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The Shul in honor of three fantastic families: the **Cohens**, the **Marcus's** and the **Neimans**. Look around the shul, notice the ark, the bulletins, the people, the building, the tunes, the atmosphere...these three families made it happen. Gratitude is an understatement. Appreciation is inadequate.

May you all continue to be an inspiration to your children, grandchildren, for all of us here at Adat, and for the entire Jewish people for how to build a community with energy, enthusiasm and love.

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Debbie and Ariel, who send wishes from Israel to wish our dear Dad, Morris Marcus, a happy and wonderful 93rd birthday. May you live to be 120!



The Congregation Expresses Condolences to

Brian and Merle Datnow, and **Paul, Julie, Daniella, Rebecca and Sarah Danow,** on the loss of **Merle's** father, **Benjamin Solomon Kagan**

MINYON SCHEDULE

5/4 Daf Yomi.....	6:00 p.m.
5/4 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat.....	6:45 p.m.
5/4 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.....	9:22 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....	5:35 p.m.
Contemporary Issues.....	6:20 p.m.
Shabbat Mincha.....	7:05 p.m.
Shabbat ends.....	8:16 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.....	7:20 p.m.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	
Talmud in Depth.....	7:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....	7:50 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 p.m.
Tuesday	
Women's/Mesillat Yesarim.....	11:00 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....	7:50 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.

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DATES THAT ARE AVAILABLE:
May 12th, 19th & 26th

In Memory of Linda Neiman

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This Week's Torah Reading

**The Parsha begins on page 468 in the Hirsch, page 672 in the Stone.
The Haftorah is on page 883 in the Hirsch and page 1176 in the Stone.**

THIS WEEK'S PARSHA begins with a commandment to the Kohanim to maintain a high level of purity. While last week's Parsha dealt with the Torah commandment for the entire nation to become holy, the attention is now focused on the Kohanim, who are to separate themselves even further, thus assuming higher standards of purity and sanctity.

MOSHE IS TOLD to speak to Aharon and his sons, warning them that only when dealing with a deceased member of his immediate family may a Kohen contaminate himself by dealing with the corpses. For any other dead person, the Kohen is prohibited from becoming defiled by attending to their burial needs, relying on the fact there are many other Jews who could ably fulfill this responsibility. However, in a situation where there was no-one to attend to the burial needs of a specific unattended person (called a 'mes mitzvah') the Kohen Gadol may do so. Our Sages explain, the Torah understands it would be emotionally difficult to expect a Kohen to refrain from participating in the burial rights of his immediate relatives and therefore, so as not to inflict upon them the pain in the final honor paid to their dear ones, the Torah allowed them to take part in their burial. The relatives the Torah speaks of are: a mother, father, son, daughter, brother, an unmarried sister and a spouse.

THE TORAH NEXT describes the manner and practices by which idol worshippers and pagans mourn, which we are meant to refrain from in our efforts to mourn properly. It then describes those marriages prohibited to a Kohen and whom he is allowed to marry, as well as how he is allowed to participate in his relative's funerals. The chapter concludes with an enumeration of the disqualifying blemishes that prohibit a Kohen from performing the service.

CHAPTER 22 BEGINS with the laws of safeguarding the sanctity of sacrifices, sacrificial meat, and the terumah. Whereas the end of Chapter 21 dealt with bodily defects, the beginning of Chapter 22 deals with defilement, or spiritual defects, which are a more serious problem. What is clear from the beginning of this chapter is that any defilement interfering with the level of holiness has more serious consequences than the mere physical blemishes. In fact, the physically unfit Kohen who violates the law and performs the divine service is subject not only to the limited punishment of an ordinary transgression, but also to the more severe punishment of death by the hand of heaven.

JUST AS KOHANIM with bodily blemishes are not permitted to perform a divine service, so too animals that have blemishes cannot be used as offerings. It is not enough

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that the people who perform the service be unblemished and pure. That which is sacrificed must also be spiritually and physically acceptable. Following the physical disqualifications, the Torah speaks of the minimum age requirements of the animal in order to be sacrificed, and other rules pertaining to sacrificial animals. The chapter concludes with a reminder to the Jewish people that they must cause a sanctification in the name of G-d, as opposed to a desecration.

CHAPTER 23 DESCRIBES the holy days of the Jewish year. The Torah mentions them in order to establish their chronological order in the yearly calendar. In speaking of the sanctuary and the Kohanim and of the sacrifices, we speak of how to sanctify space, to separate and to inculcate it with holiness. The Torah now tells of the sanctification of time. In discussing the holidays we begin with a discussion of Shabbos to inform us Shabbos is the primary day of rest and the festivals derive their sanctity from Shabbos. The Torah describes the laws of Pesach, the Omer, Shavuot, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sh'mini Atzereth. The Torah also explains the four species we are obligated to use on the holiday of Succos.

CHAPTER 24 BEGINS with the commandment about the two parts of the Temple service: kindling the Menorah and placing the showbreads on the table. Rabbi Shimshon Raphael Hirsch explains that the Torah chooses this point to speak of kindling the Menorah and placing the showbreads because, as the Torah spoke of the festivals commemorating great events in our history and calls us to return to those heights, the Torah now teaches us that G-d is not only concerned with this on special days of the year but each and every day. Hashem cares that we reach spiritual peaks on not only special days, but that we have a spiritual growth (as expressed in the flames of the Menorah) and that we have material prosperity (as expressed by the loaves on the table), everyday.

THE TORAH CONCLUDES with the story of the blasphemer. The key to this story lies in understanding what it means by "the son of an Israelite woman went out." From where did he go out? Perhaps, to come to a deeper understanding of this section of the Torah, one should look at some of the following sources: Rashi (chapter 24, verse 10) Medresh Raboh and/or Ramban (Nachmanides) pertaining to this section of the Torah.

Mazel Tov

to

Arthur and Peta Klitofsky on the birth of their grandson, a son born to their son and daughter-in-law, **Wayne and Lauren**

Anatoly and Polina Sisman on the birth of their second granddaughter, **Daniella**, a daughter born to their son and daughter-in-law, **Eugene and Becky**

WE THANK OUR SECURITY VOLUNTEERS

Friday Evening	
6:45 p.m.	Anthony Bortz
7:15 p.m.	Marc Gipsman
Shabbat Morning	
9:00 a.m.	Tsvi Goldenberg
9:30 a.m.	Mitch Shack
10:00 a.m.	Marty Stauber
10:30 a.m.	Joe Resnikoff
11:00 a.m.	Perry Diamond
11:30 a.m.	N/A

Chai Legacy Donors

You are invited to the Community-wide Legacy Donor Appreciation Brunch!

The third annual event is hosted by the Jewish Community Foundation

Sunday, May 6th
11:00 a.m.

Kosher Brunch and Art Exhibit
At the Mingei International Museum
Israel: 70 Years of Craft and Design

RSVP at www.jcfsandiego.org

We thank the members of Adat Yeshurun's Chai Legacy for ensuring our Congregation is strong for generations to come. To honor your lifetime of giving by leaving a legacy gift in your will, please contact us.

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.



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@adatyesurun.org or

(858) 535-1196 Opt 2

by Monday, May 14th

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