



# SHAAREI TEFILA

## Shabbat Bulletin

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### SHABBAT ROSH CHODESH - PARSHAT MATOT-MASEI

Tammuz 29- Av 1, 5781

July 9-10, 2021

#### SHABBAT SCHEDULE

##### FRIDAY, July 9

Shabbat Candle lighting.....7:49 pm

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat Main Minyan

in Main Sanctuary.....6:30 pm

##### SHABBAT, July 10

MAIN MINYAN Main Sanctuary.....8:00 am

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM ages 4-9 .....9:00 am

in the upstairs Lowy Youth Rooms

Latest Time for Shema (GR"A) .....9:22 am

Latest Time for Shacharit Amida (GR"A) .....10:34 am

#### NO SHIUR THIS SHABBAT

Mincha in Main Sanctuary.....7:45 pm

Followed by Seudah Shlishit in Parking Lot

Maariv in Main Sanctuary.....8:40pm

Shabbat ends (Havdallah).....8:49 pm

#### ABOUT THE TORAH READING

*Artscroll Stone Chumasb: Pages 900—935*

**1st Aliyah:** Parshat Matot begins with the laws of vows and oaths. G-d commands Moshe to gather an army to battle Midian. Midian is defeated and the Midianite kings and all the males are killed. **2nd Aliyah:** Moshe orders all the adult females of Midian to be killed as well. The laws of koshering utensils. The spoils of the war are divided. **3rd Aliyah:** The tribes of Reuben and Gad ask to settle in the lands east of the Jordan river. When Moshe objects, they promise to first help conquer the Promised Land west of the Jordan and only then take their place on the river's east side. **4th Aliyah:** Moshe agrees to the condition. The lands of the Amorites and Bashan are given to the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and half the tribe of Menashe. **Parshat Masei** begins with a listing of all the places through which the Children of Israel journeyed, from Egypt to the plains of Moav, forty years later. **5th Aliyah:** G-d commands Israel to conquer the Land and drive out its inhabitants. The boundaries of the Promised Land are detailed. **6th Aliyah:** The names of the men who will apportion the Land. A description of the Levite cities. **7th Aliyah:** G-d commands Moshe to designate cities of refuge in the Land. The laws of murderers taking refuge in these cities

and the Levite cities. The leaders of the tribe of Menashe petition Moshe to ban intertribal marriage so as to prevent apportioned land from transferring to other tribes. Moshe respects the petition and bans intertribal marriage. This concludes the book of Bemidbar — "*Chazak, Chazak, V'nitchazek.*"

**Haftarah (pages 1193—1194):** The Haftarah picks up from last week's Haftarah, continuing in the beginning of the book of Jeremiah (2:4-28). It is the second of a series of Haftarot read during the three weeks between fast-days of Sheva Asar B'tammuz and Tisha B'av, called *T'lat D'puranuta* (Three of Affliction). Jeremiah decries the people for forsaking G-d and worshipping pagan idols.

#### Dvar Torah – contributed by Rabbi Kesselman

**"You shall designate cities for yourselves; cities of refuge shall they be for you, and a murderer shall flee there, one who takes a life unintentionally." (35:11)**

*Question:* Undoubtedly, there were more people making the pilgrimage to Jerusalem three times a year than slayers running to cities of refuge. Why were there signs on the crossroads showing the way to the cities of refuge and no signs showing the way to Jerusalem?

It is inappropriate for an unintentional murderer to continuously ask for directions while fleeing to a city of refuge, since people might begin to talk about having met a murderer. Talking about crime can encourage some feeble-minded people to perpetrate crime. Therefore, signs are put up to eliminate the need for the murderer to talk to people and the possible consequences which such conversation might produce.

Making a pilgrimage to Jerusalem three times a year, by contrast, is a very important mitzvah. Our rabbis intentionally did not instruct the mounting of signs so as to make it necessary for people to stop and ask for directions and, thus, get into conversations about the commandment of pilgrimage to Jerusalem. In turn, the people they had spoken to would relay to their family and friends their pleasant conversations with travelers going up to Jerusalem in order to be close to G-d. Such reports would arouse in the hearers the desire to also perform good deed and come closer to G-d.

