

ZOOM YESHURUN KIDDUSH-FOOD FOR THOUGHT

During this period of social distancing when the shul is closed, both Rabbis want to continue and increase these Zoom learning opportunities and we think a good way to do this, in lieu of sponsoring a physical Kiddush, is to offer opportunities to sponsor or co-sponsor **Zoom Yeshurun Kiddush-Food for Thought** learning sessions.

The Learning will be dedicated for a Refuah Shlema for all our brethren afflicted with this challenging virus, or you can dedicate the Learning in honor of, or in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a Simcha.

Learning Sponsorships are \$175 for a Co-sponsorship or \$295 for a Full Sponsorship. Please send Annette a short email with your sponsorship or co-sponsorship message.

Announcements will be printed in the weekly bulletin, which will be emailed to everyone and then announced at each class the week after the bulletin.

We are in need of sponsors or co-sponsors for the following dates:
May - 5/23, 5/30

In Memory of Linda Neiman

THE CONGREGATION ADAT YESHURUN WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

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Behar-Bechukotai



This Week's Torah Reading

The Torah Reading begins on page 488 in the Hirsch and page 696 in the Stone. The Haftorah begins on page 885 in the Hirsch and page 1177 in the Stone.

PARSHAS BEHAR OPENS with the commandment for the Shmittah (sabbatical) year. The section is introduced with the words, "And G-d spoke to Moshe on Mount Sinai." Our Sages give many explanations as to the connection between the sabbatical year and the giving of the Torah on Har Sinai. As we already know that the entire Torah was given on Har Sinai, our Sages wonder as to why that fact is repeated here.

THE TORAH DESCRIBES the details of this mitzvah to let the land rest in the seventh year, and the extent to which this commandment applies. Following seven cycles of seven years, the year after that seventh Shmittah year is called the Yovel, or Jubilee, year. This fiftieth year, declared by the Sanhedrin to be the Jubilee year, has the same laws as the Shmittah year with a few additions. During the Yovel the land returns to its original owner, slaves are freed, and debts are released. One of the explanations of these laws is that G-d wants to emphasize to His people that land and freedom are divine gifts. Ownership reverts to those to whom He wills it. Once people realize this, it influences them to refrain from cheating and stealing. They will reflect on the fact that there is a supreme owner. By counting the years, the nation is constantly reminded of this.

THE NEXT SECTION of the Parsha explain the laws pertaining to the sale of movable property and the sale of ancestral portions, houses, and interest. It also deals with ownership of a non-Jewish slave, a Jewish slave and finally, a Jew who is a slave to non-Jews. Rashi explains that although these laws seem to be random in their placement in the Torah, they actually follow a logical sequence. By the progression of the commandments the Torah tells us if a person allows greed to get the best of him, and this greed motivates him into opposing the observance of the Sabbatical and Jubilee years, he will eventually lose his money and be forced to sell his movable property. If he still does not repent, he will find himself forced to sell his ancestral portion and his house, and finally he will find himself in a situation where he must borrow money at interest. If the progression of punishments does not have the desired effect, then stage two begins where he will eventually sell himself to a fellow Jew, and finally even to a non-Jew. Then, worst of all, he will ultimately sell himself and become a servant of idols.

PARSHAS BECHUKOTAI BEGINS with the brachos (blessings) that Hashem promised the Jewish people as a reward for keeping the mitzvahs. The Ramban comments

SHABBAT TIMES

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| 5/15 Plag..... | 6:15 p.m. |
| 5/15 Candles..... | 7:24 p.m. |
| 5/16 Sh'ma-Latest Time..... | 9:17 a.m. |
| 5/16 Shabbat ends..... | 8:24 p.m. |



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

RESOURCES FOR THOSE ENCOUNTERING BUSINESS FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES

We fully understand that during this volatile time, there are those amongst us who will encounter business financial and operational challenges that they may have never encountered before. Fortunately we do have resources amongst the membership body that have skills and wisdom in such problematic issues. Please email the following email address AdatCommunityAssist@gmail.com with a short description of what issues you're encountering and we will attempt to match you with another Shul member who may be of assistance in advising and mentoring you through the situation.

Additionally, if there are members who would like to assist in this mentoring and advisory process, please email the same address mentioning your skill and what you can help with.

We remain committed at Adat to be a community that nurtures and cares for each other.

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that these blessings were a covenant between G-d and the Jewish people. The first covenant forged between them on the top of Mount Sinai was broken by the building of the golden calf. Hence, when G-d gave Moshe the second set of ten commandments and commanded him to teach the Torah once again, it was necessary to ratify the covenant a second time. This time however, the covenant was ratified not by means of offerings as it was the first time, but rather by the promise of blessings and curses, as we see in this week's parsha.

A COMMON QUESTION asked when looking at this section of the Torah is: "All of the blessings that G-d promises us for faithful adherence to the Torah seem to be merely material blessings. How is it possible that G-d rewards our spiritual pursuits with only material, physical rewards?" Some commentaries say that it is obvious there will be spiritual rewards for keeping mitzvahs, thus the Torah does not need to emphasize them. However, the material rewards promised to us come through a change in the nature of the world. When G-d changes the nature of the world, going against the natural order of things, it is then necessary to teach that if we adhere and are obedient to the Torah, G-d will deal with us miraculously. There are others commentaries who explain that the material rewards promised to us give us an ability to better perform mitzvahs. When we prosper and have security and good health, it is much easier to adhere to the commandments than when our lives are in turmoil.

