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Dr. Lee Edelstein in honor of his dear, loving, cherished wife, **Fay Edelstein** z"l, at the time of her third yearzeit. We love her and miss her and live with her in our hearts every day. She always inspired us to try to reach our full potential. May the **Master of Mercy** shelter her in the shelter of His wings for eternity and may He bind her soul eternally in the bond of life.

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Yaakov and **Devorah Shore** in memory of **Yaakov's** father, **Milton**, a thoughtful and learned man beloved by children and family.

Nazel Tov

to

Moises and **Viviann Freifeld** on the engagement of their daughter, **Michelle** to **Avi Kurtzer**,

and to

Michelle's grandmother, **Belle Freifeld**, and the rest of the Mishpocha, **Max** and **Erika Freifeld**, and **Esther** and **Max Slomianski**, on **Michelle's** engagement.

MINYON SCHEDULE

1/8 Shacharit.....	6:45 a.m.
1/8 Plag.....	3:56 p.m.
1/8 Candles.....	4:39 p.m.
1/8 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat.....	4:45 p.m.
1/9 Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
1/9 Sh'ma: Latest Time.....	9:24 a.m.
1/9 Family Shabbat Service.....	11:15 a.m.
1/9 Mincha.....	4:40 p.m.
1/9 Rabbi Reich's Parsha Class.....	5:05 p.m.
1/9 Ma'ariv.....	5:40 p.m.
1/9 Shabbat Ends.....	5:46 p.m.
1/9 Melava Malka Experience.....	on hiatus

THIS COMING WEEK

1/10/2021 - 1/15/2021

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.....	4:45 p.m.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday - Thursday	
Talmud in Depth (RJW).....	7:45 a.m.
Sunday	
Daf Yomi (RJW).....	8:00 p.m.
Monday	
Pirkei Avot (RJW).....	7:30 p.m.
Daf Yomi (RJW).....	8:15 p.m.
Tuesday - Thursday	
Daf Yomi (RJW).....	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	
Women's Class (RJW).....	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday	
Working Man's Kollel (RDR).....	1:00 p.m.
Great Debates (RDR).....	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	
Torah & Cholent (RDR).....	8:00 p.m.

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

Nazel Tov

to

Mickey and **Rachel Abraham** on the birth of their daughter, **Jennifer**.

In Memory of Linda Neiman

**THE CONGREGATION ADAT YESHURUN
WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN**

**Daniel Reich
Rabbi**

**Jeffrey Wohlgernter
Rabbi Emeritus**

Brian Marcus, President

Shemot

25 Tevet 5781 January 9, 2021



This Week's Torah Reading

**The Torah Reading begins on page 213 in the Hirsch, page 292 in the Stone.
The Haftorah begins on page 843 in the Hirsch and page 1147 in the Stone.**

THE BOOK OF SHEMOT begins with an account of the deaths of Yosef and his brothers, and with the growth and prosperity of the children of Israel in Mitzrayim. A new king arose in Egypt and his attitudes regarding the Jews were different. Our Sages are in dispute as to whether it was a new king who did not honor the original arrangement with the Jews, or whether it was the same king, who changed his policies. The sages who say that it was really a new king, do so because the verse actually states "new king". Others say it was the same king because the text does not say "and the king died, and there arose..." In actual fact, this presents a dilemma to those sages who say this was a brand new king; why doesn't the Torah say that the old king died and a new one arose? Perhaps those words are indicative of a succession. If there was no succession, this Paroh was a complete outsider. It is for this reason no mention is made of the death of the old Paroh. However, the question still remains, on what merits was this new king chosen? If we look carefully at the parsha we can see he was chosen on the merits of his hatred for the Jewish people. His campaign promises included a very strong position against the Jewish nation, which greatly bolstered his public image. After his appointment, Paroh tried to carry out all his promises.

THE EGYPTIANS SOUGHT a way to deal wisely with the Jewish nation lest they became too strong and rebel. They were turned into slaves and forced to build the cities of Pithom and Ramses as supply centers for Paroh. This was indicative of Paroh's wickedness; he was as determined to destroy the Jewish spirit as he was bent on destroying the body. Pithom and Ramses were built on an earthquake belt. Each time they were built the earth would quake and they would be reduced to rubble, forcing the Jews to rebuild them. The futility of their work was meant to destroy their spirit. This approach, however, did not work and the Jews continued to multiply. The Egyptians increased the hard labor of the Jews in an attempt to break them physically and spiritually. Paroh commanded the Jewish midwives Shifra and Puah, who became Yocheved and Miriam, to kill all Jewish boys at birth. Paroh chose boys, in particular, because his astrologers had informed him that the Jews would be delivered by a man born of a Jewish woman. But the midwives did not listen. They told Paroh the Jewish women were all skillful as midwives and therefore it was impossible to reach them before they gave birth. Hashem rewarded these two women by making

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them the forerunners of the priestly and royal dynasties. Paroh then ordered all Egyptians to participate in his plan against the Jews and their G-d by throwing all newborn boys into the Nile. His astrologers told him this was the best method. As G-d had promised that he would not send a flood to the world, there would be no measure for measure retribution against the Egyptians for throwing children into the Nile.

