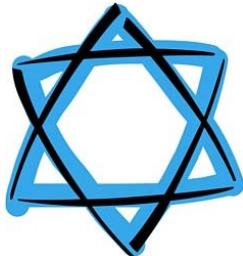


WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4 - SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Ryan Adler  
Barbara Laufer  
Elliott Lew  
Sonya Lopp-Batten  
Kevin Merlin

Efraim Rothschild  
Jennifer Seltzer  
Paul Sterbcow  
Elizabeth Wisznia



Stay well and  
Shabbat Shalom!

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Benay & Sheldon Bernstein  
Jana Lipman & Eli Feinstein  
Linda & Mark Greenbaum  
Frances & Barry Ivker  
Pamela & Michael Kancher  
Barbara & Beryl Laufer  
Meria & Ronald Luftig  
Andrea & Mark Rubin  
Judy & Sylvan Steinberg  
Janice & Louis Stern



## WE REMEMBER WITH LOVE:

Laura Allison  
Molly Block  
Morris Breen  
Shirley Eason  
Pincus Fiel  
Estelle Finer  
Elliot Finkelstein  
Annie Fischman  
Fanny Goldman  
Ben Graber  
Jeffrey Greenberg

Leah Greenwald  
Frieda Kleinmann  
Esther Laufer  
Eli Marks  
Marx Pastel  
Bea Schiffman  
Harry Silver  
Harold Sneider  
Sylvie Mendel Stoleru  
Samuel Stone  
Fannie Weaker



 **Havdalah**  
Candlelighting time next Friday

8:08 pm  
6:52 pm



*Parashat Ki Tavo*

Shabbat, September 4-5, 2020  
16 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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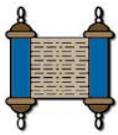
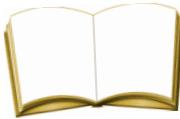
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# LEARN, GROW, EXPLORE

Deuteronomy 26:1 - 27:10		
1	Deuteronomy 26:1-3	Pages 1140-1141
2	Deuteronomy 26:4-8	Page 1141
3	Deuteronomy 26:9-11	Pages 1141-1142
4	Deuteronomy 26:12-15	Pages 1142-1143
5	Deuteronomy 26:16-19	Pages 1143-1144
6	Deuteronomy 27:1-4	Pages 1144-1145
7	Deuteronomy 27:5-10	Pages 1145-1146
Mafotir	Deuteronomy 27:7-10	Pages 1145-1146
Haftarah	Isaiah 60:1-22	Pages 1161-1164

## 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 Riehmann
Wendy Bero	Natalia Kamyshebbova	Roland Roger
Mario Boskis	Sheila Kaufman	Ian Rowland
Sarah Carp	Adam Kramer	Roger Schleifstein
Chris Casimus	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

