



Sharei Chessed Congregation

שערי חסד

Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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קדשים - Kedoshim

21st Day of Counting the Omer - כ"א לעומר

May 14, 2016 – 6 Iyar 5776

This Parasha begins with the words: “Kedoshim Tihyu, Kee Kadosh Anee Hashem Eloheichem.” - “Be Holy, because I, the Lord your God, am Holy.”

This Parasha lists many Mitzvot “do”s and “don’t”s that lead to holiness. These Mitzvot deal with our relationships to other human beings in our daily actions. When we deal with others honestly, with fairness and sensitivity, when we do not allow ourselves to spread or listen to gossip, when we help the vulnerable among us by sharing our blessings and by preventing harm to the innocent, we are acting in a sacred way and, in this way, we are imitating God who is the source of Kidushah—holiness.

Also in this Parasha, we find the most important teaching—the three words that incorporate all Mitzvot:

Veahavta Lereacha Kamocho—ואהבת לרעך כמוך

“Love your fellow as yourself.”

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Yom HaAtzma'ut 5776

This past Thursday, Jews around the world celebrated Yom HaAtzma'ut, commemorating Israel's Declaration of Independence on May 14, 1948. Independence was declared just 8 hours before the end of the British Mandate of Palestine, scheduled to end the following day. The new state was recognized that night by the United States and three days later by the USSR.



“...recognition by the United Nations of the right of the Jewish people to establish their State is irrevocable. This right is the natural right of the Jewish people to be masters of their own fate, like all other nations, in their own sovereign State. Accordingly we, members of the People's Council, representatives of the Jewish community of Eretz-Israel and of the Zionist movement, are here assembled on the day of the termination of the British Mandate over Eretz-Israel and, by virtue of our natural and historic right and on the strength of the resolution of the United Nations General Assembly, hereby declare the establishment of a Jewish state in Eretz-Israel, to be known as the State of Israel.”

David Ben-Gurion,
Declaration of the Establishment of the State of Israel
May 14, 1948

This Day in Jewish History—6 Iyar

In 1881, a wave of pogroms swept 166 towns in southern Russia, after Jews were blamed for the assassination of Czar Alexander II. In these pogroms, thousands of Jewish homes were destroyed, and hundreds of Jews were killed and injured. The new czar, Alexander III, blamed the Jews for the riots and issued a series of harsh restrictions against the Jewish community. In the wake of these pogroms, some 2 million Jews fled Russia, many settling in the United States.



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

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Joy Gordon
- Rita Kapustin
- Grace Richter

Mee Sheberach—A Prayer for Healing

Debbie Friedman z”l composed this beautiful song. Let’s learn it together:

Mi shebeirach avoteinu

Mekor habrachah l'imoteinu

May the source of strength

Who blessed the ones before us.

Help us find the courage

to make our lives a blessing

And let us say Amen.

Mi shebeirach imoteinu

Mekor habracha l'avoteinu

Bless those in need of healing

With refuah shleimah

The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit

And let us say Amen.

Next Shabbat: Special Guest Speaker

Join us next Shabbat when we honor all of our students at the end of another successful school year. Our special guest speaker will be Gary Notkin, recent South Dakota State University graduate and gold-medal winner in Open Mixed Doubles Tennis at the 2015 Pan American Maccabi Games in Chile.



Yahrzeits for week of May 14 - May 20, 2016

6 Iyar - 12 Iyar 5776

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Remembered by

Saturday, May 14th

Elaine Kleinbaum
Polyna Moshinskaya

Chana Gitel bat Leib
Polyna bat Aaron

Martin Kleinbaum
Mikhail Goldis

Sunday, May 15th

Bernard Abzug
Dina Melamud
Eunice Schoen
Mordechai Winker

Beryl ben Shalom
Dina bat Aryah Leib

Paul Abzug
Mariya Melamud
Gail Brand and Harry Schoen

Mordechai ben Shalom Yitzchak

Monday, May 16th

Leonard Bergen
Israel Friedman
Sarah Ida Richman

Israel Berle ben Avraham Leib
Chaya Sara bat Avraham

Dennis Bergen
Louise Gordon
Berle Richman

Tuesday, May 17th

Markel Fishman
Libbe Gendelew
Erna Gumberich
Albert Osman

Markel ben Yakov
Shulamit bat Shimon

Simon Fishman
Raisa Gringauz
Gertrude Rappaport
Phyllis Osman

Wednesday, May 18th

Renee Hork
Leah Shapiro

Rene bat Esther and Harry
Leah bat Srul

Shelly Zien
Liya Shapiro and Emma Shapiro

Thursday, May 19th

** NO YAHRZEITS **

Friday, May 20th

Toby Fisher
Mark Mekhanik

Toba bat Chaim Fishel

Rosalee Hulse Larson
Marina Bershadsky
and Natalie Zabeshinsky

Vicki Telor

Vicki bat Orna v'Shmuel

May their memories always be for a blessing.