THETORAH THEN relates how Moshe was born and how he was hidden for three months, until he could be hidden no longer. He was then placed in a basket and sent to float in the river. Paroh's daughter saw the basket while she was bathing and retrieved the child and raised it as her own. Moshe grew physically and spiritually in the house of Paroh. When he grew up he was drawn to his people and their plight. Seeing an Egyptian beat a Jew, he rose up, made sure no one saw, and killed the Egyptian using the divine name. However, two Jews, Dasan and Aviram saw the incident. Moshe became afraid of being killed by Paroh, and ran away to the land of Midian. There he met the daughter of Yisro, the priest of On, and married her.

THIS CONCERN FOR other people is a prerequisite for a leader of the Jewish people. It is interesting to note only one fact surrounding Moshe's birth is told when we first meet him, namely that he was born of a woman and man from the tribe of Levi. No elaborate lineage, no stories of the greatness of his forefathers. Perhaps the Torah is sending two messages to us. First, Moshe was born a human being, he is not a son of G-d, nor is he larger than life. He became Moshe because of what he was inside, and because he raised his nature to a divine level. Also, his greatness was not inherited but very much a product of his own spiritual efforts. According to Rashi it would seem that Moshe's concern for the Jewish people preceded even his awareness that he was Jewish, but existed because of his natural intolerance to injustice or violence. This concern was the hallmark of Moshe, and one of the most important criteria for Jewish leadership.

WHILE MOSHE WAS tending to the sheep in Midian, back in Egypt things were getting much worse for the Jews and Egyptian oppression was increasing. G-d appeared to Moshe in a burning bush and commanded him to tell Paroh to let the Jews go. Try as he would, Moshe could not convince G-d he was not the right spokesman. Our Sages see in the burning bush a revelation, that despite the "fires" our nation will endure. It will never be consumed—we will remain eternal. Moshe's stick was transformed into a serpent, he was stricken with leprosy and he was told the waters of Egypt will turn to blood. These signs are a subject of debate among the commentaries. Some say they were punishments for Moshe's hesitation, others say they were verification of Moshe's role as emissary. Aharon, his brother, was appointed as his spokesman and Moshe left Midian for Egypt.

MOSHE AND AHARON went to Paroh to deliver G-d's message, but Paroh did not believe it and increased the work load of the Jews. Moshe returned to Hashem to report his failure but Hashem told him to be patient, to wait and see what would happen next.

PLEASE JOIN ANY OR ALL OF OUR SHUL WHATSAPP GROUPS TO STAY CONNECTED!

"Quick-Torah" from La Jolla is here to provide short Torah thoughts (less than 5 minutes each) from Rabbi Reich twice a day - morning and evening - to help you start and end your day with the beauty of Torah! Two minutes of Halacha in the morning lessons and Emunah in the evening! Now we have no excuse not to learn!! [CLICK HERE TO JOIN](#)

The ADAT Mishpacha - One of the most special things about Adat Yeshurun is our warm community. Many think of this amazing community as an extended family - the Adat Mishpacha! We as a family want to stay connected - especially during these challenging times. That is why we are launching - The ADAT Mishpacha WhatsApp Group! Stay connected with your Adat Family with real-time updates of what Adat is up to, what is going on in the community, all of our Torah offerings, and more - in real-time! [CLICK HERE TO JOIN](#)

Torah, Torah, Torah - Rabbi Jeff has begun an awesome WhatsApp Group to share Torah with everyone - Torah from our cherished Rabbi Emeritus, Rabbi Jeff, Torah from Israel, Torah straight to your phone! This is not a chat, it is a way to stay connected with great Torah thoughts, classes, and articles. Twice a week Rabbi Jeff will send links to Shabbat thoughts, current events perspectives, and classes they give in Israel. To join Torah Torah Torah, Rabbi Jeff's WhatsApp group, please [CLICK HERE](#)

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DATES THAT ARE AVAILABLE:

Jan 16th, 23rd, and 30th

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

WE THANK OUR SECURITY VOLUNTEERS

Friday Evening

4:45 p.m. **Marc Lebovits**

5:25 p.m. **TBD**

Shabbat Morning

9:00 a.m. **Tsvi Goldenberg**

9:30 a.m. **TBD**

10:00 a.m. **Rabbi Ertel**

President's Corner

Shalom Chaverim:

Once again, we are welcoming all families of young children to the Family Service this Shabbat Morning, January 9th at 11:15 a.m. With the increased incidence of positive COVID testing in San Diego, I would like to remind everyone to be sure to be following the protocol set by the shul, by the Rabbi, and by the COVID committee of Drs. Joe Resnikoff and Marc Gipsman.

