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Yaakov and Devorah Shore In memory of **Dovid ben Chaim**, a devoted husband and father, a family leader who also cared for his parents and five brothers. Sensitive and always good for a laugh.

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Merle Datnow's late sister, **Roslyn Davis**. Always in our thoughts. **Merle and Brian Datnow**.

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Noel and Miriam Fishman for the yearzeit of **Miriam's** father, **Benjamin ben Mordechai haLevi**. His memory will always be a blessing to his family and everyone who knew him.

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Martin and Fran Hirschbein in memory of our beloved parents and grandparents, **Shirley and Harold Levine**, and **Hadassah and Beno Hirschbein** with our love, honor and respect, and to our brother-in-law **Michael Hass**, from the Hirschbein Family.

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David and Claire Ellman in honor of our sabra grandson **Ami Eliezer Levine's** Bar mitzvah this Shabbat in Modi'in and wishing Mazel tov to him and his parents **Karen and Judah** and siblings **Ayelet, Nadav and Matan**, and all his family.

MINYON SCHEDULE

3/5 Shacharit.....	6:45 a.m.
3/5 Plag.....	4:36 p.m.
3/5 Candles.....	5:29 p.m.
3/5 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat.....	5:35 p.m.
3/5 Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
3/5 Sh'ma: Latest Time.....	9:05 a.m.
3/5 Mincha.....	5:30 p.m.
3/5 Rabbi Reich's Parsha Class.....	5:55 p.m.
3/5 Ma'ariv.....	6:25 p.m.
3/5 Shabbat Ends.....	6:29 p.m.

THIS COMING WEEK

3/7/2021 - 3/12/2021

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.....	5:35 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.
Daf Yomi (RJW).....	8:00 p.m.
Thursday Daf Yomi (RJW).....	8:00 p.m.

In Memory of Linda Neiman

**THE CONGREGATION ADAT YESHURUN
WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN**

**Daniel Reich
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**Jeffrey Wohlgeleinter
Rabbi Emeritus**

Brian Marcus, President

Ki Tisa/Shabbat Parah

22 Adar 5781 March 6, 2021



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 became 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.

WE THANK OUR SECURITY VOLUNTEERS

Friday Evening	
5:35 p.m.	Jack Forman
6:10 p.m.	TBD
Shabbat Morning	
9:00 a.m.	Tsvi Goldenberg
9:30 a.m.	TBD
10:00 a.m.	TBD
10:30 a.m.	Zach Dimenstein

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Mazel Tov
to

Marc and Felicia Gipsman on the birth of their grandson to **Alex and Devorah**.

SHMURAH MATZOH ORDER INFORMATION

The deadline for ordering Shmurah Matzoh is **FRIDAY, MARCH 5th**. Please contact Annette at annette@adatyesurun.org to place your order.

Hand Made:

Regular	\$35/lb.
Whole Wheat	\$35/lb.
Gluten Free Oat	\$32/half lb box
Organic Spelt	\$36/lb.

Machine Made:

Regular	\$15/lb.
Whole Wheat	\$15/lb.
Gluten Free Oat	\$32/lb.
Organic Spelt	\$18/lb.

President's Corner

Shalom Chaverim,

Last year we all had an opportunity to show Hakarat Hatov to Rabbi Jeff and Shoshie, for the 34 years of dedicated service to Adat, as a new chapter opened in their lives. We will be forever grateful to them for setting such a strong foundation to build on for our beloved holy congregation!

This year we will be celebrating a different "once in our history" Milestone. Mark your calendars and be on the lookout for details on our upcoming defining "MILESTONE" moment in the life of our Adat Yeshurun mishpacha, the installation of Rabbi and Rebbitzin Reich, April 30th - May 2nd.

This momentous occasion will be properly and meaningfully celebrated with special Shabbat services. We will have the pleasure of having Rav Hershel Schachter in our midst as we celebrate Shabbat together. This Milestone event will culminate on Sunday, with a most consequential and historic not-to-be-missed installation ceremony. This will be a weekend we will recall for many decades to come. The installation event on Sunday will be VIRTUAL so all the community can participate.

I am grateful that we have the most incredible hard working TEAM of CAPTAINS leading this event. The TEAM of CAPTAINS are Felicia Gipsman, Cheryl Horn, Michael Mantell, Paula Mantell, Jon Moed, Todd Salovey, and Mitch Shack. As with all shul events, we will be relying on an army of volunteers to make this special, so please consider helping where you can!

Last year, our Hakarat Hatov Torah fundraiser was a record for the amount raised, and I can report that only because of this generosity from our members, were we able to keep our doors open over this most difficult of years. This year, we are hoping to raise \$300,000 from this MILESTONE event, and we have a very meaningful menu of giving opportunities for all levels of giving.

Finally, I want to assure our Kehilla that everything that will be offered for this MILESTONE event will be done with strictest compliance to the COVID operational guidelines set by the local authorities. For that reason, we understand that we have to remain open to the possibility of plans changing at the last minute, should we face a surge in COVID threats.

This upcoming week, the following members are observing yahrzeit; Anne Arenson, Maurice Arenson, Zelma Brameld, Dee Desind, Enrique Eichner, David Feifel, Miriam Fishman, Gary Frank, Ana Friede, Lolie Fromm, Sabina Fromm, Louise Goldwyn, Avra Kassar, Peta Klitofsky, Celia Levy, David Levy, Harvey Neiman, Diane Schachat, Denise Selati, Devorah Shore, Marilyn Williams, Rabbi Wohlgelernter, and Sharleen Wollach.

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

SHABBAT SHALOM,
Brian Marcus

MISSION STATEMENT

Congregation Adat Yeshurun is a vibrant and welcoming Orthodox congregation that is committed to Torah, the State of Israel and strengthening Jewish identity and practice. Adat's diverse membership comes together to grow spiritually and intellectually within a caring and supportive community.

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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>
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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
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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 Pesachim as we learn through many of the laws of Pesach.

Every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

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