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Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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Matot-Massei - מטות-מסעי

July 22, 2017—28 Tammuz 5777

This Shabbat we read a double portion—Matot and Massei.

In Matot, we are given the laws regarding oaths and vows. The Torah instructs us to keep our word. There is an exception, however. If the vow was made by a minor or a woman, the father or husband can cancel the vow on the day that he hears about it. It holds if the parent or husband does not object.

Just before entering the Promised Land, the tribes of Gad and Reuven and half of Menasseh ask Moses if they can remain on the East bank of the Jordan and not cross into the Promised Land. The reason they give is that they have huge flocks of livestock, and the land east of the Promised Land is a very good, fertile land. Moses' first response was very negative. He accused these tribes of repeating the sin of the spies sent 40 years ago. After they explained that they will first join the other tribes in conquering the land, and when the Promised Land has been conquered, then they will return to the lands on the east bank of the Jordan. Moses granted their request and informed the elders and the people of Israel to make sure that these tribes keep their end of the bargain.

In Massei, the Torah lists all the stations where the Israelites stopped during the forty years of wandering in the desert. Sometimes the place is mentioned and also the particular event that occurred in that place.

The boundaries of the Promised Land are given. The Children of Israel are commanded to establish Refuge Cities, where a person who killed unintentionally can find refuge from the pursuer who seeks revenge.

The Book of Bamidbar is concluded as we say “Hazak, Hazak” at the end of this week’s Parasha.

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Mazal Tov to:



Maayan Scholder who will be reading from the Torah today as a Bat Mitzvah. Maayan was born and raised in Israel and did not have the opportunity to read from the Torah. She will be the first girl in her family to be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah.

She is married to Benjamin Scholder son of Ron Scholder. They have two children Carmel and Eitan.

Laura & Michael Edelstein

Laura Edelstein who will be called for an aliyah to the Torah for the very first time today. Laura has completed her journey in joining the Jewish People. She participated in the Intro to Judaism class taught by Rabbis Davis, Kravitz and Etedgui, and immersed in the Mikveh for the purpose of conversion. We welcome her and wish her Mazal Tov and to Michael her husband and the entire family. We also welcome them as new members to our congregation.



Welcome to our new Members

Sharei Chesed is please to welcome these new members to our congregation:

- Lyudmila Mendyuk & Vladimir Banchik
- Yossi Ben-Harush and his children, Shaqued, Amit & Hila
- Laura & Michael Edelstein
- Iris Gaillard

Today's Kiddush Luncheon

We hope you will stay with us following services today for our Kiddush luncheon.

Today's luncheon is sponsored by Ron Scholder and Julie Miller in honor of their children's visit from Israel and in honor of Maayan's Bat Mitzvah.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Josh Awend
- Victor Haim Deloya
- Edward Mazelev
- Russell Reininger
- Galina Shteyman

Happy Anniversary to:

- Gabriella and Michael Grinberg
- Adela and Constantin Kazaniuk
- Annalee and Arnold Odessky

“Talmud by the Lake”—Thursday July 27th

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 "How Might Water Have Saved Them?" and is led by Rabbi Debra Rappaport of Shir Tikvah.



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 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

Deadline for registration is Friday August 18 th.



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 22 - July 28, 2017

28 Tammuz - 5 Av 5777

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Saturday, July 22 (28 Tammuz)

Gershon Fishman	Gershon ben Naftali
Nathan Schwartz	
David Vayntrub	David ben Moshe

Remembered by

Alla Vaynberg
Darlene Schwartz
Greg Vayntrub

Sunday, July 23 (29 Tammuz)

Esther Gershman	Esther bat Avraham
Manya Gershman	Mindel bat Yisrael

Liya and Emma Shapiro
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Monday, July 24 (1 Av)

Iser Chervonka	Yiser ben Ahron
Charna Hetera	Charna bat Gedalya
Gedalya Hetera	Gedalya ben Leib
Leib Shmulevich Hetera	Lieb ben Shmuel
Pauline Wilensky	Pesa bat Yakov

Abram & Soura Vaynberg
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Roz Strimling and Marvin Wilensky

Tuesday, July 25 (2 Av)

Bertha Bernhard
William Kowitz

Candace Margulies
Cantor Mitchell Kowitz

Wednesday, July 26 (3 Av)

Rose Oleisky Bronstein	Rochka
Albert Goldberg	
Maria Polyak	Machlah bat Moshe

Rivia Goldberg
Red Goldberg

Thursday, July 27 (4 Av)

Avraham Bakman	Avraham David ben Bentzion
Charles Fishman	Betzalel Simcha ben Moshe v'Esther
Harold Lazerine	Hershel ben Chaim Shmuel v'Bluma

Michael Fishman
Joyce Etedgui and Bobbi Mueller

Friday, July 28 (5 Av)

Irving Aaron	Yitzchak ben Israel haKohen v'Batya
Mania Barr	Mania bat Yankel v'Leah
Moses Truskinovsky	Moshe ben Doba y'Shlomo
Tilly Zak	Tillie bat Aharon

Sybille Aaron and Renee Aaron
George Barr and Lucy Barr
Alexander Truskinovsky & Alice Truskinovsky

May their memories always be for a blessing.