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Uri, Belinda, Sofia and Sammy Feldman in honor of our son and brother **David's** bar mitzvah in Jerusalem this weekend. We are thrilled to celebrate this simcha and are so proud of **David**. Thank you to the **Rabbi** for teaching **David** so much.

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DATES THAT ARE AVAILABLE:
June 30th
July 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

MINYON SCHEDULE

6/22 Daf Yomi.....	6:00 p.m.
6/22 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat.....	6:45 p.m.
6/22 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.....	9:16 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....	6:05 p.m.
Contemporary Issues.....	6:50 p.m.
Shabbat Mincha.....	7:35 p.m.
Shabbat ends.....	8:43 p.m.

THIS COMING WEEK

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

CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	
Talmud in Depth.....	7:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....	7:00 p.m.
Monday-Thursday	
Talmud I.....	6:00 a.m.
Monday-Friday	
Talmud in Depth.....	7:30 a.m.
Monday	
Daf Yomi.....	7:00 p.m.
Pirkei Avot.....	8:15 p.m.
Tuesday	
Women's Class/Mesillat Yesarim.....	11:00 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	
Women's Class/Pirkei Avot.....	11:00 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....	7:00 p.m.
Prophets/Mishlei.....	8:15 p.m.
Thursday	
Daf Yomi.....	7:00 p.m.
Parsha.....	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 Wohlgelemer **Todd Salovey, President**

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This Week's Torah Reading

The Torah Reading begins on page 584 in the Hirsch and page 838 in the Stone. The Haftarah begins on page 898 in the Hirsch and page 1187 in the Stone.

THIS WEEK'S PARSHA begins with the laws of the 'Parah Adumah', or the red heifer. Rashi comments that the reason this is called both a 'Chukah' and a 'Torah', which seems redundant, is to accentuate the hidden nature of this mitzvah. It is a mitzvah whose reasons were not given explicitly to man, and whose very nature seems contradictory. Those who are impure are purified by it, and those who carry out the purification become impure. The ability of a cow to purify humans is also a strange and unique facet of this mitzvah. This mitzvah, more than any other, has come under attack by detractors of our Torah as meaningless and nonsensical. It is for this reason, explains Rashi, that the Torah tells us this is a "chok", a decree of the king, and we have no right to question it. The wisdom of the decree maker far outweighs our own and, therefore, even when the rationale of a commandment eludes us, we are still obligated to adhere to it.

OUR SAGES GO further in their explanation of the relationship between 'Chukat' and 'Torah'. If one keeps a 'chok', an unexplained law of the Torah, then it is considered as if he has kept the entire Torah. Keeping a commandment, where the rational benefit seems to be nonexistent, is a clear indication he is keeping this commandment because of his relationship with G-d. When we keep mitzvos whose rational basis is clear to us we could, perhaps, be keeping them because of their benefits to us, therefore showing no strong bond to G-d. However, adherence to a 'chok' proves the strength of our relationship to Torah and to G-d.

THE TORAH THEN describes the impurities of a dead body that are contracted by 'ohel' (being in the same room), as well as by touch. In a beautiful homiletic interpretation, one of our sages explains that this verse relates, not only to the literal understanding, but also lends itself to the interpretation of any open vessel such as the eyes, mouth or ears which have no protective covering to keep out impurities.

THE PARSHA CONTINUES with the death of Miriam, the complaint of the people, and the subsequent undoing of Moshe and Aharon. Many explanations have been offered as to the exact sin of Moshe and Aharon. Some explain that average people would not be held accountable for such an act, but Moshe and Aharon, because of their greatness, were held to a higher standard by Hashem.

THE TORAH THEN describes the advances the Jews made to the Edomites, and how they were repelled. Following this incident, the Torah records the death of Aharon.

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It is important to note, immediately after the death of Miriam the people screamed for water. After the death of Aharon, the Amalakites attacked. Our sages explain when Miriam died, the well, which followed the Jews and miraculously provided them with water, dried up. It was reinstated on the merits of Aharon and Moshe. However, until it returned, the Jews 'freaked out'! When Aharon died, the clouds of glory which provided the Jews with protection from all adversaries, left them. Until they returned on the merits of Moshe, the enemies of the Jews thought they were vulnerable and attacked them.

CHUKAT CONCLUDES WITH the nation's conquest of the lands on the eastern side of the Jordan.

Nazel Tov

to

Uri and Belinda Feldman on **David's** Bar Mitzvah

Aaron Feldman on the Bar Mitzvah of his grandson, **David**

Dan and Abby Feldman on the Bar Mitzvah of their nephew, **David**

Sean and Loretta Levi on **Lauren's** Bat Mitzvah

Rabbi and Shoshie on the birth of a granddaughter

OFFICE DESK NEEDED FOR OUR NEW ASSISTANT RABBI!

Please won't you help us? We need an office desk for Rabbi Reich. If you would like to donate a new, or gently used desk please will you contact the shul office at (858) 535-1196? Thank you for your help!

WE THANK OUR SECURITY VOLUNTEERS

Friday Evening	
6:45 p.m.	Jack Forman/Arthur Klitofsky
7:15 p.m.	N/A
Shabbat Morning	
9:00 a.m.	Howard Dyckman
9:45 a.m.	Harvey Brenner
10:30 a.m.	Howard Schachat
11:15 a.m.	Jeremy Factor/Mary Feifel

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Yahrtzeit plaques can be ordered at any time. If you would like to order a memorial plaque for the Yahrtzeit Board to memorialize a loved one, please email Annette at info@adatyeshurun.org. The cost of a plaque is \$360 which can be paid in installments.

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JULY 1ST THROUGH JULY 5TH
10 A.M. - 12 P.M. & 5 - 7 P.M.

IN THE SHUL CLASSROOM



LOSING THE NOBEL PRIZE

Adapted and Directed by Todd Salovey
From the book by Brian Keating

TUESDAY, JUNE 26TH - 7:30PM,
CONGREGATION ADAT YESHURUN, LA JOLLA

This world premiere staged reading is an adventure story of the birth of the universe that spans the globe from Rhode Island to the South Pole, from California to Chile. Keating takes us on a personal journey of revelation and discovery, bringing to vivid life the take-no-prisoners world of modern science.

After the reading Dr. Keating will lead a panel discussion of science and religion and sign copies of his new book.

\$18 per person

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