

Congregation Etz Chaim



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Parasha Yisro

20th of Shevet

Lik ner 4:47 PM

Shabbos Day

Shacharis 9:00 AM

Latest Shema 9:26 AM

Latest Tefilla 10:16 AM

Mincha 4:50 PM

Shabbos ends 5:50/6:19 PM

Shabbos Day at YI

Mincha Gedolah 12:25 PM

Mincha 4:40 PM

Ma'ariv/Havdalah 5:50 PM

Weekday Young Israel

Mincha/Ma'ariv 4:48 PM

(T. & Th. Ma'ariv) 9:00 PM

Shabbos Day at Chabad

Mincha 12:26 PM

Kiddush 12:41 PM

Shabbos ends 5:50 PM

Maariv 6:05 PM

Sunday at Chabad

Mo. – Th.

Maariv 7:00 PM

TORAH LEARNING

Rabbi Hartman's class is off until 2-21-26

Zoom ID: 903 917 1656

Password: 170 smain

SHMIRAS HALASHON class: M. & Th. 9:15 a.m.

Please contact Janis Monat: jbmonat@aol.com for the link.

DAF YOMI WEEKDAY ZOOM SCHEDULE

Via Zoom: Mon - Th 7:00 pm and Tu & Th 7:30 am

Meeting ID: 822 979 966

Password: 727190

DAF YOMI LIVE SCHEDULE:

Shabbos mornings at shul, 8:00 a.m., one hour before shacharis;

Sunday mornings at shul, 7:00 a.m., one hour before shacharis.

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KIDDUSH SPONSOR

This shabbos Israel Nagar is sponsoring a meat cholent kiddush with kugel and other treats to honor his friend's yahrtzeit, Avraham ben Naftali and Malkah Pinko.

RABBI REISMAN

Watch as the **Book of Daniel** is brought to life with Rabbi Yisrael Reisman's famous thought-provoking *Navi class*, taking place every Saturday night at Congregation Etz Chaim at 8:00 p.m. Please note new starting time

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY SHIUR

Please join Yoni Monat for a **Super Bowl Halftime shiur**, Sunday, **Feb. 8, at approximately 8:00 p.m.** on **Lessons Learned from Sports**. Please RSVP to jbmonat@aol.com for the link.

ETZ CHAIM BOOK CLUB

Our next read is **Melting Point: Family, Memory and the Search for a Promised Land** by Rachel Cockerell. We will meet via Zoom on **Monday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m.** Copies are available at the Circulation Desk in the Sharon Public Library. It is a story that asks what it means to belong, and what can be salvaged from the past. Questions? Book Suggestions? Contact Merilee for the link at melmaeir@gmail.com.

ETZ CHAIM BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting is Sunday, March 8 **at 5:00 p.m.** Please RSVP to jbmonat@aol.com for link.

REFUAH SHELAIMA

We pray for returned health of the wounded members of the IDF, those who have been hurt in terrorist attacks and the Israeli survivors who, Baruch Hashem, are now back in Israel. Prayers to help the healing of our own congregational family: Heidi Goldblatt, Rachel Chana bas Menucha; Robert Dell, Chana Reuven ben Leah; Tzila Pass, Tzila Chava bat Rachel; Marve Rudenstein, Menachem Yitzchak ben Raitza; and George Monat's brother-in-law, Jerry Edelstein, Shalom Leib ben Chana.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Rabbi Barry Hartman and Rabbi Chuni Rappoport have graciously volunteered their time and expertise to our congregation to answer halachic questions/life cycle issues/kashrut questions Rabbi Hartman will respond to halachic questions and Rabbi Rappoport will respond to any kashrus issue. Rabbi Hartman's phone number is (508) 954-3320 or (781) 806-5561. His e-mail is: RabbiBarry@aol.com. Rabbi Rappoport's phone number is (410) 913-0543. His e-mail is chunir@yahoo.com. **We hopes this helps, community!**

NEW DATE/TIME/LOCATION FOR CHABAD'S LEGACY TORAH

In memory of Rabbi Levi Yitzchok Wolosow and Rabbi Menachem Mendel Plotkin

New Date: Sunday, **March 8** - 19 Adar

New Time: **3:00 p.m. Main Event**

New Location: **Young Israel of Sharon**

RSVP: CHABADOFSHARON.COM/SHARONTORAH

Own a portion of the merit in this special Torah!
Thanks in advance!

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THOUGHTS on parasha Yisro

by Janis Monat

Yisro was a high pagan priest in the land of Midian who welcomed Moshe when he was fleeing from the Egyptian pharaoh. Moshe married Yisro's daughter, Tzipporah and lived there as a shepherd until Hashem spoke to him in the burning bush directing him to return to Egypt to redeem the Jewish slaves.

In parasha Yisro he hears of Hashem's miraculous parting of the Sea and returns to Moshe his wife, Tzipporah, and their two sons, Gershom and Eliezer. They all experience the giving of the Ten Commandments on Har Sinai with their 600,000 Jewish brethren. On the sixth day of the third month (Sivan), seven weeks after the Exodus, the entire nation of Israel assembled at the foot of Mount Sinai for the Giving of the Torah. G-d descended on the mountain amidst thunder, lightning, billows of smoke and the blast of the *shofar*, and summoned Moses to ascend.

G-d proclaimed the Ten Commandments, commanding the people of Israel to believe in G-d, not to worship idols or take G-d's name in vain, to keep the Shabbat, honor their parents, not to murder, not to commit adultery, not to steal, and not to bear false witness, or covet another's property.

The people cry out to Moshe that the revelation is too intense for them to bear, begging him to receive the Torah from G-d and convey it to them.

Talmud says that while the Torah mentions Moshe addressing both those standing there and "those who are not here", ch. 29:14-15, the Midrash Tanchuma on parasha Nitzavim 3 expands this to mean that the souls of all future generations were present as well, standing before Adomey.

I find it fascinating that the Ten Commandments were once said as part of the Shema, four paragraphs instead of our three today. After the Second Temple was destroyed, according to Rabbi Jonathan Sacks in his **Essays on Ethics**, "Sectarians began to claim that only these and not the other 603 commands came directly from Hashem. Thus, their inclusion was brought to an end."

However, they were reinstituted when certain siddurim came to be printed in the 1500s up to the present. Our Art Scroll siddur lists them as a "Reading after Shacharis".

Not only do we stand for the Ten Commandments, "Assert Dibrot", Ten statements, on Shavuot but when hearing them lained in our parasha today. We are emulating receiving them at Har Sinai! This is despite Maimonides explicitly ruling against this in his Responsa. He argued that highlighting the Ten Commandments as special could lead to "laxity in faith," causing people to believe only parts of the Torah were divine while others were not.

Chabad notes, "Revelation was not limited by time or space. Every individual felt personally connected to the giving of the Torah." As a nation we said, "Na'aseh V'nishma", We will do and we will hear/understand/follow. May we continue this passion and commitment to our brit with Hashem and to the lives of our people.

Have a stay warm and "mitzvah-minded" shabbos!