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**Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים**

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**Balak - בלק**

**July 8, 2017—14 Tammuz 5777**

This week's Parasha contains a very interesting story. Balak, the King of Moab, is worried that the Children of Israel, who are on their way to the Promised Land, will also capture territory west of the Jordan river, just like they did to the Amonites and Emorites, who were defeated by the Israelites. Knowing that he cannot defeat them militarily, Balak sends and brings Balaam, a well-known seer, whose blessings or curses were always fulfilled.

At first Balaam, at God's command, refuses to go. But Balak sends an important delegation and is promised much wealth should he agree to come and curse the people of Israel. A funny thing happens on his way to join Balak. This is where we read of the talking donkey (there are many interpretations of this story).

At all three attempts to curse the Israelites, blessings come out of his mouth, angering Balak, who had hoped that Balaam would curse the Jewish people. Since he was unable to curse them, Balaam advises Balak to do something that would cause the Israelites to sin, so that God will no longer protect them. Moabite women come into the Israelites' camp and seduce many men, who commit immoral acts and begin to worship idols.

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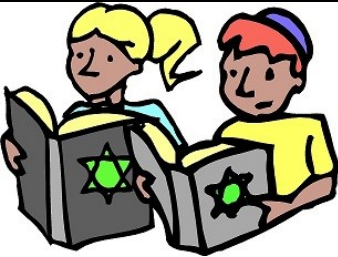
## This Day in Jewish History—14 Tammuz

Francis Salvador of South Carolina (1747-1776), became the first Jew to die for the cause of American liberty. Salvador was born in London and as a young man settled on a plot of family land in South Carolina. Within a year, he was elected to South Carolina's General Assembly, the first Jew to hold legislative office in any of the English colonies. At this time, the British were encouraging Cherokee Indian tribes to attack colonial settlements along the frontier. During one such attack, Salvador mounted his horse and rode to sound the alarm, earning him the title of "Paul Revere of the South." On a subsequent attack, Salvador led a small army of 330 men; he was shot by a Cherokee, fell into some bushes, and was promptly scalped. He was only 29 years old, but he is remembered as a Jewish-American soldier and statesman.



(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 10th. 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](http://shareichesed.org/education)

Deadline for registration is Friday August 25th.

## 17th of Tammuz—Monday Night July 10th

The 17th of Tammuz—a fast day commemorating the fall of Jerusalem—falls this year on Monday night July 10th. It marks the beginning of 3 weeks of mourning, leading up to Tisha B'Av.

Five major catastrophes occurred in Jewish history on the 17th of Tammuz: (1) Moses broke the tablets at Mount Sinai, in response to the building of the Golden Calf. (2) The daily offerings in the First Temple were suspended during the siege of Jerusalem in the 5th century BCE. (3) Jerusalem's walls were breached, prior to the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE. (4) Prior to the Great Revolt, the Roman general Apostamos burned a Torah scroll -- setting a precedent for the horrific burning of Jewish books throughout the centuries. (5) An idolatrous image was placed in the Holy Temple -- a brazen act of blasphemy and desecration.

## Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Sol Awend
- Samuel Dorfman
- Neal Joffe
- Steve Zien

Happy Anniversary to:

- Gail and Greg Kenton

## Today's Kiddush Luncheon

We hope you will stay with us following services today for our regular weekly Kiddush luncheon. Today's luncheon is sponsored by Rabbi Etedgui and his brother Maurice in memory of their mother Chana Etedgui, and in memory of Rav Moshe Roginsky, Rabbi Etedgui's 'rav' at Yeshiva. May their memories always be for a blessing.

Also, Mazal Tov on the marriage of Maurice's son Yair in Israel this past week!!

## "Talmud by the Lake"—Tuesday July 11th

Join us this summer to study Talmudic texts connected to "The Lake". No previous experience in Talmud necessary. This coming week's session is titled "Torah as Water" and is led by Rabbi Marcia Zimmerman of Temple Israel.

For more information on times and venues, check our online calendar.

Sponsored by Hineni, Talmud Torah of St. Paul, and By the Rivers.



## Sharei Chesed's Annual Picnic—Sunday August 20th

A reminder—Join us for our annual picnic and congregational meeting Sunday afternoon August 20th 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, call the synagogue office at 763-545-8800. You can also contact Rabbi Etedgui 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.



## Yahrzeits for week of July 8 - July 14, 2017

14 Tammuz - 20 Tammuz 5777

Please help with the daily Minyan

### Yahrzeit of

#### **Saturday, July 8th (14 Tammuz)**

Sophie Chanen	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

### Remembered by

#### **Sunday, July 9th (15 Tammuz)**

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

#### **Monday, July 10th (16 Tammuz)**

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

#### **Tuesday, July 11th (17 Tammuz)**

Leibl Bakman	Leibl ben Avraham David	
Samuel Beers	Shmuel ben Shlomo	
Anna Karpas		Eugene Karpas
Grisha Rishkovetsky	Tzve ben Myer	Boris Gerber
Paul Wohl		David Wohl

#### **Wednesday, July 12th (18 Tammuz)**

Rose Hodroff Cooperstock	Razel bat Yoel	
Rav Moshe Roginsky	Moshe Chaim ben Levi Alter	Rabbi Avraham Ettetdgui

#### **Thursday, July 13th (19 Tammuz)**

Shirley Josefowitz	Sima bat Yosef Mordechai	AJ Josefowitz
Eva Goldman Kaplan	Chaya bat Shamai	Grace Richter
Frank London	Ephraim ben Meir	Steve Paper
Lee Richman Steinberg	Leah bat Moshe Shmuel	Berle Richman

#### **Friday, July 14th (20 Tammuz)**

Nathan Chanen	Nachum ben Yehuda	
Lena Hodroff	Leah bat Yehoshuah	
Nehamma Matusevich	Nechama bat Yosef	Constantin Kazaniuk

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