

SHAAREI TEFILA

Shabbat Bulletin

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PARSHAT KI TISA – PARSHAT PARAH

March 13-14, 2020

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, March 13

Shabbat Candle lighting.....6:42 pm

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat

MAIN SANCTUARY MINYAN:.....6:30 pm

SHABBAT, March 14

BEIT MIDRASH MINYAN.....7:15 am

MAIN SANCTUARY MINYAN.....9:00 am

YOUTH MINYAN GLAZER LOUNGE.....10:00am

Shabbat Morning Kids' Group: Beginning 9:15 am for all kids in the upstairs Lowy Youth Rooms.

NUSACH ARI MINYAN IN BEIT MIDRASH:.....10:30 am

Latest Time for Shema (GR"A)10:01m

Latest Time for Shacharit Amida (GR"A) 11:01 am

Shiur6:00 pm

Mincha 6:40pm

Followed by Seuda Shlishit in Beit Midrash

Maariv7:33 pm

Shabbaat ends (Havdallah).....7:42 pm

We are beginning a new series of Shiurim entitled:

“Gems for the Pesach Seder: Talmudic and Medrashic Insight into the Haggadah she Pesach”

This week at 6:00 pm followed by Mincha and a Gala Seudah Shlishit.

Shiur series is sponsored by the Lee Family.

Shiur and Seudah Shlishit in honor of Daniella Shaina Lee Casper A”H.

Artscroll Stone Chumash: Pages 484 – 515

1st Aliyah: Parshat Ki Tisa begins with G-d telling Moshe to take a census of the people by collecting the half-shekel coin (*machatzit hashkekel*) from each person. G-d tells Moshe to appoint Betzalel and Ahaliav to supervise all the construction. G-d instructs Moshe regarding the Sabbath. **2nd Aliyah:** G-d gives Moshe the Tablets of Testimony. With Moshe's absence, the people panic and fashion a Calf of Gold. Moshe descends the mountain and sees the Calf and the people's revelry. He smashes the Tablets and destroys the Calf, and with the tribe of Levi, he punishes the sinners. Then Moshe ascends to G-d to ask for forgiveness. **3rd Aliyah:** Moshe pleads with G-d to forgive the people and let His Presence be amongst them. G-

d agrees. **4th Aliyah:** Moshe asks to understand G-d's essence. G-d agrees to reveal to Moshe all that's humanly possible to comprehend. **5th Aliyah:** G-d instructs Moshe to fashion two new Tablets. G-d reveals to Moshe the Thirteen Attributes of Mercy. **6th Aliyah:** G-d makes a new covenant with the people repeating many of the themes mentioned with the first Revelation at Sinai: entering the Land, driving out its inhabitants, the pilgrimage festivals (*regalim*), the sacred firstborn (*bechor*), and the prohibition of meat and milk. **7th Aliyah:** Moshe remains with G-d forty days, then descends from the mountain with the new Tablets.

Maftir Parshat Para is read (Pages 838 – 842)

Haftarah (Pages 1216—1217): Taken from the book of Ezekiel (36:16 - 38) The Haftarah is related to the theme of the Para Aduma

DVAR TORAH

Contributed by Rabbi Kesselman

Question: How could Aharon and the Jewish people make a Golden Calf so soon after the Torah had been given and after they had witnessed Hashem's miracles?

Answer:

Sa'adia Ga'on: Aharon wanted to test the Jewish people to see if they would actually worship idols, so he pretended to go along with their plan. Nevertheless, since he did not execute the idol worshippers immediately when they stumbled, Hashem became angry with Aharon too.

Ibn Ezra & Kuzari: The Jewish people did not intend to worship idols, G-D forbid. Rather, in Moshe's absence, they were seeking a concrete form of Divine Service. The calf was thus intended to be an object through which they worshiped Hashem, as Aharon said explicitly, "Tomorrow should be a festival to Hashem" (v. 5)

Ramban: The Jewish people did not intend to worship idols, G-D forbid. Rather, since Moshe had disappeared, they sought a replacement for him to guide them in serving Hashem. Aharon chose a calf, since in the celestial chariot the face of an ox can be seen to the left side, representing Hashem's strength. (see Ezekiel 1:10)

Da'as Zekenim: The Jewish people were split into Three groups. a.) Those who were merely looking for a new leader. b.) Those who wished to worship idols. c.) The tribe of Levi who remained totally loyal to Hashem.

SHAAREI TEFILA BULLETIN BOARD

- **Early Minyan Kiddush** (9:00 am) after the Beit Midrash 7:15 am Minyan.
- **Sanctuary Minyan Kiddush** (at 11:30 am) after Shabbat morning davening in Kanner Hall.

Sanctuary Minyan Kiddush this week sponsored by:
• **Michelle and Mark Barak** in honor of their son **Jeffrey Barak's Birthday and leining his Bar Mitzvah Parsha.** The Shul wishes Michelle, Mark, Jeffrey and their entire family many Brochas and only Simchos.

