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**Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים**

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**D'Varim - דברים**

**July 29, 2017—6 Av 5777**

**Shabbat Hazon—שבת חזון**

This Shabbat we begin the reading of the fifth book of the Torah—D'varim. The first portion, D'varim, is always read on the Shabbat before Tisha B'Av, which we will be observing starting this Monday night into Tuesday.

The book of D'varim contains long speeches given by Moses just before he dies, while the people are about to enter the Promised Land. He reviews important events of the past forty years and blames the people for the forty-year delay in getting to the Promised Land, mainly because they were misled by the ten spies and lost their faith in God. He urges them to keep the Torah and teach it to future generations.

This Shabbat is also known as Shabbat Hazon, from the first word of the Haftarah that is read on the Shabbat before Tisha B'Av. It is the first chapter of the Book of Isaiah. Isaiah condemns the society in which he lives because of the widespread corruption and infidelity to God. In his reproof, he asks "eicha" - how did the City (Zion), which was the seat of justice and righteousness, turn to a base of thieves and murderers? This kind of reflection is appropriate as we prepare to observe Tisha B'Av, the saddest day on the Jewish Calendar.

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## Tisha B'Av —The Ninth of Av in Jewish History

**1312BC:** Spies return from 40 days in Israel with evil reports of the Land of Israel. Jewish people cry in despair and give up hope of entering the Land of Israel.

**421BC:** Destruction of First Temple by the Babylonians, under Nebuchadnezzar. About 100,000 Jews killed during invasion. Exile of remaining tribes in southern kingdom to Babylon and Persia.

**70:** Destruction of Second Temple by Romans, under Titus. Over 2,500,000 Jews die as a result of war, famine and disease. Over 1,000,000 Jews exiled to all parts of the Roman Empire. Over 100,000 Jews sold as slaves by Romans. Jews killed and tortured in gladiatorial "games" and pagan celebrations.

**132:** Bar Kochba revolt crushed. Betar destroyed - over 100,000 killed.

**133:** Turnus Rufus ploughs site of Temple. Romans build pagan city of Aelia Capitolina on site of Jerusalem.

**1095:** First Crusade declared by Pope Urban II. 10,000 Jews killed in first month of Crusade. Crusades bring death and destruction to thousands of Jews, totally obliterate many communities in Rhineland and France.

**1290:** Expulsion of Jews from England, accompanied by pogroms and confiscation of books and property.

**1492:** Inquisition in Spain and Portugal culminates in the expulsion of the Jews from the Iberian Peninsula. Families separated, many die by drowning, massive loss of property.

**1914:** Britain and Russia declare war on Germany. First World War begins. First World War issues unresolved, ultimately causing Second World War and Holocaust. 75% of all Jews in war zones. Jews in armies of all sides - 120,000 Jewish casualties in armies. Over 400 pogroms immediately following war in Hungary, Ukraine, Poland and Russia.

**1942:** Deportations from Warsaw Ghetto to the Treblinka concentration camp begin.

**1989:** Iraq walks out of talks with Kuwait.

**1994:** The deadly bombing of the building of the AMIA (the Jewish community center in Buenos Aires, Argentina) which killed 86 people and wounded some 300 others.

## Tisha B'Av Services—Monday Evening July 31st

We hope you will join us this Monday evening at Mayim Rabim Congregation, 4401 York Avenue S. in Minneapolis, for this year's Tisha B'av services, which begin at 8:00 P.M.:

- 8:00 PM - Mincha (afternoon service)
- 8:15 PM - Study session led by Cantor Joanna Dulkan of Adash Jeshurun
- 8:45 PM - Ma'ariv (evening service) and the reading of Megillat Eichah (Lamentations) by members of Adash Jeshurun, Mayim Rabim and Sharei Chesed
- 9:45 PM - Conclusion of Ma'ariv

## Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Happy Birthday to:

- Robyn Awend
- Carl Brown
- Sonja Hauter
- Rita Spain

### Happy Anniversary to:

### Mazal Tov to:

Cindy and Momy Benzaquen for the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Elijah Zelkind, in California.

You are cordially invited to stay and partake in the Kiddush lunch which today is being sponsored by Rita Spain and Carl Brown in honor of their birthdays.

Carl and his sons Noah and Devon have been members in our shul for several years. Noah attends our Religious School and we are all proud of his achievements.

We are happy to welcome Rita as a new member to our congregation. When asked why she chose Sharei Chesed, Rita explained that she felt welcomed and part of our family. We are delighted that she is with us and we all pray for her speedy and complete recovery. Our sages tell us that when you pray for another person, God accepts your prayer. Please include her in your prayer for healing. Her Hebrew name is Tikvah bat Avraham and Sarah.

## 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 at 612-250-5009

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 28 - August 4, 2017

5 Av - 12 Av 5777

Please help with the daily Minyan

### Yahrzeit of

### Remembered by

#### Friday, July 28 (5 Av)

Irving Aaron

Mania Barr

Moses Truskinovsky

Tilly Zak

Yitzchak ben Israel haKohen v'Batya

Mania bat Yankel v'Leah

Moshe ben Doba y'Shlomo

Tillie bat Aharon

Sybille Aaron and Renee Aaron

George Barr and Lucy Barr

Alexander Truskinovsky & Alice Truskinovsky

#### Saturday July 29th (6 Av)

\*\* NO YAHRZEITS \*\*

#### Sunday July 30th (7 Av)

Polina Fainerman

Joe Snyder

Polina bat Sarah

Yosef ben Moshe

Alexey Fainerman

Sonny Snyder

#### Monday July 31st (8 Av)

\*\* NO YAHRZEITS \*\*

#### Tuesday August 1st (9 Av)

Rebecca Kowitz

Shlomo Noodleman Shlomo

Harry Rivkin

ben Beryl

Tzve ben Benush

Cantor Mitchell Kowitz

Stephen Guffan

Sheldon Rivkin

#### Wednesday August 2nd (10 Av)

Elka Dulitskiy

Israel Lessak

Mikhail Neydelman

Elka bat Ephraim

Israel Avraham ben Moshe Chaim

Mayer ben Shlomo

Rakhil Zilberman and Rita Grinberg

Arkady Neydelman

#### Thursday August 3rd (11 Av)

Yakov Kudishevich

Annie Silverman

Harry Weinerman

Yakov ben Leib

Hannah bat Yitzchak

Tzvi Michal ben Yehuda

Leo Kudishevich

Jackie Lewis

**May their memories always be for a blessing.**



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