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Noel and Miriam Fishman in honor of the Yahrzeit of Miriam's father, Ben Raber, Binyamin ben Mordechai. He was a great man, and an inspiration to his entire family, down to the fourth generation. We all miss him so much.

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Celia Levy, in memory of her beloved husband, Nate Levy "Zalman Natan ben David Ruvein Halevi" on his 3rd Yahrzeit. Deeply missed by his nearest and dearest: the Levy, Schachat and Wollach families. May Nate's Neshama have an aliyah.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB DATES

Boys Club - 4/22/20, 5/6/20, 5/20/20
Girls Club - 4/1/20, 5/13/20

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
COMBINED FINALE
6/3/20**

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**WE THANK OUR SECURITY
VOLUNTEERS**

Friday Evening	
6:40 p.m.	Mark Brunswick
7:20 p.m.	Peter Bowers
Shabbat Morning	
9:00 a.m.	Steve Weitzen
9:30 a.m.	Jerry Hermel
10:00 a.m.	Brian Zimmerman
10:30 a.m.	David Feifel
11:00 a.m.	Lionel Kahn
11:30 a.m.	Jonny Borok

MINYON SCHEDULE

3/13 Candles.....6:38 p.m.
3/13 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:40 p.m.
Parsha Pump-Up.....8:30 a.m.
Shabbat Morning.....9:00 a.m.
Teen Minyan.....9:30 a.m.
Sh'ma-Latest Time.....9:59 a.m.
Mincha.....6:30 p.m.
Shabbat ends.....7:39 p.m.

THIS COMING WEEK

3/15/20-3/20/20

SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday
Tefillin Club for Boys.....on hiatus
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.....on hiatus
Pirkei Avot (Z).....7:30 p.m.
Daf Yomi (Z).....8:00 p.m.
Tuesday
Women's Mesillat Yesharim (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.....on hiatus
Boys' Club (3rd-6th Grade).....on hiatus
Great Debates.....on hiatus
Daf Yomi (Z).....8:00 p.m.
Thursday
Talmud I (Z).....6:00 a.m.
Talmud in Depth (Z).....7:30 a.m.
FAQ's of LIFE.....on hiatus
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. Rabbi Reich's classes, Bar/Bat Mitzvah lessons and Boys/Girls Club will be on hiatus in Rabbi Reich's absence from 3/15-3/25.

In Memory of Linda Neiman

**THE CONGREGATION ADAT YESHURUN
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Ki Tisa



This Week's Torah Reading

**The Parsha begins on page 331 in the Hirsch and page 484 in the Stone.
The Maftir begins on page 584 in the Hirsch and page 838 in the Stone.
The Haftorah is on page 960 in the Hirsch and page 1216 in the Stone.**

THIS WEEK'S PARSHA begins with the instructions for taking a census. Moshe is commanded to count the Jewish people according to the half shekel donation each Jewish male would bring, and not by the individual. The Torah tells us that by giving the half shekel we can avert a plague that would result from the counting of the people. Rashi explains this plague comes not from sin, but rather from the Evil Eye which is the result of the tally which singles out individual Jews, thereby causing their actions to be scrutinized by the Heavenly Court. Rabbeinu Bachya explains this point further and comments that when one counts by numbering individuals, that individual is removed from the general mass and established as a separate unit, independently watched over by G-d, and is thereby judged independently. Thus, that individual is being judged as a lone unit and the z'chusim (merits) of the entire community are not his to enjoy. It is for this reason a plague can strike during a census. We are therefore commanded that when the census is taken it should be through the agency of the half shekel, which acts as an atonement. Many commentaries explain the reason the half shekel was used as a means of counting was to emphasize the message that no Jew can be complete without other Jews. Every individual Jew is an incomplete part of the whole, no Jew is an independent unit. Until we unite we are only half complete. Interestingly, from this commandment stems the custom not to count individuals when calculating a minyan. Rather we use some other means, i.e. a verse with ten words, so that no individual becomes singled out.

