



Sharei Chessed Congregation

שערי חסד

Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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Ki Tissa - כי תשא

February 27, 2016 – 18 Adar I 5776

In Ki Tissa Moses is told that when he takes a census of the Children of Israel, the way to do it is to have each adult twenty years and older donate one-half shekel. By counting the Shekalim, he will get the total number of the men eligible to serve in the army that will be ready to fight in conquering the Promised Land.

While Moses is on Mount Sinai getting the instructions for the building of the Tabernacle, the people get restless. By the fortieth day they assume that Moses is dead and they ask Aaron to make a new god who will lead them to the Promised Land.

You are familiar with the story of the Golden Calf. When Moses comes down, he is holding the tablets of the Ten Commandments. When he sees the people worshipping the Golden Calf, he throws the tablets and they break into pieces at the bottom of the mountain.

He then ascends the mountain again to pray to God to forgive His people.

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Did You Know That ...

Roman Rubinstein, whom we honor today during our Kiddush luncheon, was a devoted and beloved member of Sharei Chesed for many, many years. His daughter Esther remembers him fondly, as she writes:

“My Dad was an incredible man. I don’t say this just because he was my father but because of how he lived. My father came very close to being killed in the Shoah more than once. He was the sole survivor of an extended family of about 200. He carried that with him all of his life.

“Despite these close calls with death, his faith in Hashem never wavered. Even during Pesach, when he was at the verge of starvation and everyone was given 200 grams of bread a day to live on, he didn’t eat the bread. He lived on the potatoes he could find and when he didn’t find any, he didn’t eat.

“His faith was cornerstone of his existence. I remember lying in bed and hearing my father davening in the morning before he went to work. At one point my Dad worked 3 jobs, but no matter how late it was when he got home he davened.

“Many years ago when there were a few children who came to Sharei Chesed on a regular basis, he would teach them to sing Anim Zemirot so they could lead the congregation at the end of Musaf on Shabbat. He took a lesson from Socrates who said you should put honey on the rim of a cup when a child was taught so that he would equate knowledge with sweetness. My Dad would carry candy in his pocket for the occasion. He would also hand out some money (not on Shabbat, of course) or bring watches back from Florida as mementos for children. All as a reward for learning and a job well done.

“A great joy in his life was when my brother and family came for the Yom Tovim and he could teach my nephew to daven and they davened together on a Friday night and any other time he davened at home. Had he been able to, he would have wanted to be a teacher.

“The flip side of being a teacher was being a student. For about the last 20 years of his life, he learned Gemorrah at least 3-4 times a week. You could see the joy in his eyes, and on his face you could see how much pleasure he derived from being able to go and learn.”

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

Sara Reininger (Feb. 27th)

Aileen Snyder (Feb. 27th)

Polina Lipnik (March 2nd)

Nadine Royter (March 3rd)

Happy Anniversary to:

Raisa and Lazar

Gringauz (March 1st)

Today's Kiddush Luncheon

We hope you will stay after services for our weekly Kiddush luncheon. This week's Kiddush luncheon is sponsored by Esther Rubinstein and by Eddy Rubinstein and his wife Maureen in memory of their father Roman (Yerachmiel) Rubinstein.

May Yerachmiel's memory always be for a blessing.

Special Guest D'Var Torah

We are pleased to have Rabbi Daniel Etedgui deliver this week's D'var Torah for Parashat Ki Tissa. Throughout his career, Danny has been a dynamic and engaging educator and rabbi, with a willingness and ability to "meet people where they are". Danny has worked with Jewish children and teenagers at the Minneapolis Talmud Torah for over 20 years, has taught at the Minneapolis Jewish Day School and served as Department Head of Talmud Torah's Bet Midrash and was Saturday Morning Program Director here at Sharei Chesed.

Among his other accomplishments, Danny also served as rabbi this past year for High Holy Days services at University of Minnesota Hillel, and was co-leader of the Minneapolis JFCS Passover Seder for Adults with Developmental Disabilities. And next Sunday March 6th, Danny will be a presenter at 'The Mystery of the Hebrew Letters: An Afternoon of Arts and Learning' - part of the 'Hineni' adult learning program of Talmud Torah of St. Paul.



Yahrzeits for week of February 27 - March 4, 2016

18 Adar I - 24 Adar I

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Saturday, February 27th

Lois Joffee
Roman Rubinstein

Remembered by

Neal Joffee
Esther Rubinstein
Eddy Rubinstein

Sunday, February 28st

NO YAHRZEITS

Monday, February 29nd

NO YAHRZEITS

Tuesday, March 1st

Moshe Toretsky
Naum Zevelev

Morris Toretsky
Alex Zevelev
Luba Zevelev

Wednesday, March 2nd

NO YAHRZEITS

Thursday, March 3rd

Boris Shubin
Lillian Libson

Marina Kerbel
Lewis Miller
Morris Miller

Friday, March 4th

Richard Locke
Morris Richman

Neal Joffee
Berle Richman

May their memories always be for a blessing.