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PARSHAT SHEKALIM
29 ADAR I - MARCH 1

Maftir reads from Parshas Ki Sisah (Exodus 30:11-16). Haftorah for Parshat Shekolim is Kings II 12:1-17. We bless Adar 2. Don't say "אב הרחמים", "א-ל מלא", or "צדקתך צדק".

**FRIDAY NIGHT
CANDLE LIGHTING - 5:29 PM
MINCHA - 5:35 PM
TZAIT - 6:32 PM**

**SATURDAY
CHUMASH SHIUR - 8:00 AM
SHACHARIT YOUTH - 8:20 AM
SHACHARIT MAIN - 8:45 AM
LAST KRIAT SHEMA - 9:20 AM
GEMARA SHIUR - N/A
MINCHA - 5:00 PM
SHKIA - 5:48 PM
MAARIV/HAVDALAH - 6:33 PM**

**BULLETIN INFORMATION
TO REQUEST A BULLETIN
ANNOUNCEMENT (BY 7:00 PM
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The Molad for Adar II is Shabbat, March 1, 3:10 PM & 8 Chalokim.

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PLEASE NO CONVERSATION DURING SERVICES



WEEKDAY DAVENING INFORMATION

	Sunday (3/2)	Monday (3/3)	Tuesday (3/4)	Wednesday (3/5)	Thursday (3/6)	Friday (3/7)
Earliest Talit	5:35 AM	5:34 AM	5:32 AM	5:31 AM	5:29 AM	5:28 AM
Shacharit	8:00 AM	6:00 AM	6:25 AM	6:25 AM	6:15 AM	6:25 AM
Gedolah	12:37 PM	12:37 PM	12:37 PM	12:37 PM	12:37 PM	12:37 PM
Mincha (Sun/Fri) -Maariv	5:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	5:45 PM
Shkia	5:49 PM	5:50 PM	5:51 PM	5:52 PM	5:54 PM	
Tzait	6:34 PM	6:35 PM	6:36 PM	6:37 PM	6:39 PM	



Kiddush is sponsored by Debbie Lader in honor of Giselle's Bat Mitzvah. Welcome to Grandparents Ellen & Bernie Zimmerman, Grandpa Harvey Lader, Aunt Karen & Uncle Steve, Aunt Rene, Uncle Gary & Aunt Jennifer (all the way from PA), and Uncle Eric & Aunt Jana from New Milford, and all the other family and friends joining us. Mazel tov Giselle!



Journal Dinner is this Monday, Mar. 3, 2014, 6:30 PM, at Cong. Rinat Yisrael (389 West Englewood Ave., Teaneck, NJ) in honor of Ahavat Achim's 36th Anniversary, and with special recognition to Norman Baron & Jack Bickel receiving a G'millat Chesed Community Service Award! Yasher koach to Randi & Arnie Spier, Linda & Michael Stock, Lori & David Garfunkel, Lisa Brenenson, Arielle Schachter, Joyce Heller and Andy Solomon whose efforts made the entire event possible!



Join us at "A Night of Art" exhibiting amazing works with a Jewish theme on Motzei Shabbat, March 8, from 8:30 PM to 10 PM, at the shul. Suggested Donation is \$10. Wine, cheese & light refreshments will be served. For info email ajriskin@aol.com or rabbiavintilonsky@gmail.com.

Condolences to Murray Chass on the loss of his sister, Irene Haber (Chaya Riva bat Pinchas). המקום ינחם אתכם עם שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים ולא תדעו לדאבה עוד.



Mazel tov to Ellen & Murray Chass on the wedding of their granddaughter Liav to Lior Sivan. May they be zoche to build a bayit neeman b'yisroel!

Mazel tov to Zehava and Norman Baron on the birth of a granddaughter to Shira and Gavri. Torah, chupah, u'masim tovim.



