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UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

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Shavuot Mishmar - Women, Teen & Regular

Please join us On Tuesday night May 18 for a night of learning. The Women's Mishmar will begin at 11:00 pm with shiurim by Rebbetzin Saretta Lazovsky, Mindy Schiller and Eva Greenspan.

The regular Mishmar will begin at Midnight with a shiur by Rabbi Eli Lazovsky, followed by Rabbi Ben Zion Lazovsky and concludes with a shiur on Ruth by Rabbi Louis Lazovsky. The first minyan will begin at 4:50 am. There will also be a Shacharit minyan at the regular 8:45 am time.

The Teen Mishmar will also begin at Midnight. Rabbi Ben Zion Lazovsky will discuss topics in the 2nd chapter of Gemara Megilla.

Shavuot Yizkor

On Thursday, May 20, the second day of Shavuot, we will recite Yizkor at about 10:30 am.

For information about ordering Yahrzeit plaques, please call the office at (847) 679-9800.

Early Shabbat

After Shavuot, and continuing throughout the summer, we will have "Early Shabbat." We will daven mincha every Friday at 7:00 pm through the summer. If you will be starting Shabbat early with us, you should light candles at about 7:20 pm, and repeat Kriat Sh'ma after nightfall.

Graduation Kiddush

On Shabbat June 12 we will celebrate our graduates at our annual Graduation Kiddush. If your child, sibling, grandchild, spouse, or even parent is graduating from Kindergarten, 8th grade, high school, college, graduate school or even finishing a doctorate, you can participate in the Kesser Maariv Graduation Kiddush. If you would like to salute your graduate, please contact Saretta Lazovsky for sponsorship details at (847) 676-0556 or email bhkmal@yahoo.com.

Annual Banquet and Ad Journal

We are pleased to announce that our Annual Banquet and Ad Journal will take place on Sunday evening, June 27. We will be honoring Wendy Hartz for her many wonderful contributions to Kesser Maariv, and we will bestow the Friend of Kesser Maariv Award to Lester Farber of Queens, NY.

Ad Blanks are available at the shul and on our website, www.kessermaariv.org. Invitations for the Banquet will be sent out in the coming weeks.

The Ad Journal and Banquet is the major fund-raising event of the year for the shul. We greatly appreciate

if you are able to help solicit ads. \$300 in solicited ads entitles you to a complimentary reservation at the Banquet.

Aron Kodesh Restoration

Our unique Aron Kodesh (Holy Ark) has been showing its age (over 150 years old) for a while. Part of the Aron has been sagging, and several other parts need repairs. Thanks to a generous congregant, we are currently restoring the Aron. This project was undertaken only after search process to identify the experts who we feel are the most reputable and have the expertise to work with our one-of-a-kind Aron. We will provide progress reports on an ongoing basis. The Aron should be back before Rosh Hashana.

Happy Day Cards

A new batch of Happy Day Cards are now available. The cards, designed by Rachel Grossman and Wendy Hartz, are available from the office for \$1.50 each, or packages of 13 for only \$18. If you would like us to send a card for you, please call Wendy at (708) 205-5109. The cost is only \$2.

Misheberach List

If you have names for a misheberach, please send them to the shul office or e-mail to bhkmal@yahoo.com.

Weekday Minyanim

Please join us for daily minyanim. Shacharit is at 6:00 am Monday through Friday, and 8:00 am on Sunday. Mincha-Maariv on Sunday through Thursday is 15 minutes before sunset.

E-mail List

We occasionally send e-mails with important information. However, we do not have everyone's e-mail address. To put you on our e-mail list, please send an e-mail to bhkmal@yahoo.com indicating that you wish to be placed on the e-mail list.

Rent the Shul for Your Simcha

For information regarding renting the Social Hall for your event, please call Ben Zion Lazovsky at the Shul office at (847) 679-9800. Also, book you child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah in the Shul calendar! Please call Judy Whisler at (847) 677-2281.

Teen Mishnah Club

High school-age boys are invited to participate in a Mishnah Club, led by Rabbi Ben Zion Lazovsky. The boys meet Wednesday evenings before Mincha to learn Mishnayot.

PAST EVENTS

In March, we had a special Kesser Maariv Saturday Night at the Movies to watch *The Disputation*, a film about the debate between the Ramban and a Christian apostate in Spain in 1264.

Rabbi Moshe Soloveichik delivered his annual Haggada Shiur before Pesach. *This and many other hundreds of shiurim are available from our Tape Library – some on audio tape, and some digitally.*

We thank everyone who participated in the Pesach Chesed Project by buying extra items for someone else while shopping for Pesach.

