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Anne and Harvey Brenner in memory of the 20th yearzeit of **Harvey's** father **Yosef Ben Zvi Dovid** and **Anne's** mom **Devorah Bas Yaakov Dovid**. And thanks to **Rabbi Jeff** and **Shoshie** and **Rabbi Daniel** and **Brooke** and the **entire Shul** for all the prayers bestowed on our family.

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IN HONOR OF**

Rabbi Wohlgernter's 60th birthday in Israel. I personally have known him for approximately 26-28 years and I thank him for everything that he has done for me, educating me in Torah and the love of **Hashem**. I am eternally grateful to both him and **Shoshie** for what they have done in creating Adat to where it is today, one of the premium orthodox synagogues thanks to the **Wohlgernters**, a place of Torah and dedication to **Hashem**. We wish you only good health, happiness and contentment. **Bertie** and **Jackie Woolf** and the entire **Woolf family**.

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Yury and Deborah Shlionsky in loving memory of **Deborah's** mother **Dina bas Tzvi Eliyahu**. It's been 25 years since she passed and she is missed and remembered every day for her yiddish heart, kindness and loving nature. May her Neshama have an Aliya.

MINYON SCHEDULE

2/21 Candles.....5:22 p.m.
2/21 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:25 p.m.
2/21 Rabbi Weil Oneg.....9:00 p.m.
Parsha Pump-Up.....8:30 a.m.
Shabbat Morning.....9:00 a.m.
Sh'ma-Latest Time.....9:14 a.m.
Teen Minyan.....9:30 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Drosha with Rabbi Weil
Rabbi Weil Lecture.....after Kiddush
Mincha.....5:05 p.m.
Rabbi Weil Lecture.....at Seudah Shlishit
Shabbat ends.....6:22 p.m.
Grand Finale Parent/Child.....7:30 p.m.

THIS COMING WEEK

2/23/20-2/28/20

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sun. Shacharit.....8:30 a.m.
Mon. thru Thu. Shacharit.....6:30 a.m.
Fri. Shacharit.....6:45 a.m.
Sun. - Thu. Mincha/Ma'ariv.....5:25 p.m.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday
Tefillin Club for Boys.....8:30 a.m.
Daf Yomi (Z).....8:00 p.m.
Monday - Thursday
Talmud I (Z).....6:00 a.m.
Talmud in Depth (Z).....7:30 a.m.
Monday
Working Men's Kollel.....1:00 p.m.
Pirkei Avot (Z).....7:30 p.m.
Daf Yomi (Z).....8:00 p.m.
Tuesday
Women's Mesillat Yesarim (Z).....11:00 a.m.
Daf Yomi (Z).....8:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Women's Pirkei Avot (Z).....11:00 a.m.
Working Men's Kollel.....1:00 p.m.
Girls' Club (3rd-6th Grade).....4:30 p.m.
Great Debates.....7:30 p.m.
Daf Yomi (Z).....8:00 p.m.
Thursday
FAQ's of LIFE.....7:30 p.m.
Daf Yomi (Z).....8:00 p.m.

* (Z) Classes taught by Rabbi Jeff from Israel. Please contact Catharine at catharine@adatyeshurun.org for information about accessing these classes.

In Memory of Linda Neiman

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

The Torah Reading begins on page 287 in the Hirsch and page 416 in the Stone. The Maftir Reading begins on page 331 in the Hirsch and page 484 in the Stone. The Haftorah begins on page 956 in the Hirsch and page 1212 in the Stone.

THIS WEEK'S PARSHA begins with the words, "And these are the laws that you must set before them." Rashi understands the word "and" to mean that just as the Ten Commandments were given on Mount Sinai, so all of these laws were given there too. Rashi further comments that the reason these commandments are juxtaposed against the end of last week's parsha, which deals with the building of the Temple and the Altar, is so that we will know the judges of these cases should be seated next to the Altar in the 'lishkas hagazis' or the chamber of hewn stone on the Temple mount. Rashi explains that the words "which you shall place before them," is G-d's command to Moshe that the laws should be explained clearly and succinctly, like a table that is fully laid before a person with everything ready for eating. G-d commanded this to Moshe to ensure the Jewish people would understand completely every law of the Torah.

