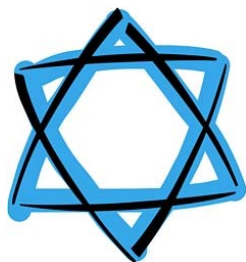


Stay well and Shabbat Shalom!



WEEK OF MARCH 27- APRIL 2, 2020

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Aleeza Adelman	Max Morris
Mia Bagneris	Harrison Reiner
Fagey Fischman	Aran Toshav
Jonathan Glickman	Delphine Trosclair
Samuel Lehrer	



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Gen & Bryce Cohen
Maple & Philip Goldberg
Karen & Joe Oryenberg



WE REMEMBER WITH LOVE:

Samuel Berger	Hyman Lader
Bernard Bloch	Sol Mandel
Celia Brown	Leon Meisel
Goldie Cash	Celia Reiner
Benjamin Chass	Marilyn Roth
Clara Creidman	Bernard Samuels
Harold L. Effron	Benjamin Schleifstein
Micki Endliss	Freda Silver
Phyllis Fuhrman	Fannie Simerick
Sam Gold	Helen Simon
Edmund Golden	Gerson Solomon
Kenneth Goodman	Abram Sprickler
Annie Hyman	Anna Stone
Bertha Jacob	Celia Washofsky
Abraham Jeffer	Mamie Weil
David Karno	Sarah Weinstein



Havdalah
Candlelighting time next Friday

8:07 pm
7:03 pm



Parashah Vayikra
Shabbat, March 27-28, 2020
3 Nisan 5780

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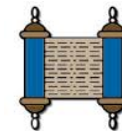
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VERSES TO LIVE BY

Encountering Torah one verse at a time

יִקְרָא אֶל-מֹשֶׁה וַיַּדְבֵּר יְיָ אֵלָיו מֵאֵהָל מוֹעֵד לֵאמֹר:

The LORD called to Moses and spoke to him from the Tent of Meeting, saying:
Vayikra 1:1

If we were reading from the Torah this week, we would notice that there is something strange about the final letter of the first word of this new book. The word *vayikra* is written with a tiny alef at the end of it.

Our traditional commentators understand this as a sign of humility. In order to hear the Voice better, Moses made himself smaller.

But that tiny alef feels different to us as we open the book of Vayikra today in New Orleans in 5780/2020. Perhaps we can read it as a symbol of the way that our normal lives have shrunk to fit our homes or the spaces within walking distance of our homes. Perhaps we think of it as a symbol of the way that friends become visually smaller the further away they are - at the opposite side of the street, or reduced to an icon on our screens. Perhaps it embodies that shrinking feeling inside us as we contemplate the uncertainty of the future. And alef is the silent letter - a symbol of the silence that has fallen over this usually crowded, jostling city.

We might feel - with justification - that we are living in a diminished time.

And yet. This week also marked Rosh Hodesh Nisan - the first day of the month of Nisan, the month that embraces Pesach (see our weekly email for a lot more about that). There is a once-a-year brachah, one of those unique blessings, that is to be said on the first of Nisan when we see fruit trees in blossom. In English it reads:

*Praised are You, Holy One, our God, Sovereign of the universe
whose world lacks nothing,
and who has provided beautiful creatures and beautiful trees
for human beings to enjoy.*

We recited it together at Thursday morning's minyan, outside in the Faye Daube Miller garden, appreciating its plants and trees.

And this brachah also speaks to our times. As we wrestle to find meaning in what is happening to us, it can help to remind ourselves that we have not been deprived of the ability to go outside and to witness the beauty of the natural world. If we open a door or even a window, we can change our perspective, take a deep breath, take time to notice the beauty that is still there all around us and return inside a little different from how we went out.

The alef may be small, but small things grow. My wish for this week is that we are able to grow our sense of gratitude and calm. They are there for the next stage of this journey if we can just expand our perspective.

Rabbi Silver

We pray for healing for:

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

אברהם בן הודס שמואל: חיים בן פרידעל: רונה דבורה בת רחל: הערשעל בן גיטל: אפרים אברהם בן חנני: שלומית יהודית בת חנה: חנה וייזילה בת רבקה: יאיר 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 זלזעט איטע: ברכה בת מלכה: יונה חיים בן שמואל זאב: יהודה אהרון בן קייל: אטקע בת בריינדל: דבורה בת אברהם: מאיר לייב בן אסתר: ברוך צבי בן רבקה באשא: שרה: לאה בת פעסע: ראובן בן פרץ: וסתי יעל בת שרה: שושנה בת רחל: דבורה מרים בת נעמי: רבקה גיטל בת פסעל מלכה: חנה בת דבורה: טובה בת 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: דגינה בת רחל: חני שיינדל בת יוסף: יהודית בת ביילא ליבא: אליזבת בת בתשעב ליבא באט: אגיל: רחל בת דבורה: אסתר בת חיה: דינה: באשא בן משה: שרה בת שושנה: אורח: מרים בת חנה רייזל: ברוך שרגא בייזעל בן יענטע: רבקה: גלית בת פלזונג: צירל בת דבורה: אלישבע חיה בת שרה: נחמה בת טובה פרומק: יעטע רחל בת צירל: לאה: דוב רפאל בן חנה: שמואל בן טלי: אלישבע רות בת שרה: איטע בת פרומה: יונתן בן דבורה: דבורה בת שרה.