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Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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Vayikra - ויקרא

April 1, 2017 – 5 Nisan 5777

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 locations. 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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This Day in Jewish History—5 Nisan



In the Hebrew year 2488, Joshua sent scouts to survey Jericho in anticipation of the Jewish conquest. The mission was risky in the sense that 40 years earlier, Moses had sent scouts to Israel, only to have them recommend against entering the land. This time the mission was successful, and in the ensuing siege, Joshua's troops -- amidst shofar blasts -- encircled Jericho seven times until its walls came down. The events are recorded in the biblical Book of Joshua, chapters 2 and 6.

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

“Kabbalah—Your Path to Empowerment” - Coming in May

“There’s a crack in everything, that’s how the light gets in.” (Leonard Cohen)

Join Joy Gordon for a new Kabbalah class beginning in May called “Kabbalah—Your Path to Empowerment”. The ancient wisdom of Kabbalah provides strategies to guide us through uncertain times. Join Joy on an engaging journey to explore how to:

- Regain our strength when we encounter life’s challenges.
- Transform reactive energy into positive action.
- Find greater balance in our lives to experience more peace and wholeness.
- Bring healing to ourselves and our community.
- Make space for something new.

6 Wednesday evenings at Sharei Chesed—May 10, 17, 24, and June 7, 14 and 21. Time: 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Cost: \$75.00

Reservations needed by May 5th.

Contact Joy at 763-559-7029, or ‘joy@joyofkabbalah.com’.



Maot Hittim Packaging and Delivery—Sunday April 2nd

Join us tomorrow morning at 8:30 A.M. for Shharit services; then, at 9:30 A.M., we will begin assembling Maot Hittim food packages for delivery to families throughout the Twin Cities in time for Passover, which begins on Monday evening April 10th. If you can help with either assembly or delivery, it will be greatly appreciated!!

If you have not made a donation, yet, 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." Thank you, and may G-d bless you.



Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Sue Awend
- Avadya Edgar
- Avrum Peysman

Happy Anniversary to:

- Faye and Mitchell Kaye

Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah

- Maria Sakurets—Saturday April 29th (Parashat Tazria-Metzora)
- Elizabeth Janson-Melnik—Sautrday May 13th (Parashat Emor)
- Mariam Kravchenko—Saturday September 2nd (Parashat Ki Tetzei)

Today's Kiddush Luncheon

We hope you will join us for our weekly Kiddush luncheon immediately following services. Today's luncheon is sponsored by:

- Rabbi Etedgui, his wife Linda, and Roz and Maurice Etedgui, on the occasion of the Yahrzeit of the rabbi's and Maurice's father, Joseph Etedgui.
- Avrum Peysman, Emiliya & Dmitry Pogorelsky, and Rimma & Michael Notkin, in honor of Avrum's 94th birthday. Emiliya and Rimma are Avrum's daughters. Mazal Tov!!

Mechirat Hametz—Selling of Hametz

If you have not, yet, arranged to sell the Hametz in your home in time for Passover, you can still do so no later than Monday morning April 10th at the morning Shaharit services. If you cannot attend services that day, you can sell your Hametz by mail. Go to 'shareichsed.org', click on the 'Happenings' page, click on the Seder plate on that page, print the form that appears, fill it out and sent it to the synagogue.



“Heitivah Virtzonha”

Every Shabbat, immediately before we take the Torah out of the ark, we ask God to favor Zion. There is a beautiful melody to those words, which we will be learning during today's Kiddush luncheon. The words are as follows:

Favor Zion with your goodness,
Build the walls of Jerusalem.

היטיבה ברצונך את-ציון,
תבנה חומות ירושלים.

Yahrzeits for week of April 1 - April 7, 2017

5 Nisan - 11 Nisan 5777

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Saturday, April 1st (5 Nisan)

Michael Grunis	Moisey ben Nayn v'Galina
Sofia Kleshchitskaya	Sonia bat Mordechai
Moisey Zilberman	Moshe ben Shlomo

Remembered by

Rabbi Avraham Eteddgui
Abram Kleshchitsky
Rakhil Zilberman and Simona Kudishevich

Sunday, April 2nd (6 Nisan)

Eliezer Chaim	Eliezer ben Shmuel
Lorraine Golden	
Harvey Lippa	Harvey ben Zev
Connie Mealey	
Norman Walensky	Nachman ben Gedalyahu

Marshall Golden
Beverly Lippa and Debby Cox
Dean Mealey and Becky Swenson

Monday, April 3rd (7 Nisan)

** NO YAHRZEITS **

Tuesday, April 4th (8 Nisan)

Adell Balter	Adell bat Naftali
Rosalee Haskovitz	Rachel bat Moshe
Sara Lisitzah	Sara bat Israel
Abram Tsypis	

Grace Richter
Liya Shapiro

Wednesday, April 5th (9 Nisan)

Goldie Eve	Golde bat Lazar
Louis Geller	Yehuda Leib ben Shmuel haLevi
Richard Lurie	Eliyahu ben Chaim v'Malka

Irv Smith and Annalee Odessky
Aaron Geller
Francelyne Lurie and Jacob Mars

Thursday, April 6th (10 Nisan)

Leo Jonas	Eliezer ben Yonah
Yitzchak Kaplan	Yitzchak ben Asher
Avraham Khodurskiy	Avraham ben Yankel
Anna Miller	Hinda ba Zalman Avraham
Ethel Plitman	Ethel bat Avraham
Isaac Plitman	Yitzchak ben Moshe

Fay Kaye
Alex Zevelev and Luba Zevelev
Boris Khodursky
Lewis Miller and Morris Miller
Lee Reinharz
Lee Reinharz

Friday, April 7th (11 Nisan)

Fannie Richter	Fayga bat Ephraim
Bertha Wilensky	Bonia bat David

Grace Richter

May their memories always be for a blessing.