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Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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Shoftim - שופטים

August 26, 2017—4 Elul 5777

In this week's parasha—Shoftim—Moses instructs the people of Israel to appoint judges and law enforcement officers in every city. “Justice, justice shall you pursue,” he commands them, and you must administer it without corruption or favoritism. Crimes must be meticulously investigated and evidence thoroughly examined—a minimum of two credible witnesses is required for conviction and punishment.

In every generation, says Moses, there will be those entrusted with the task of interpreting and applying the laws of the Torah. “According to the law that they will teach you, and the judgment they will instruct you, you shall do; you shall not turn away from the thing that they say to you, to the right nor to the left.”

Shoftim also includes the prohibitions against idolatry and sorcery; laws governing the appointment and behavior of a king; and guidelines for the creation of “cities of refuge” for the inadvertent murderer. Also set forth are many of the rules of war: the exemption from battle for one who has just built a home, planted a vineyard, married, or is “afraid and soft-hearted”; the requirement to offer terms of peace before attacking a city; and the prohibition against wanton destruction of something of value, exemplified by the law that forbids to cut down a fruit tree when laying siege (in this context the Torah makes the famous statement, “For man is a tree of the field”).

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This Day in Jewish History—4 Elul

In 1391, the Jews of Barcelona, Spain were victims of a massacre. This was part of three months of deadly riots throughout Spain, which left the Jewish community crushed and impoverished. Incredibly, on this same date 70 years later, a bishop named Alfonso de Espina urged the establishment of the Spanish Inquisition. The Inquisition was designed to uncover those Jews who continued to practice Judaism in secret (called Conversos or Marranos). During the years of brutal Inquisition, an estimated 32,000 Jews were burned at the stake and another 200,000 were expelled from Spain.



(courtesy of Aish.com—'Day in Jewish History')

We are Pleased to Announce:

- At the annual meeting of Sharei Chesed, that took place this past Sunday, the membership unanimously elected Dr. David Feldshon as President and Judge Jerry Berkowitz as Vice President.
- Michael Zabezhinsky as a new board member.
- The establishment of the Fishman Kiddush Lunch Fund in memory of Harvey and Rene Fishman and Judy Fishman Siegel.

Our Prayers and Good Wishes for Refuah Shleimah to:

אבינו אבינו מלכנו שלח רפואה שלמה רפואת הנפש רפואת הגוף לחולי עמך
אל נא רפא נא אל נא רפא נא לה שלח שלח רפואה שלמה לחולי עמך

Aveenu Aveenu Malkenu shelah refuah shleimah
Refuat Hanefesh Refuat Haguf Leholei leholei amecha
El na Refa nah—El na refah na lah
shellah shelah refuah sheleimah leholei amecha

(Our Father Our King—send complete healing to the sick of Your people
A healing of the soul and healing of the body to the sick of Your people.
Please o God Heal, Please o God Heal,)

David Fursetzer, Sally Leder, Shel Libson, Art Nettis, Bert Weisberg, Phil Walstein

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Gennady Geyfman
- Gavin Gavriel Reininger

Happy Anniversary to:

Mazal Tov to:

- Lev Gringauz on the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah
- Katie Sandler on the anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah
- Dr. David Feldshon, new President
- Judge Jerry Berkowitz, Vice President
- Michael Zabezhinsky, new board member

You are Cordially Invited:

To the Kiddush luncheon sponsored by Sara & Russell Reininger
on the occasion of their son, Gavin's (Gavriel) 3rd Birthday.
Gavin is the grandson of Sharon and Jerry Berkowitz

Special Thanks and Appreciation to:

- The co-chairs of the picnic Julie Miller and Ron Scholder and for their contribution of a television for the raffle.
- Sue and Sol Awend for the donation of the State Fair Sweet Corn.
- David Baldinger for the hamburger buns.
- Francelyne Lurie for all the beautiful raffle prizes.
- Shelly Zien for the beautiful handmade quilt.
- Cindy and Momy Benzaquen for all of their help and for the donation of a case of scotch for our Kiddush table.
- Yossi Ben-Harush for providing music and singing
- Mary Baumgarten for items donated for the raffle
- Carol Libson and all who helped to make this the best picnic ever!

Next Shabbat: Bat Mitzvah of Mariam Kravchenko

We hope you will join us next Shabbat as we celebrate the
Bat Mitzvah of Mariam Kravchenko.

Mariam is the daughter of Natalie and Igor Kravchenko, and sister of Rebecca.

Yahrzeits for week of August 25 - September 1, 2017

3 Elul - 10 Elul 5777

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Remembered by

Friday, August 25th (3 Elul)

**** NO YAHRZEITS ****

Saturday, August 26th (4 Elul)

Felix Gurevitz

Tanya Feldberg

Sunday, August 27th (5 Elul)

Joseph Locketz

Yosef Dovid ben Yakov Shebatie

Sylvia Tillinger

Tzilia bat Emanuel v'Ida

Steve Tillinger

Ershl Trakhtenberg

Hershel ben Zalman v'Sarah

Stella Fishman

Monday, August 28th (6 Elul)

**** NO YAHRZEITS ****

Tuesday, August 29th (7 Elul)

Charles Glass

Yecheskel ben Yehuda haLevi

Gita Rudkovsky

Gitel bas Yitzchak

Isser Rudkovsky

Esser ben Moshe

Misha Rudkovsky

Moshe ben Esser

Wednesday, August 30th (8 Elul)

Leonid Gittsovich

Levi ben Noach

Gregory Gittsovich

Miriam Jonas

Miriam bat Chaim v'Ruth

Fay Kaye

Leo Kleinbaum

Ari ben Zvi Dov

Martin Kleinbaum

Thursday, August 31st (9 Elul)

Clara Benjohar

Clara bat Yakov

Friday, September 1st (10 Elul)

Annie Bolnick

Chana bat Berel

Zinaida Gerber

Boris Gerber

Jacob Liss

Zerach ben Chaim

Mina Zweigbaum & Lois Liss

Mary Pertzik

Miriam bat Leib

Fay Fishman

May their memories always be for a blessing.