



**Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים**

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**Kee Tavo - כִּי-תבוא**

**September 9, 2017—18 Elul 5777**

Kee Tavo is addressed to the farmer and to every individual. The farmer is instructed to show his appreciation for God's bountiful harvest by bringing Bikkurim—the first fruits of the harvest—to the Temple as an offering of thanksgiving. The farmer makes a very special declaration in which he announces that he is proof of the fulfillment of God's promise to the Jewish people. Bringing fruits from the Land shows that, indeed, the land is his and people are enjoying its fruits. The farmer also declares that he has kept the Mitzvot associated with the harvest by sharing it with the poor, the Levite, the orphan, the widow and the stranger.

This Parasha is also known for containing the blessings and the curses. Moses instructs the people that, upon entering the land, they will all gather near two mountains—Mount Gerizim and Mount Eival. The Levites will announce blessings and curses and the people will answer 'Amen' after each utterance. During the Torah Reading, it is customary to read the curses quietly and quickly to indicate that we should not dwell on the curses but rather on all the blessings that come from keeping the Mitzvot.

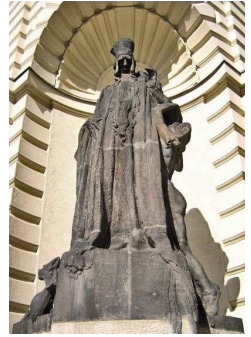
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## This Day in Jewish History—18 Elul

Yahrtzeit of Rabbi Yehuda Loew (1525-1609), the famed Maharal of Prague. Maharal was born in Poland, on the night of the Passover Seder, to a distinguished family of rabbis that traced its ancestry to King David. He served as rabbi of Nikolsburg, Posen and then Prague. Maharal embodied a unique blend of classic Talmudic scholarship with deep kabbalistic insights. A prolific author, his works include a major commentary on the Five Books of Moses, volumes on Passover, on exile and redemption, and on character development. Perhaps the most famous legend surrounding Maharal is that he employed kabbalistic incantations to create a Golem, a robot-like being that was to defend the Prague ghetto from anti-Semitic attacks. The account is most likely apocryphal, but it gained popularity and is cited as the source for Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. Today a statue of Maharal stands in Prague, and his synagogue in Prague, the Altneushul, is still in use.



On this date in 1952, Israel agreed to accept reparation payments from Germany for losses caused by the Nazis during World War II. As early as 1943, Jewish groups had begun to formulate demands for a postwar settlement that would include billions of dollars of indemnity for stolen or destroyed Jewish property (real estate, art, gold), plus payments for slave labor, and reparations for the loss of Jewish life. The 1945 Paris Conference on Reparations chose to ignore the Jewish demands. However, in 1951, German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, who viewed Jewish reparations as part of the burden of guilt that Germans needed to confront, offered payments to Holocaust survivors. In Israel, Menachem Begin led the movement against accepting the reparations, arguing that they would somehow "absolve" Nazis of their heinous crimes. Over the years, German companies like Volkswagen, Deutsche Bank and Daimler-Benz have admitted to using slave labor during the war, and set up a fund to compensate workers. In the 1990s, it was revealed that Swiss banks were complicit in the Nazi effort to hide and sell stolen loot, and had engaged in the large-scale theft of deposits made by Jews. After some hesitation, Swiss banks announced their intention to create a fund for Holocaust victims.

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

## Welcome New Members



We all join in welcoming Sara and Alex Samuels as new members.

We wish Alex a Refuah Shleimah, a complete and speedy recovery from the heart valve replacement he had on Thursday, September 7, 2017.