## SHAAREI TEFILA BULLETIN BOARD

- **Sanctuary Minyan Kiddush** (at 9:45 am) after Shabbat morning davening in the Parking Lot.

**Kiddush** this week is sponsored by:

**Dr. & Mrs. Richard and Ellen Katz** in memory of his mother **Malvina Katz, Mishket bat Tzvi a'h**. Her yartzeit is on the 4<sup>th</sup> of Av. May her Neshama have an Aliya. Also, in honor of **Rabbi Moshe Kesselman**. The Shul wishes the entire Katz and Kesselman Families many Brochas and only Simchos.

- **Seuda Shlishit** following Mincha in the Parking Lot.

- **2-A-Day-4-Israel:** LA based group that is helping instigate hundreds of calls each day to support those who are taking action for Israel and against anti Semitic, and to try and make those on the other side aware of our perspectives. It is a small thing we all can do that has a real impact. Email [2aday4israel@gmail.com](mailto:2aday4israel@gmail.com) with a message in the subject line "count me in"

### SENIOR NEWS

- **CESAR IS BACK!! 'EXERCISE** Tuesday's from 11:15 am to 12:15 noon.

- **Tuesday Lunch 'n Learn this week.** Please join us on Tuesday at 12:00 noon in Kanner Hall Annex for Lunch 'N Learn with **Rabbi Moshe Kesselman**.

**NO LUNCH AND LEARN THIS TUESDAY,  
JULY 13, 2021**

- Classes forming for knitters and crocheting, jewelry making and painting.
- Volunteers needed for Senior Programs.

**Please call Bernice Gelman at 323-938-7147**

### TEFILA SCHEDULE FOR JULY 11-15

#### *Weekday Shacharit*

Sunday.....7:00 & 8:00 am

Monday through Friday.....6:00 & 7:30 am

**Mincha-Maariv.....7:55 pm**

#### **Friday, July 16**

Shabbat Candle Lighting.....7:47 pm

Mincha.....**6:30 pm**

**Next week: Shabbat Chazon, Parshat Devarim**

## OBSERVING THE "NINE DAYS"

Beginning this Monday, Rosh Chodesh Av, and for the next nine days, through Tisha B'av, we observe a stricter level of mourning, in accordance with the Mishna in Taanit: *Mi sh'nichnas Av memaatin b'simcha* – "As the month of Av begins, we reduce our joy."

As during the entire Three Weeks, we minimize joy and celebration, not listening to music, avoiding all public celebrations and pleasure trips or other unusually entertaining activities. No haircuts or shaving. Men who normally shave every day, may continue to do so if needed until the week of Tisha B'av. We do not say the blessing *shebecheyanu* on new food or clothes except on Shabbat.

During the Nine Days, we avoid buying clothes or any other items that bring joy. We suspend home improvements. We do not eat meat nor drink wine. Meat and wine are permitted on Shabbat, as well as any "seudat mitzvah" occasions (e.g. a *Brit Milah* or a *Siyum*). It is preferable to give the wine from Havdalah to a child to drink. Otherwise, because of its association with Shabbat, it is permissible to drink. We do not do any laundry; except, if necessary, for small children who frequently soil their clothing. We do not wear freshly laundered garments (except undergarments). Any clothes one is planning to wear during the Nine Days should have been worn briefly prior to Rosh Chodesh in order to get out any "freshness." Fresh clothes may be worn for Shabbat. We do not bathe for pleasure. It is, however, permitted to bathe in order to remove dirt or perspiration or for medical reasons. Hot water should be avoided. Bathing in warm water is permitted on Friday in honor of Shabbat. We avoid any litigation with a non-Jew, because of the ominous fortune associated with this time.

### 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	Chaim Bentzion Yitzchok Ben Feiga
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	Atara Bat Chaya Tova
Sharona Beila Bat Malka	Rochel Lana Bat Shprintza
Alter Chaim Yehuda Ben Miriam Etya Perel	

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