



CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM
July 2020 Newsletter
9 Tamuz – 10 Av 5780



	July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25
Torah Reading	Chukat-Balak	Pinchas	Matot-Masei	Devarim (Chazon)
	Numbers 19:1-25:9	Numbers 25:10-30:1	Numbers 30:2-36:13	Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22
Pages	652-682	686-698	702-724	736-749
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Haftorah	Micah 5:6-6:8	Jeremiah 1:1-2:3	Jeremiah 2:4-2:28, 3:4	Isaiah 1:1-1:27
Pages	682-685	710-713	725-729	750-754

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Rabbi Peretz Robinson's Torah Message

Dear All,

I hope this message finds you well and in good health.

There is a time-honored custom amongst the Jewish people to study Pirkei Avot during the summer months. Accordingly, as we enter the month of July together, I would like to take a look at a Mishna that appears in the fourth chapter of Avot.

In the beginning of that chapter of Pirkei Avot, the sage Ben Zoma asks rhetorically, "Who is truly strong?", and he answers his question thus: "He who is able to conquer his yetzer, his desire."

We live in a society that is accustomed to believing that a strong individual is someone who is able to lift a certain amount of weights, or to win MMA championships. But our tradition is telling us something quite different. True strength is not determined by muscle mass, but rather by mental fortitude and determination; the ability to conquer negative desires. To conquer what is referred to in the original Hebrew as the "yetzer."

An individual's yetzer is the voice within your head telling you to take shortcuts, to take the easy way out. It is the voice that says, "why should you work hard saving up money to buy a flashy new sports car when you can just steal one?"

This is obviously not the right way.

Life is full of choices, the essence of being human is our possession of free will and the ability to make choices. Ultimately, life can be defined as a journey replete with an infinite number of choices to be made. And the Mishna is telling us that the truly strong individual is the person who will make the right choices and conquer their yetzer. These people are our society's true heroes.

As we enter the summer months and warmer weather, we are beginning to experiment with the idea of holding safe social-distancing Shabbat minyanim in community member's backyards. A number of health and distancing precautions will be put in place to ensure the safety of all attendees. As such, attendance at these minyanim will of necessity be limited. As much as we would love to open the davening to any and all who would like to attend, that is unfortunately not an opportunity in the current reality.

If you are interested in registering to attend one of these Shabbat backyard minyanim, or for any further information, please be in touch with me.

All the Best,

Rabbi Peretz Robinson

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Refuah Sheleimah to Andrew Deutsch, David Gordon, Arlene Moidel, and Diane Sheinbaum. May G-d grant each a speedy and complete recovery.

Golden Book- If you would like to send a card to the family or friend. for a happy time or a sad time. Please contact Sara Klein at 203-374-9365 or you can e-mail Sara at sakl31@aol.com.

Golden Book Contributions for July

<p>In Memory of Dr. Arthur Turetsky Debra and Dr. Joel Allen Arlene Dentz</p> <p>In Honor of the Birth of a Grandson, Elimelech Chaim Allen, to Debra and Dr. Joel Allen. Arlene Dentz</p>	<p>In Memory of Dr. Arthur Turetsky Erica and Arnold Cohen and Family Chaim Joy and Cathy Velenchik Hedy and Terry Augenbraun Jay Dimand and Sons</p> <p>In Memory of Lea Guttman Hedy and Terry Augenbraun Betty, Andrew, Gerald, and Nancy Deutsch Susan Klein Myrna and Seymour Kosowsky Arnell Wilson</p>
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Yahrtzeits for July 2020

<p>Wednesday, July 1- Albert Schwartz (Father to Edith Goldberg)</p> <p>Thursday, July 2- Abraham Barnum (Father to Max Barnum)</p> <p>Sunday, June 5 - William Augenbraun (Father to Terry Augenbraun)</p> <p>Monday, July 6-Fannie Frankel (Relative to Rose & Arlene Moidel)</p> <p>Friday, July 10- Charles Basch (Brother to David Basch)</p> <p>Tuesday, July 14- Frieda Schor (Mother to Roslyn Fishman)</p> <p>Thursday, July 16- Gina Gelb (Wife to Lawrence Gelb)</p> <p>Friday, July 17-Dora Kosowsky (Aunt to Seymour Kosowsky)</p> <p>Friday, July 17- William Schwartz (Relative to Shelia Rothman)</p>	<p>Sunday, July 19- Carrie Dickens (Granddaughter to Bernard Dickens)</p> <p>Sunday, July 19- Louis Kosowsky (Uncle to Seymour Kosowsky)</p> <p>Sunday, July 19- Sofie Taub (Mother to Amalia Epstein)</p> <p>Monday, July 20- Samuel Gordon (Grandfather to David Gordon)</p> <p>Thursday, July 23- Molly Fischer (Mother-in law to Julia Fischer)</p> <p>Thursday, July 23- Alex Klein (Uncle to Howard Klein & Uncle to Myra Gondos)</p> <p>Friday, July 24- Esther Fisher (Sister to Arlene Dentz)</p> <p>Friday, July 24-Solomon Karelitz (Uncle to Seymour Kosowsky)</p> <p>Friday, July 31- Benedict Zwecker (Father to Charles Zwecker)</p>
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