



SHAAREI TEFILA

Shabbat Bulletin

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September 11-12, 2020

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SHABBAT PARSHAT NITZAVIM-VAYELECH

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

ALL MINYANIM IN THE PARKING LOT

FRIDAY, September 11

Shabbat Candle lighting.....	6:47 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat.....	6:30 pm
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat Nusach Ari.....	7:00 pm

SHABBAT, September 12

MAIN MINYAN.....	8:00 am
YOUTH MINYAN	10:00am
Latest Time for Shema (GR"A)	9:40 am
Latest Time for Shacharit Amida (GR"A)	10:43 am

NO SHIUR THIS SHABBAT

Mincha	6:15pm
Mincha Nusach Ari.....	6:45 pm

Followed by Seuda Shlishit at home

Maariv.....	7:38 pm
Shabbat ends (Havdallah).....	7:47 pm

ABOUT THE TORAH READING

Artscroll Stone Chumash: pages 1086—1099

1st Aliyah: Parshat Nitzavim begins with Moshe's renewal of God's covenant with Israel. Warning against worshipping foreign gods and the punishment that will ensue for such sins. **2nd Aliyah:** The future repentance of Israel and their return to the Land after exile. **3rd Aliyah:** God will bless the people in the Land as they are faithful to the laws of the Torah. The Torah is easily accessible to all who want it. **4th Aliyah:** God gives them the choice of life or death, blessing or curse. Parshat Vayeilech begins with Moshe announcing to the people that he will not lead them into the Promised Land. **5th Aliyah:** Moshe calls on Joshua to lead the people. Moshe writes the Torah and gives it to the kohanim. The mitzvah of *Hakeil*, whereby at the end of the Sabbatical year, all the people are gathered together in Jerusalem and the Torah is publicly read to them. **6th Aliyah:** God tells Moshe that the time of his death is approaching. God tells him that in the future the people will sin and He will turn His face from them. **7th Aliyah:** The Torah is God's testimony. Moshe gives the complete Torah to the Levites and it is put next to the Holy Ark. Moshe gathers the tribes to hear the Song of Haazinu (the next Torah portion).

Haftarah (pages 1202—1204): Taken from the book of Isaiah (61:10-63:9), this is the climatic end of the seven Haftarot read between Tisha B'av and Rosh Hashana, called *Sheva D'nechamata* ("Seven of Comfort").

Dvar Torah contributed by Rabbi Kesselman

I call today upon heaven and earth as witnesses for you. I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. And you shall choose life, so that you and your children may live. (Deuteronomy 30:19)

Do we really need the Torah to tell us to choose life?

Which person of sound mind would choose death?

One possible answer is that one must make a conscious decision to *live* and not just vegetate. And I don't mean to live it up by living life in the fast lane. To "choose life" means to choose to live a meaningful life, a life committed to values and a higher purpose. Did it make any difference at all in that I inhabited planet Earth for so many years?

Will anyone really know the difference if I'm gone? Is my life productive, worthwhile?

The story is told of a Rebbe who wanted to bless his student Reb Yekutiel with wealth. The student declined the offer, saying that he was afraid it would distract him from more spiritual pursuits. When the Rebbe then offered to bless him with longevity, Reb Yekutiel stipulated that it should not be "peasant's years, with eyes that do not see and ears that do not hear, where one neither sees nor senses G-dliness."

Reb Yekutiel was rather fussy, it seems. The holy Rebbe is offering him an amazing blessing, and he is making conditions! Yes, he chose life, and he chose to live a life that would be purposeful and productive, and that really would make a tangible difference. He wasn't interested in a long life if, essentially, it would amount to an empty life. As we stand just before Rosh Hashanah, let us resolve to choose life. Let us live lives of Torah values and noble deeds. And may we be blessed with a good and sweet new year.

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Six week series of Shiurim with Rabbi Moshe Kesselman
“Days of Awe, Days of Joy: Special Series in honor of High Holidays and Sukkot”

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9202750747>

Meeting ID: 920 275 0747

Thursday Evenings at 7:30-8:15 pm

Continuing this Thursday, September 17, 2020

The Shiur is sponsored by the Lee Family in loving memory of Daniella Shaina Lee Casper a'h bat Yehoshua Falik shy'

PERSONALS

• It is with great sadness that we inform the community of the passing of **Mrs. Handa Stark, Chana Bat Yitzchak A'H.** Beloved mother of **Rosie (Ron) Silverstein, Yehoshua (Nana) Stark, and Susie (Chaim) Serenevich.** Beloved grandmother and great-grandmother. The shul wishes the entire Stark Family many brachos and only simchas.

• **Unveiling:** Hakomat Matzeva for **Mrs. Rita Spiegel A'H,** daughter of **Abraham and Edita Spiegel A'H,** will take place on **Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 10:00 am** at Home of Peace Memorial Park 4334 Whittier Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90023. Masks must be worn and social distancing observed by those in attendance. The shul wishes the entire Spiegel Family many brachos and only simchas.

• It is with great sadness that we inform the community of the passing of **Mrs. Roslyn Machlovitz A'H.** Beloved husband of **Mr. Arthur Machlovitz.** For Condolences Mr. Arthur Machlovitz can be reached at 323-939-4831. The shul wishes the entire Machlovitz Family many brachos and only simchas.

Selichot Reminder

There will be a minyan for Selichot at 10:00 pm this Saturday Night, September 12 in the Parking Lot.

Those who would like to participate via zoom:

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Youth Minyan Selichot at 1:00 am in the Parking Lot.

• **The Annual Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Appeal: Rabbi Kesselman will be fundraising for the Kol Nidre Appeal.** Thank you to those who have already helped with their pledges. If you have not already made a pledge for the appeal, please call Rabbi Kesselman at [310-985-3613](tel:310-985-3613). As the Shul is more in need of funds this year, we are counting on your generosity to get through these troubling times.

High Holiday Seating

Deadline to reserve your seat for the High Holiday's is this coming Wednesday, September 16, 2020. Waiver must be signed and ticket must be brought along to Shul to present to guard upon entry. Reservations can be made over the phone at 323-938-7147 or in person. All Shul dues and past pledges must be paid before Rosh Hashanah.

• **The Shaarei Tefila Rabbi's Discretionary Fund** assists those families in our neighborhood and community who need help for Yom Tov. Donations may be sent to the shul office or given to Rabbi Kesselman. If you know of anyone who may need help for Yom Tov please contact Rabbi Kesselman at [310-985-3613](tel:310-985-3613). Confidentiality guaranteed.

High Holiday Parking Lot Minyan

Shaarei Tefila is holding an additional minyan for High Holiday Services in the parking lot. Please be in touch with the office if you would like to daven over Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur in the parking lot. Limited amount of seats still available. Please call Shul office at 323-938-7147.

• We are looking for volunteers over the High Holidays to stand outside the Shul with the security guards to assist in identifying people as they enter the building.

TEFILA SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 13-17

Weekday Shacharit

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

Friday, September 18

Shabbat Candle Lighting.....6:37 pm
 Mincha.....**6:30 pm**

Next week: Rosh Hashanah

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
Bat Sheva Roiza Bat Breina	Moshe Refael Nissim Ben Camra
Moshe Ben Pani	Feiga Bella Bat Rachel
Atara Bat Chaya Tova	Sharona Beila Bat Malka
Rochel Lana Bat Shprintza	
Alter Chaim Yehuda Ben Miriam Etya Perel	