- **Youth Minyan Kiddush** (at 11:30 am) after Shabbat morning davening in Glazer Lounge.
- **Nusach Ari Minyan Kiddush** (at 12:30 pm) after Shabbat morning davening in Kanner Hall.
- **Seuda Shlishit following Mincha in the Kanner Hall Annex.**

Seudah Shlishit this week is sponsored by:
• **Dr. Larry and Mrs. Maureen Eisenberg** in memory of her mother **Lillian Grossman, Devorah Leah bat Shlomo Halevi Weisel** on her 9th yartzeit. Her yartzeit is on 21 Adar. May her Neshama have an Aliya. The Shul wishes the entire Eisenberg family many Brochas and only Simchos.
• **Kerri & Frank Lee and Family** in memory of Kerri's mother **Sarah Davidove, Sarah bat Dov.** Her yartzeit is on 19 Adar. May her Neshama have an Aliya. The Shul wishes the entire Lee family many Brochas and only Simchos.
• **Al and Eva Langer** in memory of Eva's mother **Margaret Ecker, Raizel bat Nussen Dov.** Her yartzeit is on 21 Adar. May her Neshama have an Aliya. The Shul wishes the entire Langer family many Brochas and only Simchos.
• **Mr. Alfred Farrington** in memory of his mother **Helen bat Avraham a"h** on her third yartzeit on Shabbat, 18 Adar. May her Neshama have an Aliya. The Shul wishes Alfred and his entire family many Brochas and only Simchos.
• **Mr. & Mrs. Jacob and Shelley Schwartz** in honor of his finishing **Masechet Brachot** and making a **Siyum.** The Shul wishes the entire Schwartz family many Brochas and only Simchos.

To check the Eruv status each week, call 877-ERUV INFO or online at www.laeruv.com

- **Tuesday Lunch 'n Learn this week.** Please join us on Tuesday morning at 12:00 noon in Kanner Hall Annex for Lunch 'N Learn with **Rabbi Kesselman.** **As a safety precaution there will not be a Tuesday Lunch and Learn this week. We will continue to keep you informed.**

- Shaarei Tefila has assembled a search committee to find a Cantor for the High Holidays. The committee is proud and excited to announce that they have once again secured **Shaarei Tefila Veteran Chazan Asher Scharf.** Please spread the word! Invite your friends, relatives and neighbors to join us. **Chazan Scharf is amazing!!!**

TEFILA SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 15-19

Weekday Shacharit

Sunday.....7:00 & 8:00 am
Monday, through Friday.....6:00, 6:45 & 7:30 am
Mincha-Maariv.....6:50 pm

Friday, March 20

Shabbat Candle Lighting.....6:48pm
Mincha.....**6:30 pm**

Next week: Shabbat Mevorchim, Parshat Hachodesh, Parshat Vayakhel-Pekudei

- **CESAR IS BACK!! EXERCISE** Tuesday from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon.
- **Classical Stretch with Miranda Esmonde:** Wednesday from 10:00 am-11:00 am.
- **Caregivers** needed for Seniors. Please contact Bernice Gelman at 323-938-7147.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Violins of Hope:** Sunday, March 29 at Wilshire Ebell
 - **Michael Hollinger's Opus:** Directed by Peter Faber.
- For cost and more information please call **Mrs. Bernice Gelman** at 323-938-7147

Refuah Shleima

Sholom Ben Chana	Tsviah Yehudit Bat Nechama Liba
Yosef Yitzchak Ben Bracha	Chaya Sara Bat Esther
Gitta Rivka Bat Chaya Risa	Zev Ben Chaya
Yaakov Simcha Ben Itka	Leah Zohar Bat Esther Jonn
Mordechai Ben Simcha	Rochel Bat Simcha Chaya
Chaya Bat Hinda	Risa Chana Bat Chasya Geula
Malka Bat Rochel	Faiga Rochel Bat Bryna Leah
Deena Bat Leiba	Refael David Ben Ella
Leah Bat Sara	Aharon Yoseph Ben Nechama Raizel
Chanah Bat Esther	Sholom Ben Mindel
Ahuva Bat Chaya Rochel	Chava Shoshana Rachel Bat Sarah
Mordechai Leib Ben Yentel	Bat Sheva Roiza Bat Breina
Moshe Ben Pani	Feiga Bella Bat Rachel
Atara Bat Chaya Tova	Sharona Beila Bat Malka
Alter Chaim Yehuda Ben Miriam Etya Perel	

Dear Shul Community Family,

At Shaarei Tefila, we take the safety of our community family very seriously and continue to closely monitor COVID-19 (coronavirus) developments. We are certain that our compassionate Father in Heaven will continue to cast His protective canopy over us and care for us in the most loving and effective way.

As of now, Shabbat classes and services are continuing as usual, but we are implementing the following additional guidelines and protocols:

- Older adults and people who have underlying medical conditions are instructed to not attend Shul classes or services.
- We ask anyone who has traveled on a cruise, or has traveled outside the US or within the US in the past two weeks to areas that have been severely affected by the coronavirus (New York, Washington State, etc.) to refrain from coming to the Shul.
- Please remain home if you, or any family members are sick or showing any signs of sickness, including a cold, respiratory concerns, cough, fatigue or fever. Having one or multiple of the above symptoms does not mean you have the virus. But, we must take precautions to ensure the safety and well-being of the entire community.
- Any person who has been told to self-quarantine **MUST NOT** come to Shul.
- Everyone must use Sani-Cloth Plus (located at Washing Station near Rotunda) when entering the premises.
- Please do not kiss the Torah, Mezuzot or Siddurim.
- Wash hands as frequently as possible and refrain from touching your face.

Until further notice, Shabbat classes and minyonim will be held in the Main Sanctuary. Everyone will be encouraged to spread out to avoid close contact, even those who have no symptoms. We encourage you to stay informed, and will advise of any changes.

If you have any concerns that you may have been exposed to the virus, please self-isolate and contact your doctor and local health department.

We know this is a very difficult time for our community. If there is anything you need from us, we are always available.

Finally, please spend time today calling people that you know who may need an extra dose of reassurance. A single phone call wishing someone a Shabbat shalom, letting them know that you are thinking of them and wishing them well, can often go a long way.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. May we only share in good news.

With prayerful wishes for all of our brothers and sisters the world over.

Rabbi Moshe Kesselman