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Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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Naso - נשא

June 3, 2017—9 Sivan 5777

Naso, the second portion in the book of Bamidbar, describes the census of the Kohanim and their specific assignment in the work related to the Tabernacle.

Naso also contains the laws of the Nazarite and the offering he/she must bring upon completing the period of being a nazarite.

A most beautiful blessing is found in this Parasha—the Priestly Blessing. The Kohanim are assigned the privilege of blessing the people by invoking upon them the three-verse blessing which concludes with the word ‘Shalom’.

This parasha concludes with the dedication of the Tabernacle, called ‘Hanukat Hamizbeah’ - the dedication of the Altar. Offerings of various items were made on behalf of each tribe by the head of the tribe. Although the offerings were identical, they are repeated for each tribe.

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Sharei Chesed Religious School



Sharei Chesed's Religious School begins its new school year on Sunday September 10th. If you know of families with children who would benefit from our school, we would love to welcome them.

A registration form and schedule of classes for the coming year can be found at shareichesed.org/education

Deadline for registration is Friday August 25th.

This Day in Jewish History—9 Sivan



Yahrtzeit of Rabbi Yaakov Chaim Sofer (1870-1939), author of the 8-volume work of Jewish law, *Kaf HaChaim*. He was born in Baghdad and studied under great sages such as the Ben Ish Chai. In 1904, Rabbi Sofer embarked on a long and arduous journey to Israel, where he became one of the great kabbalists of the 20th century.

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

Watermelon Season in Israel

Now that summer is almost upon us, one food lots of people think about is watermelon. Well, it also happens to be watermelon season in Israel. Here, courtesy of the website 'Israel21c.org', are some fun facts about this fun fruit:

- Technically a vegetable, watermelon was first grown in northern Africa 5,000 years ago and is mentioned in the Bible as a staple of the Egyptian diet.
- Ancient watermelons probably weren't very sweet. A Byzantine mosaic uncovered in Israel, dated from 425 C.E., depicts a cut watermelon with yellow-orange flesh. Over time, they became redder as they were bred to be sweeter, because redness and sweetness are genetically paired.
- The redder the melon, the more healthful beta-carotene it contains. Despite containing mostly water, watermelon also is a good source of phenolic antioxidants, flavonoids, lycopene and vitamins A and C.
- According to the Plant Production and Marketing Board of the Israeli Ministry of Agriculture, the average Israeli consumes 26 pounds (12 kilos) of watermelon each year. The average American eats 16 pounds per year.
- Approximately 100 Israeli watermelon growers—mainly in the Arava desert, the Jordan Rift Valley and the Lower and Western Galilee—sell about 100,000 tons of their crops annually. Seedless varieties developed by Israeli researchers are especially popular.



Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Boris Sandler
- Cindy Schwartz

Happy Anniversary to:

- Helen and Boris Sandler
- Galina and Leonid Shteyman

Landscaping Day—Sunday June 4th (postponed from May 23rd)

*“Though April showers may come your way, they bring the flowers that bloom in May “
(from the song “April Showers”, written by Louis Silvers and B.G. Desylva)*

It seems like our Twin Cities April showers extended all the way into May!! So much so that our annual Landscaping Day activities, originally scheduled for Sunday May 21st, had to be postponed. We'll give it another try tomorrow morning June 4th. So, come out to Sharei Chesed that morning and help us beautify our grounds. If you've got gardening tools, bring them along.

Last year, we dedicated 2 new trees on our property in memory of our dear friends Mort Leder and Terry Schwartz. This year, we will add a 3rd tree, with the intention of adding one new tree each year in memory of those who passed away during the preceding year.

We'll get started at 9:30 A.M. Better still, come for Shachrit at 8:30, followed by a light breakfast, then let's all get to work beautifying our shul!!



Kabbalat Shabbat—Friday Evening June 9th

Our final Kabbalat Shabbat of 5777 will be on Friday evening June 9th, when our guest speaker will be Tuvia Abramson, a veteran of the Six-Day War which is seeing its 50th anniversary this week. Tuvia was born in Israel, served in the military, and completed his undergraduate degree work at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He came to the United States where he earned his master's degree in Higher Education at the University of Minnesota, and later became its Hillel director. In 1994, the national Hillel office asked Tuvia to become Hillel executive director at Penn State, where he remained for 12 years. Today, Tuvia lives in the Twin Cities and works with the Jewish Artists' Laboratory, an arts initiative through the Sabes JCC. His experiences in 1967 make for an inspiring story you won't want to miss!!

Contact the synagogue office by Monday June 5th to make your reservations.



Yahrzeits for week of June 3 - June 9, 2017

9 Sivan - 15 Sivan 5777

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Saturday, June 3rd (9 Sivan)

Kerry Rosen

Bill Tanick

Naftali Zaltsman

Yitzchak ben Avraham v'Fruma

Naftali ben Aaron

Remembered by

Sunday, June 4th (10 Sivan)

Leonard Leviton

Ann Pearl Schoenzeit

Freda Schwartz

Audrey Julia Walsh

Laibel ben Shalom Herschel

Hannah Peryl bat Moshe Shmuel

Freda bat Baruch

Yehudit bat Yonatan

Skip Wenda

Monday, June 5th (11 Sivan)

Joseph Prowizor

Yosef ben Zvi

Tuesday, June 6th (12 Sivan)

Janet Schoenzeit

Julius Winker

Rivka bat Yermiyahu

Yankel ben Moirdechai

Wednesday, June 7th (13 Sivan)

David Glickson

Morris Martin Miller

Jean Silver

David ben Yehuda

Jack Moskowitz

Rivia Goldberg

Ellen Ajsenberg

Thursday, June 8th (14 Sivan)

Irene Boykis

Vera Neydelman

Max Rutman

Irina bat Lev

Moshe ben Shlomo

Arkadiy Neydelman

Friday, June 9th (15 Sivan)

Ray (Rafael) Banwell

Maddie Banwell

May their memories always be for a blessing.