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**DATES THAT ARE  
AVAILABLE:  
June 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

**WE THANK OUR SECURITY  
VOLUNTEERS**

Friday Evening	
6:45 p.m.	<b>Adam Sragovicz</b>
7:20 p.m.	<b>Marc Lebovitz</b>
Shabbat Morning	
9:00 a.m.	<b>Charles Jaffe</b>
9:30 a.m.	<b>Brian Zimmerman</b>
10:00 a.m.	<b>Jack Zyroff</b>
10:30 a.m.	<b>Nati Tzarum</b>
11:00 a.m.	<b>Zach Dimenstein</b>
11:30 a.m.	<b>N/A</b>

The Congregation Expresses Condolences to **Tsvi and Anne Goldenberg**, and their children, **Joey, David and Carolyn**, on their loss of **Tsvi's** sister, **Aviva Dinis**

**Matt and Sharon Weitzman**, and their children, **Gavriela and Micah** on the loss of **Sharon's** mother, **Debbie Lewittes Stampfer**

**MINYON SCHEDULE**

6/16 Daf Yomi.....cancelled  
 6/16 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:45 p.m.  
 6/16 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.....9:14 a.m.  
 Daf Yomi.....6:45 p.m.  
 Contemporary Issues\*\*.....cancelled  
 Shabbat Mincha.....7:30 p.m.  
 Shabbat ends.....8:38 p.m.

**\*\* Cancelled in the Rabbi's Absence**

**THIS COMING WEEK**

Sunday Shacharit.....8:30 a.m.  
 Sunday - Thursday Mincha/Ma'ariv.....7:40 p.m.  
 Mon. Wed. & Thu. Shacharit.....6:30 a.m.  
 Tue. & Fri. Shacharit.....6:45 a.m.

**CLASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday**  
 Talmud in Depth.....7:45 a.m.  
 Daf Yomi.....6:55 p.m.  
**Monday - Thursday**  
 Talmud l.....6:00 a.m.  
**Monday - Friday**  
 Talmud in Depth.....7:30 a.m.  
**Monday**  
 Daf Yomi.....6:55 p.m.  
 Pirkei Avot.....8:15 p.m.  
**Tuesday**  
 Women's/Mesillat Yesarim.....11:00 a.m.  
 Daf Yomi.....6:55 p.m.  
**Wednesday**  
 Women's/Pirket Avot.....11:00 a.m.  
 Daf Yomi.....6:55 p.m.  
 Prophets/Mishlei.....8:15 p.m.  
**Thursday**  
 Daf Yomi.....6:55 p.m.  
 Parsha.....8:15 p.m.



**MIKVAH APPOINTMENTS  
(858) 535-1072**

*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 Wohlgelemler

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*This Week's Torah Reading*

**The Torah Reading begins on page 560 in the Hirsch and page 798 in the Stone.  
 The Haftorah begins on page 893 in the Hirsch and page 1184 in the Stone.**

**THIS WEEK'S PARSHA** begins with the Hashem's commandment for Moshe to send out spies, one from each tribe, to investigate the land of Israel. Rashi points out why the incident of the spies is juxtaposed against the final incident of last week's Parsha, the story of Miriam and Aaron speaking Loshon Hara about Moshe. Rashi explains the proximity of these two incidents is meant to teach us the severity of the crime of the spies. They had personally witnessed what happens to one who speaks Loshon Hara, yet they did not learn the lesson. They too were guilty of speaking Loshon Hara. It is important to note that from the incident of Miriam one would know only that it was prohibited to speak Loshon Hara about an individual. It is in this week's Parsha we learn it is forbidden to speak Loshon Hara even about a nation. From last week's portion we learn of the severity of the punishment to the individual who speaks Loshon Hara, and from this week's Parsha we learn of the consequences not only for the speaker, but also to those who hear and are affected by that Loshon Hara.

