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Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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Ki Tissa - כי תשא

March 18, 2017 – 20 Adar 5777

Shabbat Parah—פרשת פרה

In Ki Tissa Moses is told that when he takes a census of the Children of Israel, the way to do it is to have each adult twenty years and older donate one-half shekel. By counting the Shekalim, he will get the total number of the men eligible to serve in the army that will be ready to fight in conquering the Promised Land.

While Moses is on Mount Sinai getting the instructions for the building of the Tabernacle, the people get restless. By the fortieth day they assume that Moses is dead and they ask Aaron to make a new god who will lead them to the Promised Land.

You are familiar with the story of the Golden Calf. When Moses comes down, he is holding the tablets of the Ten Commandments. When he sees the people worshipping the Golden Calf, he throws the tablets and they break into pieces at the bottom of the mountain. He then ascends the mountain again to pray to God to forgive His People.

This Shabbat is also Shabbat Parah, when we read from a second Sefer Torah the passage that describes the ritual that was used during Temple days, to purify someone who was Tameh (unclean) from having come in contact with the dead. It was important at this time of the year, so that everyone can qualify to come to the Temple during Pesah.

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This Day in Jewish History—20 Adar

Yahrtzeit of Rabbi Yoel Sirkes (1561-1641), known as the "Bach," an acronym of his famous work of Jewish law, *Bayit Chadash*. Rabbi Sirkes served in several rabbinic posts throughout Poland, lastly as Chief Rabbi of Krakow. He was the teacher and father-in-law of Rabbi Dovid HaLevy, who authored the famous work of Jewish law, *Taz (Turei Zahav)*.



Adar 20 is also the yahrtzeit of Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Auerbach (1910-1995), leader of Jerusalem Jewry for much of the 20th century. Rabbi Auerbach possessed a phenomenal command of talmudic literature, and he answered tens of thousands of questions posed from all corners of the world. His rulings -- most notably on scientific, technological and medical matters -- have been published in numerous volumes. Rabbi Auerbach was beloved for his piety and concern for every Jew; he was known to delay prayer services until the street-sweeper arrived. Incredibly, Rabbi Auerbach testified that throughout his entire marriage, he and his wife never once offended or hurt one another. Rabbi Auerbach was so beloved that an estimated 300,000 people attended his funeral -- the largest funeral in Israel since Mishnaic times.

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

"No Religion is an Island" - Thursday May 11th

Join us at The O'Shaughnessy in St. Paul for The Goodman Lecture - "No Religion is an Island: The Interfaith Legacy of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel". This year's lecturer is Dr. Susannah Heschel, the Eli Black Professor and Chair of the Jewish Studies Program at Dartmouth College.

The Goodman Lecture was endowed in 1979 by Arthur and Konstance Goodman, founders of Goodman Jewelers. The Goodmans were an interfaith couple who experienced both anti-Semitism and anti-Christian sentiments and wished to create a forum to advance the cause of Jewish-Christian understanding.

Admission is free. Contact the O'Shaughnessy box office at 651-690-6700 for more information. You can also go to the following link for more details on the event:

<http://oshag.stkate.edu/event/goodman2017>



Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Sharon Berkowitz
- Ethan Fricklas
- Francelyne Lurie

Happy Anniversary to:

- Bronya and Nick Bryants

Today's Kiddush Luncheon

We hope you will stay following services for our regular weekly Kiddush luncheon. Today's luncheon is sponsored by Esther Rubinstein in observance of the Yahrzeit of her father Roman Rubinstein this past Thursday. Roman was a long-time member, board member and friend of Sharei Chesed. May his memory always be for a blessing.

"SCREENAGERS" - March 19th and 22nd

Today, teens spend 6 1/2 hours a day in front of a screen, not counting homework. Screen time is reshaping our brains and our lives in innumerable ways. More and more experts are alarmed by these changes and challenging us to examine childhood (and adulthood) screen time.

