



Sharei Chesed Congregation

שערי חסד

Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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Hol Hamoed Sukkot - חול המועד סוכות

October 22, 2016 – 20 Tishrei 5777

On Shabbat Hol Hamoed Sukkot, we read from the Book of Exodus, Chapters 33 and 34. This happened after the incident of the Golden Calf. Moses had broken the Tablets of the Commandments. He begs God to forgive the people. His request is granted as God commands him to prepare two new tablets and return to Mount Sinai. God will inscribe the new tablets with the same words that were on the first tablets.

The Covenant between God and the Jewish people is renewed, and the people are warned not to worship the idols of the Emorites, Canaanites and the other nations whose land they will be conquering.

The reading concludes with the Mitzvah of observing Shabbat and the three Pilgrimage festivals—Pesah, Shavuot and Sukkot.

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Facts about Shmini Atzeret and Simhat Torah

Immediately following the seven-day festival of Sukkot comes the two-day festival of Shmini Atzeret and Simhat Torah. (In the Land of Israel, the festival is "compacted" in a single day).

Shmini Atzeret means "the eighth [day] of retention"; the chassidic masters explain that the primary purpose of the festival is to retain the spiritual revelations and powers that we are granted during the festivals of the month of Tishrei, so that we can apply them to our lives throughout the year.

The second day of Shmini Atzeret is called *Simhat Torah* ("Rejoicing of the Torah"). On this day we conclude, and begin anew, the annual Torah reading cycle. The event is marked with great rejoicing, especially during the "hakafot" procession, in which we march, sing and dance with the Torah scrolls around the reading table in the synagogue. "On Simhat Torah," goes the chassidic saying, "we rejoice in the Torah, and the Torah rejoices in us; the Torah, too, wants to dance, so we become the Torah's dancing feet."

Other festival observances include the special prayer for rain included in the *musaf* prayer of Shmini Atzeret, and the custom that all are called up to the Torah on Simhat Torah.

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"Simhat" a painting by Shoshannah Brombacher

The Book of Kohelet (Ecclesiastes)



On the Shabbat of Hol Hamoed Sukkot, we read the Book of Kohelet (also known as Ecclesiastes). Kohelet is commonly assumed to be King Solomon. In this book of the Hebrew Bible, Kohelet talks about how everything in the physical world is vanity and futility. It is the source for some of the common sayings that we use today:

“There is nothing new under the sun.”

“To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the Heaven.”

Kohelet sought out knowledge, wealth, beauty, possessions, etc., but ultimately found no lasting joy in any of them. Only thru love of God and observance of His laws did he determine that man would find lasting happiness. His narrative ends, “In conclusion, summing it all up: Revere God, and keep his commands; for that is all there is to man.”

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Jane Gringauz
- Simona Kudishevich

New Class: "Kabbalah is About Relationships"

Kabbalah is a timeless spiritual wisdom that explains the origin of the universe and our place within it. It explores our relationship with ourselves, with others and with the Creator. The Tree of Life is a map of ten divine energies that flow throughout creation. Discover how to navigate these energies to bring greater awareness and balance to your relationships and bring you closer to your divine essence.

Classes will be held on 6 Sunday afternoons this fall: November 6, 13 and 20 and December 4, 11 and 18, 2016.

Time: 3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. Course fee: \$90

Location: Sharei Chesed Congregation

Instructor: Joy Gordon

Contact Joy at 'joy@joyofkabbalah.com' or call 763-559-7029.



Shmini Atzeret and Simhat Torah at Sharei Chesed

Sharei Chesed wishes all of our members and friends 'Hag Sameach' as we prepare to celebrate Shmini Atzeret and Simhat Torah, and hopes to see you at our services:

Sunday October 23rd:

Hoshanah Rabba at 8:30 A.M.

Sunday Evening October 23rd:

Shmini Atzeret and Simhat Torah Celebration and Dinner beginning at 6:00 P.M.

** In Israel, Shmini Atzeret and Simhat Torah are celebrated on the same day, so come tonight and party like an Israeli!! **

Monday October 24th:

Shmini Atzeret Services at 9:30 A.M.
(Yizkor at 10:30 A.M.)

Tuesday October 25th:

Simhat Torah Services at 9:30 A.M.
(Kiddush luncheon to follow)



Yahrzeits for week of October 22 - October 28, 2016

20 Tishrei - 26 Tishrei 5777

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Remembered by

Saturday, October 22nd (20 Tishrei)

Susan Stein Sima Dvorah bat Shlomo

Sunday, October 23rd (21 Tishrei)

Dasha Mogilyansky
Fannie Shapiro Fredyl bat Nachman
Sarah Wohl

Arkady Berkovsky

David Wohl

Monday, October 24th (22 Tishrei)

Rosa Malinski Rosa bat Hayim
Abraham Saks Avraham ben Yehchoel
Annette Zien

Berta Kipnis & Lilly Kamenir

Steve Zien

Tuesday, October 25th (23 Tishrei)

Bessie Aaron Pesha bat Yitzchak
Sarah Rosen Bat Sheva bat Yitzchak

Sybille Aaron & Rene Aaron

Wednesday, October 26th (24 Tishrei)

Sarra Katznelson

Raisa Startseva

Thursday, October 27th (25 Tishrei)

Sarah Wilensky Chaya Sarah bat Yisroel Dov

Friday, October 28th (26 Tishrei)

Mona Berdt Manya bat Pinchas

May their memories always be for a blessing.