## Our Prayers and Good Wishes for Refuah Shleimah to:

אבינו אבינו מלכנו שלח רפואה שלמה רפואת הנפש רפואת הגוף לחולי עמך  
אל נא רפא נא אל נא רפא נא לה שלח שלח רפואה שלמה לחולי עמך

Aveenu Aveenu Malkenu shelah refuah shleimah  
Refuat Hanefesh Refuat Haguf Leholei leholei amecha  
El na Refa nah—El na refah na lah  
shellah shelah refuah sheleimah leholei amecha  
(Our Father Our King—send complete healing to the sick of Your people  
A healing of the soul and healing of the body to the sick of Your people.  
Please o God Heal, Please o God Heal,)

David Fursetzer, Sally Leder, Shel Libson, Art Nettis, Alex Samuels, Phil Walstein

## Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

Happy Anniversary to:

- Corrine and Morris Toretzky
- Susan and Mark Wasserman

## You are Cordially Invited:

We invite you to stay after services for a Kiddush luncheon sponsored by the Fishman Kiddush Lunch Fund in memory of Harvey and Rene Fishman and their daughter Judy Fishman Siegel of blessed memory.

## Tzimtzum: Creating Holy Spaces

**Creating Holy Spaces from the Inside Out with Insights from Kabbalah and Mussar**  
• Creating space for the Divine • Creating space for the Self • Creating space for the Other

Join us for creative, interactive sessions with meditation, texts, storytelling, art, sharing insights, and practices. Within the context of philosophy, you will learn practical ways to apply the teachings to your everyday life.

Wednesday mornings 10:00 – Noon

October 4, 11, 18, 25 and November 1 and 15.

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Teacher: Joy Gordon has been studying Kabbalah for many years. She also facilitates a women's Kabbalah study group. Joy is a graduate of UC Berkeley and Columbia Teachers College. She is passionate about using the power of Kabbalah as a guide to spiritual growth and *tikkun olam*.

Course fee: \$90 To register contact Joy Gordon @ [763-559-7029](tel:763-559-7029) or [joy@joyofkabbalah.com](mailto:joy@joyofkabbalah.com).

# Yahrzeits for week of September 8 - September 15, 2017

17 Elul - 24 Elul 5777

Please help with the daily Minyan

## Yahrzeit of

## Remembered by

### Friday, September 8th (17 Elul)

Anna Moskowitz

Chana bat Meir v'Dvora

Sondra Tenner & Jack Moskowitz

### Saturday, September 9th (18 Elul)

Malka Gitelman

Malka bat Avraham

Shulim Gitelman

Roza Gurevich

Roza bat Meir

Svetlana Babushkina

### Sunday, September 10th (19 Elul)

Saul Block

Shloyme ben Eser

Fay Krasner & Allan Block

Kopel Falkin

Kopel ben Aharon

Rita Isakova

Judge Samuel Held

Shmuel ben Yitzchak

Simon Held

Shimon ben Mayer

Vilen Rabinovich

Woul Chaim ben Dvoira & Wolf

Nella Goldis

### Monday, September 11th (20 Elul)

Mari Borochovna

Miryam bat Baruch

Esther Fisher

Esther bat Yehoshua Mordechai

Rosalee Hulse Larson

### Tuesday, September 12th (21 Elul)

Ronald Fleischer

Reuven ben Yaacov v'Sarah

Maxine Karter

Joe Libson

Barry Libson

Charles Shapiro

Chaim ben Aharon

Barb Weil

Marc Statler

Regina Rubenstein

### Wednesday, September 13th (22 Elul)

Adel Agranovich

Nina Agranovich

Bencion Averbukh

Bentzion ben Baruch

Oleg Pisarenko

Isaak Traktovenko

Isaak ben Moshe

Maya Peskin

Shirley Wise

Sara Shifra bat R'Efraim Fishel

Gertrude Alch

### Thursday, September 14th (23 Elul)

Molly Mersky Lurie Arnet

Francelyne Lurie

Tzilya Peysman

Tziporah bat Avraham v'Baila

Avrum Peysman & Mila Pogorelsky

### Friday, September 15th (24 Elul)

Bill Polikoff

Velvl ben Eliahu Mendel v'Ita

Steve Tillinger

Bernard Snow

Binyamin ben Tzvi

Penny Snow

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