

Stay well and
Shabbat Shalom!



Havdalah
Candlelighting time next Friday

8:50 pm
7:38 pm

WEEK OF JULY 24 - JULY 30, 2020

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Joann Eisenstatt
Alexa Friedman
George Fuhrman
Kayla Merlin
Herbert Miller
Joel Mintz
Samuel Paillet

Barbara Paillet
Leon Pesses
Sarah Rothschild
Charles Scher
Diane Schleifstein
Sylvan Steinberg



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Joan & Jerald Album
Linda & Scott Hart
Esther & Marc Hendler
Jackie & Charles Stern



WE REMEMBER WITH LOVE:

Edith Bernstein
George Branch
Lena Breen
Carolyn Bronfin
Susan Leslie Cohen
Janet Dreyfous
Lewis Felberg
Ida Fisher
Jack Fishman
Louis Glassman
Saul Glatt
Madelaine Goldberg
Rebecca Gorbaty
Paul Handmacher
Oscar Kagan
Dora Kalka
Dora Klemes
Selina Koritzky

Razele Lehmann
William Leon
Selig Levin
Lee Meltzer
Sophie Muhoberac
Alka Penny
Naomi Pesses
Esther Pincus
Morris Polewoda
Fannie Rusakof
Isidore Schwartz
Anna Shabason
Rachel Stern
Frieda Vigdorova
Aaron Zaidman
Zissel Zaidman
Jacob Zaidman



Parashat Devarim
Shabbat, July 24-25, 2020
4 Av 5780

Shir Chadash Conservative Congregation is a warm, inclusive, egalitarian synagogue that honors tradition while embracing modernity. We are a sacred community where all are welcome to join in praying, learning and celebrating together. Collectively, our voices from young to old form a new song through which each member is inspired and enriched for the enhancement of our community, Greater New Orleans and the Jewish People.

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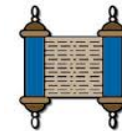
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LEARN, GROW, EXPLORE



Deuteronomy 1:1 - 2:1		
1	Deuteronomy 1:1-3	Pages 981-982
2	Deuteronomy 1:4-7	Pages 982-983
3	Deuteronomy 1:8-10	Pages 983-984
4	Deuteronomy 1:11-21	Pages 984-986
5	Deuteronomy 1:22-28	Pages 986-987
6	Deuteronomy 1:29-38	Pages 987-988
7	Deuteronomy 1:39 - 2:1	Pages 988-990
Maftir	Deuteronomy 1:39 - 2:1	Pages 988-990
Haftarah	Isaiah 1:1-27	Pages 1000-1004

We pray for healing for:

Jackson Albert Airey	Diana Gorlin	Jennifer Kuhn Palmer
Madlyn Bagneris	Annette Grauer	Larry Rabin
Lyle Addison Barrocas	Elaine Gross	Linda Ramelli
Carol Bear	Emline Hirsch	Matthew Redmond
Larry Bensignor	Gregory Johnson	Diane Riehlmann
Wendy Bero	Natalia Kamyshebova	Roland Roger
Mario Boskis	Sheila Kaufman	Ian Rowland
Sarah Carp	Adam Kramer	Larry Schwartz
Chris Cassimus	Julie Landis	Rande Suhrer
Deborah Cobette	Deborah Lauricella	Cindy Snyder
Natalie Cohen	Alissa Lepisto	Barbara Siegelman
Nathan Dayan	Anne Levy	Stephen Susman
Beth Eckstein	Steven Loeb	Joshua Thies
Titia de Lange	Hannah Malka	Shaw Thompson
Maria Sancho-Fox	Rabbi Michael Matuson	Tatiana Urbanovich
Ellen Freeman	Christy Moore	Janelle Vallen
Adrian Garner	Juliette Yager Murray	Earl Blake Wisecarver
Theresa Gex	Howard Nagelberg	Helen Wolff
Selma Goldberg	Sean O'Donnell	Les Yoakum

At Shir Chadash, we believe study and learning are fundamental to the establishment of a strong and engaged Jewish community. We strive to provide an extraordinary number of learning opportunities for seekers of all ages, and look forward to learning with you!

VERSES TO LIVE BY

Encountering Torah one verse at a time

פָּנוּ וּסְעוּ לָכֶם וּבֵאוּ תָרָה אֲמֹרִי וְאֶל-כָּל-שְׁכֵנֵי בְּעֶרְבָה בְּהָר וּבְשִׁפְלָה וּבְנֶגֶב וּבְחֹוף הַיָּם אֶרֶץ הַכְּנַעֲנִי וְהַלְבָּנוֹן עַד-הַנָּהָר הַגָּדֹל נְהַר-פָּרָת:

Turn away and make your way to the hill country of the Amorites and to all their neighbors in the Arabah, the hill country, the Shephelah, the Negev, the seacoast, the land of the Canaanites, and the Lebanon, as far as the Great River, the river Euphrates.

Devarim 1:7

Right at the lowest point of the Jewish year, we always begin reading a new book. The Jewish calendar is arranged so that parashat *Devarim* always starts on the Shabbat before the fast of the 9th of Av. Commentators even point out that the word that begins the scroll of Lamentations - *Eicha!* - appears in this Torah portion, and that verse is usually sung to "*Eicha* chant," as is most of the paired Haftarah.

But Rabbi Alan Lew z"l sees this parashah differently.

In his classic book about the High Holydays, *This Is Real And You Are Completely Unprepared* * he sets out a thesis that the High Holyday season doesn't just comprise Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, or even the period that starts with Rosh Hashanah and ends with Simchat Torah. Instead, he argues that the High Holydays begin this week, with Tisha B'Av.

And our verse this week is one of his prooftexts. He points out that the Hebrew verb *peh nun heh* shows up seven times in this Torah portion. *Panah* means 'to turn'. In the verse that precedes ours, Moses recalls God saying to the people, "you have stayed here at Sinai long enough."

We can almost hear an impatience in those words, "turn away." It is as if the people are being pushed out of a sense of being settled, being complacent, and asked, instead, to take another journey. Unlike the one their ancestor Abraham took, this has a known destination - but it is still long and full of unknowns along the way. And the people do, indeed, begin to move on. It's as if they know they must.

Seven times the commandment to turn is repeated, just here, at the time that is seven weeks before Rosh Hashanah. Rabbi Lew teaches that this turning, this dislocation, is the beginning of the process of *teshuvah*, the process that reminds us that change is always possible.

And this year, the parashah seems to be speaking directly to the pandemic. As we watch the numbers of the sick rise around us this year, we might feel that we are locked down in ways that are not only physical. The thought of any kind of a journey feels impossible. But change is happening around us at such an accelerated rate that even though we might not be able to travel far from our homes, we already know that we will emerge from this process different to when it began.

So perhaps it's time to turn towards it.

Rabbi Silver

* It's out of print now, but you can still get hold of a copy - support a secondhand bookstore!

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