The membership should know that our shul is dedicated to following all the guidelines for COVID compliance established by the appropriate public health agencies. We also ask that if visitors are planning to attend, that they should register in advance with the office. In addition, we all should be conscious of our roles as Jews when visible to the public at large. People are more nervous than ever right now, so please be respectful of each other and present ourselves by doing what is right. We are all ambassadors for our people and our community.

The Women of Adat are starting the year with great enthusiasm with programming for the women! Look out for the upcoming notices regarding the program featuring Jackie Bitton as a guest speaker scheduled for January 28th. Thank you to all the Woman of Adat who make our community great!!

This upcoming week, the following members are observing yahrzeit; Laz Abramovitch, Anne Arenson, Pearl Arenson, Tina Beranbaum, Hilda, Cohen, Arthur Cummins, Rebeca Edid, Sari Esserman, Jack Forman, Bella Freifeld, Erika Freifeld, Max Freifeld, Moises Freifeld, Joan Jacobson, Joelle Kanner, Judith Levy, Susan Pransky, Rabbi Daniel Reich, Esther Resnicov, Gloria Scarf, Colin Scher, Ian Smulowitz, and Yvonne Venger.

We wish them Long Life and may the Nishmot of those departed have an Aliyah.

Shabbat Shalom,
Brian Marcus

**FAMILY
ADAT
SHABBAT**

JOIN US 11:15AM ON SHABBAT, **JANUARY 9TH** FOR A SERVICE AT ADAT YESHURUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY INCLUDING CLASSIC JEWISH SONGS, PRAYERS, AND INSPIRING WORDS OF TORAH. MOMS, DADS, BROTHERS, SISTERS, GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS, UNCLES ...THE WHOLE MISHPACHA IS INVITED!!!

Parents are responsible for ensuring that children stay with their family throughout the entire service. Please practice social distancing, and everyone over 3 must wear a mask which covers both the mouth and nose

Questions: Catharine@adatyeshurun.org

Eruv Checking Team Members Needed!!

Dear Members, we are in great need of people to help to check the Eruv. Some of our members have moved away over the past few years and now our current teams are pulling double duty.

The Eruv checking takes place typically every Wednesday and can be done (with a two member team) in around an hour.

If you are able to volunteer to help our community with this very important and crucial task please contact the office at info@adatyeshurun.org.

Thank you!!

Torah & Cholent Shas Survey

Each week we learn a different Mesechta (tractate) in Talmud Bavli (starting from Brachos through Niddah) and give an overview of the Mesechta, and discuss one major topic of the Mesechta, one practical halachic topic that comes from the Mesechta, and a famous Aggadah (ethical story). A Shas "Highlight-Reel", if you will, put together as a group!

Every Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

Rabbi Reich's Zoom Room
<https://zoom.us/j/8930085483>
Meeting ID: 893 008 5483
Password – 456

Pirkei Avot

Come and learn firsthand the timeless wisdom of our sages. This lively class is a must for those who want to deepen their knowledge and understanding of how the Torah sees our development as incredible human being. Each week is a stand alone class of inspiration and uplifting thoughts.

Every Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Rabbi Wohlgernter's Zoom Room
<https://zoom.us/j/6107329485>
Meeting ID: 610 732 9485
Password - 123

Daf Yomi

Daf Yomi is a worldwide program in which students learn a page a day of the Talmud, our ancient repository of law, stories, mysticism, and more. It is an awesome way to get a smattering and exposure to the world of Talmud study and a great view of the landscape of Torah. One of the biggest yields of Daf Yomi is the YOMI, daily engagement in serious Torah study. Come and see that many of our students have no prior background in Talmud study, but show up with a great desire to learn.

Saturday - Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

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Working Man's Kollel "Mishnah: An In-Depth Study and Analysis"

The Working Man's Kollel continues our venture into Tractate Shabbos as we learn through many of the laws of Shabbos.

Every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

Rabbi Reich's Zoom Room
<https://zoom.us/j/8930085483>
Meeting ID: 893 008 5483
Password – 456

Great Debates, Great Decision, and Great Deciders

Come learn Jewish thoughts, ethics and laws through the lives of our great Rabbis, the debates they had, and the decisions they made.

Every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

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Womens' Mesillat Yesharim Path of the Just

Mesillat Yesharim Path of the Just. Join us and learn how to strengthen your Jewish Character. The study of mussar is the study of how and why a Jew is meant to think. Lively, participatory class.

Every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.

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Talmud in Depth

Talmud in Depth meets Sunday through Thursday, on zoom, currently studying Tractate Megilla. We go slow, in-depth, with an eye towards Halacha. It is a lively class with tons of participation. A really great way to get your feet wet in learning Gemarah.

Sunday - Thursday at 7:45 a.m.

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