AFTER THE FIRST thirteen verses of the parsha comes the section called "the tochachah", (admonitions). The tochachah found in this parsha is the first of two sections of rebuke in the Torah, the other one being in Parshas Ki Tavo. The Ramban explains the necessity for these two chapters of rebuke. They each deal with different periods of our history. The first chapter, the one in today's parsha, is about the first temple era and its aftermath, whereas the second section deals with the second destruction and the current exile. Ramban uses verses in Bechukosai as proof, for there are constant references made in this parsha to the neglect of Shmittah as being the cause for our exile. We know this to be true because one of the major causes of the destruction of the first temple, and our subsequent exile from the land of Israel, was the neglect of the Shmittah years. Also, adds the Ramban, nowhere in this parsha are we promised a full repentance or a full return to our former eminence, nor are we promised a complete redemption. Historically, when the Jews returned from the seventy years exile in Babylon, not all returned. The temple was not returned to its former glory and Eretz Yisroel was not a free country.

THE PARSHA CONCLUDES with the section about gifts to the temple. This pertains to a specific type of gift: a person saying "may the cash value of this gift be my responsibility to give as a donation to the temple." One could question why this section of the Torah follows the section of rebuke. Some explain after hearing the litany of punishments and curses, a Jew might feel that he has no value. Therefore the Torah hastens to tell us that no matter what, G-d assigns value to every Jew. Alternatively, the Torah reminds us that when we admonish our fellow Jews we should first recognize of all their value in G-d's eyes, and thus treat them accordingly.

ERRANDS BY ADAT

We find ourselves in unprecedented times as we are trying to grapple with a new reality. With our concern for staying healthy as well as restrictions on our movement, many of us have suddenly, and unexpectedly, become housebound. It's time for our caring community to come together even as we must stay apart.

While we are all impacted, some of us are challenged to shop for food and other supplies, go to the pharmacy and keep ourselves healthy all at the same time. Others are blessed to be able to leave their homes and take care of these necessities. Those who are venturing out have been asking how they can be of help to others. Some of us who are restricted to the home have reached out to get some assistance.

In response to those who need and those offering assistance, we at Adat have organized a way to match you up!

For those Needing Assistance:

If you would like some assistance, please send an email to: ErrandsbyAdat@gmail.com. For those of us who are not comfortable with email, you can call and leave a message at: 858-281-9450

For those able to offer Assistance:

For those of you who are able to offer assistance, please click on this link and join our Errands by Adat Whatsapp group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JHB5KGXbxcTHSMN80v9Kr3>

Our community is a large and loving and we come together to support each other in times of need. We appreciate how difficult it is for some of us to ask for help. Please remember that the person giving receives as much, if not more, than the person who receives. Whether you would like some assistance or are able to assist, please take advantage of this opportunity for us to come together as one Adat.

ADAT YESHURUN COVID-19 GENERAL “ZOOM” SCHEDULE
(Effective immediately until further notice)

Mondays-

- Talmud I 6am RJW Room;
- Tehillim 7:30 am RJW Room;
- Talmud in Depth 7:45 am RJW Room;
- Drop-In Visit 10am RJW Room;
- Drop-In Visit 11am RDR Room;
- Pirkei Avos 7:30 pm RJW Room;
- Daf Yomi 8:15 pm RJW Room

Tuesdays-

- Talmud I 6am RJW Room;
- Tehillim 7:30 am RJW Room;
- Talmud in Depth 7:45 am RJW Room;
- Women's Mesillat Yesharim 11 am RJW Room;
- Daf Yomi 8 pm RJW Room

Wednesdays-

- Talmud I 6am RJW Room;
- Tehillim 7:30 am RJW Room;
- Talmud in Depth 7:45 am RJW Room;
- Working Man's Kollel 1-2 pm RDR Room;
- Great Debates, Decisions & Deciders 7:30pm RDR Room;
- Daf Yomi 8 pm RJW Room

Thursdays-

- Talmud I 6 am RJW Room;
- Tehillim 7:30 am RJW Room;
- Talmud in Depth 7:45 am RJW Room;
- Parsha Pump-Up 7:30 pm RDR Room;
- Daf Yomi 8 pm RJW Room;
- Torah & Cholent BYO-CHO (Bring Your Own Cholent) 8:30 pm RDR Room

Fridays-

- Tehillim 7:30 am RJW Room;
- *RDR Pre-Shabbos Droscha will be sent out

Saturday Night-

- *RJW Motzei Shabbos Message will be sent out

Sundays-

- Tehillim 8:30 am RJW Room;
- Social BYOC/BYOB Coffee Get-Togethers 8pm RJW Room;
- Daf Yomi 9 pm RJW Room

*This is the general schedule planned until further notice. Please check every Monday's "What's Coming Up" messages for any specific changes to each particular week, thanks!

Rabbi Wohlgelemer's (RJW) Zoom ID - 610 732 9485
Rabbi Reich's (RDR) Zoom ID - 893 008 5483

“Working Man’s” Kollel

Have you ever wanted to learn in Yeshiva? Looking for an opportunity to experience the depths of Torah at your level?

The Working Man's Kollel will be starting their new study of

Chapter Seven of Tractate Shabbos

as we learn through many of the laws of Shabbos every Wednesday from 1-2 pm beginning:

**WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 22, 2020**

Beginning new chapter -
Chapter 7 of Shabbos:
“The Principles of Violating Shabbos”



New Chapter!
Perfect time to join
a great group
for great Torah!

RABBI REICH ZOOM ROOM

LOG IN DIRECTLY VIA <https://zoom.us/j/8930085483>

Meeting ID: 893 008 5483