THE TORAH THEN explains the laws of the Hebrew slave and maidservant. A Jew becomes a slave or a maidservant when he/she is found guilty by the court for having committed a theft, or when he/she incurs a debt, is unable to repay and is subsequently sold in order to work off this debt. Although there are provisions made in Jewish law for the acquisition of a slave, one must always remember to deal with his slave with kindness and compassion. A Jewish slave was always to be treated with respect for his dignity. The master could not expect his slave to perform debasing or humiliating duties, nor could he behave before a slave with the arrogance of a lord and master. The Jewish slave, male or female, was to be regarded as part of the master's family, receiving the same food and drink as the master. If at the end of six years of servitude the slave expressed a desire to stay on in the house of his master, then he was brought before a court of law where the master pierced the slave's earlobe. The slave would then continue to serve until the jubilee, the 50th year of the jubilee cycle. At that time, he was obliged by law to accept his freedom. This law of piercing the ear only applied to the male servant, not the female.

THE TORAH GOES on to describe the laws of manslaughter, murder, injury caused to a parent, kidnapping and cursing a parent. The Torah describes the prohibitions as well as the punishment due to the perpetrator of any of these crimes. Each of these crimes was punishable by death. Under Jewish law, capital punishment was imposed only when the

PARSHA CONTINUES

Temple was still in existence, when the offerings were brought on the Altar, and when the Sanhedrin sat in the 'lishkas hagazis', the chamber of hewn stone. There were four types of capital punishment: death by strangulation, sword, fire and by stoning. Kidnapping another Jew and inflicting an injury on one's parents, were punished with death by strangulation. The punishment for murder was death by the sword. Cursing a parent was punished with death by stoning. Cursing and striking one's parents were considered capital crimes because our Sages tell us G-d is considered an equal partner with the mother and father in the birth of each child and therefore striking or cursing one's parents is also a crime against G-d.

THE LAWS DEALING with personal injury, the killing of slaves, injury to slaves and personal damages are described next. In this section of the Parsha we find the famous verse "Ayin tachas ayin", an eye for an eye. Many have mistakenly taken this verse literally, understanding an eye for an eye as an absolute requirement of the Torah. However, our Sages have explained this verse as referring to monetary compensation for the bodily damage caused to another individual. There is much discussion on the proofs that the oral tradition of monetary compensation is a correct understanding of the biblical requirement for restitution for personal damage, and it is worthwhile to do further research on the subject.

THE TORAH THEN gives the laws regarding damages caused by animals and by negligence. The Rambam explains it is incumbent upon every person to ensure that neither his property nor his possessions should cause harm to other people. If a person is warned that he must pay for any damages caused to others through his own negligence, he will surely be careful to ensure that none of this damage will occur through any fault of his own.

NEXT THE PARSHA describes the laws pertaining to the loan, hiring, and safekeeping of one's property. There are four ways in which a person may entrust his property to another: A 'shomer chinan', one who receives the property of another for safekeeping without receiving any payment for this act; A 'shomer sachar', one who guards the property of another for payment; A 'sacher', one who hires the property of another; and a 'sho'el', one who borrows the property of another. The Torah describes the responsibility each of these shomrim have in regard to the property that was entrusted to them.

THE NEXT SECTION of the Torah deals with the laws and punishments for a seducer, and the prohibition and punishments for witchcraft and idolatry. According to both the Rambam and Ramban, sorcery or witchcraft is not a form of idol worship, rather a way of exploiting the illiterate and gullible by confusing their minds for the sorcerer's own selfish ends. However, according to the Chinnuch, witchcraft is not a simple fraud but a cogent, dangerous force which can bring about some happenings that run counter to the course of nature. He believes witchcraft represents an interference in the patterns of the universe established by G-d, which is an act of defiance against the Lord of the Universe.

