



Sharei Chessed Congregation

שערי חסד

Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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Re'eh - ראה

September 3, 2016 – 30 Av 5776

Rosh Hodesh Elul - ראש חודש אלול

In this week's parasha—Re'eh—Moses continues to address the people, and urges them to keep the laws in the new land they are about to enter. Upon settling in the land they will choose a city where they will build a Temple. Offerings of any kind can only be sacrificed in the designated Temple.

This is a very rich Parasha. There is a summary of all the laws of kashrut, the laws of giving tithes to the Levite and the poor, and being generous to the poor, the stranger, the widow and the orphan. There is also a summary of the three pilgrimage festivals.

The Children of Israel are not to learn from the Canaanite people. Tattoos are not allowed and they should not cut themselves for the dead. These were Canaanite practices.

This week's reading concludes with the Mitzvah of being happy on the festivals.

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The Month of Elul

As the last month of the Jewish year, Elul is traditionally a time of introspection and stocktaking—a time to review one’s deeds and spiritual progress over the past year, and prepare for the upcoming “Days of Awe” of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

As the month of divine mercy and forgiveness, Elul is a most opportune time for *teshuvah* (“return” to God), prayer, charity, and increased *ahavat Yisrael* (love for a fellow Jew), in the quest for self-improvement and coming closer to God. Chassidic master Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi likens the month of Elul to a time when “the king is in the field” and, in contrast to when he is in the royal palace, “everyone who so desires is permitted to meet him, and he receives them all with a cheerful countenance, showing a smiling face to them all.”

We encourage you to join us here at Sharei Chesed for weeknight Mincha/Ma’ariv services during the month of Elul where we will blow the shofar each night as a call to repentance. And, we hope to see you next month at our High Holy Days services. Be sure to see this month’s newsletter for dates and times. ‘Ketivah VaChatimah Tovah’ - May you all be inscribed and sealed for a good year!

(portions courtesy of ‘Elul Observances in a Nutshell’ on ‘chabad.org’)



This Day in Jewish History—30 Av



In 1903, the 6th Zionist Congress met in Basle, Switzerland. Herzl presented a British proposal for a temporary Jewish homeland in Uganda, as a refuge for Russian Jews in immediate danger. This settlement would be politically independent, with a Jewish governor and a Jewish ad-

ministration. Herzl believed that the plan conferred an important stamp of legitimacy upon Zionism. The Zionist Congress approved the plan, and decided to dispatch an exploratory expedition to Africa. However, the idea was met with stiff opposition, and it split the Zionist movement. The Uganda Program was rejected two years later, but later exploratory missions were sent to Iraq, Libya and Angola. One project that gained traction was the Galveston plan which sent 9,300 Jews to Texas. In the end, it was understood that only the Land of Israel, with its deep historical and spiritual connections, would succeed as the Jewish homeland.

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

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Mark Guterman
- Jacob Mars

Happy Anniversary to:

- Bonnie & Harry Farb
- Sonja Hauter & Bernie Miller
- Shelly & Steve Zien

Today's Kiddush Luncheon

We hope you will join us after services today for a delicious Kiddush luncheon. Today's luncheon is sponsored by:

- Mark and Sima Feldman in memory of their grandparents Nachum Ber Reznik and Telya Reznik
- Maurice and Roz Etedgui in honor of the marriage of their grandson Elia

"Eisner's Klezmorim"—Sunday September 25th

It's our great pleasure to announce that Sharei Chesed will once again host Judith Eisner and her band "Eisner's Klezmorin" for a special High Holy Days Concert on Sunday afternoon September 25th at 2:00 P.M. The program will feature meditation music to help get people in the proper mood for the coming Days of Awe, with 2 violins, a mandolin, bass and tsimbl.

Judith and her musicians have been great friends of Sharei Chesed over the years, and we are thrilled to welcome them back for this special performance.

Admission is free; however, free-will donations will be gladly accepted. Light refreshments will be served immediately following the concert.

We hope to see you.



Yahrzeits for week of September 3 - September 9, 2016

30 Av - 6 Elul 5776

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Remembered by

Saturday, September 3rd (30 Av)

** NO YAHRZEITS **

Sunday, September 4th (1 Elul)

Minnie Axelrod

Minnie bat Jacob v'Sarah

Steve Zien

Bob Strauss

Jane Strauss

Riva Toretzky

Rivka bat Moshe haCohen

Morris Toretzky

Monday, September 5th (2 Elul)

Esther Goodman

Shelly Zien

Sophie Kaplan

Sophie bat Dovid

Alex Zevelev & Luba Zevelev

Richard Prowizor

Yakov Daniel

Randy Prowizor

ben Yosef Simcha

Tuesday, September 6th (3 Elul)

** NO YAHRZEITS **

Wednesday, September 7th (4 Elul)

Felix Gurevitz

Tanya Feldberg

Thursday, September 8th (5 Elul)

Joseph Locketz

Yosef Dovid ben Yakov Shebatie

Sylvia Tillinger

Tzilia bat Emanuel v'Ida

Steve Tillinger

Ershl Trakhtenberg

Hershel ben Zalman v'Sarah

Stella Fishman

Friday, September 9th (6 Elul)

** NO YAHRZEITS **

May their memories always be for a blessing.

Next Weekend—Bat Mitzvah of Raina Kronfeld

Mazal Tov to Raina Kronfeld, daughter of Richard Kronfeld and Robin Doroshow, and sister of Theo Kronfeld on the occasion of her upcoming Bat Mitzvah, which will be held Friday night September 9th at Sharei Chesed, and Saturday September 10th at Shir Tikvah.