ADELE GOLDBLUM WOMEN'S COUNCIL UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's Seudat Shlisheet

Please join us this Shabbat, May 15 at 5:00 for our second Women's Seudat Shlisheet of the season. The guest speaker will be Kenny Goldbatt of Kibbutz Migdal Oz.

Shavuot Plant Sale

The Adele Goldblum Women's Council is sponsoring a Shavuot Plant Sale. Sponsor a plant which will be delivered to a resident of the Robineau or Lieberman Geriatric Center. Each plant is \$7.00. For more information, please call or email Brenda Kahn at (847) 677-2388 or bgkahn2002@aol.com.

Knitters for Charity

The Knitters meet every other Tuesday at 7:00 pm at the Shul. Next meeting should be May 25. For more information and meeting confirmation, please call Wendy Hartz at (708) 205-5109.

Recipes

If you have good recipes for Rosh Hashana and Sukkot, please send them to Sandy Miretzky at (847) 676-4387 or Eleanor Greenspan at (847) 675-7573.

Other Upcoming Events

More details will follow, but keep these dates open for the Women's Week of Learning: On Monday, July 12, women and men are welcomed to hear the internationally renowned lecturer Rebetzin Esther Jungreis at Cong. Shaarei Tzedek. We will be going as a group. Four Womens' Council members will receive FREE tickets!!! On Wednesday, July 14, Shana Greenstein Lipsky of Jerusalem will speak and on Sunday, July 18 there will be a program (to be announced).

Additional "field trips" and Women's Shalashudoses are planned for this summer. Hope you'll join us!!!

PAST EVENTS

We had a booth at the Israel Solidarity Day, making bottles of colored sand. Thanks to Sheryl Greenstein, Heather Busch, Eleanor Greenspan and Eva Greenspan for running the activity.

Our first Women's Seudat Shlisheet of the season was on April 17. Iris Fagan spoke about the extraordinary life of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Bernice Fagan נ"ע.

GOOD & WELFARE

Mazel Tov to: Lynn and Z'vulun Stein on the birth of a granddaughter, Shayna Chaya Kirschner, born to Ariel & Binyomin Kirschner...Bernardo & Ofelia Shaftal on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Chaya Miriam Sulkin...Rabbi & Mrs. Moshe Soloveichik on the birth of a granddaughter, Ella Tzipora Leah Cohen...Miriam & Edmond Namordi on the birth of a grandson, Eli... Nasrin Kheradyar on the birth of a granddaughter, Allie Bella, born to David & Rinat Kheradyar...Jean Goldrich on being honored by the Religious Zionists on Yom Yerushalayim.

Condolences To: The family of Harvey Schultz...The family of Michael Chez...The family of Sheldon Ruben, a past president of Kesser Maariv.

Celebrate your simcha on the Etty Rubinow Tree of Life! Leaves are \$100, Acorns are \$500 and Foundation Stones are \$1,000. Call Ben Zion at (847) 679-9800 to order, or just print the order form off of our website.

Thank you to our recent Kiddush Sponsors: Marty & Sandy Miretzky, Neil & Debbie Brill, Anne & David Elovic, Dan & Faith Harris.

Thank you to our recent Seudat Shlisheet Sponsors: Marty & Sandy Miretzky, Joe & Iris Fagan, Maury & Tina Pressburger, the Lazovsky Family and Walter Wolf. *To sponsor a Kiddush or Seudat Shlisheet, please call Judy Whisler at (847) 677-2281.*

Do you have a new neighbor who might enjoy davening at Kesser Maariv? Please call the office so we can welcome them, or call Anne Elovic, Chesed Fund Chair, at (847) 673-2904.

DVAR TORAH

SHAVUOT

The holiday of Shavuot commemorates the anniversary of our receiving the Torah on Mount Sinai. The Torah is our blueprint and instruction manual for life itself and the source of our spiritual freedom. The Jewish people received their physical freedom on Passover but had to wait seven full weeks until they were ready to receive the Torah. During this interim period, the Jewish people toiled constantly on their attributes until they became spiritually transformed from a nation of slaves to G-d's chosen people.

We also read the Book of Ruth on Shavuot. One of the reasons that we read the Book of Ruth is because Shavuot is the birthday and Yahrzeit of King David. King David's matriarchal ancestor was Ruth, who was a righteous convert and Moabite princess who preferred to leave her exalted status and position in order to join the Jewish people. Ruth was known for tremendous acts of devotion, kindness and goodness to her mother-in-law, Naomi. She

eventually married a relative of Naomi, Boaz, who was head of the "Sanhedrin - Jewish Religious High Court." Even though Boaz died on their wedding night, from this union she gave birth to a child, Ovad, who was the grandfather of King David.

