



Sharei Chesed Congregation

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Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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ויקרא - Vayikra

Shabbat Zachor

March 19, 2016 – 9 Adar II 5776

This Shabbat we begin the reading of the third book of the Torah, Vayikra or Leviticus. It is called Leviticus because it contains many rules and laws dealing with the Kohanim and the Levites as they relate to their service in the Temple.

The first word 'Vayikra' means 'He called'. Now that the Tabernacle has been set up, and God's Glory has descended upon it, Moses enters the Tent of Meeting only when he is called by God.

This Parasha follows last week's description of the erection of the Tabernacle and how all the articles were placed in their assigned location. Vayikra begins instruction on how it will be used and what kinds of offerings are brought to the Temple.

The Book of Vayikra, though translated as Leviticus, deals with more than just the offerings and the Kohanim. It contains many mitzvot and laws that make us a holy nation.

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Did You Know That ...

This Shabbat is Shabbat Zachor, We are commanded to Remember Amalek, the enemy of our people. However, there are another five commandments that begin with the word 'Zachor' - 'Remember':

1. **The Exodus from Egypt—**"So that you may remember the day you came out of Egypt all the Days of your life." (Deuteronomy 16:3) We remember it every day when we recite the Shema, the Kiddush on Shabbat, and especially during the Seder.
2. **Revelation at Sinai—**"But take utmost care and watch yourself scrupulously, so that you do not forget the things that you saw with your own eyes and so that they do not fade from your mind as long as you live, and make them known to your children and your children's children. The day you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb" (Deuteronomy 4:9-10) We remember it every time we study Torah or teach our children.
3. **Remember what Amalek did to you—**"Remember what Amalek did to you on your journey, after you left Egypt—how, undeterred by fear of God, he surprised you on the march, when you were famished and weary and cut down all the stragglers in your rear." (Deuteronomy 25:17) This is Shabbat Zachor.
4. **Remember the Golden Calf—**"Remember, never forget, how you provoked the Lord your God to anger in the wilderness" (Deuteronomy 9:7)
5. **Remember Miriam—**"Remember what the Lord your God did to Miriam on the journey after you left Egypt." (Deuteronomy 24:9)
6. **Remember the Shabbat—**"Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy." (Exodus 20:9)

Sefardim add 4 more:

- Remembering that God gives you the strength to succeed.
- Remember the forty years in the wilderness, the manna, and how your clothes and shoes did not wear out.
- Remember what Ballam responded to Balak, the king of Moab.
- If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

- **Happy Birthday to Francelyne Lurie!!**
- **Happy Anniversary to Bronya and Nick Bryants!!**

Passover—Maot Hittim and Mechirat Hametz

Once again this year, we are holding our annual Maot Hittim fund drive. Each year, Sharei Chesed prepares Maot Hittim (meaning 'money for grain') food packages for those members of the community who would otherwise not be able to make a proper Passover for themselves. Packages are \$50 apiece, but you can contribute smaller amounts which we will combine to fund full packages.

You can send your checks to the synagogue office, or go online to 'www.shareichesed.org' and click on 'Donate'.

Also, the Bible prohibits the possession of any leavened material during Passover. However, if one cannot dispose of all the Hametz before the approach of Pesah, we are commanded to arrange for a formal "Mechirat Hametz", Selling of the Hametz.

The transaction should be arranged thru Rabbi Etedgui at a minyan, or at the synagogue no later than Friday morning April 22nd during Shachrit, which begins at 7:30 A.M. If you will be out of town for Yom Tov, you should sell your Hametz before leaving.

If it is not possible to see the Rabbi or visit the synagogue office, you may mail your "Mechirat Hametz instructions to the synagogue.

Benny Friedman in Concert

One of the fastest rising stars in Jewish music, Benny Friedman has made a name for himself, not by being a member of one of Jewish music's royal families, but by consistently proving himself to be talented, versatile and one of the nicest people in the Jewish music business. And on Sunday April 3rd, you can see him live here in the Twin Cities.



Cost is \$20 per person, but there are discounts available, and teens can get in free.

For more information, go to <http://www.bennyconcert.org>

Yahrzeits for week of March 19 - March 25, 2016

9 Adar II - 15 Adar II 5776

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Remembered by

Saturday, March 19th

Marion Doroshow

Bonnie Bernath

Robin Doroshow

Sunday, March 20th

Aleksandr Grinberg

Ephraim Grinberg

Rita Grinberg

Simon Grinberg

Monday, March 21st

Florine Plitman

Lee Reinhartz

Tuesday, March 22nd

**** NO YAHRZEITS ****

Wednesday, March 23rd

Gershon Portnoy

Thursday, March 24th

**** NO YAHRZEITS ****

Friday, March 25th

Morris Kauffman

Sybille and Renee Aaron

Our condolences to Aaron Geller, Cary Geller, Mark Geller and David Fursetzer for the passing of sister and aunt Esther Olesky. Our condolences also to the entire family.

May their memories always be for a blessing.