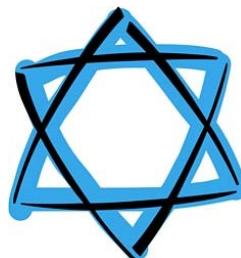


WE REMEMBER WITH LOVE:

Bernard Aronson	Sarah Mass
Sara Aronzon	Simon Pailet
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!



Havdalah
Candlelighting time next Friday

8:38 pm
7:34 pm

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 - 2020
22 Iyar 5780

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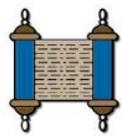
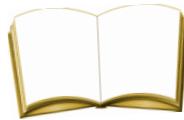
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LEARN, GROW, EXPLORE

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We pray for healing for:

Jackson Albert Airey	Theresa Gex	Howard Nagelberg
Madlyn Bagneris	Selma Goldberg	Sean O'Donnell
Eval Barretkette	Diana Gorlin	Jennifer Kuhn Palme
Olga Barretkette	Annette Grauer	Larry Rabin
Lyle Addison Barrocas	Elaine Gross	Linda Ramelli
Carol Bear	Emiline Hirsch	Matthew Redmond
Larry Bensignor	Gregory Johnson	Diane Riehlmann
Wendy Bero	Natalia Kamyshebbova	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

ברברהם בן הוד שמו^{אלה}: חיים בן פרידעל: רינה דבורה בת רחל: העישלן בן מיטל: אפרים אברהם בן אט רחל: שלומית יהודית בת חנה: חנה ריזולה בת רבקה: מאיר קפלמן בן שפרה: הנגאנה יורה בת אלע: שלום בן שמואל: הדסה בת שרה: דוד עזרא עזעך בן אליעזר: רבקה לאה בת רחל: דבורה ענטל בת צפורה: גבריאל אלילוּן בן אסנתה: אסתר מלכה בת לוי ואיטה: רבקה בת מלכה: גינה יהים בן שמואל זאב: ברוך ציבין בן קיילא: אסיקע בת ברינידל: דבורה בת ברברה: מאיר ליבן בן אסתר: שרחה: שושנה בת רחל: גברירה מרים בת גאנז: ברקה גיטל בת פסעה מלכה: חנה בת שרחה: שושנה בת מרים: מרים עיל בת שושנה: ברקה בן חיה: דוד ליאל בת טלי: דוד גברברהה אדרונו בן קיילא: רבקה בת הדר: שושנה בת רחל: דבורה בת טלי: דוד שוואלן גן: עזק: גברברהה אליהה בת הדר: אסתר: שושנה בת רחל: חני שידידל בת אסתר: שופר: אליעזר בן שמואל: שושנה בת רחל: ששה עדינה בת חיה: חני שידידל בת אטער: יהודית בת ביילא: ליאב: אלילוּן בת בתשבע ליבא גיטא: גיללה בת דבורה: אסתר בת חיה: דינה באשא בת משה: שרה בת שושנה: אוראה מרים בת גנה ריזיל: ברוך שרגא גיטל: גיטל בען עינטשע: רבקה לילא בת פולגונא: מילא בת דבורה: לילשען חיה בת שרה: בורה בת שרה: לילען: אלילען: שושנה בת שרה: איטע בת פרומות: יוחנן בן דבורה: דבורה בת שרה: בורה 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

וזרעה הארץ את-שבתתיה, כל ימי השלה ואלה איביהם או תשבת הארץ והראת את-שבתתיה:
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.
Yeshayahu 26:74

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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