SHAVUOT MISHMAR

Prior to our receiving the Torah on the first Shavuot, G-d caused the weather to be perfect so that we would sleep deeply in order to have the strength to receive G-d's presence and to receive the Torah. Much to our embarrassment, we all overslept and almost missed receiving the Torah. To make amends and to show Hashem our love for him, many Jews remain awake all night on the first night of Shavuot, studying different passages of Torah at a Mishmar, literally an all night watch or vigil. Come join us at our Mishmar as we explore the revelation experience.

THE THREE WEEKS AND THE NINE DAYS

“Bain Ha’metzariim - Between the Narrows,” is how our sages refer to the three week period between the fast of “Shiva Asar B’Tamuz - The seventeenth of Tammuz,” and between the fast of “Tisha B’av - The ninth day of Av.” This year the fast of the seventeenth day of Tammuz falls on Tuesday, June 29. The period is one of profound sadness and bad luck when the Jewish people commemorate the breaching of the walls of Jerusalem which eventually led to the destruction of the second Temple. In fact, both Temples were destroyed on Tisha B’av.

As this is a period of bad luck and mourning, we avoid going to civil court or entering into business deals that are other than routine. We also refrain from pleasurable activities as live performances, plays, operas, musicals, movies or listening to music. We also do not cut our hair or nails. While some do not eat meat, drink wine, swim or bathe in hot water for the entire three week period, most Ashkenazic Jews are lenient until the nine days between Rosh Chodesh Av and Tisha B’av. This year, Rosh Chodesh Av is on Monday, July 12. As we do not have public displays of mourning on Shabbat, we eat meat and drink wine on every Shabbat even during the nine days. Tisha B’av is Monday night July 29 and Tuesday July 20.

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SHABBAT & HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Please Note: For the next few months, we will be welcoming Shabbat early and will begin davening Mincha on Friday nights at **7:00 pm**. Therefore, for the next few months, it is important that you remember to: 1) light Shabbat candles early (at about 7:20 pm) and 2) repeat Kriat Sh'ma of Maariv after nightfall.

	Date	Candle Lighting	'Erev' Mincha	Shacharit	Pirkei Avot Shiur	Mincha
Bamidbar	5/14-5/15	7:44 pm	7:45 pm	8:45 am	6:35 pm	7:35 pm
1 st Day Shavuot	5/18-5/19	7:48 pm	7:50 pm	4:50 am & 8:45 am	no shiur	7:50 pm
2 nd Day Shavuot	5/19-5/20	8:51 pm	7:50 pm	8:45 am Yizkor 10:30	no shiur	7:50 pm
Naso	5/21-5/22	7:51 pm	7:00 pm	8:45 am	6:40 pm	7:40 pm
Beha'alotcha	5/28-5/29	7:57 pm	7:00 pm	8:45 am	6:50 pm	7:50 pm
Shelach	6/4-6/5	8:02 pm	7:00 pm	8:45 am	6:55 pm	7:55 pm
Korach	6/11-6/12	8:07 pm	7:00 pm	8:45 am	6:55 pm	7:55 pm
Chukat	6/18-6/19	8:09 pm	7:00 pm	8:45 am	7:00 pm	8:00 pm
Balak	6/25-6/26	8:11 pm	7:00 pm	8:45 am	7:00 pm	8:00 pm
Pinchas	7/2-7/3	8:10 pm	7:00 pm	8:45 am	7:00 pm	8:00 pm
Matot-Masei	7/9-7/10	8:08 pm	7:00 pm	8:45 am	7:00 pm	8:00 pm
Devarim (Chazon)	7/16-7/17	8:04 pm	7:00 pm	8:45 am	6:55 pm	7:55 pm

If you have a chiyuv - obligation to daven or require an Aliya, please inform Rabbi Lazovsky in person or at (847) 676-0556 before Shabbat.

To sponsor a kiddush or shalashudos, please call Judy Whisler at (847) 677-2281.

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Minyan Times

Minyanim meet in the Kaufman Bais Midrash

Shacharit

Sunday: 8:00 am

Monday-Friday: 6:00 am

Mincha-Maariv

Sunday-Thursday: 15 minutes before sundown

Classes

Sunday Morning at 9:40 am: Parsha Class in the Weekly Sedra.

Given by Rabbi Moshe Soloveichik

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm: Teen Mishna Club

Given by Rabbi Ben Zion Lazovsky

Malamud Reference Library

Come and Learn from any of the hundreds of titles in our library.

Lending Library

Members may borrow books from our Lending Library, located on the south side of the Social Hall. For hours of operation, more details or to donate books, please call Barbara Pomper at (847) 256-1198.

Tape Lending Library

We have tapes and digital audio files on many topics including Chumash, Talmud and Mussar.