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**The Congregation Welcomes
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**Brian and Marianne
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DATES THAT ARE AVAILABLE:

July 21st & 28th

August 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th

MINYON SCHEDULE

7/13 Daf Yomi.....6:00 p.m.
7/13 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:45 p.m.
7/13 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.....9:23 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....5:35 p.m.
Special Classes**.....6:20 p.m.
Shabbat Mincha.....7:30 p.m.
Shabbat ends.....8:41 p.m.

**** Shabbos Afternoon Special Classes**

2 for the price of 1 (and the "price" is FREE)
Class 1 - "On the Third Bracha of the Amidah"
Class 2 - "A Review of the Laws of The Nine Days and Tisha B'av"

THIS COMING WEEK

Sunday Shacharit.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday - Thursday Mincha/Ma'ariv.....7:40 p.m.
Mon. & Thur 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.....6:55 p.m.
Monday - Thursday
Talmud I.....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 Class/Mesillat Yesharim.....11:00 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....6:55 p.m.
Wednesday
Women's Class/Pirkei 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.



*The Congregation
Expresses Condolences
to*

Jamin and Eva, and their children, **Ariana, Gregory, Zachary, Maxwell** and **Brandon**, on the loss of **Jamin's** father, **Kurt Eisemann**

In Memory of Linda Neiman

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This Week's Torah Reading

The Torah Reading begins on page 627 in the Hirsch and page 900 in the Stone.
The Haftorah begins on page 904 in the Hirsch and page 1192 in the Stone.

THE END OF LAST week's parsha discusses the offerings brought to the Temple on the three specific pilgrimage festivals. One of the offerings mentioned is the vow offering. In this week's parsha, Moshe Rabbeinu explains the details of vows, and their relation to the festivals.

THE COMMENTARIES DISCUSS the issue of why vows were specifically taught to the heads of the tribes, and then to the rest of the people. Many of our commentaries agree, though with some slight differences, that in essence, the concept of nedarim (vows) applies to the judges and leaders because they need to be fully aware of the extent to which these vows are binding. Thus they would be able to use them on a legal level. As it was up to the judges and leaders to release someone from a problematic vow, it was necessary for the tribal princes to learn the laws of nedarim so they would have the expertise to absolve them. This section on vows is placed here, because the Torah just spoke of the Moshe's imminent death. Upon hearing of his impending death, Moshe (who was the only expert on nedarim) needed to quickly teach the next generation of leaders how to deal with the issue of vows.

THE NEXT SECTION of the Torah explains the commandment G-d gave to Moshe Rabbeinu, for the Israelites to take revenge against the Midianites: "And then you, Moshe, shall die and be gathered to your people." It is fascinating to note that although Moshe Rabbeinu knew he was to die as soon as the Midianite war was concluded, he did not delay even a moment in fulfilling G-d's will, and in following this commandment of routing the Midianites. Though it is possible to interpret this as a sign that Moshe either did not believe he would die, or did not care, our sages explain that death was immaterial to Moshe Rabbeinu. He understood he had a responsibility to live life to its fullest. Living life to its fullest means to perform the will of G-d, regardless of the fact that it signaled his death.

MOSHE RABBEINU SENT Pinchas to lead the battle against the Midianites. Rashi explains Pinchas was sent to make war against the Midianites as he had already begun the vengeance by killing Zimri and Cosbi. He was now commanded to finish the job he had started. The purpose of the war was merely to fulfill Hashem's command to take vengeance, and rectify the desecration of the Name that was caused against G-d, not to take spoils or to fulfill any ulterior motive. However, when the men returned from war they brought back, as captives, the Midianite women. Moshe Rabbeinu was angry because these women

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were the very ones involved in the sin of the Jewish people (causing them to be unfaithful to G-d). The Torah says that Moshe Rabbeinu got angry with the people for not having followed the commandment. It is interesting to note, the very next section of the parsha deals with the laws of the purification of vessels owned by a non-Jew, and how Eleazar, son of Aharon, teaches these laws to the Jewish people.

OUR SAGES POINT out this rarity in the Torah, for anyone other than Moshe to teach the laws. They wonder, why this departure? The sages of the Talmud explain: when one gets angry, if he is a prophet he forgets his prophesy; if he is a Torah scholar he forgets his Torah knowledge. This is not so much a punishment, but rather a fact. Torah knowledge can only exist inside a pure "vessel". When there is a crack in that vessel the knowledge cannot exist. Though Moshe was justified in his feelings of frustration and anger, to act out of that anger was not justified. Thus, he had a momentary lapse in his Torah knowledge and Eleazar needed to step in.

