



Sharei Chessed Congregation

שערי חסד

Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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כ"ח לעומר - 28th Day of Counting the Omer

May 21, 2016 – 13 Iyar 5776

This week's Parasha deals with regulations concerning priests and the Sanctuary. Whatever comes near, or is presented, to God must be perfect of its kind. Priests, therefore, must be free from physical defects or ceremonial impurity, and sacrifices must be without blemish. Holiness is intended for the whole Community of Israel. But since the priests were closely and constantly associated with the ritual of the Sanctuary, special laws were instituted for them and a higher standard was demanded.

The Parasha continues with a comprehensive description of the sacred seasons in the Jewish year: Passover, Shavuot, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and of course, Shabbat. They are to be proclaimed as 'holy convocations'.

The Parasha concludes with describing the constant duty of the priests to make sure that the lamp is kept perpetually alight and the showbread regularly arranged—even during the special seasons of the year mentioned previously when the attention and energies of those who served in the Temple were otherwise taxed to the full.

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Honoring Our Students

“When all of your children are taught of the Lord, great will be the peace of your children.” (Isaiah 54:13)

This weekend marks the end of the second full year of Sharei Chesed’s religious school. Again this year, we had great participation. Both our students ****and**** their families have gotten a tremendous amount out of this program, and we are so happy and grateful to be able to provide it to them.

Our children are our future, and if this year’s class is any indication, the future is in good hands. Mazal Tov to all of them, and to their families, as we honor them today.

FOR PARTICIPATING IN JEWISH LEARNING DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR:

- Noah Brown
- Isabelle Epshteyn
- Elise Fricklas
- Liza Gerbuz
- Michael Gusovsky
- Anni Horn
- Elizabeth Janson
- Ariella Kravchenko
- Mariam Kravchenko
- Iser Lipnik
- Benjamin Margulis
- Isabella Margulis
- Coby Shtulman
- Jacob Sosunov
- Jacob Zolotov

FOR SERVING AS A TEACHING ASSISTANT DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR:

- Dasha Gittsovich
- Katie Sandler
- Miriam Shteyman

FOR SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING BAR MITZVAH STUDIES:

- Sam Geller

And we look forward to Michael Gusovsky’s upcoming Bar Mitzvah on Saturday July 9th.

Honoring Our Students (cont.)

We also congratulate **Graham Ettedgui** on completing his undergraduate studies at the **University of Minnesota**.

And, of course, **Yishar Koach** to our excellent teaching staff:

- Carmella Chazin
- Uri Koppel
- Avi Reinharz
- Sheryl Sue Warren



Special Guest Speaker: Gary Notkin

On this special Shabbat when we honor our students for the successful completion of another academic year, we are happy to welcome **Gary Notkin**, recent graduate of **South Dakota State University**. Gary is the son of **Rimma** and **Michael Notkin** and the grandson of **Avrum Peysman**. Gary was also a participant in the recent **Pan American Maccabi Games**, held in **Santiago, Chile** from **December 26, 2015** thru **January 5, 2016**. Gary and his partner **Ali Persky** competed in **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis** and won the gold medal.



Rimma and Michael will be sponsoring today's Kiddush luncheon.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Daniel Ettedgui
- Red Goldberg
- Alexander (Sasha) Kerbel
- Judy Siegel

Happy Anniversary to:

- Eugene and Dina Melnik
- Leonid and Natalia Zabezhinsky
- Roman and Yana Zolotov

Yahrzeits for week of May 21 - May 27, 2016

13 Iyar - 19 Iyar 5776

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Remembered by

Saturday, May 21st

Yakov Fershtman
Eliezer Gotzulsky
Jacob Locketz

Yakov ben Ahron
Eliezer ben Dovid
Yakov ben Yosef David

Rita Grinberg

Sunday, May 22nd

Sarah Kaplan

Sarah bat Yitzchak

Luba Zevelev and Alex Zevelev

Monday, May 23rd

Leyzer Feldberg
Haskel Levin
Hadasa Simanduyeva
Sara Trakhtenberg

Leyzer ben Moshe
Yehoshuah Yechezkel ben Moshe

Tanya Feldberg and Michael Feldberg

Hadasa bat Benyamin
Sarah bat Leib v'Chaya Tuba

Iosif Simanduyev
Stella Fishman

Tuesday, May 24th

Fayna Bodneva
Mischa Kirzon

Fayna bat Sholom
Yeruchan Moshe
ben Yakov Mendel

Sima Feldman
Era Kirzon

Wednesday, May 25th

Lya Alexiu
Shayndel Grinberg
Blanche Kauffman
Zvi Reinharz

Shayndel bat Chaim
Bluma bat Hershel
Yehuda Hirsch
ben David v'Chava

Andrew Alexiu
Ita Teyvel & Chezar Grinberg
Renee Aaron and Sybille Aaron
Lee Reinharz, Avi Reinharz
and Yoni Reinharz

Herman Louis Schochet

Thursday, May 26th

Moshe Feldman
Chana Soybelman

Moshe ben Nachum David
Chana bat Meir Hirsh

David Feldman and Mark Feldman
Nesya Tsukerman

Friday, May 27th

Lillie Snyder

Rachel Leah

Sonny Snyder

May their memories always be for a blessing.