

Stay well and
Shabbat Shalom!

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11- SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Shoshana Cohen
Rene Coman
Ruth Kirsch
Sivan Nasoff

Janet Pesses
Andrea Rubin
Marcela Totah



WE REMEMBER WITH LOVE:

Robert Berger
Dinah Berins
Harold Berman
Eleanor Brener
Sarah Cohen
Harold Correll
Louis Dollin
Abraham Ezkovich
Gerson Finkelstein
Oscar Glazer
Jeffrey Goldman
Julius Harris
Max Hoffman
Sydney Jacobs
Ursula Jeffer
Morris Krilov
Nathalie Leon

Sarah Lipshitz Barst
Aaron Lopp
Emily Magee
Minnie Marks
Harry Milman
Saul Mintz
Rose Plantowsky
Isadore Saltz
Freny Samson
Sylvan Samuels
Morris Schneider
Esther Slabot
Morris Sobel
Bernard Solomon
Ben Washastrom
Martin Watsky
Ethel Weinberg



Havdalah
Candlelighting time next Friday

7:59 pm
6:43 pm



Parashot Nitzavim + Vayeilech
Shabbat, September 11-12, 2020
23 Elul 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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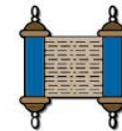
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LEARN, GROW, EXPLORE



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We pray for healing for:

Jackson Albert Airey	Diana Gorlin	Jennifer Kuhn Palmer
Madlyn Bagneris	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 Kamyshebova	Roland Roger
Mario Boskis	Sheila Kaufman	Ian Rowland
Sarah Carp	Adam Kramer	Roger Schleifstein
Chris Cassimus	Julie Landis	Larry Schwartz
Deborah Cobette	Deborah Lauricella	Rande Suhrer
Natalie Cohen	Alissa Lepisto	Cindy Snyder
Nathan Dayan	Anne Levy	Barbara Siegelman
Beth Eckstein	Steven Loeb	Stephen Susman
Titia de Lange	Hannah Malka	Joshua Thies
Maria Sancho-Fox	Rabbi Michael Matuson	Shaw Thompson
Ellen Freeman	Christy Moore	Tatiana Urbanovich
Adrian Garner	Juliette Yager Murray	Janelle Vallen
Theresa Gex	Howard Nagelberg	Earl Blake Wisecarver
Selma Goldberg	Sean O'Donnell	Helen Wolff
		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 רייזל
 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 זלוטע איטע: ברכה
 בת מלכה: יונה חיים בן שמואל זאב: יהודה אהרון בן קיילא: אטקע בת
 בריינדל: דבורה בת אברהם: מאיר לייב בן אסתר: ברוך צבי בן רבקה באשא:
 שרה לאה בת פעסיע: ראובן בן פרץ: 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 טל:
 דוד בן יעקב: גבריאלה בת חנה אסתר: תמרה בת אידס: שושנה בת רחל:
 שמואל בן יוסף: אליעזר בן שמואל: שרה עדינה בת רחל: חני שיינדל בת
 אטע: יהודית בת ביילא ליבא: אלונת בת בתשבע ליבא גיטא: גילה בת
 דבורה: אסתר בת חיה: דינה באשא בת משה: שרה בת שושנה: אורה מרים
 בת חנה רייזל: ברוך שרגא פייבעל בן יענטע: אלישבע חיה בת שרה: נחמה
 בת טובה פרומה: יעטע רחל בת צירל לאה: דוב רפאל בן חנה: שמואל בן
 סלי: אלישבע רות בת שרה: איטע בת פרומה: יוחנן בן דבורה: דבורה בת
 שרה: אדם בן שושנה: זאב בן מנוחה: חיה בת מרים: דינה באשא בת
 תירצקה: בינה בת חנה: דוד בן פייגע לאה: 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

אתם נצבים היום כלכם לפני יי אלהיכם ראשיכם שבטיכם זקניכם ושפיריכם כל איש ישראל:
 You stand this day, all of you, before the LORD your God—your tribal heads, your
 elders and your officials, all the men of Israel...
Devarim 29:9

This week's verse begins our Torah portion. And within it is a word that will repeat not once, not twice, not even the 'magic' seven, but ten times over a comparatively short parashah.

The word is *hayom*, and it means "today."

In its context, it applies to the Israelites standing on the plains of Moab on the particular day that Moses is speaking to them. And it shows up again at the end of the parashah, when Moses tells the people: *I have set before you today blessing and curse.*

It is always meaningful to me that we read this parashah just before Rosh Hashanah, at the time of year when we are looking back over our behavior. We are the sum total of the choices we have made in order to get to the moment in which we now stand.

The spiritual tradition of Mussar - Jewish self-improvement - teaches that it is precisely in the moments in which we make our choices that we set the direction of our own spiritual growth.

A 'choice point' happens when we are contemplating a change in one of our established behaviors. It presents us with an opportunity to step outside of our automatic responses. Rabbi Eliyahu Dessler describes it as a battlefield between the *yetzer hatov* - the pull to do good/the pull towards the other and the *yetzer hara* - the pull to do evil/the pull towards the self.

Choice points can happen around situations that seem quite trivial. An everyday example: do we let another person or car in front of us in line, do we tap our foot impatiently as we wait for someone to get ready? Or do we choose to use that moment to test our capacity for a wider perspective, a greater degree of compassion?

The particular stresses under which we are living in our own 'today' have confronted us with a whole new series of choice points in our lives. How are we going to behave during a Zoom call - will we be present, or just hide behind our photograph while we do something else? As we scroll through our facebook feeds, will we give in to the temptation to watch another collection of Harry Potter out-takes rather than address the pile of work on our desks? Can we be consistent in keeping in touch with each other even though we might not have cheerful news to share? And how far are we prepared to go in order to preserve not only our own health, but each other's?

The thing about a choice point is that it only ever happens *hayom*, in the present. We build our characters not by using hindsight or by setting goals for the future, though both are worthwhile things to do. Rather, it is our moment by moment and day by day choices that make us who we are.

The good thing, as the *parashah* reminds us, is that it's always today. And so, we always have a choice; and we can always change the direction in which we will grow.

Rabbi Silver