

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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KEDOSHIM

Kedusha, holiness, is by all means the most important principle of Judaism. The highest ideal to which any person can aspire is that of holiness. All the commandments of the Torah were given so that Israel could become a “*goy kadosh*,” “a holy Nation” (Exodus 19:6). And if holiness is really this important, if it is incumbent upon every person to try for holiness – “*kedoshim tihyu*,” “thou shalt be holy,” as the Bible puts it in today’s portion (Leviticus 19:2) – then it is important for us to understand the meaning of holiness.

The first thing to be said about holiness is that it means something higher and nobler. Our Rabbis (*Sifra, Kedoshim* 1:2) explained “*kedoshim tihyu*” as “*perushim yihyu*,” “thou shalt be separated,” above, higher. Holiness means rising above the commonplace and the vulgar, being exalted above the everyday and the secular. It means taking the soul off to a side and purifying it from the dross which it gathers in the rough and tumble of daily existence. An idea is holy when it is above other ideas. A human being is holy when he or she is separated from and higher than other human beings.

A corollary of this idea is that we are not to tamper with that which is holy if we are to keep it holy. A *sefer Torah* is not sacred in and of itself, but only because of what we get from it and the attitude we take towards it. No wonder therefore that Jewish law prevents us from touching the scroll with our hands. Take too free and liberal an attitude with what is sacred and it becomes profane. The first of today’s portions records a commandment to the High Priest himself to keep that which is holy above everyday use and common handling – God told Moses to speak to his brother Aaron and tell him not to enter the Holy Temple whenever he so wished at any time (Leviticus 16:2). That which is holy is to be approached with reverence, it must be “*perushim*” – above, separated, and isolated.

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Friday Night Services - Norma Weintraub

May 5, 2017

7:30 p.m.

Candle Lighting at 6:57 p.m.

Oneg Sponsored by the Congregation

All are welcome

Saturday Morning Services

May 6, 2017 9:00 a.m.

Torah Reading

Joseph Sontag

Leviticus 16:1-17:7 pp. 480-486

Haftorah

Amos 9:7-15 pp. 509-510

The Kiddish is sponsored by the Congregation

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If anyone wants a name listed for a mishebeirach, please call the office by Wednesday of the week and the name will go into the bulletin for that week.

A prayer for healing can be said at any time and does not require a minyan. The Amidah (page 113 in Siddur Sim Shalom) shows a format that can be used: "May it be your will, Lord our God and God of our ancestors, to send perfect healing, of body and soul, to _____, along with all others who are stricken".

Ailene Barkhoff, Ricki Dishler, Melissa Engber, Adrienne Flisser, Thomas Hannagian, Peggy Markowitz, Howard Marshall, Joan Rothfeld, Jerry Simon, A. David Silverman, Leah & Charlie Tarnor, Marcia Turkiewicz

We wish "Refuah Shelemah," a speedy recovery to Congregants, family and friends who are ill. We encourage you to call or visit with them and wish them well.

Mi Shebeirach, by Debbie Friedman

**Mi she-bei-rach a-vo-tei-nu
M'kor ha'bra-cha l'i-mo-tei-nu
May the source of strength
Who blessed the ones before us,
Help us find the courage
To make our lives a blessing,
And let us say, Amen**

**Mi she-bei-rach i-mo-tei-nu
M'kor ha-brach-cha l'a-voti-nu
Bless those in need of healing
With R'fu-a sh'lei-ma
The renewal of body,
The renewal of spirit
And let us say,**

*Silence in the Sanctuary
Even a few whispered words can destroy the
ambiance of prayer & meditation.*

The following Yahrzeits will be observed during the coming week. Kaddish may also be said on Friday Evening & Saturday morning May 5th & May 6th, 2017.

El Malei Rachamim, the memorial prayer, may be said on the Monday or Thursday preceding the Yahrzeit at the 8:00 am Minyan.

Date	Iyar	Deceased	Relationship	Observant
5	9	Meyer Libman	Grandfather	Marilyn Newberg
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5	9	Mary Scher	Mother	Ann Goldfarb
5	9	Ruth Tarnor	Mother	Charles Tarnor
7	11	Arthur Dorf	Father	Sherry Lazar
7	11	Lous Magedman	Father	Nelson Magedman
8	12	Louis Schwartz	Father	Judy Hamer
9	13	Asna Rifka	Grandmother	Sheldon Koven
10	14	Melvin Yampolsky	Brother	Marion Wolf
11	15	Irving Weiss	Husband	Selma Weiss
12	16	Gertrude Besselman	Mother	Irene Lehrer