Kiddush Information

- ☆ Kiddush cleanup for the month of March is Oppenheim, Oster, Plotnick, Racenstein, Reichardt, Rein, Riskin, Safier & Schachter
- ☆ Kiddush setup for this Shabbat is Oppenheim, Oster & Sonnenblick
- ☆ Kiddush setup for next Shabbat is Riskin, Safier & Lader
- ☆ To sponsor a Kiddush (\$1000/\$613/\$318 plus scotch) send an email to gplotnick@aol.com.

Adult Education



- ☆ GEMARAH SHIUR - Rabbi's Shabbat afternoon gemarah shiur takes place one hour before Mincha.
- ☆ CHUMASH CLASS - Gerry Halpern's Class - Shabbat mornings at 8:00 AM.

Numbers & Info

- ERUV UPDATE – 201-797-0502
- MIKVAH – 201-796-0350. At Shomrei Torah, weekdays 9:00 PM–10:30 PM, Motzei Shabbat from 11/4 hours after Shabbat ends for 1.5 hours.
- Kaylim Mikvah: Sunday 10 AM-3 PM

Gita Cooperwasser^{ה"ע}

Youth Program



- ☆ This Shabbat the youth director is Avi Sonnenblick, and the youth leaders are Jason Lang & Josh Zimmerman (2nd-6th Grade Boys), Josh Finkelstein & Dena Winchester (Boys/Girls 1st-6th Grade), and Madeline Plotnick (K/Pre-K).
- ☆ March 8 - Rabbi Tilonsky's interactive D'var Torah. Please encourage your children to join us!
- ☆ March 9 - Good Deeds Day food drive. Bring donations to the Bernstein (13-03 Tanis Pl.) or Freund (39-09 Fair Lawn Ave.) homes before to earn 5 Torah dollars. To drop off food if no one is home leave it in a bag with your name/email address.
- ☆ Mar. 16 – Sciencetellers for Purim! 11:15 AM -12:30 PM at the shul entitled: "The Bugs of Blackwood."
- ☆ Apr. 5 – Pre-Pesach scavenger hunt, 10:30 AM at the shul!
- ☆ Apr. 6, 10 AM to Noon, movie brunch, pre-k/1st graders at the Brenensons', hosted by the Riskins and Brenensons.
- ☆ May 17 – Lag b'Omer scavenger hunt, 10:30 AM at the shul!
- ☆ June 4 – ICE CREAM! Join us at the Bernsteins, 4:00 PM, for the Shavuot ice cream party.

Upcoming Events

- ☆ Mar. 3 - Shul Dinner
- ☆ Mar. 7 - Shabbat Across America
- ☆ Mar. 8 - *A Night of Art*, 8:30 - 10 PM, at the Shul.
- ☆ Mar. 11 - History Club Meeting
- ☆ Mar. 14 - Friday Night Oneg Shabbat
- ☆ Apr. 6 - Pesach Kaylim Kashering, 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
- ☆ Apr. 26 - Uri Garfunkel's Bar Mitzvah
- ☆ May 10 - Cholent Kiddush/Luncheon
- ☆ May 17 - Joshua Shanblatt Bar Mitzvah
- ☆ May 31 - Suedah Shlishit sponsored by Eli Zefon in memory of שלמה בין אליהו
- ☆ June 21 - Suedah Shlishit sponsored by Eli Zefon in memory of רבך מפציר בין שמואל
- ☆ Feb 13, 2016-Ben Wechsler Bar Mitzvah

Rabbi Avi Narrow-Tilonsky

Mar. 8, Mar. 15, Mar. 29
April 12

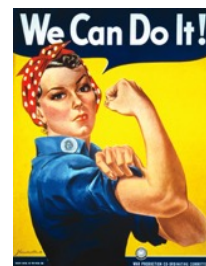
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Sisterhood Announcement

A ton of work goes into the Shul's Mishloach Manot packaging and distribution and the Sisterhood needs (and deserves) your support. Please get in your Mishloach Manot forms in. Thank you for participating!