THE NEXT SECTION of the parsha deals with the petition of Reuven, Gad and half the tribe of Menashe to settle in Trans-Jordan, rather than moving into the Land of Israel with the rest of the tribes. There is much discussion among our sages whether this was a positive or negative action, and if Moshe Rabbeinu was chastising or discussing the issue with the people. This is a good section to look into deeper using some of the resources in the synagogue library.

THE PARSHA OF MASEI continues with the trek of the Jewish people through the desert. Our commentators wonder about the necessity of the details of the Jewish people's journey. Rashi says it was a way of publicly praising Hashem, because he had decreed that the Jews had to wander in the desert after the incident of the spies. Nevertheless, in thirty eight years they traveled less than 20 times. Fourteen of those treks actually happened before the decree, and eight between Aharon's death at Hor Hahar and the Jewish people's arrival at the plains of Moav. When looking at this carefully, one notices that although they are referred to as the people who wandered for forty years, in fact the number of times they moved were very limited. S'forno, however, sees the purpose of specifying the route as a way of praising the Jewish people. Hashem wanted to publicize their merit in following Him through the desert and to show this as proof of their being worthy of the land of Israel. The dedication of the Jewish people to G-d is shown clearly in this section. Each time they moved they were not aware of where they were going, nevertheless they put their faith in G-d, and followed Him through the desert. The Akeidah believes the purpose of recounting this section is to show the kindness of Hakadosh Barechu to the Jewish people, because at each stop some special act of kindness of G-d was experienced by them.

THE REMAINDER OF this week's parsha deals with occupying the land, the boundaries which make up the land of Israel, and the new leadership after Moshe's death. The concept of the Levitical cities and the cities of refuge are also discussed in great detail. With this portion we conclude the Book of Bamidbar.

LOOKING FOR A DELICIOUS KOSHER RESTAURANT DINNER IN LA JOLLA??

Join us for Restaurant Night at Adat Yeshurun.

You will enjoy delicious food, good company and give a warm welcome to Rabbi and Brooke Reich and their family!

There will be several meal options available.

Mark it on your calendar, Sunday, July 29th

Meal and RSVP Details to follow!

LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF THE NINE DAYS AND TISHA B'AV

From Rosh Chodesh Av until midday on the Tenth of Av, is a period called "The Nine Days". There are additional prohibitions added to those already in force from the 17th of Tammuz. The prohibitions correspond to those of Shloshim, the thirty day period of mourning for a close relative.

The Nine Days begin at sundown on Thursday, July 12th

WE THANK OUR SECURITY VOLUNTEERS

Friday Evening

6:45 p.m. Adam Sragovicz

7:20 p.m. Charles Jaffe

Shabbat Morning

9:00 a.m. Marc Lebovits

9:30 a.m. Jack Zyroff

10:00 a.m. Brian Zimmerman

10:30 a.m. Nati Tzarum

11:00 a.m. Zach Dimenstein

11:30 a.m. Charles Jaffe

Mishaberach List - Please Send in Names for Prayers

Catharine has emailed out the request for names for the Mishaberach list. In the event you did not receive her email she asked that you please contact her by email at catharine@adatyeshurun.org with the name(s) you would like added to the Mishaberach list.

Thank you.

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!



MIKVAH APPOINTMENTS
(858) 535-1072

IMPORTANT EMAIL DIFFICULTIES

In the last week Gmail (and other email providers) started to treat emails from the shul (mostly those emails send to the entire congregation at one time) as spam, or blocked them completely.

If you have not received emails from the shul in the past week and in particular if you have Gmail, please check your spam folder. You may need to check your settings and make sure the shul email addresses are set as safe senders, or contact your email provider and request that they stop blocking and/or spamming all emails from any email with @adatyeshurun.org

Unfortunately it is the recipient's email provider that is blocking the emails so we cannot do anything from our end to correct this issue.

Please make sure to set the following shul email address as Safe Senders:

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Pre-Tisha B'av

Seudah Shlishit

Shabbat, July 21st there will be a Pre-Tisha B'av Seudah Shlishit in the Shul at 6:55 p.m.

Saturday, July 21st

Mincha - 6:30 p.m.

Pre-Tisha B'av Seudah Shlishit meal - 6:55 p.m.

Tisha B'av Fast Begins - 7:55 p.m.

Shabbat Ends - 8:37 p.m.

The menu is:

Chicken

Rice

Salad

Vegetables

Dessert

The cost is \$15 per person (adults and children the same price) and YOU MUST RSVP!

Even if you normally attend Seudah Shlishit, you must still RSVP if you would like to attend the meal.

Please RSVP by contacting the office at (858) 535-1196 and letting us know how many in your group will be attending.

Deadline to RSVP is Sunday, July 15th No EXCEPTIONS