:30 a.m.	J. Factor/M. Feifel

MINYON SCHEDULE

5/11 Daf Yomi.....	6:00 p.m.
5/11 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat.....	6:45 p.m.
5/11 Candles by.....	7:10 p.m.
Hashkama Minyon.....	7:50 a.m.
Talmud in Depth.....	8:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning.....	9:00 a.m.
Shema-Latest Time.....	9:19 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....	5:25 p.m.
Rabbi Leibtag.....	6:10 p.m.
Shabbat Mincha.....	7:10 p.m.
Shabbat ends.....	8:21 p.m.

THIS COMING WEEK

Sunday Shacharit.....	8:30 a.m.
Mon., Tue., & Thu. Shacharit.....	6:30 a.m.
Wed. & Fri. Shacharit.....	6:45 a.m.
Sun. - Thu. Mincha/Ma'ariv.....	7:25 p.m.

Mazel Tov

to
Rabbi and Chaya Ertel and family
 on **Elisheva's** Bat Mitzvah

and to
Delon and Daniela Levi and family
 on the birth of their son

SHAVUOS ALL NIGHT LEARNING

We will have All Night Learning programs for NCSY age through Adults starting at 11:15 p.m. Saturday, May 19th.

The schedule and list of activities will be sent out next week. Don't miss it!

CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	Talmud in Depth.....	7:45 a.m.
	Daf Yomi.....	7:55 p.m.
Monday - Thursday	Talmud I.....	6:00 a.m.
Monday - Friday	Talmud in Depth.....	7:30 a.m.
Monday	Daf Yomi.....	6:30 p.m.
	Pirkei Avot.....	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Women's/Mesillat Yescharim.....	11:00 a.m.
	Daf Yomi.....	7:55 p.m.
Wednesday	Women's/Pirkei Avot.....	11:00 a.m.
	Prophets/Mishlei.....	8:00 p.m.
	Daf Yomi.....	8:45 p.m.
Thursday	Parsha.....	8:00 p.m.
	Daf Yomi.....	8:45 p.m.

Shavuos Dinner



Let's Receive the Torah Together!

Please join us to celebrate Shavuos with a special dairy meal catered by Felicia G!

Saturday, May 19th at 8:45 p.m.

\$25/adult (12 & up) and \$15/child (4-11)

RSVP to Annette@adatyeshurun.org or

(858) 535-1196 Opt 2

by Monday, May 14th

RSVP's Received After the Deadline will incur a

\$5 per person additional fee

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A Special Shabbos with Rabbi Leibtag

Sponsored by Adat Yeshurun

Shabbat Morning, after Kiddush—

"Counting—Days—Weeks—Or—Years; to Matan Torah" The Biblical connection between 'Omer', Shemitta, and Mt. Sinai

Shabbos afternoon 6:10 p.m.—"The Special Meaning of the 'Torah' in The Torah"

Shalosh Seudos—"Yerushalayim and Its Prophetic Dilemma" - A 'Holy Place' for Am Yisrael, or for 'All the Nations'.



Rabbi Menachem Leibtag, founder of the Tanach Study Center www.tanach.org, is an internationally acclaimed bible scholar and pioneer of Jewish Education on the internet. His essays on Parshat ha'Shavua reflect his vibrant thematic-analytical approach, blending the methods of modern scholarship with traditional approaches. As a Rebbe at Yeshivat Har Etzion, he is best known for his ability to teach students how to study Tanach. Rabbi Leibtag also teaches at Yeshivat Shaalavim, Midreshet Lindenbaum, and Matan Raanana; and routinely lectures around the globe, primarily as a Scholar in Residence in communities in North America.

Join us for this special Shabbos by Rabbi

Menachem Leibtag

Saturday, May 12th

Congregation Adat Yeshurun

8625 La Jolla Scenic Dr. N.

There is no charge and RSVP's are not necessary

Hosted by

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And by

Jeremy and Hilda Cohen and family

**THE GIRLS OF TORAH HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENT
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL**

At the JCC Theatre (for women and girls only) on Monday night, June 11th, at 7:00 p.m. Sponsorship levels are: \$5,000, \$500, \$360, \$180, and \$100. Please call the school office for more information and for what is included with each sponsorship level.

General admission is \$20 for adults and \$15 for students, and a special rate of \$10 for children ten years and under if paid by June 1st. Preschool aged children are free with a paid adult ticket.

After June 1st, prices are: \$25 for adults, \$20 for students, \$15 for children 10 years and under, \$10 for preschool aged children.

For more information, please call the school office at (858)558-6880, email us at torahhs@yahoo.com, or go to bit.ly/torahmusical.

OUR ERUV NEEDS YOU!!

We are looking for volunteers to check the Eruv. If you would like to be on our Eruv team and help participate in Adat Yeshurun communal life please contact Catharine at catharine@adatyeshurun.org or call (858) 535-1196 Opt 1 so that we can schedule an Eruv Tour and Training Session for you with the Rabbi.

**SPECIAL KIDDUSH ON JUNE 9th
HONORING OUR GRADUATES**



As we have in years past, for the June 9, 2018 Shabbat, we plan to have kiddush sponsored in honor our graduates, from pre-school through post grad!! **If you would like to honor someone, please send their name, grade graduated and school name to Annette Olson at info@adatyeshurun.org by June 4th. For college graduates, you may also include their field of study.**

Your account will be charged \$50 per graduate name you submit.

**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! If you wish to be added to the weekly email with the link to the Rabbi's classes, please email Catharine at catharine@adatyeshurun.org and make your request.

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE
WHO IS ILL, COULD USE
OUR PRAYERS, OR A VIS-
IT?**

If so, the Rabbi and the Shul's Board of Directors ask that you please share this with the Rabbi as he would appreciate having the information and offering his services. Please call 858-535-1196 or e-mail info@adatyeshurun.org if you have questions or information.