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Peter and Gale Shoikhet. Baruch Hashem for our the upcoming marriage of our son, Alan, to Rivka Kushnir in Israel. Thank you Rabbi Jeff, Shoshie and the Adat community for their spiritual support and friendship.

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The Salovey Family this week in honor of Bertie Woolf. It has been an honor to be your chavrusa and dear friend for the past 24 years. Your love of Torah and commitment to honesty, fairness, and spiritual growth inspire us every day. It is our pleasure to “follow through and make this happen!” With love to you, Jackie, and your family.

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the Rabbi and Board of Directors of Adat Yeshurun to give a heartfelt welcome to our new Assistant Rabbi and Rebbetzin, Daniel and Brooke Reich and their children. We look forward to installing you as Assistant Rabbi on August 11th.

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The Adat Search Committee who is thrilled to welcome Rabbi Daniel and Brooke Reich and their children, Abigail and Shira, to our community. May Hashem bless you and this community as we embark on this exciting next phase.

MINYON SCHEDULE

7/27 Daf Yomi.....6:00 p.m.
7/27 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:45 p.m.
7/27 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.....9:27 a.m.
Daf Yomi.....5:55 p.m.
Contemporary Issues.....6:40 p.m.
Shabbat Mincha.....7:25 p.m.
Shabbat ends.....8:33 p.m.

THIS COMING WEEK

Sunday Shacharis.....8:30 a.m.
Sun. - Thur. Mincha/Ma'ariv.....7:35 p.m.
Mon. & Thu. Shacharis.....6:30 a.m.
Tue., Wed. & Fri. Shacharis.....6:45 a.m.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday
Talmud in Depth.....7:45 p.m.
Daf Yomi**.....cancelled
Monday - Thursday
Talmud I**.....cancelled
Monday - Friday
Talmud in Depth**.....cancelled
Monday
Daf Yomi**.....cancelled
Partners in Torah**.....cancelled
Tuesday
Women's/Mesillat Yescharim**.....cancelled
Daf Yomi**.....cancelled
Wednesday
Daf Yomi**.....cancelled
Prophets/Mishlei**.....cancelled
Thursday
Daf Yomi**.....cancelled
Parsha**.....cancelled

**Rabbi's Classes Cancelled 7/29/18-8/9/18 unless as noted above

In Memory of Linda Neiman

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

The Torah Reading begins on page 666 in the Hirsch and page 958 in the Stone.
The Haftorah begins on page 909 in the Hirsch and page 1196 in the Stone.

THISWEEK'S PARSHA begins with Moshe's recounting of his plea to G-d to allow him to enter the land of Israel. According to the midrash, this entire parsha is a rebuke to the Jewish people for having been the cause of his inability to enter the land. Many commentators, however, feel the purpose of this section is to endear Eretz Yisroel to the Jewish people. Moshe Rabbeinu's desire to enter the land would serve as an example to the people, and his fervent prayers would emphasize the magnitude of the loss and of the pain he suffered.

MANY OF OUR commentators point out Moshe's prayers were indeed answered, though not fully. Moshe was praying to see and enter the land of Israel. G-d partially ceded to Moshe's request and allowed him to see the land, though he could not enter it.

THE PARSHA CONTINUES with Moshe Rabbeinu repeating the foundation of the faith. He reminds the people of the shameful incident with the idol Baal Peor, how G-d annihilated every person who was involved in that shocking incident. With this reminder, came the reiteration of the concept of not adding to or detracting from the Torah. If we view the Torah as perfect, then any change by man can only take away from its essence. By definition then, if one adds or subtracts any law to or from the Torah, one is calling it imperfect.

THERE ARE MANY differences among our sages as to the parameters and applications of this law. Some believe that this is an admonition to the people not to tamper with the Torah. However, the sages who have an inherent understanding of the essence and spirit of Torah should do whatever is necessary to enhance the observance of Torah. According to those commentators we have faith in the sages to remain within the parameters of the law. Others, however, say that no one can ever add or subtract from the Torah, including rabbis. Rabbinic laws, then, fall under the rubric of "u'sh'martem es mishmarti," guard my ordinances.

THERE IS ALSO a question among the sages as to whether the prohibition is to add to the mitzvah itself or to create new mitzvos. There are those who explain the command not to add to Torah is to insure we do not detract, which is a serious crime. No matter how we understand the particulars of the mitzvah, it is clear that tampering with something divine destroys its absoluteness.

CONTINUING WITH MOSHE Rabbeinu exhorting the people to take care to remain faithful to G-d, the parsha says idol worship and decadence will cause serious

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repercussions. You must remember where you have come from, your relationship with G-d and why you were chosen in the first place, so you will remain ever faithful.

MOSHE RABBEINU THEN performs a mitzvah by designating three cities of refuge on the east side of the Jordan. He also reviews the covenant that was made with the Jewish people in the form of the Ten Commandments. It is interesting to pick out all the differences between the second set of Ten Commandments and the first set found in Sh'mos, Chapter twenty.

AFTER MOSHE RECOUNTS the story of the giving of the Torah, he reminds the people to never forget what they have seen and to obey Hashem's laws. He then proceeds to teach them the method of keeping their commitment to G-d and Torah: "Declare daily your acceptance of the yoke of heaven and of commandments by reciting the Shema twice daily." Moshe goes on to speak about the dangers of prosperity and warns against assimilation.

SAVE THE DATES - AUGUST 12TH AND 13TH!!!

Sunday, August 12th - Meet our Tour Guide, **Rebbetzin Chana Silver** and become familiar with our program for our fabulous **2019 Poland/Israel Trip**. **Details to follow!**

Monday, August 13th - Special Lecture by World Renown, **Guest Speaker Rebbetzin Chana Silver** at 7:30 p.m. **Topic TBA.**

Annual
meeting

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - **REVISED DATE** Sunday, August 26th at 7:30 p.m.

Each Family will receive via email or mail the list of nominees for the board of directors for the coming year.

Please remember to return your completed Proxy Form AND Signed Election of Directors Form to the Shul office before the start of the AGM.



*The Congregation
Expresses
Condolences
to*

Samuel and Joanne Marcus and family on the loss of **Joanne's mother, Dorothee Smith.**

YAHRTZEIT BOARD

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 call the office at 535-1196. The cost of a plaque is \$360 which can be paid in installments.

Mazel Tov

to

Peter and Gale Shoikhet on the engagement of their son, **Alan**, to **Rivka Kushnir.**

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.	Kevin Swartzberg
10:00 a.m.	Marty Stauber
10:30 a.m.	Joe Resnikoff
11:00 a.m.	Harvey Neiman
11:30 a.m.	N/A



MIKVAH APPOINTMENTS
(858) 535-1072

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS ILL, COULD USE OUR PRAYERS, OR A VISIT?

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.

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DATES THAT ARE AVAILABLE:
August 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th