



Sharei Chesed Congregation

שַׁעְרֵי חֶסֶד

Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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Tzav - צו

March 26, 2016 – 16 Adar II 5776

Tzav is the second portion in the Book of Leviticus. Moses is told to teach the Kohanim about the various offerings; i.e., the Olah (animal sacrifice), Minha (grain offering) and Shlamim (offerings brought by the people to ask for forgiveness, offer thanksgivings, fulfill a vow, or a voluntary gift). The Kohanim are given detailed instructions for each offering and the garments they are to wear.

In this Parasha, we also read of the anointment of the Kohanim and the entire Tabernacle. The Torah reading concludes with seven days of preparation and practice (rehearsal) for the Kohanim, before they begin the service in the Tabernacle.

The Haftarah for this Shabbat is taken from the Book of Jeremiah. While the Parasha describes the various offerings that a person can make, Jeremiah emphasizes that what is more important than bringing a sacrifice is to listen to and fulfill God's commandments:

“But this is what I commanded them: Do my bidding, that I may be your God and you may be my people, walk only in the way that I enjoin upon you, that it may go well with you.” (Jeremiah, 7:23)

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Did You Know That ...

When it comes to Hametz during Pesah, the Torah forbids not only the eating of Hametz during the week of Pesah, but it also forbids owning Hametz wherever it may be. The Torah states Hametz shall not be found and shall not be seen throughout Pesah.

For this reason, Pesah requires a very thorough cleaning of the house, so that no Hametz can be found. Whatever Hametz we wish to save for after Pesah, is 'sold' through the "Mechirat Hametz" 'Selling of the Hametz'. We do so by authorizing the rabbi to act as our agent to sell our Hametz. It can then remain in our home, as it is no longer ours.

Since there are all kinds of ingredients that go into processed foods, we only use products that have been certified not to contain Hametz. Someone has suggested that if you want to keep your money and extra pounds off you, buy and eat extra fruits and vegetables during Pesah, since they do not need any certification and they are good for you.

The Seder is a most favorite event in the Jewish year. Family and friends get together to enjoy a great meal, and recall the Exodus from Egypt. There are many great versions of the Haggadah. Choose one that you and your family will enjoy.

It's a great time for the kids. Hopefully they know how to ask the Mah Nishtanah and participate in the Seder. Reward them for their patience and participation.

We wish you and your family a Happy and Kosher Pesah.

Today's Kiddush Luncheon

We hope you will stay after services for our weekly Kiddush luncheon. This week's Kiddush luncheon is sponsored by Bernie Miller and Sonja Hauter in honor of Bernie's birthday.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

Yefim Budilovskiy

Francelyne Lurie

Bernie Miller

Purim at Sharei Chesed

This year's annual Purim party and dinner was our biggest and best ever. Again this year, we were pleased to have as our guests members from the JFCS Inclusion Program for People with Disabilities, who all had a wonderful time. And, our members came up with some great costumes for the Megillah reading as well.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped with the event, to all of our talent show participants, and a special thanks to Judith Eisner and "Eisner's Klezmerim" for their musical performance.



Yahrzeits for week of March 26 - April 1, 2016

16 Adar II - 22 Adar II 5776

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Remembered by

Saturday, March 26th

**** NO YAHRZEITS ****

Sunday, March 27th

Fannie Farb

Max Weingarten

Harry Farb

Dr. Alan Weingarten

Monday, March 28th

**** NO YAHRZEITS ****

Tuesday, March 29th

Mikhail Geyfman

Jeffrey Weinberg

Gennady Geyfman

Loren Weinberg

Renee Weinberg

Wednesday, March 30th

Arnold Leviton

David Vugman

Anna Lena Winkler

Maria Pisarenko

Thursday, March 31st

Frank Schochet

Barbara Schochet

Claude Schochet

Friday, April 1st

Israel Vaynshenk

Samuil Vaynshenk

May their memories always be for a blessing.