THE NEXT COMMANDMENT in the Parsha is the building of the copper washstand which was to be placed between the mizbe'ach, altar, and the tent of meeting. This basin was used to wash the hands and the feet of the Kohanim before they entered the tent of meeting.

NEXT HASHEM COMMANDS Moshe to take the finest fragrances with which to make the anointing oil, a blended compound made by a skilled perfumer. This oil was to be used for anointing the tent of meeting, the ark, the table of the show-bread, the menorah, the incense altar, the large altar and the washstand as well as all the utensils that went with these fixtures. By anointing with this oil, these items would be sanctified and ready for their holy use. Hashem then instructs Moshe on the mixing of the incense, which was to

PARSHA CONTINUES

be offered on the golden altar.

THE NEXT SECTION of the Parsha deals with the incident of the golden calf. Moshe tells the people he will come down from the mountain after 40 days. The people miscalculate as to when that time would be and, as Rashi explains, at the end of their calculated 40 days, when Moshe did not return, they assume he has died and become confused. The Midrash tells us that the Satan devised a plan to show them the form of Moshe, lying dead, in order to add to the confusion of the Jewish people. When confronted with the prospect of not having an intermediary between themselves and Hashem, the people panic and ask Aharon to build them a golden calf. The Kuzari explains this was not full blown idol worship, but rather a desire on the part of the people to find a special place where they could focus their prayers and concentrate on serving Hashem. According to this explanation, worshipping the golden calf was not in itself a terrible sin, but rather the transgression lays in envisioning a divine form without being commanded to do so. As a proof of this, we find that we do have certain forms in the temple, (i.e. the cherubim), but those forms are specifically commanded by G-d and not left up to our imagination. Thus we see that according to the Kuzari, the worship of the golden calf was not a rebellion against G-d but rather a transgression of a few of His Torah commandments. Aharon's involvement can then be understood as a desire to correct the people's mistake, and his hope to delay building the golden calf until Moshe's return. Rashi explains that Aharon did not stand up and speak against the golden calf because he had already seen what happened to his nephew Chur, who had refused to involve himself in the building of the golden calf, thus enraging the people and bringing about his death.

HASHEM THEN TELLS Moshe to return to His people because they are sinning. In His anger, Hashem tells Moshe that He is willing to destroy the people and to build the nation anew with Moshe. Our Rabbis understand that Hashem did this in order to inspire Moshe to plead on behalf of his people, which is exactly what happens. Moshe goes down to the people with tablets in hand. According to some commentaries the tablets drop by themselves, but according to others Moshe smashes them. Moshe's reasoning was that if the people could not keep a few of the commandments then they were not worthy of keeping any of them. Moshe employs the Levites, who did not worship the golden calf, to go out and kill those involved in the idolatry in order to exact justice among the people. Moshe then returns to Hashem begging forgiveness for the actions of His nation. Moshe says that if He forgives their sin, fine, and if not, He can wipe Moshe out from the Torah. Moshe says this to Hashem to ensure that in the future people will not say that Moshe was a weak leader and that his relationship with G-d was inferior because he could not appease Him or pray effectively on behalf of the Jewish people. Hashem agrees to forgive the Jewish people, but tells Moshe that certain changes will occur in His relationship with the people. G-d Himself will no longer lead the people, rather an angel will be sent ahead of them to drive out the nations in the land of Canaan. Moshe and the people are very distressed over this news and plead to Hashem begging that He, in fact, remain at the helm of the nation.

WE ALSO FIND in this week's Parsha the promise from G-d to Moshe that any time the Jewish people sin, and ten men gather together and utter with sincerity the thirteen divine attributes of mercy, their forgiveness will be guaranteed. Hashem also promises Moshe that he will never fully understand G-d, or His actions, that only the 'back' of G-d will be visible and not His face. The Parsha concludes with the rewriting of the second tablets, the reiteration of the commandments of Pesach and other festivals, and of Moshe's return to the Jewish people. At the conclusion of this Parsha lies the incident of the shining of Moshe's face, and the aura of light which emanated from him.

SAN DIEGO MACCABI 2020. ARE YOU IN?