To support families in that conversation, Herzl Camp is offering two free showings of **SCREENAGERS**, a humorous but sobering 68-minute documentary that examines the impact of the time the average kid spends each day looking at screens as well as the way screen use is affecting concentration, development and family relationships. Showings are:

- Sunday March 19th at 1:30 P.M. at the St. Paul JCC
- Wednesday March 22nd at 6:30 P.M. at the Sabes JCC

To reserve your free tickets, go to: <http://herzlcamp.org/herzl-camp-presents-screenagers/>

"Tom Friedman: Growing Up in St. Louis Park" - Sunday April 30th

The St. Louis Park Historical Society Presents: An Evening with St. Louis Park Native Tom Friedman at the Sabes JCC, in support of the society's Capital Fund Drive for a History Center.

Join our well-read (He's won three Pulitzer Prizes) and well-traveled (long time New York Times foreign correspondent and columnist) 'native son' as he is interviewed by long time fellow journalist and Park native Susan Linnee (Associated Press reporter and Bureau Chief in the U.S., Africa and Spain) on his thoughts about growing up in the "Greater St. Louis Park" community and how that shaped and continues to shape his world view.

For more information, and to purchase tickets, go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tom-friedman-growing-up-in-st-louis-park-historical-society-fundraiser-tickets-31201967926?aff=erelexpmlt>



Yahrzeits for week of March 18 - March 24, 2017

20 Adar - 26 Adar 5777

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Remembered by

Saturday, March 18th (20 Adar)

Arnold Leviton	Yakov ben Herschel
Vladimir Pisarenko	Vladimir ben Michael v'Rosa
David Vugman	
Anna Lena Winkler	Hinda Leah bat Yehuda

Maria Pisarenko & Anna Rosansky
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Sunday, March 19th (21 Adar)

Revekka Chanba	
Benjamin Cohen	Dov Bar ben Avraham
Harry Lifson	Hersh ben Berle
Isaak Paykov	Isaak ben Tevya
Frank Schochet	
Ed Stein	Yidel Yitzchak ben Elya v'Sima
Moshe Toretzky	Moshe ben Lev Shmuel
Leah Vaynshteyn	Leah bat Yitzchak
Naum Zevelev	Nachman ben Chaim

Lawrence Chanba
Elaine Lerner
Sofiya Tsukerman
Barbara Schochet, Claude Schochet, Maddy Braufman
Morris Toretzky
Luba Zevelev & Alex Zevelev

Monday, March 20th (22 Adar)

Louis Reznick	Eliezer ben Yehiel Michel
Israel VaynsHENk	Israel ben Feivel

Marion Cass
Samuil VaynsHENk

Tuesday, March 21st (23 Adar)

Jack Blicher	Zerach ben Zimal Bar
Paulette Oppert Fink	Sara bat Blanche v'Gene
Revalene Kronick	Riva bat Feivel
Lillian Libson	Liba bat Tzvi
Luba Melamed	Luba bat Meyer
Boris Shubin	
Harry Tanick	Tzve ben Avraham

Zola Blicher
Francelyne Lurie
Gary Sokol
Bruce Libson, Lewis Miller, Morris Miller
Marina Kerbel
Fran Rhodes

Wednesday, March 22nd (24 Adar)

Manny Fingerhut	Manis ben Avraham Hersh v'Chava
Richard Locke	
Morris Richman	Moshe Shmuel ben Dov Bar
Rabbi George Sektor	Shalom Gershon ben Yosef Moshe
Gary Velick	Semach ben Eliyahu
Rivka Vorona	Rivka bat Baruch

Neal Joffee
Berle Richman
Vicky Sektor
Sally Feder
The Markovitz Family

Thursday, March 23rd (25 Adar)

Frieda Bigelow	Chaya Freda bat Avraham
Dora Burton	
Lisa Feldman	Lisa bat Ephraim
Chaim Katz	Chaim Dov Ber ben Abba
Cantor David Markovitz	David ben Moshe v'Elke
Hyman Sedransky	Elchanan ben Israel Avraham
Harvey Silverman	Yitzchak ben Meir Simcha

Larry Bigelow
Arnold Burton
Larisa Palant

Friday, March 24th (26 Adar)

Ben Moskowitz	Baruch ben Yosef
Arlan Pomush	

Jack Moskowitz & Sondra Tenner
Shirley Haskovitz & Darlene Schwartz

May their memories always be for a blessing.