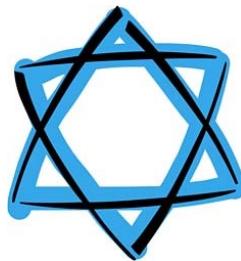


Stay well and Shabbat Shalom!



WEEK OF MARCH 27- APRIL 2, 2020

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

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



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

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



WE REMEMBER WITH LOVE:

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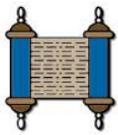
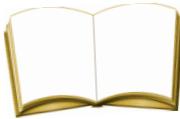
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LEARN, GROW, EXPLORE

Leviticus 1:1-2:16		
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Maftir	2:14-16	Page 592
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We pray for healing for:

Jackson Albert Airey	Theresa Gex	Juliette Yager Murray
Madlyn Bagnoris	Selma Goldberg	Howard Nagelberg
Evel Barrekette	Diana Gorlin	Sean O'Donnell
Olga Barrekette	Annette Grauer	Jennifer Kuhn Palmer
Lyle Addison Barrocas	Elaine Gross	Larry Rabin
Carol Bear	Emiline Hirsch	Linda Ramelli
Larry Bensignor	Gregory Johnson	Matthew Redmond
Wendy Bero	Natalie Kamyshebbova	Diane Riehmann
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 הודש שמואלה: רונה דברה בת רחל: הערשלן בן גיטיל: אפרים אברהם בן אטער רחל: שלומית יהוית בת חנה: חנה ריזויל בת רבקה: יעקב בן אליעזר: הננאו רורה בת לאו: שלום שנמאלה: הדסה בת שאה: דוד אסתה: אסתה מלכה בת ולונע איטע: רבקה בת מלכה: יהוה חיים בן שמואלה זאב: יהודאה אהרן בן קיילא: אטעה בת ברינידל: דבורה בת אברהם: מאיר ליבן בן אסתה: ברוך צבי בן רבקה באשא: שרלה לאא בת צעטיע: ואוון בן פרץ: מיכל ושוויל בת שרוה: שושנה בת רחל: דבורה מרים בת נעמע: רבקה גטל בת פסעה מלכה: חלה להאל בת טלית: דוד בן יעקב: אברילאה בת חנה אסתה: תמרה בת אידס: ששונה בת רחל: חנן שינידל בת יוסף: אליעזר בן שמואלה: לשוננה בת רחל: שרה: גילה גילא גיטען בת ברוורא: אטיעיהה בת ביאילא: ליאיא: אלותיה בת רוחבנה בת שונונה: אוראה: מרים בת ריזויל: ברוך שראג פיבעלן בן יונטען: רבקה: גילה גילה בת פלורונז: ליאילא: אלישבע חלה בת שרה: חממה בת וובה פרומה: עטעה חלה בת צירל לאה: דוב רפאן בן חנה: שמואל בן סיל: אלישבע רות בת שרה: איטע בת פרומה; וחנן בן דבורה: דבורה בת שרה.

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

יְהִי אֶל-מֹשֶׁה וַיֹּאמֶר וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה מִזְמָר לְאָמֵר:
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 Pesah (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