This year, the Maccabi Games will be held right here in San Diego from August 2nd until August 7th. There are hundreds of kids expected to take part who will be travelling here from all over the country, as well as from countries such as Canada, England, Mexico and South Africa!

Housing the participants is a vital aspect of the event. The committee is looking for volunteers to assist with this need. In addition, the delegations travelling from the East Coast and further afield, will need to stay for Shabbat either before or after the event, some for both. We are reaching out to the Adat community, as we would like to make Adat a community experience for all the shomer Shabbat kids, and hopefully others, who are part of the delegations staying the extra time. There is also the option of hosting participants that are here for only the week of the events, as there will be shomer kashrut participants who will not need to stay over Shabbat.

If you do not keep a kosher home or are not shomer Shabbat, there are many participants who are not either who will also need housing.

For any further information, please contact:

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TORAH HIGH CASINO NIGHT

Torah High will be having its 21st Anniversary Celebration/Casino Night on Sunday evening, March 22, 2020, in the Social Hall of Beth Israel. Please join us for a wonderful evening of fun and friendship in support of Torah High. For more information, please call the school at 858.558.6880 or go to <http://torahsandiego.com/casino-night-annual-fundraiser/>.

SHMURAH MATZOH ORDER INFORMATION

The deadline for ordering Shmurah Matzoh is NOON, Monday, March 16th. Please contact Annette at annette@adatyeshurun.org to place your order.

Hand Made:

Regular	\$34/lb.
Whole Wheat	\$34/lb.
Gluten Free Oat	\$30/half lb box
Organic Spelt	\$35/lb.
Gluten Free Matzoh Meal	\$18/lb.

Machine Made:

Regular	\$14/lb.
Whole Wheat	\$14/lb.
Gluten Free Oat	\$30/lb.
Organic Spelt	\$18/lb.

IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Dear Friends,

The following is an update about Coronavirus and what precautions our Shul is taking to avoid the spread of the virus.

At this time our community, thank God, is not in a health crisis. However, we are recommending these steps to try to avert a crisis and lessen potential harm from this terrible virus. We are making these recommendations, and taking these measures based on current information from the CDC, CDPH, and in consultation with local West-Coast Rabbinic leaders and medical professionals.

1. We will be suspending Kiddush and Seudah Shlishit until the risk is diminished. Mincha will take place during its regular time slot on Shabbat afternoon and there will be learning opportunities available between Mincha and Motzei Shabbos Maariv.

2. As long as schools are open, Youth Groups will take place outside (weather permitting). The Classrooms will remain unlocked for very small groups to do indoor activities. However, the main activities of groups (i.e. Davening, games, snacks) will be outdoors. The Teen Minyan will function uninterrupted in the Teen Minyan sanctuary.

3. Anyone at higher risk for serious illness from COVID-19 because of age or serious long-term health problems should take necessary actions to reduce the risk of getting sick with the virus. Please consult your healthcare provider or physician as to the recommendations suggested in your case.

4. In the shul, there are dispensers of hand sanitizers that may be used on Shabbos.

5. Please continue to practice the following common-sense protocols: wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Cover your cough or sneeze, preferably with a tissue that is immediately disposed of or, minimally, into your sleeve. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Keep a bottle of sanitizer available at each of your home's entrances and in your car for use when you can't immediately wash your hands.

6. We will continue to reduce handshaking and kissing Sifrei Torah, Mezzuzot, Chumashim, and Siddurs for the time being.

The situation is fluid and subject to change. For up to date information go to <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/>; <https://www.cdc.gov/>; or <https://www.who.int/>.

Our Rabbis teach us, that during times of trial and uncertainty we have a special Koach of Tefillah. Our rabbis have suggested reciting Tehillim 20, 121 and 130 at Mincha time each day. Please God, while doubling our efforts in Davening, Learning Torah, and Chesed during this trying time He will show us mercy and remove the threat of this virus from among us - Amen!

Rabbi Wohlgelernter and Rabbi Reich



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We apologize if we have missed your name, please let us know!