



Shaare Tefila שערי תפילה

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Shabbat Sheet

July 24, 2021/ 15 Av 5781

(Happy **Tu B'Av!**)

Zoom Link

Friday, July 23, 2021

8:10 pm: Candle Lighting

6:00 pm: Shabbat Evening Services
on [Zoom](#) and [Livestream](#)



Saturday, July 24, 2021

9:30 am: Shabbat Services on [Livestream](#)

Havdalah

9:20 pm: Evening Service & Havdalah on [Zoom](#)

Torah & Haftarah Readings



Torah Portion: Va'Etchanan/Shabbat Nachamu

Torah: Deuteronomy [3:23-7:11](#) - p. 1005

Haftarah: Isaiah [40:1-26](#) - p. 1033

Shul Notices:

-Welcome to new members:

- ♦ Alan and Barbara Firestone
- ♦ Jack & Debbie Hyman and their children, Jeremy and Emily

-The 2021/5782 HHD Schedule is up on the [ST website](#). All services this year will be offered via Zoom and in-person.

Yahrzeits

For the week of July 24—July 30

Nathan Berkovitz, Irvin Eskin, Yetta Goldberg, Lena Manius, Rose Rocklin, Howard Rosenberg, Cecilia Shapiro, Sybil Small, Ethel Winer, Florence Feinstein, Isadore Gromfine, Harry Komisarof, Max Kramer, Norman Schlonsky, Archie Miller, Rose Peritt, Sarah Pomerantz, David Slade, Irving Wollins Samuel Goldstein, Goldie Grenker, Edith Reiter, Fay Rubin, Frank Sandler, Robert Simon, Horace Sragow, Sadie Wolk, Belle Berkowitz, Daniel Braver, Esther Friedman, Charles Greenberg, Rachel Hirsch, Edwin Morgenstern, Gussie Perry, Lester Goldberg, Hillel King, Ida Paster, Gilda Smith, Mollie Wein, Naftali Yolles, Isadore Zubkoff, Boaz Baumgart, Bertha Rosenberg



Jewish Trivia Corner

The oldest synagogue in the Western Hemisphere is located where?

- A) St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands
- B) Newport, Rhode Island
- C) Curacao
- D) Barbados

(Answer on bottom of pg. 2)

Refuah Shleymah - Speedy Recovery To:

Shlomo ben Batya, Sipka Hannah bat Golda, Ruth bat Sarah, Paul Thomas Hinze, Beverly Cartledge, Nays Gildor ben Shoshana, Ruth bat Sarah, Shlomo ben Golda, Tzviya Sara bat Sima Leah, Simcha Natan ben Risa Chana, Syma Tzivya bat Zelda, Penina bat Chana Leah, Aviyah Sarah bat Tzivil Essah, Rachel Penina bat Ariella, Tziporah Sheva bat Rayzel, Gavriel bat Batya v'Yonatan, Yehuda ben Leah, Sara Rachel bat Sadie, Frumma Dreida bat Zisha, Rachel Fruma bat Ita Rayzel, EYL-YaHoo Y'RochMe Ayl ben YaAhKov, Devorah Sheshel bat Chaya Rachel, Shoshana bat Rachel, Lenny Frand, Tzipa Chana bat Golda, Batya Tzivil bat Batsheva, Rayzel bat Esther, Chaya bat Leah, Batya bat Esther, Rachel bat Marie, Yosef Ben Naomi, Leah Malta bat Chaya, Michaela bat Dinah, Dahlia bat Michaela, Noach ben Zeitel, Efrayim Ben Ursula, Graham Kahn, James Michael Higgins

Come Join Our Community

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Summary of Parshat Va'Etchanan

In this Torah portion, Moses stresses to the Israelites the importance of keeping God's commandments when they enter the Land of Israel. Moses repeats the Ten Commandments and utters the Shema and Ve'ahavta.

The Haftarah This Week

The Shabbat after [Tisha B'Av](#) is known as *Shabbat Nahamu*—the Shabbat of comforting. The special name for this Shabbat is derived from the first words of the haftarah, “nahamu, nahamu”—meaning “be comforted, be comforted.” These words open one of Isaiah's most famous prophecies of consolation.

Isaiah promises that, after the people of Israel are punished and exiled, they will experience remarkable reconciliation with God. “Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,” God instructs, and tell the city that her term of service is over (40:2). She has finished paying the price for her crimes, and has atoned for her sins. Now is time to prepare for an amazing revelation of God's presence.

The valleys will be raised, the hills flattened, and on a vast level plain God's presence will appear for all people to behold.

Isaiah emphasizes that this prophecy will no doubt come to fruition. Unlike grass and flowers, which wither and fade, God's word is always fulfilled.

Again, Isaiah addresses the city of Jerusalem with comforting words: “Ascend a lofty mountain, herald of joy to Zion. Raise your voice with power, herald of joy to Jerusalem” (40:9). The message is explicit: God is here for all to behold. Like a shepherd taking his flock out to pasture, God carries His people with tender love.

Isaiah illustrates God's awesome strength with a series of questions: “Who measured the waters with the hollow of His hand? Who meted the earth's dust with a measure? Who weighed the mountains with a scale?” (40:12) Compared to God's incredible power, the nations are like a drop in a bucket, like nothing in His sight.

Twice in the haftarah Isaiah asks: “To whom, then, can you liken God? What form compares to Him?” (40:18, 25) Isaiah outlines how foolish it would be to compare God to idols, made from silver and wood. A skilled woodworker can make a firm idol that will not topple, but God Himself made the entire earth.

“Lift your eyes and see,” the haftarah closes, “Who created these?” (40:26) Referring to the stars, the text indicates that God fashioned them all. He numbers them one by one. His great might and vast power are unmistakable.

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Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Answer to Trivia Question: C ([Mikve Israel-Emanuel](#) completed in 1674 on the Dutch island of Curacao is the oldest in the Western Hemisphere)