



Sharei Chessed Congregation

שַׁעְרֵי חֶסֶד

Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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Seventh and Eighth Days of Pesah

6th and 7th Days of Counting the Omer

April 29 and 30, 2016 – 21 and 22 Nisan 5776

The last two days of Pesah are observed as Yamim Tovim—holy days similar to Shabbat.

‘Shvee-ee shel Pesah’—the Seventh Day of Pesah—commemorates the Crossing of the Sea of Reeds. You will recall how on the night of Pesah, Pharaoh and the Egyptians insisted that the Israelites leave Egypt, as the plague of the First Born was affecting Egyptian households.

A few days later, when Pharaoh realized that the Children of Israel were not returning, he and his people regretted letting them go:

“What have we done to let the Israelites go from serving us?” (Exodus 14:5)

was the Egyptians call to arms. Pharaoh gathered all his army and pursued the Israelites, catching them on the eve of the Seventh Day by the Sea of Reeds. (continued)

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Seventh and Eighth Days of Pesah (continued)

The Torah portion describing this miraculous event is read during the Shaharit service.

While in Israel, Pesah is completed on the Seventh Day. Jews in the Diaspora add an eighth day which, this year, falls on Shabbat. Yizkor is recited before the Musaf service on Shabbat.

Did You Know That ...

We are pleased to let you know that Sharei Chesed Congregation is now officially recognized as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization by the Internal Revenue Service. Although we have always been an organization that could accept tax-deductible contributions from individuals and companies, simply by virtue of us being a synagogue, the new 501(c)(3) status will now enable us to also receive tax-deductible gifts from organizations and foundations that require such classification. For example, if a foundation is making education funding available to organizations, but only 501(c)(3) organizations, we would now be eligible for that funding whereas, in the past, we would not have been eligible. Also, if a company matches charitable donations made by its employees to recognized 501(c)(3) organizations, we are now eligible for those matching donations as well.

Our heartfelt thanks to Stuart Bear and Jennifer Maas of Chestnut Cambronne PA, Attorneys at Law for the tremendous amount of work they put forth in making this possible. And, as always, we are grateful to our generous members and friends who make it possible for us to maintain our synagogue, provide services and programming, and help the greater Jewish community. Thank you, and may God bless you.



Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Irma Davidova
- Joyce Etedgui
- Ron Scholder

Happy Anniversary to:

- Jacob and Julia Mirman
- Cantor Mitchell Kowitz
and Susan Adair

Counting of the Omer

Saturday night is the eighth night of the counting of the Omer. Each year, the Omer is counted every evening after nightfall, from the second night of Passover till the night before Shavuot. The blessing we recite is:

בְּרַוְךָ אֱתָהּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ עַל סְפִירַת הָעוֹמֵר:

“Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us concerning the counting of the Omer.”

הַיּוֹם שְׁמוֹנֵה יָמִים, שֶׁהֵם שְׁבֹעַ אֶחָד וַיּוֹם אֶחָד לַעֲמֵר.

“Today is eight days, which is one week and one day of the Omer.”

Today's Kiddush Luncheon

We hope you will stay for today's Kiddush luncheon, immediately following services. Today's Kiddush luncheon is sponsored by Sol and Sue Awend in memory of Sol's stepfather, Joseph Kupfer.

Next Shabbat: Yom HaAtzma'ut Speaker

Join us next Shabbat when our special Yom HaAtzma'ut guest speaker will be Idan Cohen, Israel Fellow for Minnesota Hillel. Idan will be talking about what he sees, as an Israeli, on campus these days and what the challenges are with working with Jewish students in this environment.



Yahrzeits for week of April 30 - May 6, 2016

22 Nisan - 28 Nisan 5776

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Remembered by

Saturday, April 30th

Minnie Berkowitz

Mindel bat Lazar v'Rifka

Jerry Berkowitz
and Barbara Kirschner
Alla Furman
Alla Furman
Alla Furman
Alla Furman

Etel Kogan
Avram Starik
Reva Starik
Ruchel Starik

Etel bat Moshe
Avram ben Yabe
Reva bat Avraham
Ruchel bat Moshe

Sunday, May 1st

Jacob Dulgas
Esther Grater
Mendel Rubin

Yakov Moshe ben Myer
Esther Gitel bat Alter v'Bluma

Sylvia Burnstein
Klaudia Prsetycki

Monday, May 2nd

Edith Krinsky
Jack Polikoff

Ita bat Mindel
Yakov ben Eliyahu Mendel
haLevi

Maddie Banwell
Steven Tillinger

Bernard J. Rubenstein

Regina Rubenstein

Tuesday, May 3rd

Gerda Kampf
Eugene Schwartz

Gitel bat Tzve haCohen

Cynthia Schwartz
and Marilyn Renstrom

Bernadine Silbert
Lawrence Stern

Bracha Chaya bat Myer
Israel Lev ben Moshe

Regina Rubenstein

Wednesday, May 4th

Jacob Benjohar
Ida Polikoff
Minnie Rosenfeld
Rosalind Stoller

Yakov ben Avraham
Ita bat Shmeriyahu haCohen
Shoshana bat Samuel
v'Katherine

Albert Benjohar
Steven Tillinger
Miles Snyder
Jayme Stoller and Robyn Awend

Thursday, May 5th

David Roytburg
Gertrude Silbert
Ytzchak Vayner

David ben Yosef
Gitel bat Yosef
Yitzchak ben Israel

Sika Roytburg
Revekka Vayner

Friday, May 6th

Rose Leviton
Sam Salloway
Ben Shaich
Lena Wasserman
Natan Zaytzev

Raizel bat Avraham
Shmuel Moshe ben Yitzchak
haCohen
Baruch ben Bentzion
Natan ben Avraham v'Dina

Barbara Weil
Mark Wasserman
Artur Zaytsev
and Yelizaveta Zaytsev

May their memories always be for a blessing.