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Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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Bat Mitzvah of Maria Sakurets

Parashat Tazria-Metzora - תזריע-מצרע

18th Day of Counting the Omer—י"ח לעומר

April 29, 2017 – 3 Iyar 5777

Sharei Chesed welcomes you to our Shabbat services today as we celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of Maria Sakurets.



Maria is the daughter of Pavel and Alexandra Sakurets, sister of Anna, Elaina and Katerina, and brother of Evan of blessed memory.

Maria is also the granddaughter of Jon and Nina of Belarus, of Liliya, and of Anatoly of blessed memory.

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Parashat Tazria-Metzora

This week, we read a double portion. Tazria-Metzora focuses primarily on the person who was afflicted with certain skin diseases called Tzara-at. The Torah tells us that when a Metzora feels that he or she has healed from his or her Tzara-at, a Kohen needs to be called. The Kohen examines the Tzara-at. If the Kohen agrees, then the process of purification commences. That process involves a sacrifice, immersion in a Mikveh and the sprinkling of special purification water.

The Torah also discusses Tzara-at that can afflict a home—a type of mold—and how to purify that home.

Yom HaZikaron Community Observance—Sunday April 30th

Join us to honor the State of Israel's fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism as community members share their personal reflections. Observances will be held at 5:00 P.M. at both the Sabes JCC in St. Louis Park, and at Mt. Zion Temple in St. Paul.

“The Witness Theater Project” - April/May 2017

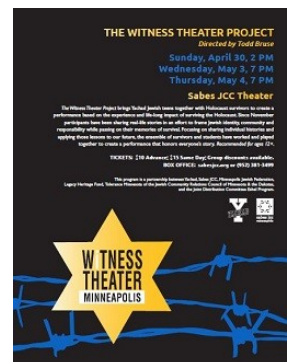
Yachad is excited to present to the community "The Witness Theater Project", a production by the teens of Yachad in the Witness Theater class along with Holocaust survivors. The play will be at the Sabes JCC for only 3 performances: Sunday, April 30th at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, May 3rd at 7:00 PM, and Thursday, May 4th at 7:00 P.M.

Directed by Todd Bruse, "The Witness Theater Project" brings Yachad Jewish teens together with Holocaust survivors to create a performance based on the experience and life-long impact of surviving the Holocaust. Since November, participants have been sharing real-life stories in an effort to frame Jewish identity, community and responsibility while passing on their memories of survival. Focusing on sharing individual histories and applying those lessons to our future, the ensemble of survivors and students have worked and played together to create a performance that honors everyone's story. Recommended for ages 12+.

TICKETS: \$10 Advance; \$15 Same Day; Group discounts available.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Sabes box office at sabesjcc.org or (952) 381-3499, or go to:

<http://www.sabesjcc.org/whats-happening.php>



Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Joyce Etedgui
- Era Kirzon
- Ron Scholder
- Alla Ternyak

Happy Anniversary to:

- Julia and Jacob Mirman
- Nekha Zelikman

Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah

- Elizabeth Janson-Melnik—Saturday May 13th (Parashat Emor)
- Liel Cohen—Saturday June 17th (Parashat Shlach)
- Mariam Kravchenko—Saturday September 2nd (Parashat Ki Tetzei)

This Day in Jewish History—3 Iyar



In 1556, 24 Jews were burned at the stake in Italy, by order of Pope Paul IV. These were Conversos -- Portuguese Jews who had had been forcibly converted to Christianity, yet continued to practice their Judaism in secret. During the Inquisitions designed to discover Conversos, an estimated 32,000 Jews were burned at the stake.

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

Special Guest Speaker—Julia Geller

Tomorrow evening is Yom HaZikaron (Israel Memorial Day), and to commemorate the day, we are privileged to have Julia Geller as a special guest speaker this morning. Julia has been working on a special project for this year's Yom HaZikaron observances. She recently interviewed a family in Israel who had lost a loved one who was serving in the IDF. We look forward to hearing the story of one of the brave men and women who work every day to protect and defend the State of Israel.



Yahrzeits for week of April 29 - May 5, 2017

3 Iyar - 9 Iyar 5777

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Saturday, April 29th (3 Iyar)

Sarah Walensky

Sara Mara bat Chaim Berle

Remembered by

Sunday, April 30th (4 Iyar)

Abe Smith

Avroham ben Yitzchok

Annalee Odessky and Irving Smith

Monday, May 1st (5 Iyar)

Jennie Block

Shayne bat Moshe

Alan Block and Faye Krasner

David Fisher

David ben Chaim Fishel v'Chaya Michla

Rosalee Hulse Larson

Simeon Fridlyand

Shimon ben Moshe

Luba Zevelev

Sheldon Levin

Simcha Reuven ben Michael
v'Sara Haika

Carolyn Levin and Scott Levin

Yevgenyia Mendyuk

Yevgenia bat Nissel & Frima

Mila Mendyuk

Aaron Polyak

Aron ben Yosef

Robert Tenner

Robert ben Reuven

Sondra Tenner

Tuesday, May 2nd (6 Iyar)

Elaine Kleinbaum

Chana Gitel bat Leib

Martin Kleinbaum

Polyna Moshinskaya

Polyna bat Aaron

Mikhail Goldis

Wednesday, May 3rd (7 Iyar)

Bernard Abzug

Beryl ben Shalom

Paul Abzug

Dina Melamud

Dina bat Aryeh Leib

Mariya Melamud

Eunice Schoen

Mordechai ben Shalom Yitzchak

Gail Brand and Harry Schoen

Mordechai Winker

Thursday, May 4th (8 Iyar)

Leonard Bergen

Israel Berle ben Avraham Leib

Dennis Bergen

Israel Friedman

Chaya Sara bat Avraham

Louise Gordon

Sarah Ida Richman

Berle Richman

Friday, May 5th (9 Iyar)

Markel Fishman

Markel ben Yakov

Simon Fishman

Libbe Gendelev

Shulamit bat Shimon

Raisa Gringauz

Erna Gumberich

Gertrude Rappaport

Albert Osman

Phyllis Osman

May their memories always be for a blessing.

Condolences

Sharei Chesed extends its condolences to the family and friends of Yakov Mints, who passed away this past Tuesday April 25th. Yakov is survived by daughters Klara Mints and Sophia (Alexander) Rostovtsev, and by grandchildren Harry, Anna and Daniella.

May God comfort you among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.