



CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM

November 2019 Newsletter

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Torah & Haftorah Readings and Page Numbers					
	November 2	November 9	November 16	November 23	November 30
Torah Reading	Noach	Lech-Lecha	Vayera	Chayei Sara	Toldot
	Genesis 6:9-11:32	Genesis 12:1-17:27	Genesis 18:1-22:24	Genesis 23:1-25:18	Genesis 25:19-28:9
Pages	26-40	45-60	63-76	80-89	93-101
Haftorah	Isaiah 54:1-55:5	Isaiah 40:27-41:16	II Kings 4:1-4:37	I Kings 1:1-1:31	Malachi 1:1-2:7
Pages	41-44	60-62	76-79	90-92	102-105

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Rabbi Peretz Robinson's Torah Message

Dear Friends,

As we depart the holiday season and enter into the winter months, I would just like to take a moment to thank all of those individuals without whose vital assistance, the High Holy Day services in our shul would not have been the tremendous success that they were. These individuals know who they are, and their ongoing help is greatly appreciated by myself as well as the shul members. Thank You.

The holiday season concluded with the celebration of Simchat Torah, when we dance with the Torah scrolls and express our joy in completing the reading of the Five Books. But we don't just finish the Book of Devarim and put the Torah back on the shelf. No. Rather, we immediately start back at the beginning with the reading of Sefer Bereishit, thus creating a perpetual cycle of Torah study in our lives.

What lessons might we be able to learn from the Book of Genesis, that we are currently reading in shul every Shabbat? The lessons of Sefer Bereishit are myriad, as it is a book that tells both of the genesis of the world, as well as the genesis of the Jewish people. But it is also a book that tells of the genesis of holiness in the world, *kedusha*.

Jewish tradition tells us that if we want to really understand the deeper meaning of a concept, or what a concept represents in its essence, then you turn to the first place that the word which represents that idea appears in the Torah. That initial appearance in the Torah will then serve as an archetype for what that word means in its deepest essence.

In what context does the word that represents the concept of holiness- "*kedusha*"- appear for the first time in the Torah? In the context of Shabbat, where it says that the Almighty blessed the seventh day and sanctified it- "*vayekadesh oto*", words that we say each Friday night when reciting the Kiddush. The Jewish Sabbath is the archetype of holiness in this world. In what ways can we work on increasing the holiness of Shabbat in our lives every week?

All the Best,

Rabbi Peretz Robinson

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Community Event

A Flood of Ideas: A Symposium

A panel of local clergy and renowned scientists discuss the Noah story in the Abrahamic religions and how it relates to modern-day concerns about climate change.

Date and Time: **Sunday, November 3, 2019. 3:30-6:00 pm**

Location: **Sacred Heart University**, East Building Auditorium, West Campus, 3135

GOLDEN BOOK CONTRIBUTIONS

<p>Condolences to Michele and Justin Goldberg on the death of their infant daughter, Isabel Rae Myrna and Seymour Kosowsky</p> <p>Condolences to Chaya Mueller on the death of her father, Yisroel Braun Hedy and Terry Augenbraun Arlene Dentz</p> <p>In Honor of the Marriage of Judy and Seth Lerner's son, Benny to Leron Hedy and Terry Augenbraun Sara Klein</p>	<p>In Honor of the birth of Maya Libby, daughter to Shoshana and Jason Rothwax, and granddaughter of Ellen and Joel Rothwax Hedy and Terry Augenbraun Sara Klein</p> <p>In Memory of Seth Lerner's Father Hedy and Terry Augenbraun Sara Klein Susan Klein and Family Myrna and Seymour Kosowsky</p> <p>Condolences to Bernard Goldberg on the death of his infant granddaughter, Isabel Rae Hedy and Terry Augenbraun Arlene Dentz Sara Klein Myrna and Seymour Kosowsky</p>
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Golden Book Greeting cards are a great way to honor or remember someone. To personalize your message, call or email Sara Klein. She can include any personal greeting you would like to have included.

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

Yahrtzeits for November 2019

<p>Friday, November 1-Abraham Zimmer(Uncle to Pamela Zimmer)</p> <p>Monday, November 4—Eva Klein (Mother to Howard Klein)</p> <p>Thursday, November 14-Julia Millstein(Mother to Ellen Rothwax)</p> <p>Friday, November 15 - Sarah Millstein Kessler (Grandmother to Ellen Rothwax)</p> <p>Saturday, November 16- Irving Schor (Father to Roslyn Fishman)</p>	<p>Sunday, November 17- Israel Kessler(Grandfather to Ellen Rothwax)</p> <p>Friday, November 22-Sidney Gordon(Father to Diana Rich-Schwartz)</p> <p>Friday November 22 Rose Selinger (Mother to Arlene Dentz)</p> <p>Saturday, November 23- Louis Weiskopf (Husband to Goldie Librach)</p> <p>Wednesday, November 27- Av'ner Gelb (Father to Larry Gelb)</p>
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