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**Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים**

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**Bat Mitzvah of Elizabeth Rose Janson**

**Parashat Emor - אמור**

**32nd Day of Counting the Omer - ל"ב לעומר**

**May 13, 2017 – 17 Iyar 5777**

Sharei Chesed welcomes you to our Shabbat services today as we celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of Elizabeth Rose Janson.



Elizabeth is the daughter of Rita Melnik and David Janson, sister of Brandon, and step daughter of Matthew Haumschild. She is also the granddaughter of Eugene and Dina Melnik of Plymouth MN, and Gwendolyn and Gaetan Janson.

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## Parashat Emor

This week's Parasha deals with regulations concerning priests and the Sanctuary. Whatever comes near, or is presented, to God must be perfect of its kind. Priests, therefore, must be free from physical defects or ceremonial impurity, and sacrifices must be without blemish. Holiness is intended for the whole Community of Israel. But since the priests were closely and constantly associated with the ritual of the Sanctuary, special laws were instituted for them and a higher standard was demanded.

The Parasha continues with a comprehensive description of the sacred seasons in the Jewish year: Passover, Shavuot, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and of course, Shabbat. They are to be proclaimed as 'holy convocations'.

The Parasha concludes with describing the constant duty of the priests to make sure that the lamp is kept perpetually alight and the showbread regularly arranged—even during the special seasons of the year mentioned previously when the attention and energies of those who served in the Temple were otherwise taxed to the full.

## Lag B'Omer—Sunday May 14th

Tonight, we celebrate the holiday of Lag B'Omer—the 33rd day of the counting of the Omer. It brings to an end the period of semi-mourning, which began on Pesah, when no major celebrations (such as weddings) could take place.

The holiday is said to have had its origins in the time of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, a Mishnaic sage and leading disciple of Rabbi Akiva in the 2nd century C.E. The Talmud states that 24,000 of Rabbi Akiva's students died from a divinely-sent plague during the counting of the Omer because they did not show proper respect to one another. According to tradition, the plague ended on Lag B'Omer. Only 5 students were left, including bar Yochai, who went on to become the greatest teacher of Torah in his generation. It is said that on Lag B'Omer, he revealed the deepest secrets of Kabbalah, authoring the landmark text of Jewish mysticism known as the Zohar.

Today, people celebrate the holiday by visiting the tomb of bar Yochai, as well as the graves of other Tzadikim. Weddings and other parties are held, children and their families go on picnics and outings, parades are held as a demonstration of Jewish unity and pride, and some 3-year-old boys are given their first haircut (upsherin) in Meron, the city where the tomb of bar Yochai is located.

Some children in Israel will go out and play with bows and arrows on this day as well, for it is said in the Midrash that the rainbow (the sign that God will never again destroy the earth with a flood) was not seen during bar Yochai's lifetime, as his merit protected the world.

The most well-known custom on this day, however, is the lighting of bonfires, for some say that as bar Yochai gave spiritual light to the world thru the Zohar, these bonfires are lit to symbolize the impact of his teachings. Some also say that daylight was miraculously extended until bar Yochai completed his final teaching and died, symbolizing that all light is subservient to spiritual light—particularly to the primeval light contained within the mystical teachings of the Torah.



## Honors for the Torah Service

### Opening and Closing the Ark

congregants

<u>Aliyot</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Honoree/s</u>
Kohen	Rabbi Ettetdgui	Kohen
Levy	Rabbi Ettetdgui	Levi
3	Rabbi Ettetdgui	Dina and Eugene Melnik (grandparents)
4	Rabbi Ettetdgui	Uri Koppel (teacher)
5	Uri Koppel	Dennis Melnik (Uncle)
6	Uri Koppel	Roytman Family (aunt and cousins)
7	Uri Koppel	Irina and Adam Khaykin (friends)
Hosafa 1	Uri Koppel	congregant
Hosafa 2	Uri Koppel	congregant
Hosafa 3	Uri Koppel	congregant
Aharon	Uri Koppel	Rita Melnik (mother)
Maftir	Elizabeth Janson	Elizabeth Janson—Bat Mitzvah
Hagbah/Gelilah		congregants