THE TORAH DESCRIBES the individual's obligation to lend money to the needy, and the prohibition of taking interest on loans to a Jew. According to the Chinnuch, instead of giving outright charity to a poor man, it is better to give him a loan so he can reestablish his solvency and not be forced to accept further charity.

THE NEXT SECTION deals with the laws of accepting authority, the prohibition against cursing judges and the concept of a just judicial system. Included in these laws are the protection of the innocent from miscarriages of justice, the prohibition of accepting a bribe, the obligation to pursue truth and justice, the prohibition not to follow in the paths of the wicked and the rule of the majority in adjudicating cases.

THE TORAH THEN speaks of the mitzvah of 'shmitah' (the sabbatical year) the obligations to offer the first fruits, sacrifices on the pilgrimage festivals and a reiteration of

PARSHA CONCLUDES

some of the laws of Passover. This section ends with the first of three prohibitions in the Torah against mixing milk and meat. The fact that the prohibition is repeated in three different biblical passages, implies a threefold ban (1) milk and meat must not be eaten together; (2) they must not be cooked together, and (3) it is forbidden to derive any benefit from food containing a mixture of milk and meat. Our Sages explain there is no specific explanation for the prohibition against mixing milk and meat except seething a kid in its mother's milk implies extreme barbarism. This, they explain, is one of the Chukim, or unexplained laws of the Torah. A Chok does not imply there is no reason for the particular command but rather the reason is beyond the scope of human intellect. Nevertheless, our Sages spend much time trying to give a human rationale for such a commandment.

THE PARSHA CONCLUDES with a set of promises and instructions for the Jewish people, and a discussion of the land of Israel and what we can expect our relationship with that land to be. Finally, G-d seals the covenant with Moshe.

Mazel Tov

to
Sony and Karen Ben-Moshe on the birth of their son, **Jonathan Wolf Ben-Moshe**, and brother to **Elad Ben-Moshe!**

and to
Jonathan's aunts and uncles, **Guily and Helfon Hanono**, and **Michal and Eli Ben-Moshe**, and to the cousins, **Avi and Lauren Hanono**, and **Shanna, Elad and Talia Ben-Moshe!**

SPONSOR A KIDDUSH

Available Kiddush Options:

- \$295 - Regular Kiddush Sponsor
- \$175 - Regular Kiddush Co-Sponsor
- \$700- Deluxe Kiddush (2 weeks advance notice is required)
- \$175 Seudah Shlishit

DATES THAT ARE AVAILABLE:

Feb 29th

Mar 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

Contact the office at (858) 535-1196 or info@adatyeshurun.org to sponsor.

**WELCOME
OUR GUEST SPEAKER**

Rabbi Steven Weil

Guest Speaker
RABBI STEVEN WEIL

February 21-22

All lectures are free of charge and open to everyone.

Friday Night Oneg 9:00 p.m. at the Reich's - "*The Two Great Challenges Facing Jewry in the 21st Century*"

Shabbat Morning Drasha - "*The Crucifix on the Charles Bridge Over the Vltava River*"

Post Kiddush Lecture - "*The Great Revolution*"

Shalosh Seudos - "*Obsession: Why Do Our Leaders Bring out the Worst in Us*"

Lectures are free of charge to attend BUT lunch reservations are closed. We cannot accommodate additional guests.

**PURIM SEUDAH
RESERVATIONS ARE OPEN**
*Purim is Tuesday, March 10th
at 5:00 p.m.*

*Catered meal
Children's Activities in the Shul
Parking Lot
Face Painter
Animal Show*

Costs:
Early Bird Pricing
**(you must RSVP by Feb 25th to
receive early bird pricing)**
\$25 per adult (ages 13 and over)
\$15 per child (ages 4-12)

After Early Bird Pricing
**(last time to RSVP is
noon on Feb 28th)**
\$30 per adult
\$18 per child

