

ברוכים הבאים

**Welcome to the
BAT MITZVAH OF**



Raina Kronfeld

**Friday Evening, September 9th
7 Elul 5776
Parashat Shoftim**

**at Sharei Chesed Congregation
Minnetonka, Minnesota**

**Saturday Morning, September 10th
7 Elul 5776**

**at Shir Tikvah Congregation
Minneapolis, Minnesota**

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WELCOME TO SHAREI CHESED CONGREGATION

We are honored that you could join us as Raina becomes a Bat Mitzvah. Special thanks to those who traveled to be with us. This day is filled with tradition, spirituality and community. At age thirteen, Jews assume the responsibility of observing the Mitzvot, which are commandments, the religious, ethical and ceremonial obligations of Judaism. This weekend, Raina will be called upon for the first time to read from the Torah before the Congregation.

We also want to thank our family and friends who are participating in the service.

A very special thank you to Rabbi Etedgui who taught her the Torah and Haftorah readings, blessings and prayers.

We are happy to be here.



Mazal Tov and congratulations to our Bat Mitzvah, Raina and to her parents Robin and Rich, brother Theo, grandparents Marcy and Alan Kronfeld and the entire family.

Parashat Shoftim—שופטים

Shoftim—Judges—gets its name from the first verse in this Parasha, when Moses tells his people that, upon entering the Promised Land, they need to appoint judges and officers in every city, so that the people will have authorities to turn to. A very important verse in this Parasha is:

“Tzedek, Tzedek Tirdof” - “Justice, Justice shall you pursue that you may thrive and inherit the land that the Lord your God is giving you.” (Deuteronomy 16:20)

The people are also instructed to respect and listen to the instructions and interpretations of their contemporary leaders.

If Israel ever leans towards establishing a monarchy, it is all right, except that the king must also follow the laws of the Torah.

Moses again emphasizes that they cannot learn from the Canaanites. Any practice of magic, sorcery and especially human sacrifices to Molech are strictly forbidden.

The Parasha concludes with the law of ‘Egla Arufah’. When there is an unsolved murder, when a body is found in an open field, the nearest town goes thru this ritual, emphasizing the entire community’s responsibility for the shedding of an innocent person’s blood.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to:

- **Corrine & Morris Toretzky**
- **Susan & Mark Wasserman**

Yahrzeits for week of September 10 - September 16, 2016

7 Elul - 13 Elul 5776

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Remembered by

Saturday, September 10th (7 Elul)

Charles Glass	Yecheskel ben Yehuda haLevi
Gita Rudkovsky	Gitel bas Yitzchak
Isser Rudkovsky	Esser ben Moshe
Misha Rudkovsky	Moshe ben Esser

Sunday, September 11th (8 Elul)

Leonid Gittsovich	Levi ben Noach	Gregory Gittsovich
Miriam Jonas	Miriam bat Chaim v'Ruth	Fay Kaye
Leo Kleinbaum	Ari ben Zvi Dov	Martin Kleinbaum

Monday, September 12th (9 Elul)

Clara Benjohar	Clara bat Yakov
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Tuesday, September 13th (10 Elul)

Annie Bolnick	Chana bat Berel	
Zinaida Gerber		Boris Gerber
Jacob Liss	Zerach ben Chaim	Mina Zweigbaum & Lois Liss
Mary Pertzik	Miriam bat Leib	Rene Fishman

Wednesday, September 14th (11 Elul)

Seindel Fakhler	Seindel bat Chuna	Anya Kozina
Paula Spector		Barry Spector
Mindel Vileshin	Mindel bat Yitzchak v'Rochel	Rachel Feldberg & Tanya Feldberg

Thursday, September 15th (12 Elul)

Vera Gringauz		Lazar Gringauz
Eve Wainstock	Chava bat Lev	Fred Phillips

Friday, September 16th (13 Elul)

Celia Heilicher		Elissa Heilicher
Sam London	Shmuel ben Mayer HaLevi	Rita Paper & Michael London
Sasha Vugman	Shalom ben Dovid	Maria Pisarenko

May their memories always be for a blessing.