### Prayers

Page 415	For the Congregation	Natasha Ma (friend)
Page 415	For our Country	Liel Cohen (friend)
Page 417	For Israel (English)	Matthew Haumschild (stepfather)

### Returning Torah to the Aron HaKodesh

Opening/Closing the Ark	Daniel and Josh Ternyak (cousins)
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## Today's Kiddush Luncheon

**We invite you to stay after services for a special Kiddush luncheon in honor of Elizabeth's Bat Mitzvah, sponsored by the family.**

**Mazal Tov, Elizabeth!!**

## Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Roz Ettetdgui
- Rita Kapustin
- Anastasia Shtulman

## Yahrzeits for week of May 13 - May 19, 2017

17 Iyar - 23 Iyar 5777

Please help with the daily Minyan

### Yahrzeit of

**Saturday, May 13th (17 Iyar)**

Lya Alexiu  
Shayndel Grinberg  
Blanche Kauffman  
Zvi Reinharz  
Herman Louis Schochet

Shayndel bat Chaim  
Bluma bat Hershel  
Yehuda Hirsch ben David v'Chava

### Remembered by

Andrew Alexiu  
Ita Teyvel & Chezar Grinberg  
Renee Aaron and Sybille Aaron  
Lee Reinharz, Avi Reinharz and Yoni Reinharz

**Sunday, May 14th (18 Iyar)**

Moshe Feldman  
Chana Soybelman

Moshe ben Nachum David  
Chana bat Meir Hirsh

David Feldman and Mark Feldman  
Nesya Tsukerman

**Monday, May 15th (19 Iyar)**

Lois Klym  
Lillie Snyder

Laiya Mariesa bat Gordon v'Dora  
Rachel Leah

Jimmy Klym  
Sonny Snyder

**Tuesday, May 16th (20 Iyar)**

Ron Burton  
Benjamin Meyerov

Moshe Reuven ben Benjamin v'Dora  
Binyamin ben Talhum

Arnie Burton  
David Feldman and Mark Feldman

**Wednesday, May 17th (21 Iyar)**

Leonid Khokhlovich  
Mary Eva Kranitsky  
Betty Weiss  
Simon Weiss

Mara Rifka bat Fishel

Samuil Khokhlovich

Eva Gross and Sharon Berkowitz  
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**Thursday, May 18th (22 Iyar)**

Avrohom Zilberman  
Avraham ben Moshe

Rakhil Zilberman and Simona Kudishevich

**Friday, May 19th (23 Iyar)**

Libah Deikel  
Haya Hatutskaya  
Noah Levin  
Harry Sol Miller  
Yosef Rauchwerger

Libah bat Avraham  
Haya bat Mehel  
Noyach ben Hynya  
Shlomo ben Zvi  
Yosef ben Israel

Liya & Emma Shapiro

Lewis Miller and Morris Miller  
Ephraim & Jenny Grinberg

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

## Condolences

Sharei Chesed extends its condolences to the family and friends of **Leo Wolk**, who passed away **Sunday May 7th** at the age of 100. Leo and his wife Helen performed a tremendous amount of charitable work, including their strong support for Sharei Chesed. We are grateful for their support and friendship, and we will miss Leo very much. Leo is survived by his daughter **Joyce (Alan) Branfman**, his son **Michael (Sandra) Wolk**, and his grandsons, **Jonathan** and **Benjamin Branfman**.

We also extend our condolences to the family and friends of **Beryl Miller**, who passed away on **Saturday May 6th** at the age of 90. Beryl's parents, **Sam** and **Masha Miller**, were founders of **Sharei Tzedek**, one of the founding synagogues of Sharei Chesed. Beryl is survived by his wife **Florence**, and his daughters **Hindy (Arnie) Frishman**, **Eve Miller**, **Debby Rich**, and **Riva (Craig) Kupritz**.