

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

**Prayer for healing**

We pray for a speedy recovery of body and spirit for the following loved ones and members of our community.

Rosemary Abrami, Ailene Barkhoff, Mark Brenner, Peter Enneking, Adrienne Flisser, Keren Goldberg, Thomas Hannagian, Terry LeBlanc, Nelson Magedman, Peggy Markowitz, Howard Marshall, Shoshana Perlmutter, Joan Rothfeld, A. David Silverman, Sharon Smelkinson, Philip Tadora, Leah & Charlie Tarnor, Randy Thomas, Marcia Turkiewicz, Richard Wasserman

**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**

**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.**

The following Yahrzeits will be observed during the coming week. Kaddish may also be said on Friday Evening & Saturday morning September 15th & September 16th 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	Elul	Deceased	Relationship	Observed by
15	24	Esther Bernstein	Mother	Irwin Bernstein
16	25	Helen Koven	Mother	Sheldon Koven
16	25	Rose Silverblatt	Mother	Evelyn Walter
17	26	Marion Gould	Aunt	Iris Silverman
18	27	Stanley Glaser	Husband	Elaine Schwartz
18	27	Samuel Koven	Father	Sheldon Koven
20	29	Estelle Freedman	Mother	Robert Summer

The High Holidays are coming soon. Please note the upcoming service times and make arrangements for tickets if you haven't already done so.

<b><u>High Holy Days Services</u></b>			<b>2017 / 5778</b>	
Selichot	Saturday	Sept.	16	7:30 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah Eve	Wednesday	Sept.	20	7:30 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah 1st Day	Thursday	Sept.	21	9:00 a.m.
Tashlich	Thursday	Sept.	21	6:00 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day	Friday	Sept.	22	9:00 a.m.
Friday Evening Services	Friday	Sept.	22	7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Shuvah	Saturday	Sept.	23	9:00 a.m.
<b>Community Memorial Service</b>				
Sunland Memorial Park	Sunday	Sept.	24	10:00 a.m.
Kol Nidre Service	Friday	Sept.	29	6:30 p.m.
Yom Kippur	Saturday	Sept.	30	9:00 a.m.
*Yizkor Service	Saturday	Sept.	30	
	Begins Between		12:00 and 12:30 p.m.	
Minchah/Neilah	Friday	Sept.	30	4:30 p.m.
<b>*PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR YIZKOR SERVICE</b>				

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
September 2017

17 Harry Newman  
21 Ronald  
Paul



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**  
September 2017

16 Marvin & Sue Geller  
16 Michael & Terri Goldman



This Week's Torah portion contains the very last of the 613 mitzvot (commandments) in the Torah: **"Now therefore write down for yourselves this song, and teach it to the people of Israel; put it in their mouths, that this song may be my witness within the people of Israel."** Oral tradition holds that this is the commandment for each Jewish person to write or take part in writing their own Torah scroll. According to Rabbi Jonathan Sacks,

There is something poetic about this being the last of the commands. It is as if God were saying to the Israelites: "It is not enough that you have received the Torah from Moses. You must make it new again in every generation." The covenant was not to grow old. It had to be periodically renewed.

So it is to this day, that Torah scrolls are still written as in ancient times, by hand, on parchment, using a quill – as were the Dead Sea Scrolls two thousand years ago. In a religion almost devoid of sacred objects (icons, relics), the Torah scroll is the nearest Judaism comes to endowing a physical entity with sanctity – and this is an understatement. The Torah is less like an object than a person. In its presence we stand as if it were a king. On Simchat Torah we dance with it as if it were a bride. If one is, God forbid, damaged or destroyed we bury it as if it were a human; we mourn as if we had lost a relative. Judaism is the story of a love affair between a people and a book, the Book of Books.

And why is the Torah referred to as a "song" in these verses? Rabbi Sacks explains:

The 613th command is not simply about the Torah, but about the duty to make the Torah new in each generation. To make the Torah live anew, it is not enough to hand it on cognitively – as mere history and law. It must speak to us affectively, emotionally.

Judaism is a religion of words, and yet whenever the language of Judaism aspires to the spiritual it breaks into song, as if the words themselves sought escape from the gravitational pull of finite meanings. There is something about melody that intimates a reality beyond our grasp, what William Wordsworth called the "sense sublime / Of something far more deeply interfused / Whose dwelling is the light of setting suns / And the round ocean and the living air." Words are the language of the mind. Music is the language of the soul.

Shabbat Shalom

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**SHABBAT - NITZAVIM-VAYELECH**

**Friday Night Services**

**September 15, 2017**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Candle Lighting at 6:26 p.m.**

**All are welcome**

**Saturday Morning Services**

**September 16, 2017 9:00 a.m.**

**Saturday Evening Services for**

**Slichot at 7:30 p.m.**

**Torah Reading**

**Deuteronomy 29:9-30:14**

**pp. 878-882**

**Haftorah**

**Isaiah 61:10-63:9**

**pp. 883-886**

**The Kiddish is sponsored by the Congregation**

**All are welcome**