**THERE IS A GREAT** deal of discussion among the commentaries regarding "Shelach Lechah", send for yourself men. According to Rashi, the people had come to Moshe Rabbeinu to complain about their apprehension of going into Israel. They were not sure what they would meet there, so they came to Moshe, demanding he send spies to investigate the land and scout its military positions and strengths. This way they would know what they were up against. Later in the Torah, Moshe Rabbeinu tells the people he was in agreement, or at least somewhat pleased, by the request of the people and he did not stand in their way. It is strange that Moshe was pleased the people wanted to send spies into the land of Israel. Rashi explains that Moshe acquiesced to their demand, hoping his acceptance would be a deterrent to them. He was hoping that as long as they were confident that they could send spies, they would no longer feel the urge to actually do so. However, this did not turn out to be the case. Thus Moshe turned to G-d for advice and Hashem responded by saying, "send for yourself spies". In other words, if you really feel it is necessary you can send them but, as far as I am concerned, it is unnecessary and could even be dangerous. The Ramban, however, says the Jewish people were perfectly justified in sending spies because they were about to wage a war. It is a normal, human practice before you wage war to send scouts to become familiar with the territory and with the people with whom you are about to fight. We know Moshe Rabbeinu could have relied on a miracle but 'ayn somchin al hanais',

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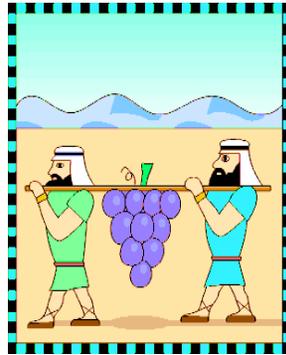
it is prohibited to rely on miracles. Because of this, Moshe turned to Hashem for council and was given permission to send out spies. It is at this point that Hashem told Moshe, "If you are going to send out spies, do not just send two, rather involve the entire people and send out one from each tribe". It was only later the original goal of the sending out of the spies became perverted and the plan corrupted.

**THE TORAH DESCRIBES** how the spies were sent, who they were, and what they were meant to see and report on. The parsha tells about their trek into Israel, what they saw, how they brought back the fruits of the land, and of their return to the Jewish people with a report, imparted with a negative slant, about the value and strength of the land of Israel. The Torah then tells us of the reaction of the Jewish people, how they became frightened and immobilized, and began to cry. G-d's reaction was to tell them that for every day the spies had gone into the land of Israel, their entire generation would be subject to another year of wandering in the desert. Also, none of their generation would be 'zocheh' to enter the land of Israel. This night, the ninth of Av, would be one of tears and crying forever.

**THERE ARE MANY** explanations as to the nature of the sin of the spies. Some commentaries feel the entire problem was their rejection of the land of Israel. There are others who feel they did not reject the land of Israel per se, but their faith in G-d waned. It was for this lack of faith that they were punished. Others feel there was a real apprehension about going into Israel lest they leave the safety of the Clouds of Glory and have to move into reality. This desire not to go because of fear of spiritual growth was tantamount to blasphemy. Others explain the rejection was a rejection of mitzvos, because they were afraid there would be too much to do in the way of mitzvah observance once they entered Israel.

**THE VERY NEXT** section of the parsha deals with the meal offerings for sacrifices, the dough offerings, the communal sin offerings for idolatry, and the individual sin offerings for idolatry. Rashi explains the reason this section follows the section of the spies is because offerings come with the guarantee that the Jews are eventually going to enter into the land of Israel. The Ramban also explains that the spies had said "let us choose a leader and return to Egypt" with the purpose of breaking off the yoke of Torah and mitzvos. The Torah informed them that as long as their sin was out of ignorance, even if their intention was to worship idols, all could still find atonement, but those who acted brazenly had no atonement.

**THE FINAL SECTION** of the parsha explains the mitzvah of tzitzis, of affixing fringes to the four corners of our garments. The Torah says the tzitzis should be affixed so we can see them and be reminded of our obligation to keep the commandments of G-d. By seeing the four corners and the fringes around us, or knowing they are on our garments, we are surrounded at all times by mitzvos and focused and directed to our goal of serving the Creator of the world. Perhaps this parsha ends with this thought to serve as a reminder to the Jewish people that though sometimes the goal becomes obscured and difficult, there really is a tachel, or purpose, to our existence. Remember, glance at the fringes, look at those tassels on the corners of your garments, and you will be reminded of all your obligations, thereby clarifying and reiterating your purpose in the world.



# Boys & Girls Clubs



## END OF YEAR EVENT!

Delicious Dinner & Surprise Activity!

Tuesday, June 12, 5:30pm-7:00pm



See you in the big classroom!

