Mazel Tov to Nathan Krantz, his parents, Adam & Stephanie and the entire family as we join them in celebrating Nathan becoming a Bar Mitzvah!

Shabbat Sheet
March 20, 2021/ 7 Nisan 5781
Zoom Link for ALL activities
(Unless otherwise indicated)

Friday, March 19, 2021
7:01 pm: Candle Lighting
6:00 pm: Shabbat Evening Services on Zoom and Livestream
5:15 pm: Mini Minyan

Saturday, March 20, 2021
9:30 am: Shabbat Services on Zoom & Livestream
Havdalah: Wick & Flick
8:05 pm: Evening Service, Havdalah & Movie Discussion with Rabbi Layman on Zoom. For details see the shul calendar.

Torah & Haftarah Readings
Torah: VaYikra
(Click on parsha link for text.)
Leviticus:1:1 - 5:26 - p. 585
Torah Reader: Rabbi Jonah Layman

Haftarah:
Isaiah 43:21-44:23 - p. 607
Haftarah Reader: Nathan Krantz

Adult Education

Learning with Rabbi Layman on Zoom.
Torah: Friday, 9:30 am - 10:30 am
Talmud: Sunday, 9:30 am - 10:30 am
Prayerbook Hebrew: Sun., 10:30 am - 11:30 am
Journey Through the Jewish Year: Mon., 1:00 pm-2:00 pm
Torah Study: Wed., 11:00 am - Noon
Hebrew Conversation Group (Chug Ivrit)
with Ami Frydman
Sunday, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm - Click here for Zoom link.

Nisan 8
On this date in 1915, the Zion Mule Corps, a Jewish militia, was formed. Zev Jabotinsky had proposed that Jewish volunteers fight to liberate Palestine from the Turks, but the British resisted the idea of Jewish soldiers on the Palestinian front. So instead Jabotinsky established the Zion Mule Corps, whose 650 members were commanded by the famed one-armed fighter, Joseph Trumpeldor. It was essentially the first organized Jewish fighting force since Roman times, and a precursor to the Israeli Defense Force (IDF).

Yahrzeit Observance
For the week of March 20 – March 26

Hal Epstein, Barbara Fink, Susan Goldsamt, Cilla Grosberg, Gloria Heyison, Mindy Higgins, Jeffrey Hysen, Mark Levitt, Ann Loeb, Jane Saphier

Refuah Shleymah - Speedy Recovery To


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Summary of Parshat VaYikra

In this Torah portion, God describes the laws of animal sacrifice. God explains the different sacrifices that atone for guilt or sins, and distinguishes between sins committed inadvertently and sins committed on purpose.

The Haftarah This Week

In Parashat VaYikra we read about forms of public sacrifice that one can use to sustain or renew a relationship with God. Both ideas are explored in the Haftarah, taken from the Book of Isaiah, as well.

Isaiah delivered his prophecy to Judeans who had been exiled from the Land of Israel and were living in Babylon. After 538 BCE, Cyrus the Mede allowed the exiles to return to their homeland, but many remained in Babylon. Several chapters from the Book of Isaiah are focused on trying to convince these people to trust God’s power and go back to Zion.

In Isaiah’s prophecy God speaks to the people in Babylon, alternately rebuking them for abandoning their worship and reminding them that if they repent, they will be forgiven. The people are chastised for never bringing God any sacrifices, neither sin offerings, nor burnt offerings nor meal offerings.

Then, God goes on to compare God’s own supremacy to the impotence of idols. In an extended diatribe focused specifically on wooden idols, God wonders how the Judeans can use the same wood they use to make fire, bake bread, and roast meat to carve idols. He is shocked at the ignorance of people who might make an idol from the same substance they would also happily burn. Idols are fraudulent God says, and only God, the creator of all flesh, can redeem the people, and wipe away their transgressions (44:20).

The Haftarah closes with an impassioned plea for the people to return to God, both literally to the land of Israel, and figuratively, in their hearts and actions. When the people return there will be much rejoicing. “Shout for joy, O mountains, O forests with all your trees! For the Lord has redeemed Jacob, Has glorified Himself through Israel” (44:23).

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Office Hours

**Monday - Thursday:** 9:00 am – 1:00 pm; **Friday:** 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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