On Rosh Chodesh that begins on Motzei Shabbat, it is unclear whether to recite "ya'ale ve-yavo," "retzei," or both in bentsching. As it is impractical to recite birkat hamazon at Suedah Shlishit in shul before sunset, one should finish eating bread by then (see Mishna Berura 188:33), and say only "retzei" in birkat hamazon. If one did eat bread after shkia, then the suggested practice is to recite "ya'ale ve-yavo" and "retzei" in birkat ha-mazon.



Shirley Vann has dedicated this week's Covenant & Conversation (used with permission of the Office of Rabbi Sacks) in memory of her beloved mother Necha bat Yitzchok^{ה"ע}.





IN ADAR II WE REMEMBER . . .

NAME	HEBREW DATE	CANDLE EVENING OF	DEDICATOR	RELATIONSHIP
Charles Feldman Frankel	17	March 18	Elyce Smedresman	Uncle
Bernard Page	18	March 19	Eita Latkin	Cousin
Edna Kerin Shimoff	22	March 23	Melanie Kwestel	Mother



JEWISH FEDERATION OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

The 16th Annual Israeli Film and Cultural Festival takes place from March 22 to April 10. For all the details, go to <http://www.jfnnj.org/page.aspx?id=213676>.

A note from the History Club: The History Club has met twice - despite weather suitable for the North Pole, and lively discussions have been on books on life in Israel. Much fun has been had by sharing opinions and trading information about "Like Dreamers" and "Start-Up Nation." We will next read "The Stolen Jew," meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 11, 7:30 PM at the Bodoff home.



First annual cholent/luncheon kiddush is Shabbat, May 10. We need five teams of cholent makers at the shul using shul crockpots. Email Steve Plotnick at seplotnick@gmail.com to sponsor this event at the following levels: Meat-\$180, Potato-\$118, Bean-\$72, & Barley-\$36. Contact Andrea or Randi if interested in cholent preparation at ajriskin@aol.com or randi.spier@gmail.com.

SUPPORT YOUR SHUL

Donate a Sefer, etc.

The shul has Siddurim & Machzorim (\$36) and Chumashim (\$54) available to be donated. Please contact Jeff Safier at rjsafier@optonline.net for details.

Yahrzeit Plaques

Memorialize a loved one and receive written notice of your upcoming yahrzeit every year. In addition, your loved one's name will be mentioned during the public Yizkor we recite on Yom Kippur and in the Bulletin. Plaques are \$300 for members and \$350 for non-members. For more information, contact Sophie Infield at 791-5518.

Scrip

Scrip is available from Men's Club for Shop Rite, email David at garfdad@optonline.net. Pay by Paypal at treasurer@ahavatachim.org or by Discover, MasterCard or Visa - email treasurer@ahavatachim.org for details.

Mishebayrach

If you've made a Mishebayrach you've pledged to give Tzedakah on behalf of those for whom you asked Hashem's blessing. Contributions to the shul are appropriate and can be made via Paypal to treasurer@ahavatachim.org, or via MasterCard, Visa or Discover by sending the information to Elliot Greene (contact him at treasurer@ahavatachim.org). If paying by check please indicate on its face "Aliyah Donation." Thank you for your generosity.

David Schwitzer^{ר"ב} Social Hall

Please contact Steven Winchester at swinchman@aol.com to book the David Schwitzer^{ר"ב} Social Hall for an event or special occasion. \$250 per simcha (members) / \$500 paid in advance for non-members, plus the cost of any additional clean up (plus a \$150 security deposit refunded when the social hall is returned in the condition it started in). Private caterers must be approved in advance by the Rabbi.

Sisterhood & Men's Club

Please contact Elliot Greene at egreene@acm.org to join the Men's Club. To join Sisterhood, please contact Shelly Winchester at swinchgal@aol.com.

Honoraria

Contributions to acquire honoraria in memory or honor of a loved one are welcome. The available Honoraria list will be provided upon request by contacting Steven Plotnick at seplotnick@gmail.com.

Mitzvah Cards

Want mitzvah cards, contact Eita Latkin at 791-8940 or parentsof3@aol.com. Cost is \$3 per card. Also can be ordered in bulk - ten cards for \$25, which you send out yourself privately.

