R’FUAH SH’LEMAH
We wish a speedy recovery to the following:
Alan Blumberg (Avraham ben Rachel)
Fred Sachs (Ephraim David ben Chana)
Devorah bat Sucia
Mark Funk (Moshe ben Chanan)
James Blanc (Chaim ben Faiga)
Judy Goodman (Yehudit Esther bat Chaya Liba)
Sherri Ann Levy Tisch (Sarah Chana bat Esther)
Julie Measroch (Hadassa bat Chana)
Sarah bat Rosa

If you know that someone on this list has (Baruch HaShem) recovered, please let us know.

Did You Know?
Our sages refer to B’midbar, the Torah’s fourth book, as sefer ha-p’kudim – The Book of Counting because of the census described in this week’s Parsha. However, we read about an earlier census in Sh’mot. What’s unique about this census for the Sages to define an entire Book by it?

Counting has two purposes. One is to combine individual elements as a group. The other is to give each of a group’s disparate elements its own identity, giving the individual the feeling that “s/he counts”. This is focuses on each individual, rather than on the group as a whole. The earlier census was taken to unify the Jews as a nation following their exodus from Egypt. However, the Torah uses an intriguing expression to describe the current census: b’mispar shaymot – they were counted according to their names. So, the focus of this counting was to emphasize the individuality of each Jew.

This is why the division of tribes and their banners are mentioned with the current census and not in that of Sh’mot. The ability to identify with a specific tribe and be represented by a unique banner further enhances a person’s sense of individuality. Yes, everyone counts!

Shabbat Afternoon Women’s Class
Join us at the Shabbat Afternoon Women’s Class, May 27, 5:00pm at the home of Pam Mason, 145 High Point Walk, as we study the Parsha, socialize with friends and indulge in home-made Shabbat treats.

Led by: Chana Kornfeld

Yahrzeits May 27 - June 2, 2017

Saturday, May 27
Efim Gindin
Father of Inna Gindina
Father of Irina Gindina

Saturday, May 27
Ann Abrams
Mother of Carol Janet

Wednesday, May 31
Nathan Lurie
Father of David Lurie
Grandfather of Tracey Solovei
Grandfather of Kim Aaron

Wednesday, May 31
Gizela Abeles
Grandmother of Arlene Shapiro
Grandmother of Anita Bronstein

Wednesday, May 31
Solly Meltzer
Father of Avril Joffe

Wednesday, May 31
Hyman Bass
Father of Leah Sher

Thursday, June 1
Shirley Greenbaum
Mother of Alan Smirin

Thursday, June 1
Zellick Sendzul
Father of Sara Measroch

Thursday, June 1
Avie Kalwerisky
Wife of Jeff Kalwerisky

Thursday, June 1
Pearl Stein
Mother of Jeff Stein

Friday, June 2
Erna Haase
Sister of Harold Goodman

Friday, June 2
Henriette Salomon
Mother of Jenna Aronowitz

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This week’s reading, B’midbar, begins the Book of Numbers, the fourth of the Five Books of Moses. This book of the Torah opens on the first of Iyar, one month after the inauguration of the Tabernacle, and several weeks before the Jews will depart from Mount Sinai and begin their journey to the Holy Land. In this week’s portion, the Israelites and the Tribe of Levi are counted separately. G-d instructs the Israelites on how to camp in the desert, surrounding the Tabernacle. The Levites are informed about the procedure for dismantling the Tabernacle before traveling….. reprinted from Chabad.org

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Erev Shavuot - Tuesday, May 30, 2017

8:20pm Mincha/Maariv
8:24pm Yom Tov begins - Light candles

Shavuot Late Night Learn-A-Thon Begins

Adults TED Talks: Speakers:
- Darren Tobin, Trial Attorney: Eye for an Eye. Liability in Torah Law
- Beth Shapiro: Covered. A Shaitel Story
- Ron Feingold, Director of PR & Communications at Students Supporting Israel: Combatting Anti-Semitism on Campus

Main Sanctuary Midnight Dessert Bar
- Teddy Sable: Life on the Kibbutz
- Henry Benamram: End of an Era? Judaism in France
- Jimmy Baron: Melech Yisrael: The Life and Time of King David
- Rabbi Isser New: The History of the Western Wall and its Significance

Chavruta Study Groups and Tikun Leil Shavuot
- Ben Massey: Finding God on Your Own Terms

Teen Talks: Speakers:
- Eli Rabinowitz: How Cteen Atlanta Impacts Your Life
- Mina New: 13 Reasons Why Not
- Jimmy Baron: Melech Yisrael: The Life and Time of King David
- Rabbi Isser New: The History of the Western Wall and its Significance
- Chavruta Study Groups and Tikun Leil Shavuot

Midnight BBQ!
- Natanel Golan: Are Computer Programming Loopholes Considered Stealing According to the Torah?
- Dr. Herschel Kessler: Judaism on College Campuses
- Chananel Druin & Ron Feingold: Combatting BDS on Campus

Raffles and games! First 20 people to RSVP will receive a custom-made Fidget Spinner!!

First Day Shavuot – Wednesday, May 31, 2017

8:30am Daf Yomi
9:15am Shacharit
9:30am Dippin Dots and Pancakes Breakfast! Are You Smarter Than Rabbi New?
10:30am Reading of Ten Commandments

Babysitting will be provided 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

12:30pm Sisterhood Luncheon  (RSVP required)
8:20pm Mincha/Maariv
9:26pm Light Candles from existing flame

Second Day Shavuot – Thursday, June 1, 2017

8:30am Daf Yomi
9:15am Shacharit

Babysitting will be provided 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

12:30pm Cheesecake and Coffee Kiddush at the North and South News

Rabbi Yossi and Dassie – 205 Zeblin Rd
Rabbi Isser and Musha – 650 W. Northway Ln

7:20pm “Raising the Torah Guarantors” – A Panel on Education
Panelists: Mrs. Dassie New, Rabbi Michoel Druin, Dr. Pam Mason and Dr. Sim Pearl. Moderated by Chana Kornfeld

8:20pm Mincha/Maariv
9:27pm Shavuot Ends