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Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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Vayakhel-Pekudei - ויקהל-פקודי

March 25, 2017 – 27 Adar 5777

Shabbat HaHodesh—פרשת החדש

This week, we read a double parasha. Vayakhel begins with the words, “Vayakhel Moshe” - “Moses assembled all the congregation of the Children of Israel.” He shares with them that they will soon be building a tabernacle, so that God can dwell in their midst. Moses lists the various items that will be needed for the construction of the Tabernacle and the items that will be in the Tabernacle. Although this is a most worthwhile project, Shabbat must be kept and no work, even activities related to the Tabernacle, can be done on Shabbat.

In Pekudei, Moses gives a detailed accounting of what was done with all the gold, silver, and all the other materials that were donated and how everything was used in constructing the Tabernacle and in making the items that were placed in the Tabernacle. On the first day of the month of Nissan, one year after the Exodus from Egypt, the Tabernacle was erected, the Priests wore their new priestly garments and were anointed. A Cloud of Glory and the Divine Presence descended upon the Tabernacle and filled the Tabernacle. This cloud also served as their guide throughout their journey in the wilderness. When the cloud lifted, it indicated that they were about to travel, and when it rested they were to set up camp and remain there until the cloud lifted again.

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This Day in Jewish History—27 Adar



In 1979, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat signed the Camp David Peace Agreement at the White House. Sadat had orchestrated the Egyptian attack on Israel in the 1973 Yom Kippur War, but after suffering defeat he became resigned to Israel's existence. As part of the Camp David deal, Israel withdrew from the entire Sinai Peninsula. For forging this first peace agreement between Israel and an Arab state, Sadat and Begin were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Much of the Arab world was outraged by Sadat's overtures toward Israel, and he was assassinated by a Muslim extremist in 1981.

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

Shabbat HaHodesh

Shabbat HaHodesh ("Sabbath [of the] month") is the 4th of 4 special Shabbatot before Passover. It takes place on the Shabbat preceding the first of the month of Nisan (or on the 1st of Nisan itself if it falls on Shabbat). Exodus 12:1-20 (from Parashat Bo) is read as the special Maftir on this Shabbat. In it, God states, in part, that "This month (Nisan) shall mark for you the beginning of the months; it shall be the first of the months of the year for you."



Maot Hittim Fund Drive

As Jewish families prepare to celebrate the Festival of Pesah, we must remember those who will find it difficult to purchase Kosher for Passover items. Again this year, Sharei Chesed is sponsoring its annual Maot Hittim fund drive, with the money raised to be used to provide food to those in need. We are very fortunate to have members and friends who make sure that this Mitzvah is observed. Please consider sponsoring one or more packages at \$50 each, or a portion of a package, and let us fulfill the Mitzvah that is found right at the beginning of the Haggadah: "Whoever is Hungry may come and eat."



Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Yefim Budilovski
- Bernie Miller
- Aron Tsukerman

Today's Kiddush Luncheon

We hope you will join us following services for our weekly Kiddush luncheon. Today's luncheon is in honor of Aron Tsukerman's 95th birthday, and is being sponsored by his children, Ryva & Anatoly Lipnik, and Sofiya & Yefim Tsukerman. Aron (Aryeh ben Chaim Alter) has been a devoted member of our congregation for many years, and has always been one of our regular and most dependable attendees at both Shabbat services and our nightly Mincha / Ma'ariv services. Mazal Tov, Aryeh—"Biz hundert un tsvantsik!!"



Springtime in Israel

Spring began this past Monday here in the United States, but in the Land of Israel, what we would call spring lasts but a few precious weeks, sandwiched in between summer and winter. Spring in Jerusalem is a two to three-week period, sometime in late March or April, when almond trees blossom pink on every corner and blood-red poppies riot in empty lots and road dividers. You might still get caught in an occasional shower, the air smells sweet and the weather's warm one day, chilly the next, trying to decide what season it is – before the heat and endless blue skies of summer come to stay. Not knowing exactly what to expect is part of the thrill of spring.

If you're travelling in Israel at that time, bring waterproof coats and boots, warm sweaters and lighter clothes - anything could happen in these weeks. It's not too hot, it's not too cold and everything is blooming - it can be the best time of the year. And, what's not to love about spring time and almond blossoms?



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Yahrzeits for week of March 25 - March 31, 2017

27 Adar - 4 Nisan 5777

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Saturday, March 5th (27 Adar)

Kalman Bassin	Kalman bar Chaim Sender haCohen
Khava Fridman	Khava bat Nachum
David Wilensky	David ben Mordechai

Remembered by

Bronya Bryants, Lisa Ilyevsky

Sunday, March 6th (28 Adar)

Gitel Khodurskaya	Gitel bat Moshe
Gladys Savitz-Nettis	Golda bat Hershel v'Esther

Bill Khodursky

Art Nettis

Monday, March 7th (29 Adar)

Isaak Kaplan	Yitzchak ben Gerson
Bessie Rutman	Peshie bat Usher
Naomi Salloway	Nechama bat Chaim v'Fraidel
Dvoyra Zaltsman	Dvoyra bat Kutiel

Gene Kotlovich

Steve Paper & Max Rutman

Barbara Weil

Tuesday, March 8th (1 Nisan)

Esther Axelrod	
Shirley Cohen	
Joseph Etedgui	Yosef ben Yitzchak v'Alyah

Steve Zien

Martha Cohen

Rabbi Avraham Etedgui and Maurice Etedgui

Wednesday, March 9th (2 Nisan)

Chaya Aleynekova	Chaya bat Reuven
Israel Balter	Israel ben Chaim
Klara Reznik	Chaya bat Nahum Ber v'Tilia
Esther Rossman	Chesia Esther bat Eliezer

Semon Aleynikov

David Feldman and Mark Feldman

Irv Smith and Annalee Odessky

Thursday, March 10th (3 Nisan)

Golda Frid	Golda bat Mordechai
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Emiliya Kagan

Friday, March 11th (4 Nisan)

** NO YAHRZEITS **

May their memories always be for a blessing.