אבלםם בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: חִיּוֹם בְּנֵי פְּרִידְעַל: רֹנוֹה דָּבָרָה בְּתַרְחָל: הערשעל בְּנֵי גִּתְּלָל: אֲפָרִים אֲבָרָם בְּנֵי אַטְעַרְתָּרָח: שְׁוֹלְמִיָּה יְהוּדִית בְּתַחְנָה: חַנָּה רִיאַלָּה בְּתַרְבָּקָה: מַעְירָ קְלָמָן בְּנֵי שְׁפָרָה: הַיְדָא יְוָהָה בְּתַלְאָה: שְׁלָוָם בְּנֵי שְׁמוֹאֵל: הַדּוֹסָה בְּתַשְׁרָה: דָּוד יְעָקָב בְּנֵי אַלְיָעָר: רְבָקָה לְהָה בְּתַרְרָלָה: דָּבָרָה עִנְתָּל בְּתַצְפָּרָה: אֲבָרָיל אַלְיָעָר בְּנֵי אַסְתָּרָה: אֲסָתָּרָה מַלְכָה בְּתַזְלָוָעָר אַיְטָעָר: בְּרָכָה בְּתַמְלָכָה: יְוָהָה חִיִּים בְּנֵי שְׁמוֹאֵל אַזְבָּה: יְהֹוָה אַרְחָוָן בְּנֵי קְיָלָא: אַטְקָע בְּתַרְיְדָלָל: דָּבָרָה מְרִים בְּתַנְעָמָה: מְאֵרָי לְבִבָּה בְּרָכָה בְּנֵי בָּשָׂא: שְׁרָה לְהָה בְּתַפְעָעָע: רְאוּבָן בְּנֵי פְּרָעָה: מְכִיל וְשִׁיטָּה עַל בְּתַרְשָׁה: שְׁשָׁבָה בְּתַרְחָל: דָּבָרָה מְרִים בְּתַנְעָמָה: רְבָקָה גַּטְלָה בְּתַסְפָּעָה מְלָכָה: חַנָּה בְּתַדְבָּרָה: טַוְבָּה בְּתַמְרִים: מְרִים עַל בְּתַשְׁוָנָה: שְׁמוֹאֵל בְּנֵי חִיִּים: חִיָּה לְיַאל בְּתַלְלָה: דָּוד בְּנֵי עַקְבָּה: גְּבָרָאָלה בְּתַחְנָה אַסְתָּרָה: תְּמָרָה בְּתַרְאָה: שְׁוֹשָׁנָה בְּתַרְחָל: שְׁמוֹאֵל בְּנֵי יְסִיפָּה: שְׁרָה עַדְנָה בְּתַרְחָל: חִיָּה שְׁיַדְלָה בְּתַשְׁמָוָלָה: יְהֹוָה תַּבְּיָאֵל: יְהָבָה: אַלְוִוָּת בְּתַרְשָׁבָע לְבָא גִּיאָה: גִּילָּה בְּתַרְעָמָה: דָּבָרָה אַסְתָּרָה בְּתַחְיָה: דִּינָה בְּתַאֲשָׁרָה: שְׁרָה בְּתַשְׁוָנָה: אָזָרָה מְרִים בְּתַרְחָל: בָּרוּךְ שְׁרָאֵב יְבָל בְּנֵי יְעָטָעָה: אַלְשָׁבָע חִיה בְּתַשְׁוָנָה: נַחְמָה בְּתַוְבָּה פְּרָומָה: יְעָטָעָר חִילָּה בְּתַצְרָל אַהֲה: דָּובָרָה בְּנֵי חִנָּה: שְׁמוֹאֵל בְּנֵי סְלִי: אַלְשָׁבָע רֹות בְּתַשְׁרָה: אַיְטָעָה בְּתַרְמָה: יְחֹנָן בְּנֵי דָבָרָה: דָּבָרָה בְּתַשְׁרָה: אָזָם בְּנֵי שְׁוָשָׁנָה: אַזְבָּה בְּנֵי מְנוֹחָה: חִוָּה בְּתַרְמָה: דָּבָרָה בְּתַשְׁרָה: תִּצְרָקָה: בִּינָה בְּתַשְׁרָה: דָּוד בְּנֵי פְּגַע אַהֲה: דָּבָרָה בְּתַשְׁרָה.

*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*

וְלֹא חַחְתָּ מְרֹאשָׁתִי וְכָל־פְּרִי הַאֲקָמָה אֲשֶׁר תְּבִיא מְאַרְצָךְ אֲשֶׁר יְהֹוָה יְהָבָה אֲלֹהֵיכֶם אֲלֹהֵיכֶם שָׁמֶן וְשָׁמֶן:

You shall take some of every first fruit of the soil, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, put it in a basket and go to the place where the LORD your God will choose to establish God's name.

*Devarim 26:2*

We read our verse at a stage in the Jewish calendar when we are deeply engaged in looking backwards. The work of *teshuvah* that marks this season is characterized by the exercise called *heshbon nefesh*, a personal soul-accounting that we take of our own behavior. We ask ourselves: where did we miss, where did we misalign, where did we actively do wrong over the course of the past year? Perhaps as we undertake the exercise we will begin to see patterns emerging, repetitions of a particular type of conduct, a particular way of understanding ourselves or a relationship or the world. Perhaps we will reveal to ourselves how they have damaged us and others.

We might also perceive places where we deliberately limited or truncated our understanding. We can see this reflected in the story that is told to the High Priest over the first fruits offering - a composed history that of necessity does not reflect everything, in order to keep the story moving forwards. No single version of events can ever be complete in itself. Part of *heshbon nefesh* is this exercise of looking back to try to discover what we missed.

But this time of year is not only about making a pile of our past wrongdoings and mourning over them. That would mean that our New Year is only a time of hindsight.

But Rosh Hashanah does represent a new beginning. The symbolism of those first fruits is powerful. Once we have analyzed our past behavior, we can get back down to what we know is good, and true, and natural, and wholesome in ourselves. We can gather together our own strengths and by placing them in a symbolic 'basket,' offer them as a gift towards the year that is coming.

Rabbi Nachman teaches that no matter how harshly we judge ourselves, we each have inside ourselves a *nekudah tovah*, a little point of goodness that we can cherish and nurture and help to grow. Even though we may have gone wrong in the past, we are still full of potential. Perhaps our natural eloquence can grow us into advocates. Perhaps our natural ability to listen can turn us into wise advisors. Perhaps we are high in natural exuberance and can turn our energy to encouraging others when they tire. Perhaps we have other, as yet undiscovered, gifts to offer.

Our task is to find them, put them in the basket, and bring them into the New Year.

Rabbi Silver