

Stay well and
Shabbat Shalom!

WEEK OF MAY 22 - MAY 28, 2020

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Andrew Adelman	Sherie Mirpuri
Brenda Katz	Richard Neff
Laura Kulick	Isaac Pinhas
Abraham Levine	Rochelle Sackett
Henry Miller	Ann Streiffer
	Dana Wallen



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Wesley & Norman Galen
Jennifer & Will Samuels



WE REMEMBER WITH LOVE:

George Allison	Sadie Kleinfeldt Lubritz
Louis Buderman	Jan Pastor
Mary Cohen	Benjamin Pushker
Raisel Fiel	Howard Rosen
Dotsy Fisher	Herman Rosenberg
Joy Gaethe	Michael Shabason
Wolfe Gerber	Ida Sternstein
Bella Gerber	Leonard Ungar
Jules Goldberg	Leah Weinberg
Nathan Kohlman	Joseph Weinstein



Havdalah
Candlelighting time next Friday

8:42 pm
7:38 pm



Shabbat Machar Chodesh
Parashat B'midbar
Shabbat, May 22 - 23, 2020
29 Iyar 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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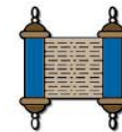
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LEARN, GROW, EXPLORE



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We pray for healing for:

Jackson Albert Airey	Theresa Gex	Howard Nagelberg
Madlyn Bagneris	Selma Goldberg	Sean O'Donnell
Euval Barrekette	Diana Gorlin	Jennifer Kuhn Palmer
Olga Barrekette	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 Kamyshebibova	Roland Roger
Jackie Brave	Sheila Kaufman	Ian Rowland
Sarah Carp	Adam Kramer	Rande Suhrer
Chris Cassimus	Julie Landis	Cindy Snyder
Deborah Cobette	Deborah Lauricella	Barbara Siegelman
Natalie Cohen	Alissa Lepisto	Stephen Susman
Stephen Cohen	Anne Levy	Joshua Thies
Nathan Dayan	Steven Loeb	Shaw Thompson
Beth Eckstein	Hannah Malka	Tatiana Urbanovich
Titia de Lange	Rabbi Michael Matuson	Janelle Vallen
Maria Sancho-Fox	Christy Moore	Earl Blake Wisecarver
Ellen Freeman	Juliette Yager Murray	Helen Wolff
Adrian Garner		Les Yoakum

אברהם בן הודס שמואלה: חיים בן פריידעל: רונה דבורה בת רחל: הערשעל בן גיטל: אפרים אברהם בן אטע רחל: שולמית יהודית בת חנה: חנה רייזלה בת רבקה: מאיר קלמן בן שפרה: הינדא יורה בת לאה: שלום בן שמואל: הדסה בת שרה: דוד יעקב בן אליעזר: רבקה לאה בת רחל: דבורה יענטל בת צפורה: גבריאל אליעזר בן אסתר: אסתר מלכה בת זלושע אטע: ברכה בת מלכה: יונה חיים בן שמואל זאב: יהודה אהרון בן קיילא: אטע בת בריינדל: דבורה בת אברהם: מאיר לייב בן אסתר: ברוך צבי בן רבקה באשא: שרה לאה בת פנסי: ראוון בן פריץ: מיכל ושתי יעל בת שרה: שושנה בת רחל: דבורה מרים בת נעמי: רבקה גיטל בת פסעה מלכה: חנה בת דבורה: טובה בת מרים: מרים יעל בת שושנה: שמואל בן חיים: חיה ליאל בת טלי: דוד בן יעקב: גבריאלה בת חנה אסתר: חמרה בת אידס: שושנה בת רחל: שמואל בן יוסף: אליעזר בן שמואל: שושנה בת רחל: שרה עדינה בת רחל: חני שיינדל בת אטע: יהודית בת ביילא ליבא: יאלונית בת בתשבע ליבא: גיטל: חיה בת דבורה: אסתר בת חיה: דינה באשא בת משה: שרה בת שושנה: אורה מרים בת חנה רייזל: ברוך שרגא פייבעל בן יענטע: רבקה גילת בת פלורנ: גילה בת דבורה: אלישבע חיה בת שרה: נחמה בת טובה: פרומה: יענטע רחל בת צירל לאה: דוב רפאל בן חנה: שמואל בן סלי: אלישבע רות בת שרה; אטע בת פרומה; יוחנן בן דבורה; דבורה בת שרה: דבורה בת אברהם.

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

וַיְדַבֵּר יי אֱלֹהִים בַּמִּדְבָּר בַּיּוֹם הַרְּשֵׁי בַּשָּׁנָה הַשְּׁנִית לְצֵאתְכֶם מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם לֵאמֹר:
On the first day of the second month, in the second year following the exodus from the land of Egypt, the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the Tent of Meeting, saying:
Bamidbar 1:1

With this week's verse, the ritual language of the book of Leviticus comes to an end and the people's journey from the base of Mount Sinai is initiated. For the next 39 years or so, they will be in the *midbar*, the desert - or, more accurately, the wilderness.

Once more we see how the unfolding of Torah parallels our own lives. Like our ancestors at Sinai, we, too, have been living in a static, localized reality set about with strict rules. But soon we must begin to negotiate the gray area represented by our growing recognition that coronavirus is not something to live *through*, but something to live *with* - at least for the time being. We must enter the *midbar* and encounter all its challenges.

What can we learn from this chaotic book of Torah? There are three principles we can carry with us on our own journeys.

The first is the principle of community. The Children of Israel encounter the *midbar* together. Its ambiguity is punctuated with their encampments. And while Rashi points out that the people's tents were private spaces, with nobody's front entrance looking in on another's, the people retained the sense of being a collective. These days our own collective has been replaced with rectangular icons on a screen. But like our ancestors, we can draw strength from each other even though we are not in a shared space.

The second principle has to do with agility. Navigating the *midbar* requires accepting that circumstances can change, and change quickly. We will be called upon to be flexible and inventive in our behavior, both daily and ritual. Our familiar landmarks might shift in this new landscape and we will need to be resourceful and adaptable.

And the third principle has to do with nourishment. Our Rabbis teach that the Children of Israel were followed through the wilderness by Miriam's well. Whenever they needed, there was water, so their challenges were not compounded by the desperation of thirst. We, too, need both physical and spiritual nourishment for this stage of the journey. Rashi teaches that Miriam's well was hidden inside a very ordinary-looking rock. It may be that we discover it in places we have not previously thought to be significant. People who have never baked before are baking (and taking) *challah*; people who never marked the end of Shabbat are joining online to make *havdalah*; many of us are finding deep comfort in a natural world we were too busy previously to notice. Miriam's well may be hidden, but it is still there for us.

And finally, as we approach Shavuot, let's not forget that Torah was given in the *midbar*. A Midrash teaches that this is because the *midbar* is an ownerless place - a place that is empty. We, too, have to empty ourselves of our preconceptions. And if we can manage to do that, perhaps we will find that these times, even though they are so challenging, still hold Torah for us.

Rabbi Silver