



Sharei Chessed Congregation

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Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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Hukat - חקת

July 16, 2016 – 10 Tammuz 5776

The first chapter in this week's Parasha describes the very strange laws of the Red Cow.

The ashes of this cow, together with ashes from cedar wood, hyssop and crimson stuff, are mixed with water to prepare a potion that is used to purify someone who had come in contact with a dead body. Such a person is 'Tameh', unclean, and must wait seven days before entering the Temple. On the third and seventh day,, the priest sprinkles some of this water on the Tameh to make that person 'Tahor', pure/clean.

We are now in the final year of the forty years of wandering in the wilderness. As the Children of Israel approach the bordering nations of the Promised Land, they ask permission to go thru their country, and promise to pay for whatever they use during their passage. The Edomites refuse to let them thru, and so do the Emorites.

Miriam dies at the beginning of the 40th year during the month of Nissan. People cannot find any water and they gather around Moses and Aaron to demand water. Just like when it happened before, (cont.)

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Parashat Hukat (cont.)

they complain that Moses misled them as they would have preferred to have stayed in Egypt where at least they had water.

The story of Moses and Aaron striking the rock instead of speaking to it to get water is also in this Parasha.

This Day in Jewish History—10 Tammuz



In 423 BCE, King Tzidkiyahu was captured by Babylonian troops in the plains of Jericho, as recorded in Jeremiah ch. 39. The evil Nebuchadnezzar forced Tzidkiyahu to witness the slaughter of his sons, and then Tzidkiyahu's eyes were gouged out. Till today, Tzidkiyahu is remembered as a righteous man, while Nebuchadnezzar -- like a long list of tyrants who sought to oppress the Jewish people -- was degraded and reduced to the dustbin of history. The biblical Book of Daniel (4:30) describes how Nebuchadnezzar "was driven from mankind; he ate grass like oxen, and his body was washed by the dew of heaven, until his hair grew like eagles' feathers and his nails were like birds' claws." (Nebuchadnezzar later regained his sanity and returned to rule.)

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

Sharei Chesed Religious School

Sharei Chesed's Religious School begins its new school year on Sunday September 11th. If you know of families with children who would benefit from our school, we would love to welcome them.

A registration form and schedule of classes for the coming year can be found at shareichesed.org/education

Deadline for registration is Friday September 2nd.



Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Simon Grinberg
- Eduard Kapustin

Happy Anniversary to:

- Rita and Eduard Kapustin

Annual Picnic—Sunday August 21st

A reminder—Join us for our annual picnic and congregational meeting Sunday afternoon August 21st at 5:30 P.M. at Brookview Park in Golden Valley—rain or shine!! Lots of fun, food and music, plus door prizes and a raffle.

Cost:

\$10 per person

\$5 for children 6-12

Free for children 5 and under

To RSVP, or to volunteer to help out, call the synagogue office at 763-545-8800. You can also contact Rabbi Etedgui or Bernie Miller directly.

Also, we will hold Mincha/Ma'ariv services at 5:45 at the picnic grounds, so come early and help us make a minyan.



Interfaith Service—Sunday July 17th

There has been such terrible news involving gun violence these past weeks. The police shooting deaths of Alton Sterling and Philando Castile, the craven mass murder of five police officers in Dallas and the unimaginable shootings of toddlers in Minneapolis have been overwhelming and deeply distressing.

In response, Protect Minnesota's Interfaith Alliance for Gun Safety is sponsoring an Interfaith Service to End Gun Violence on Sunday July 17th at 6:30 P.M. For more information, contact 'ed@protectmn.org'.



Yahrzeits for week of July 16 - July 22, 2016

10 Tammuz - 16 Tammuz 5776

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Remembered by

Saturday, July 16th (10 Tammuz)

Chasia Swerzinsky	Chasia bat Moshe Yitzchak	Aron Tsukerman
Lifshah Swerzinsky	Lifshah bat Eyzer	Aron Tsukerman
Chasia Tsukerman	Chasia bat Chaim Alter	Aron Tsukerman
Eyzer Tsukerman	Eyzer ben Chaim Alter	Aron Tsukerman
Leah Tsukerman	Leah bat Eyzer	Aron Tsukerman
Sarah Tsukerman	Sara Releh bat Chaim Alter	Aron Tsukerman

Sunday, July 17th (11 Tammuz)

Anna Karpus	Eugene Karpas
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Monday, July 18th (12 Tammuz)

Anatoly Mamedov		Sima & Mark Feldman
Fanny Tabachnick	Fruma bat Chaim	Paul Tanick
Solomon Wasserman	Shlomo	Mark Wasserman

Tuesday, July 19th (13 Tammuz)

Michael Aleynikov	Michel ben Shimon	Semon & Rimma Aleynikov
Yakov Fainerman	Yakov ben Avraham	Alexey Fainerman

Wednesday, July 20th (14 Tammuz)

Sophie Chanan	Sasa ben Peretz	
Max Gold	Mordechai ben Lev	
Moisey Kamenir	Moshe Yitzchak ben Shaia Tovia	Berta Kipnis and Lilly Kamenir
Max Kampf	Moshe Boruch ben Chaim Pesach	
Adi Koppel	Asher ben Shalom	Uri Koppel

Thursday, July 21st (15 Tammuz)

Harry Berkowitz	Chuna ben Beryl	Lois Rein
Rose Geller	Chaya Raizel bat R. Aharon Yitzchak	Aaron Geller

Friday, July 22nd (16 Tammuz)

Chana Ettetdgui	Chanah bat Chabib v'Sultanah	Rabbi Avraham Ettetdgui and Maurice Ettetdgui
Edith Friedman	Freda Gitel bat Yehoshua Lev	Louise Gordon

May their memories always be for a blessing.