Reservations will NOT be accepted
after Feb 28th. Please do not miss
the deadline. **RSVP to Catharine at**
catharine@adatyeshurun.org or
call (858) 535-1196 Opt 1

**SHALACH MANOT PACKING
PARTY INFORMATION**

Purim is soon approaching! We plan to
assemble Shalach Manot on Sunday,
March 1st in the large classroom at the
shul, starting at 9:30 am and finishing
by approximately 1 pm. Please RSVP
to **Nora Laiken** nlaiken@ucsd.edu if
you plan on being there. If you have
any questions, please do not hesitate
to call Nora at 858-229-2323 or to
contact Nora via e-mail nlaiken@ucsd.edu. Thank you in advance for
your help!

**SHALACH MANOT WEBSITE
ORDERING IS NOW OPEN**

This year's "baskets" promise to
be better than ever! We are using
the website HappyPurim.com to
do our ordering. You should have
received order forms via email.
Please complete your order as early
as possible! We hope you will
continue to support our Sisterhood!

If you would prefer a paper order form
mailed to you, please contact the
office at (858) 535-1196 to request
one.

**Paper Order forms are due to the
Shul office by February 24th and the
Website Online ordering deadline
is March 1st at 8:00 p.m.**

**The Adat Professional
Network is Back!**
**Join us Tuesday March 3rd,
7-9pm @Adat
for a valuable, interactive, and
fun workshop:
An Even Better You!**

Increasing Your Personal
Effectiveness with Lumina. The
workshop will provide a highly
interactive experience in which you
will explore who you are using the
Lumina personality framework. You
will understand yourself better and
learn how to improve your working
relationships with others. By applying
the Lumina model, you can unlock
many professional as well as personal
benefits. Email **Daniela Levi @**
dlevi@boldaspirations.com to
reserve your place by February 24th.
Limited space available.

**GRAND FINALE
PARENT/CHILD LEARNING
MOTZEI SHABBAT
FEB 22nd at 7:30 p.m.**

Join Rabbi Reich for pizza and fabulous
prizes for everyone to celebrate and
amazing season of learning!!

**A NIGHT FOR SCY
FUNDRAISER**

Sunday, February 23rd at 6:30 p.m.
RSVP to scyhigh.org/ANFS or call
(858) 560-1818.

**PEACE OF MIND
PRESENTATION**

This Motzei Shabbat, February 22nd,
there will be a brief presentation
at shul from 7:00 - 7:30 PM (Right
before Parent Child-Learning) by Dr.
David Feifel, Professor of Psychiatry,
about "Peace of Mind", an incredible
program. David has visited the
organization in Jerusalem. Our
aim is to raise the funds needed to
sponsor a group of IDF combat unit's
participation in the program which
includes having them come to La
Jolla with the POM therapists.

If you can't attend but would like
to make a donation please contact
Annette at the shul office annette@adatyeshurun.org, or to get
additional information about the
program, please contact either David
Feifel at dfeifel@kadimanp.com or
Jim Esserman at jim.esserman@gmail.com.

**Volunteers Needed for
Our Security Teams**

**BOTH MEN AND WOMEN
ARE ENCOURAGED TO
VOLUNTEER**

If you would like to assist us in
keeping our community safe, please
volunteer your service or fulfill the
duties assigned to you. Anyone
wishing to be added for security duty
can email the office or speak with
Security Chair Moises Eilemberg.

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REICH'S CLASSES ONLINE!!**

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you to listen to anytime you wish.

Would you like to be on the E-Mail
list for the Rabbis' Classes? Write to
Catharine at catharine@adatyeshurun.org
to opt in!

**WE THANK OUR SECURITY
VOLUNTEERS**

Friday Evening	
5:25 p.m.	Jack Forman
6:05 p.m.	Alex Dornfest
Shabbat Morning	
9:00 a.m.	Mike Aron
9:30 a.m.	Nat Schuster
10:00 a.m.	Daniel Schperberg
10:30 a.m.	Liora Green
11:00 a.m.	Moises Eilemberg
11:30 a.m.	Jonny Borok