



Sharei Chessed Congregation

שערי חסד

Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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Bamidbar - במדבר

מ"ט לעומר - 49th Day of Counting the Omer

June 11, 2016 – 5 Sivan 5776

Festival of Shavuot - חג השבועות

June 12 and 13, 2016 – 6 and 7 Sivan 5776

Bamidbar begins the fourth Book of the Torah. In Hebrew it's called 'Bamidbar'—in the wilderness—because of the first words of this book. In English it is called the Book of Numbers because the book begins with the census that was taken in order to know the number of men available to serve in the army that will be conquering the Promised Land.

Shavuot is also called 'Zman Matan Toratenu' - the Season of the Giving of the Torah. It is one of the three pilgrimage festivals connected to harvest and is known as 'Hag Habikurim' - the Festival of the First Fruits.

On Sunday—the first day of Shavuot—we will be reading the Ten Commandments. On Monday—the second day of Shavuot—we read the portion from the Torah that describes the various tithing people were commanded to give to the poor and the Levites as well as the Mitzvah of celebrating the Three Festivals. (continued on next page)

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Festival of Shavuot (continued from Page 1)

It is customary to read the Akdamot before the Torah Reading on the first day of Shavuot. Akdamot is a long poem written in Aramaic dealing with the greatness of God, the excellence of the Torah, and the future hope of Israel.

On the second day of Shavuot, it is customary to read the Book of Ruth, containing the story of Ruth the Moabite who converts to Judaism and is the great-grandmother of King David.

This Day in Jewish History—5 Sivan



In 1981, Israel bombed and destroyed the Iraqi nuclear reactor in Baghdad. Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein had pronounced himself as the reincarnation of Babylonian tyrant Nebuchadnezzar, and named the nuclear reactor

"Tammuz" -- the name of the calamitous Jewish month when Nebuchadnezzar's troops laid siege on Jerusalem 2,500 years earlier. Ilan Ramon (later to become Israel's first astronaut, who died in the explosion of the Space Shuttle Columbia) and seven other pilots executed the daring raid -- flying over enemy Arab territory for hours, and avoiding detection with their tight formation that emitted a radar signal resembling a commercial airliner. However, even as Israel celebrated the successful raid, condemnation was nearly universal. One prominent U.S. senator called it "one of the most provocative, ill-timed and internationally illegal actions taken in that nation's history." Two decades later, as the world feared Saddam's weapons of mass destruction, the Israeli action was vindicated.

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

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Jerry Berkowitz
- Nick Bryants
- Jack Moskowitz
- Morris Toretsky

Thank You to:

- **Danny Levey** for making the cheesecakes for Shavuot, and for reading from the Torah on the first day of Shavuot
- **Jerry Ingber** for reading the Ten Commandments on the first day of Shavuot
- **Esther Rubinstein and Eddy Rubinstein** for sponsoring the Kiddush over Shabbat and Shavuot in memory of mother Fanny Rubinstein
- **Corrine and Morris Toretsky** for co-sponsoring the Shavuot Kiddush in honor of Morris's birthday, and in honor of the graduation of their grandson Daniel.

Today's Kiddush Luncheon

We hope you will stay for Kiddush immediately following services. Today's Kiddush luncheon is sponsored by Bruce and Ragna Colton and the Colton Family, and will include a special Icelandic buttermilk made by Bruce himself.

Schedule for Shavuot Services

Join us Sunday and Monday morning for Shavuot services as we celebrate 'Matan Torah' - The Giving of the Torah:



- **Sunday morning June 12th at 9:30 A.M.**
- **Monday morning June 13th at 9:30 A.M.**

****NOTE** Yizkor will be recited on Monday**

A dairy Kiddush luncheon will follow services both days.

Yahrzeits for week of June 11 - June 17, 2016

5 Sivan - 11 Sivan 5776

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Remembered by

Saturday, June 11th (5 Sivan)

** NO YAHRZEITS **

Sunday, June 12th (6 Sivan)

Oscar Dolgoff	Osher Mayer ben Harry	
Pesha Goldberg	Pesha bat Sarah	Larisa Palant
Marvin Lazarine	Meir ben Chaim	Joyce Ettedgui
Harry Leviton	Hershel ben Avraham	
Mordechai Vurgaft	Mordechai ben Einoch	Asya Akerman

Monday, June 13th (7 Sivan)

Bonita Gould	Batya bat Yerachmiel v'Freda	Steve Paper
Fanny Rubinstein	Fradel bat Yakov v'Toba	Eddy Rubinstein and Esther Rubinstein

Tuesday, June 14th (8 Sivan)

Max Bernhard	Dov Menachem ben Shmuel Mayer	Candace Margulies
Paul Ross Rosenfeld		Aileen Snyder
Jack Stoller		Stuart Stoller

Wednesday, June 15th (9 Sivan)

Kerry Rosen		
Bill Tanick	Yitzchak ben Avraham v'Fruma	Paul Tanick
Naftali Zaltsman	Naftali ben Aaron	

Thursday, June 16th (10 Sivan)

Leonard Leviton	Laibel ben Shalom Herschel	
Ann Pearl Schoenzeit	Hannah Peryl bat Moshe Shmuel	
Freda Schwartz	Freda bat Baruch	
Audrey Julia Walsh	Yehudit bat Yonatan	Skip Wenda

Friday, June 17th (11 Sivan)

Joseph Prowizor	Yosef ben Zvi	Randal Prowizor
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May their memories always be for a blessing.