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Shabbat Shekalim

Resh Lakish said "On the first of Adar, an announcement is made concerning the Shekalim." (Masechet Megillah)

The first of the Four Special Shabbatot is Shabbat Parshat Shekalim. It occurs either on the last Shabbat of the month of Shevat, or on the Shabbat which in that year coincides with Rosh Chodesh Adar, or on a Shabbat early in Adar. A special reading, taken from Parshat KiTisa (Shemot 30:11-16) is appended to the regular Torah reading.

The reading describes a census of the Jewish People which was taken while the Jews were in the Wilderness, after their Exodus from Egypt. The Torah, here and in other places, teaches that it is forbidden to count Jews in the ordinary manner; rather, the People should be called upon to contribute items, which would then be counted.

In the case of this census, the item which was contributed, by rich and poor alike, was a half shekel, the "shekel" being the coin in use at the time, roughly equivalent to our dollar. The collected shekels, or "shekalim, in Hebrew, were then used for the construction and upkeep of the Mishkan, the portable Temple, which was used until the Temple found its permanent residence (despite its destruction twice, the place retains its holiness) in Jerusalem.

The equal participation of all the People symbolizes that all Jews must share in achieving national goals, by giving up his selfish, personal interests for the sake of the nation. One who does so gains infinite benefit, because the mission of Israel is dependent upon the unity of the whole. (Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch, cited in the ArtScroll Stone Edition of the Chumash)

The verses also speak in terms of atonement that is achieved by participation in this half-shekel assessment... A solitary human being can seldom survive Divine scrutiny; what person is free of sin and shortcomings? But when a nation becomes one, it ascends to a higher plane, because all its individuals merge their virtues with one another. This is also the reason that it is better to pray with a "minyan," a quorum, to establish a community, whose virtues can merge, instead of praying individually.

Parshat Shekalim recalls the time of Purim, which was also a time of Divine scrutiny and judgment for the Jewish People. The name of the Day of Atonement, Yom HaKippurim, the "Day which is like Purim," is also suggestive of this relationship, although Purim also contains the word "Pur," lottery, to suggest how G-d uses what seems to be "chance" in His administration of the world.

At the time of Purim, an edict was issued by an earthly "court;" *i.e.*, the "court" of Haman and Achashverosh, calling for the harsh punishment, if not the destruction, of the Jewish People. The Fast of Taanit Esther, combined with the Repentance of the Jewish People, unified the nation and was once again able to receive upon itself the "yoke of the Kingdom of Heaven," and renew their acceptance of the Torah, "the Jews accepted again what they had begun to do," (Megillat Esther 9:23), and thus merit redemption.

AHAVAT ACHIM MISCELLANEOUS

Rabbi Goldstein's Hours

Rabbi Goldstein is available to the membership by contacting him at UriG77@aol.com or by phone at 201-703-2458. For those who wish to contact him during office hours, he is at the shul every Wednesday evening after Ma'ariv until approximately 10:00 pm. Please note that the Rabbi's e-mails are forwarded to his home PC and to his blackberry.

[RABBI GOLDSTEIN IS ON HIATUS]

Become a Member of Ahavat Achim

If you are not yet a member; please contact Aryeh Brenenson abrenenson@gmail.com for details on membership.

Bikkur Cholim/Chesed

If anyone could use a visit/assistance from the Bikkur Cholim/Chesed Committee, contact the Rabbi at UriG77@aol.com or Sara Levine at saralevine6@optimum.net.

Personal Announcements

Various life cycle events related to members are announced in the shul's weekly bulletin (*e.g.*, births, bar and bat mitzvahs, weddings and deaths), and the bulletin acknowledges travel to/from Israel for study. We also welcome new members and those who've moved into the community and express interest in our shul. Other personal announcements generally are not appropriate for inclusion in the bulletin, except as part of the bulletin's dedication (a \$36 cost - \$54 with photo). Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



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