

**KIDDUSH FOOD FOR
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Yury Shlionsky and Deborah Topper in honor of our beloved; **Yury's father Leib ben Meir Aizik** and **Deborah's** grandmother **Sara bas Mordechai**. May their Neshamas have Aliyos. We miss them dearly.

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Eva Shore in memory of my dear mother, **Klara Fischmann, Yentl bat Naftali**, on the 10th anniversary of her passing. She was a force to be reckoned with and a true Ayses Chay-yil.

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WEEK'S ZOOM LEARNING
WAS
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Gil and Nancy Reich in memory of **Nancy's** brother, **Steven Farber, Shmuel ben Ephraim**.

MINYAN SCHEDULE

7/31 Plag.....6:22 p.m.
7/31 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:45 p.m.
7/31 Candles by.....7:10 p.m.
8/1 Shacharit *.....8:00 a.m.
8/1 Sh'ma: Latest Time.....9:29 a.m.
8/1 Mincha.....6:00 p.m.
8/1 Shabbat Ends.....8:29 p.m.
8/1 Ma'ariv.....8:40 p.m.

* **Shacharit will begin at 8:00 a.m. every Shabbat for the time being due to the warmer weather, as we are currently praying outside.**

THIS COMING WEEK

8/2/2020 - 8/7/2020

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.....7:30 p.m.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday
Daf Yomi (RJW).....9:00 p.m.
Monday
Talmud in Depth (RJW).....7:45 a.m.
Pirkei Avot (RJW).....8:15 p.m.
Daf Yomi (RJW).....9:00 p.m.
Tuesday
Talmud in Depth (RJW).....7:45 a.m.
Women's Class (RJW).....11:00 a.m.
Daf Yomi (RJW).....9:00 p.m.
Wednesday - See Note
Talmud in Depth (RJW).....7:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi (RJW).....9:00 p.m.
Thursday - See Note
Talmud in Depth (RJW).....7:45 a.m.
Daf Yomi (RJW).....9:00 p.m.

NOTE - Rabbi Reich will be away from 8/2-8/9 and will not be having classes. His classes will resume on 8/12.

RDR = Rabbi Reich's Zoom Room
RJW = Rabbi Wohlgelemer's Zoom

In Memory of Linda Neiman

**THE CONGREGATION ADAT YESHURUN
WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN**

**Daniel Reich
Rabbi**

**Jeffrey Wohlgelemer
Rabbi Emeritus**

Abraham Loebenstein, President

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Va'etchanan

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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.



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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 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.

Mazel Tov

to

Rhoda Gaylis on the birth of her great-granddaughter, a daughter born to her grandson, **Greg Gaylis** and his wife **Jade!**

and to

Zelma Brameld on the birth of her great-granddaughter, a daughter born to her grandson, **Greg Gaylis** and his wife **Jade!**

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER

Deborah Stauber

YAHRTZEIT BOARD

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The Congregation Expresses Condolences to

Loretta and Sean Levi, and their children, **Yael, Daniel, Nethaniel** and **Lauren**, on the passing of **Loretta's** father, **Nejatollah Ygal Zarabi**.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Strength To Strength working group has completed the review of the survey results and your comments and suggestions have been heard. A synopsis of the results of the survey will be shared soon. In the meantime, one of the themes was a call for better communication and transparency. In response to this, the first step is publishing this column, on a weekly basis to communicate to the membership.

The news this week is that the Board of Directors approved the slate of officers at its last meeting, vetted and selected by the nominating committee. The membership will vote on the slate and/or any write in candidates at the AGM to be held on August 30th. This will likely be in a zoom format. Your Proxy voting material will be emailed soon.

The slate of officers for the upcoming year is as follows:

Tina Beranbaum
Jack Forman - Secretary
Jacob Kamaras
Abe Loebenstein - Past President
Jack Maizel
Zoe Moed

Paul Datnow
Charles Jaffe - Treasurer
Daniela Levi
Craig Lotzof
Brian Marcus - President
Todd Salovey

Rabbi Reich and Rabbi Wohlgeleinter continue to monitor the COVID conditions with respect to the upcoming High Holiday services. Rabbi Wohlgeleinter will be here for the High Holidays. We will not be having the Chazzan and ensemble from Israel as in years past. We will be having services but they will be very different from years past if COVID restrictions are still in place, which at this time seems very probable. The situation remains fluid, and plans are in the works for all contingencies. We will be sharing more details as these are worked through.

Limited onsite services continue. We wish everyone to stay safe and please feel free to reach out to me (doctorabe@msn.com), the office (info@adatyesurun.org) or Rabbi Reich (rabbireich@adatyesurun.org) if you have any concerns or questions.

Abe Loebenstein