

Congregation Etz Chaim



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Parasha Beshalach

13th of Shevet – Shabbat Shira

15th of Shevat – Tu b'Shevat

Lik ner 4:38 PM

Shabbos Day

Shacharis 9:00 AM

Latest Shema 9:28 AM

Latest Tefilla 10:18 AM

Mincha 4:40 PM

Shabbos ends 5:41/6:10 PM

Shabbos Day at YI

Mincha Gedolah 12:24 PM

Mincha 4:39 PM

Ma'ariv 5:37 PM

Havdalah 5:42 PM

Weekday Young Israel

Mincha/Ma'ariv 4:30 PM

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

Shabbos Day at Chabad

Mincha 12:24 PM

Kiddush 12:40 PM

Shabbos ends 5:42 PM

Maariv 5:57 PM

Sunday at Chabad

Mo. – Th.

Maariv 7:00 PM

TORAH LEARNING

Rabbi Hartman's class is at 9:30 a.m. Sundays

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

Rabbi Chuni and Leah Rappoport are cosponsoring the kiddush this week for the yartzeit of Leah's father, Joseph Gartner, Yosef ben Yisrael. There will be a meat cholent and kugel.

This shabbos is also commemorating Myron Kaufman's yahrzeit.

MAZAL TOV

A hearty mazal tov to the Tyler/Rosenberg families on the engagement of Joshua Tyler to Charni Rosenberg. May the couple be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisrael!

MAZAL TOV

A joyous mazal tov to Rabbi Mordechai and Mrs. Chanala Miller, of Lakewood, NJ, on the recent birth of a baby girl, Esther. Mazal tov to the grandparents, Rabbi Nisson Dov and Mrs. Tamar Miller, of Baltimore, MD.

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.

ETZ CHAIMBOARD MEETING

We will meet Wednesday, **February 4 at 6:00 p.m.** Guests are welcome! Please RSVP to jbmonat@aol.com for link.

ETZ CHAIM BOOK CLUB

Our next read is **Melting Point: Family, Memory and the Search for a Promised Land** by Rachel Cockerell. We plan to meet on **Monday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m.** Copies are available now 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 at melmaeir@gmail.com.

PRAYERS FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL

Hashem **heard** our prayers and the last deceased hostage **was returned**, **Staff Sgt. Ran Gvili**. Ran was among the **first** to enter the Gaza border area to protect civilians, and today, he is the **last** to return. His body was recovered in a complex and determined operation carried out by Israeli security forces, reflecting Israel's unwavering commitment to bring every one of its sons and daughters home, in life or in death. We stand with the Gvili family, who at last have received the closure they deserve, and we honor Ran's courage, sacrifice, and heroism. May his memory be a blessing. Am Yisrael chai!

REFUAH SHELAIMA

We pray for returned health to 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.

LEGACY TORAH NEW DATE, TIME & LOCATION

for the Chabad Legacy Torah completion celebration.

New Date: Sunday, March 8 - 19 Adar

New Time: 3:00pm Main Event

New Location: Young Israel of Sharon

RSVP: CHABADOFSHARON.COM/SHARONTORAH

Own a portion of the merit in this special Torah

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THOUGHTS on parasha Beshalach

by Janis Monat

“Beshalach” is the 2nd word in our parasha which means, “when he sent forth”, referring to the freeing by Pharaoh of the Israelite people after the tenth plague killed the first-born Egyptians. Hashem soon directs the departing former Jewish slaves toward the Sea of Reeds where Adomye’s eternal might and power will be displayed once again.

This is Shabbos Shira. After crossing the Seas of Reeds, the relieved and grateful Jewish people sang a song of praise and appreciation to Hashem. Eyeing Pharaoh’s approaching army the Israelites feared for their lives. Miraculously the sea waves parted, in the nick of time, and the Jews safely crossed. Watching their pursuers drown the Jewish people broke out in song, “Az Yashir”, and our familiar “Mi Chamocha...” The Jewish people had experienced a reality in which there was nothing other than Adomye...and from their soul’s very core came words of thanks and praise to Hashem. We relive this moment during our morning tefillot, “Az Yashir”, the Song of the Sea. It comes from our parasha, ch. 15:1, “Then he (Moshe) will sing”.

What do we sing about? So often we take living for granted. It takes tremendous effort to realize that without HaShem there is no life.

In our parasha, ch. 13:19, Yosef’s bones were carried out from Egypt by Moshe as he had asked them to be, 210 years before. Yosef had been the **first** Hebrew to come to live in Egypt upon his brothers’ selling of him and he/his bones were **the last** to leave. So, too, in this week’s Tel-Aviv’s Hostage Square the **last** yellow chair was removed. **Ron Gvili**, Staff Sergeant with the Israel Police Special Patrol Unit, was **one of the first** to enter Gaza on 10/7 and killed defending Kibbutz Alumim, saving many Jewish lives. His body was the **last** of the 251 hostages to be returned to Eretz Yisrael. Both Yosef and Ran had proper burials amongst their brethren in Israel.

May we continue to praise and thank Hashem, even breaking out in song, for our lives. Because that, too, is a miracle.

A wonder of wonders, miracle of miracles... sea-splitting shabbos!