



SHAAREI TEFILA

Shabbat Bulletin

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September 7-8, 2018

SHABBAT PARSHAT NITZAVIM

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, September 7

Shabbat Candle lighting..... 6:53 pm

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat

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

SHABBAT, September 8

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

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

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

GLAZER LOUNGE MINYAN..... 9:30 am

NUSACH ARI MINYAN IN BEIT MIDRASH:..... 10:15 am

Latest Time for Shema (GR"A)..... 9:39 am

Latest Time for Shacharit Amida (GR"A)..... 10:43 am

Shiur 6:30 pm

Mincha 7:00 pm

Followed by Seuda Shlishit in Beit Midrash

Maariv 7:44 pm

Shabbat ends (Havdallah)..... 7:53 pm

We are concluding the series of Shiurim entitled:

“Chassidic Greats: Their Tales and Lessons”

This week at 6:30 pm followed by Mincha and a Gala Seuda Shlishit.

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

Shiur series is sponsored by the Lee Family.

Please refer to the Shaarei Tefila High Holiday calendar for High Holiday schedule and all Minyonim Times.

Haftarah (pages 1202—1204): God announces His personal return to the people of Israel. The prophet describes the elation of the people as God returns to them and God’s own boundless joy as He reunites with His people. 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.

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

ABOUT THE TORAH READING

Artscroll Stone Chumash: Pages 1086—1093

Parshat Nitzavim begins with Moshe’s renewal of God’s covenant with Israel and continues with a warning against worshiping foreign gods and the punishment that will ensue for such sins. The future repentance of Israel and their return to the Land after exile are foretold and God will then bless the people in the Land as they are faithful to the laws of the Torah. The parsha concludes that the Torah is easily accessible to all who want it and that God gives them the free choice of life or death, blessing or curse.

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.
- **Nusach Ari Minyan Kiddush** (at 12:30 pm) after Shabbat morning davening in Kanner Hall.
- **Glazer Lounge Minyan Kiddush** (at 11:00 am) after Shabbat morning davening in Glazer Lounge.
- **Seuda Shlishit following Mincha in the Kanner Hall Annex.**

Seudah Shlishit this week is sponsored by:

Rabbi & Mrs. Bentzion Safran in memory of her mother **Rivka bat Yehuda Dov Hakohen**. Her yartzeit is on Erev Rosh Hashana, 29 Elul. May her Neshana have an Aliya. The shul wishes Ben, Esther and their entire family many Brochas and only Simchos.

- **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).

Simchat Torah Lunch

We are planning a catered **Simchat Torah Lunch** in **Kanner Hall** on Tuesday, October 2, 2018. If you would like to join please be in touch with the shul office at 323-938-7147 or email at info@shaareitefila.org so that we can plan accordingly.
\$40 per adult, \$20 per child.
Discount for RSVP by September 17, 2018
\$35 per adult \$18 per child.
Limited Seating Available
Please go to www.shaareitefila.org to RSVP.

PERSONALS

- Mazel Tov to **Dr. Larry & Maureen Eisenberg** on the birth of a new baby grandson. Mazal Tov to the parents **Shlomo & Chani Eisenberg**. The Shul wishes the entire Eisenberg and Rosenberg Families many Brochas and only Simchos.

YIZKOR BOOK ADDENDUM 2018

We have had many requests to produce an addendum to last year's beautiful Yizkor Book of Remembrance. For information on how to add names please see the attached letter enclosed with email.

- Shaarei Tefila wishes to thank **Mrs. Dinah Gres** for providing accommodations for **R' Simcha Helfgot**, our High Holiday Cantor, for the duration of his stay in LA. May Hashem bless the **Gres Family** with a good sweet year, many Brochas and only Simchos.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE COMMITTEE

We are launching a Membership Drive and wish to put together a committee. If you are interested to assist in this project please be in touch with our president Sholom Feigelstock or the Shul office.

Shaarei Tefila's Sukkah Party

Thursday, September 27, 2018
Shaarei Tefila's Sukkah at 12:00 noon
Featuring the "Dynamic Duo:"
Rabbi Moshe Kesselman 'How many Jews does it take to build a Sukkah?'
Rabbi Yisroel Hecht: "Sukkot: a time of Joy"
RSVP at 323-938-7147
Raffles and Prizes

COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Hatzalah** Reminds the Community. Their Emergency Medical Services Telephone number is: **800-613-1911**.

MITZVAH YOUTH CORPS

It has come to our attention that some members occasionally have difficulty getting to shul, particularly in the evening for Yom Kippur. Our Mitzvah Corps is here to help. Just Let Us Know. Please call **Rabbi Kesselman** at 310-985-3613 if you need help or wish to **volunteer** for the Corps.

SHAAREI TEFILA CLASSES

- **Ein Yaakov** with Rabbi Izchak Kin (in Yiddish), half hour before Mincha in the Goldstein-Baim Beit Midrash (daily).
- **No Tuesday Lunch 'n Learn** until after Sukkot.
- **Weekly Parsha Class:** Thursday Morning, 11:00-12:00 in the Shaarei Tefila Beit Midrash in memory of the Kedoshim from Har Nof. **NO PARSHA CLASS UNTIL AFTER TISHREI.**

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
Tzvi Halevi Ben Tova	Chanah Bat Esther
Ahuva Bat Chaya Rochel	Chava Shoshana Rachel bat Sarah
Mordechai Leib Ben Yentel	