



Sharei Chessed Congregation

שערי חסד

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Behukotai - בחקתי

מ"ב לעומר - 42th Day of Counting the Omer

June 4, 2016 – 27 Iyar 5776

This Shabbat we read the last portion of the Book of Leviticus. It begins with these words: "If you follow My laws faithfully and observe My commandments I will grant your rains in their season, so that the earth shall yield its produce . . . You shall eat your fill of bread and dwell securely in your land." The following eight verses promise prosperity, peace and victory over our enemies. The people will live according to the Torah, and God will dwell among them.

Following these blessings, the Torah lists the consequences if the people do not listen and obey God's commandments. A list of curses, illnesses and defeats at the hands of our enemies, traditionally read fast and in a low voice. It's like being in a horror movie when things only get worse and scarier.

Although there are more curses listed than blessings, our sages explain that the blessings are wholesome and contain everything a person or nation can ask for. The details in the curses are meant to put fear in the hearts of those who may not be persuaded to do what is right without these warnings.

This Parasha and the Book of Leviticus end with this verse: "These are the commandments that God gave Moses for the Children of Israel on Mount Sinai." (Leviticus 27:34)

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Yom Yerushalayim—Sunday June 5th

Tomorrow is Yom Yerushalayim—Jerusalem Day—the newest holiday in the modern Hebrew calendar. Celebrated every year on 28 Iyar, it commemorates the reunification of Jerusalem and establishment of Israeli control over the Old City in the aftermath of the Six-Day War in 1967. It was the first time Jews controlled all of Jerusalem since the destruction of the Second Temple by the Romans in 70 C.E.



In this picture, Israelis are celebrating Yom Yerushalayim in 2004 at the Western Wall (the Kotel).

This Day in Jewish History—27 Iyar



In 1945, the Theresienstadt concentration camp was liberated. Theresienstadt was not a death camp by the usual definition. It was the center of a Nazi PR ploy -- a mythic, idyllic city that was supposedly built to protect Jews from the vagaries and stresses of the war. The Red Cross was once allowed to visit Theresienstadt, which was spruced up for the occasion; inmates were dressed up and baked goods suddenly filled the shelves. (The Red Cross concluded that the Jews were being well-treated.) In reality, starvation and disease proved rampant. Of the 200,000 people (mostly Czech Jews) who passed through its gates, thousands died of malnutrition and exposure, and others were sent to Auschwitz.

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

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Cindy Schwartz

Happy Anniversary to:

- Uri and Carolyn Koppel
- Boris and Helen Sandler
- Lenny and Galina Shteyman

Counting of the Omer

Tonight is the 43rd 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:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי 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 שְׁלֹשָׁה וָאַרְבָּעִים יוֹם, שֶׁהֵם שֵׁשׁ שָׁבוּעוֹת וְיוֹם אֶחָד לַעֲמֹר.

“Today is 43 days, which is six weeks and one day of the Omer.”

Today's Kiddush Luncheon

We hope you will stay for Kiddush immediately following services. Today's Kiddush luncheon is sponsored by Uri and Carolyn Koppel in honor of their 38th wedding anniversary. Mazal Tov!

Rosh Hodesh Sivan—Monday Night June 6th

Rosh Hodesh Sivan falls this Monday night June 6th and Tuesday June 7th. Please join us for Mincha/Ma'ariv on the 6th at 5:45 P.M., and for Shacharit on the 7th at 7:30 A.M. and help us welcome the new month.



Yahrzeits for week of June 4 - June 10, 2016

27 Iyar - 4 Sivan 5776

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Remembered by

Saturday, June 4th (27 Iyar)

Meyer Geskin Meir ben Mordechai
Myer Tsrilman
Joseph Wenda Joseph ben Avraham

Ida Grinberg
Walter 'Skip' Wenda

Sunday, June 5th (28 Iyar)

Bill Barbush Shalom ben Akiva v'Hannah
Abram Galant Avraham ben Sraga

Myrna Orensten
Evelyn Galant

Monday, June 6th (29 Iyar)

Aron Chervonka Aron ben Avraham Moshe
Yakov Eliovich Yakov ben Nahum v'Chaya
Masha Falkina Masha bat Meir
Rachel Gerber Rachel bat Benyamin
Rebecca Hurwitz Rivka Riva bat Beryl Leib

Galina Gitelman
Rita Isakova
Boris Gerber
Lee Reinharz

Tuesday, June 7th (1 Sivan)

Zelda Feldman Zelda bat Yeshua
Ester Geskin Ester bat Avraham Chune
Lipa Gringauz
Anna Pisarenko Chana bat Zev
Sam Silverman Meyer Simcha ben Yeshua
Sarah Vayner Sarah bat Chaim

Lev Feldman, Feliks J. Katz,
and Ilya Tamarkin
Lazar Gringauz
Oleg Pisarenko
Revekka Vayner

Wednesday, June 8th (2 Sivan)

Golde London
Belle Richman

Michael London and Rita Paper

Thursday, June 9th (3 Sivan)

Isaac Shafranskiy
Hyman Weingarden Hyman ben Avraham

Mariya Shafranskaya

Friday, June 10th (4 Sivan)

Ruth Abzug Ruth bat Shimshon
Nachum Feldman Nachum Dovid
 Ben Mordechai
Mikhail Geskin Motel ben Mayer v'Ester
Tatyana Fishman
Ninel Portnova Ninel bat Yitzchak

Paul Absug
David Feldman and Mark Feldman
Simon Fishman
Yuliya Portnova

May their memories always be for a blessing.