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**Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים**

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**Bar Mitzvah of Lee'El Cohen**

**Parashat Sh'lach - שלח**

**June 17, 2017—23 Sivan 5777**

Sharei Chesed welcomes you to our Shabbat services today as we celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of Lee'El Cohen.



Lee'El is the son of Jo and Ely Cohen and brother of Karin, Michelle and Stephanie.

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## Parashat Sh'lach

Last week's Torah reading ended with the story of Miriam and Aaron talking about Moses which resulted in Miriam being punished and suffering from leprosy for one week. This week's Parasha also speaks of slander. But this time the consequences are severe and long-lasting.

The story begins with Moses selecting one chief from each tribe and sending them on a 40-day trip to scout the Land of Canaan. To describe how good the products of Canaan are, they bring a huge cluster of grapes which takes two men to carry. Ten of the men report that the people of Canaan are too strong. In fact, they are all of large size and there is no way the Israelites can defeat them in war. When Caleb and Joshua try to contradict the ten men and say that they, the Israelites, can prevail because of God's help, the ten spies slander the Land by saying that it is a terrible land that eats its inhabitants. The Israelites believe the ten men and then cry and express regret for leaving Egypt.

The consequences are that God punishes the entire generation. They will wander in the wilderness for the next 39 years until all the adults die and their children will be privileged to enter the Promised Land.

## This Day in Jewish History—23 Sivan

**On this day in 355 BCE, Haman's edict for destroying the Jewish people was overturned. The date is mentioned three times in the Book of Esther, read every year on Purim.**

**On this day in 1962, the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed the New York State Regent's Prayer in public schools, on the grounds that it violated the separation of Church and State. The New York State board of education had approved the following 22-word "nondenominational prayer" for recitation each morning in public schools: "Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our country." The board of education believed that the prayer would help students develop good character and good citizenship. Although reciting the prayer was optional for each student, a group of parents objected, and the case went all the way to the Supreme Court.**

**Organizations such as the American Jewish Congress supported the ban -- due to centuries of religious persecution, Jews tend to oppose government involvement in religion. One of the most ominous reactions came from the Jesuit publication, America, which warned Jews that their involvement in these cases could incite anti-Semitism in American society. The majority Supreme Court opinion held that "classroom invocation of God's blessings... is a religious activity." The dissenting opinion pointed out that each day's session of the Supreme Court starts with the invocation, "God save the United States and this Honorable Court," that the Pledge of Allegiance contains the words "one Nation under God," and that every dollar bill bears the words, "In God we Trust."**





**Yahrzeits for week of June 17 - June 23, 2017**

**23 Sivan - 29 Sivan 5777**

**Please help with the daily Minyan**

**Yahrzeit of**

**Saturday, June 17th (23 Sivan)**

Sara Eydelman

Sara bat Leib v'Nechama

**Remembered by**

Lev Eydelman

**Sunday, June 18th (24 Sivan)**

Joseph Melamud

Yosef ben Yakov

Mariya Melamud

**Monday, June 19th (25 Sivan)**

Sam Kopansky

Yeshua Mordechai ben Baruch

Rosalee Hulse Larson

**Tuesday, June 20th (26 Sivan)**

David Berdt

David ben Zelig

Ralph Kopansky

Moshe Reuben ben Yeshua Mordechai

Rosalee Hulse Larson

Nisson Mandel

Nisson ben Avraham

Velvel Portnoy

Velvel ben Leib

**Wednesday, June 21st (27 Sivan)**

Charles Bolter

Betzalel David

Dee Dee Bolter and Cindy Benzaquen

**Thursday, June 22nd (28 Sivan)**

Ethel Brown

Etel bat Moshe v'Ruth

Lee Reinharz

Sophie Guffan

Sima bat Yosef

Stephen Guffan

**Friday, June 23rd (29 Sivan)**

Rachel Eserow

Rachel bat Benyamin v'Minnie

Art Wiss

Tuba Shteyn

Gene Shteyn

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