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Stay well and
Shabbat Shalom!

WEEK OF MARCH 21- MARCH 27, 2020

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Havdalah
Candlelighting time next Friday

8:03 pm
7:03 pm



*Parashot Va'yak'hel + P'kudei
Shabbat M'var'chim Ha'Chodesh
Shabbat, March 20-21, 2020
25 Adar 5780*

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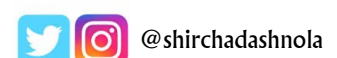
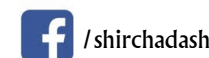
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LEARN, GROW, EXPLORE



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We pray for healing for:

Jackson Albert Airey	Theresa Gex	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 Bensignor	Gregory Johnson	Matthew Redmond
Wendy Bero	Natalia Kamysbibova	Diane Riehlmann
Jackie Brave	Sheila Kaufman	Roland Roger
Sarah Carp	Adam Kramer	Ian Rowland
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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

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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

וַיִּקְם אֶת־הַקֹּדֶרֶת סָבִיב לַמִּשְׁכָּן וְלַמִּזְבֵּחַ וַיָּשֶׂן אֶת־הַמִּלְאָכָה:
And he set up the enclosure around the Tabernacle and the altar, and put up the screen for the gate of the enclosure. When Moses had finished the work,

וַיִּכֶס הָעָנָן אֶת־אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד וַיִּכְבֹּד יי מְלֵא אֶת־הַמִּשְׁכָּן:
the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the Presence of the LORD filled the Tabernacle.
Shemot 40:33-34

This week's Torah portion is a 'double' - *Vayakhel-Pekudei* - and in its honor we will look at two verses rather than one.

A Midrash teaches that the revelation at Sinai is ongoing. The voice of Torah continues to resonate through the world, just at a frequency that we are often not capable of hearing. But at certain times, the signal is clearer. I will often direct people who come up to the Torah that as they place their hands on the scroll there is something special - some verse, some word - for them to hear at that particular moment of their lives. And when we stop and become still, I believe that creates another opportunity to listen for what the voice of Torah is whispering to us.

Over the course of this past week, we have had to withdraw from shared public space and into our own. It is ironic that the two Torah portions we have been reading and would have shared on Shabbat both deal with the first official public space shared by the Children of Israel. *Vayakhel* means 'Moses gathered the people together' and *Pekudei* tells of how Moses set up the Mishkan, the desert sanctuary, piece by precious piece.

We might think that Torah about gathering and building would not speak to us right now. But the voice from Sinai is still broadcasting - and it does.

The first of our verses describes how Moses completed the public space of the Mishkan by screening it off. That is, he took a public space and put boundaries on it. The Torah is telling us that in a shared place there are still boundaries to be set. We honor each other by observing them. So too in our particular circumstances - even if we are not ourselves feeling sick, by withdrawing we protect those whom we might infect. That withdrawal leaves behind a kind of negative space outside the boundaries that serves as an additional layer of protection.

And the second verse describes how the Mishkan becomes infused with the cloud that represents the presence of the Holy One. This is a beautiful metaphor for the work that we are presently doing as a community. We cannot be together physically, so we must set ourselves up, instead, to create other spaces and places and connections that are sacred so the cloud can settle in.

As we brace ourselves to take yet another walk so our little ones can breathe fresh air, as we pick up the phone to speak to someone who never bought a computer, as we tune in to a recording or a class, as we connect with family and friends far away, as we drop off some much needed-groceries on a doorstep, we are setting up a new Mishkan, a new space in which to be together.

Let us notice that it is infused with holiness.

Rabbi Silver