RSVP: [TheWogies@aol.com](mailto:TheWogies@aol.com)

## KIDDUSH IS SPONSORED IN HONOR OF OUR GRADUATES



### FROM UNIVERSITY

**Jenna Borok**, graduating from David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA by **The Borok Family**

**Yael Breziner**, graduating from UCLA with a Major in Psychobiology, by **Jaime and Karen Breziner**

**Ariel Feifel**, graduating from Columbia University with Majors in Biology and Statistics. Ariel, we are so proud of all that you have accomplished thus far and look forward to your next chapter (adventure!!!). With all our love, **David, Mary, Natania, Shane and Eitan Feifel**

**Ethan Gipsman**, graduating from Yeshiva University Honor's Program with Honors with a Bachelors Degree in Biology and a Minor in Public Health. We are so proud of you! by **Marc and Felicia Gipsman**

**Dr. Carli Katz, DMD**, graduating from Tufts School of Dental Medicine, by **Howard and Ann Katz**

**Ari Samuel Krasner**, graduating from Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University with a Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs with an emphasis in Security Policy and a Minor in Music, by **Milton and Stephanie Krasner**

Mazel Tov, **Channa**, on your graduation from Lander's College with a BA in Political Science with a Dean's Service Award, and on the completion of your Senior Honor's Thesis! Love, **Mom, Dad, and Marcus**

### FROM HIGH SCHOOL

**Baila Ertel**, graduating from Torah High School and entering Me'ohr in Jerusalem by **Rabbi and Chaya Ertel**

**Raquel Glasser**, graduating from The Orange County School of Arts and entering the University of Arizona School of Dance and majoring in Dance and Pre-Occupational Therapy, by **Craig and Dana Glasser**

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### FROM HIGH SCHOOL (con't)

**Samuel Kassar**, graduating from High School in Philadelphia and entering the University of Maryland, by **Barry and Avra Kassar**

**Raquel Glasser**, graduating from The Orange County School of Arts, by **Yaakov and Devorah Shore**

**Shayna Sragovicz**, graduating from Torah High School and entering into the Seminary at Midgal Oz in Israel and then on to Yale University, by **Adam and Marina Sragovicz**

**Reena Wohlgernter**, graduating from Bais Yaakov School for Girls and entering Bnos Avigayil Seminary in Jerusalem, by **Rabbi and Shoshie Wohlgernter**

### FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Abby Rappoport**, graduating from Soille Hebrew Day School, by **Roger and Debbie Rappoport**

**Jordan and David Rezmovitch**, graduating from Soille Hebrew Day School, by **Mendy Rezmovitch**

**Kayla Venger**, graduating from Soille Hebrew Day School. We are so very proud of you! Love, **Mommy, Daddy, Aaron, Rebecca and G.**

### FROM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & PRE-SCHOOL

**Judah Kassar**, graduating from Pre K in Los Angeles and will attend Kindergarten at Temple Israel of Hollywood Day School, by **Barry and Avra Kassar**

**Wolfy Lotzof**, graduating from Torrey Pines Elementary and making the big move to Muirlands Middle School. We are so very proud of you and all the accomplishments you have achieved, by **Craig and Marty Lotzof**

## 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

Please RSVP to the Shul [info@adatyeshurun.org](mailto:info@adatyeshurun.org) or call (858) 535-1196



## Special Guest Lecturer Chanan Fruchter

Please join us for a special lecture on Shabbos, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Chanan will be speaking Shabbos afternoon and again at Seudah Shlishit.

Chanan Fruchter is the Rosh Yeshivah of Ohr Moshe, the only Yeshiva high school for special-ed American olim in Israel. He was born in New York and made Aliyah with his family when he was nine years old. Having gone through the Israeli school system, he has first-hand experience of the hardships facing Anglo immigrants. Rabbi Fruchter spent 5 years in Johannesburg, South Africa as a high school rebbe prior to his returning to Israel and starting Ohr Moshe. He holds a BA in special education and an MA in educational management.

Both lectures are free of charge and reservations are not required.

## Torah High School of San Diego Graduation

You are cordially invited to attend the sixteenth commencement ceremony of Torah High School of San Diego which will be held on Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, in the Social Hall at Torah High School, 9001 Towne Centre Drive, San Diego, CA 92122. Mincha will start at 6:15 p.m. and Graduation will begin at 6:30 pm. Reception to follow.