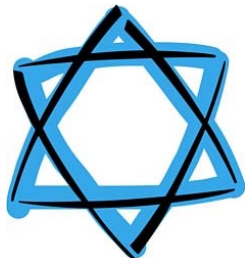


WE REMEMBER WITH LOVE:

Bernard Aronson	Sarah Mass
Sara Aronzon	Simon Paillet
Rose Baumgarten	Florence Portnoy
Katharina Berliner	Rudolph Reiter
Barnett Blitz	Alice Rosenthal
Estelle Corenblum	Johonna Schon
Mildred Lubritz Covert	Arthur Schreff
Bessie Feldman	Harry Schwartz
Milton Fingerman	Bertha Seidenbach
Rea Hendler	Gus Singerman
David Herman	Jake Slipman
Leon Hyman	Florence Stiebel
Nick Karno	Charles Tugendhaft
Sidney Knopf	Ben Volodarsky
Frieda Kottle	Sam Volodarsky
Jennie Lassen	Joseph Warshauer
Morris Levin	Isadore Weinberg
Raphael Loewe	Ruth Weinstein
Elfriede Lustig	A. Wulliger



Stay well and
Shabbat Shalom!

WEEK OF MAY 15 - MAY 21, 2020

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Hannah Chalew	Sara Kottle
Rose Cohen	Alexandra Lieberman
Allison Cohen	Stephan Miller
Maya Dvilansky	Daniel Mintz
Vivian Friedman	Abigail Rade
Kitzi Goldman	Sasha Raskina
Barry Ivker	Geoffrey Samuels
Pamela Kancher	Reda Scher
Jerry Katz	Eliza Schklar
Ruth Katzen	Ludmila Talley
Laurie Klein	Bruce Wainer
	Courtney Wainer



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Laura & David Kulick
Robin & Nathan Lew



Parashot B'char + B'chukotai
Shabbat, May 15 - 16, 2020
22 Iyar 5780

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Havdalah
Candlelighting time next Friday

8:38 pm
7:34 pm



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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 רייזולה 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: ראובן 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: תמרה 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 גיטא: גילה בת דבורה: אסתר בת חיה: דינה באשא בת משה: שרה בת שושנה: אורה מרים בת חנה רייזול: 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

אִזְ תִּרְצֶה הָאָרֶץ אֶת־שְׁבַת־הָיָה לְכָל יְמֵי הַשָּׁמָה וְאַתֶּם בְּאֶרֶץ אֹיְבֵיכֶם אִזְ תִּשְׁבֶּת הָאָרֶץ וְהָרַצְתָּ אֶת־שְׁבַת־הָיָה:
Then shall the land make up for its sabbath years throughout the time that it is desolate
and you are in the land of your enemies; then shall the land rest and make up for its
sabbath years.
Vayikra 26:34

Something is happening in our cities.

As human beings have withdrawn, animals have begun to explore the streets. Last week I posted a video on our Facebook page that shows a kangaroo hopping down a deserted commercial street in Adelaide, mountain goats eating garden hedges in Wales, and many more. Tens of thousands of flamingos (collective noun: flamboyance), many more than usual, are settling on lakes in cities in India. It seems that as human beings retreat, the natural world is able at last to exhale. In the Torah, this idea of the earth releasing itself twines around the calendar. It is embodied in the concept of *shmitah* - a release of one year of every seven year cycle. There are three dimensions to *shmitah* - freeing of slaves, remission of debts and rest for the earth.

Today's verse describes what happens when humanity releases its hold on the world. It is as if the earth is collecting a debt that has accumulated over time - a debt made up of *shmitah* years that have been ignored or inadequately observed, but now it is time to balance the books.

We might have noticed something like the same thing happening over the time we have been locked down. Unlike in other countries, where time outside has been strictly limited, we have had access to the outside throughout. I was talking with my colleague in Canada, Rabbi Hannah Dresner, about how extraordinary the weather has been over the past few weeks. It almost feels as if the earth is reminding us how beautiful the natural world can be. Since the onset of lockdown I have suggested that we actually, rather than symbolically, open our doors to let Shabbat in, and I have taken to praying outside when I can.

It seems such a long time ago that I spoke on the second day of Rosh Hashanah about our relationship with the earth. Nobody could have anticipated that within six months we would be looking at an unprecedented drop in pollution worldwide. The hole in the ozone layer has closed. We would never have chosen to loosen our hold on the earth in the way we have had to do, but nonetheless we see the possibility of what can be when human beings let go.

Our withdrawal, our *meitzar*, has given us a glimpse of an expansiveness, a *merhav*.

What will we take from this experience? I think of the command to humanity in Eden to serve and preserve the earth, and of the fact that the first calendar in Torah is underpinned by agriculture and not by ritual. I hope with all my heart that our solitude will renew our relationship with our planet and remind us that that the distance between *adam* - human beings- and *adamah* - the earth herself - does not need to be very great.

Rabbi Silver

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