



Sharei Chessed Congregation

שערי חסד

Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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Aharei Mot - אחרי מות

י"ד לעומר - 14th Day of Counting the Omer

May 7, 2016 – 29 Nisan 5776

This week's Parasha is Aharei Mot. The beginning describes the Service at the Temple on Yom Kippur and the role that the High Priest played in assuring that Atonement will be given. The High Priest first confesses and asks for forgiveness for the sins of his household, his tribe, and then for the entire congregation.

The first words in the Parasha recall what happened to the sons of Aaron, Nadav and Aveehu, who died when the brought an alien fire into the Temple on the day of the dedication of the Temple.

The Torah commands that the Children of Israel are not to learn or imitate practices that were acceptable in Egypt and/or Canaan. To be holy (Kedoshim) and be part of the sacred congregation, the Torah lists forbidden sexual relations and incest, as well as other practices that will be considered abominable. It concludes by explaining that the reason for God taking away Canaan from its inhabitants and giving it to the Children of Israel is because the Canaanites defiled the land by their bad behaviors, which caused the land to spew them out. The same will happen to the Children of Israel if they should behave like the Canaanites, as the Land will not tolerate such people.

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Yom HaShoah 5776

This past Wednesday night and Thursday, Jews around the world observed Yom HaShoah—Holocaust Remembrance Day. Its full name is Yom HaZikaron laShoah ve-laG'vurah (יום הזיכרון לשואה ולגבורה)- “Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day”. It was inaugurated in 1953, based on a law signed by Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and Israeli President Yitzhak Ben-Zvi.

“I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.” — Elie Wiesel



Special Guest Speaker: Idan Cohen

We are happy to welcome today as part of our Yom HaAtzmaut celebration Idan Cohen of Minnesota Hillel, Jewish Agency for Israel Fellow. Born in Ramat Gan and raised in Kfar Saba (both in the centre of Israel), Idan spent his school years as a member and a counselor in the scout youth group movement. He then served as a fighter at the Artillery force, Unit 55, for a year and a half, followed by an intelligence commander course, returning to his unit as a commander in the intelligence department. Idan joined an IDF delegation to travel to summer camps in the United States through the Jewish Agency shortly before his end of service.



Idan enjoyed three summers as a Jewish summer camp counselor at Camp Tel Noar in Hampstead, New Hampshire where he was a member of the culture department, and eventually the counselor of the C.I.T. Course (Counselors In Training). He spent his time introducing the campers to Israeli and Jewish culture.

Idan spent the past three years in the south of Israel, known as the ‘conflict zone’, where he grew to understand the complex daily lives of the variety of local citizens. There, he studied Journalism & Rhetoric at Sapir College, located in the Sderot City (3 km away from the Gaza Strip), where he focused on Israeli and news media. He spent this time also working for the Sapir College Student Union as a spokesperson and serving as the media coordinator at Hillel Sapir.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Shura Budilovskiy

- Marilyn Renstrom

- Leo Kudishevich

- Anastasia Shtulman

Mee Sheberach—A Prayer for Healing

Debbie Friedman composed this beautiful song. Let's learn it together:

**Mi shebeirach avoteinu
Mekor habrachah l'imoteinu**

**May the source of strength
Who blessed the one before us.
Help us find the courage
to make our lives a blessing
And let us say Amen.**

**Mi shebeirach imoteinu
Mekor habracha l'avoteinu**

**Bless those in need of healing
With refuah shleimah
The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit
And let us say Amen.**

This Day in Jewish History—29 Nisan



In 1945, U.S. soldiers liberated the Buchenwald concentration camp. Although not technically an extermination camp (prisoners were used as slave labor in local armament factories), mass killings took place at Buchenwald, and many inmates died in the course of gruesome medical experiments. Elie Wiesel, who went on to write stirring accounts of the Holocaust,

for which he earned the Nobel Peace Prize, was an inmate at Buchenwald. Toward the end of the war, the Nazis evacuated inmates from Buchenwald to Flossenbergl, where they were liberated.

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

Yahrzeits for week of May 7 - May 13, 2016

29 Nisan - 5 Iyar 5776

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Remembered by

Saturday, May 7th

Genya Temnogradsky Genya ben Nachum

Sunday, May 8th

Sarah Axelrod	Bentzion ben Israel	Steve Zien
Bentzion Lipnik	Meyer ben Avraham	Bronya Lipnik and Tony Lipnik
Meyer Meyerson	Yehuda Leib	Fred Phillips
Louis Phillips	ben Chaim Hanoch	
Mordechai Rishkovetsky	Mordechai ben Meir	Boris Gerber and Maya Malamudman

Monday, May 9th

Vera Gringersh Dvora bat Zalman v'Rosia Nella Goldis

Tuesday, May 10th

** NO YAHRZEITS **

Wednesday, May 11th

Sarah Walensky Sara Mara bat Chaim Berle

Thursday, May 12th

David Fisher	David ben Chaim Fishel	Rosalee Hulse Larson
	V'Chaya Michla	
Simeon Fridlyand	Shimon ben Moshe	Luba Zevelev
Sheldon Levin	Simcha Reuven	Carolyn Levin and Scott Levin
	Ben Michael & Sara Haika	
Abe Smith	Avroham ben Yitzchok	Arnold Odessky and Irving Smith

Friday, May 13th

Jennie Block	Shayne bat Moshe	Alan Block and Faye Krasner
Yevgenyia Mendyuk	Yevgenia bat Nissel & Frima	Mila Mendyuk
Aaron Polyak	Aron ben Yosef	
Robert Tenner	Robert ben Reuven	Sondra Tenner

May their memories always be for a blessing.