

## Refuah Sheleimah – A Complete Recovery

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Rich Carlson (friend of Dori Jaroslow)  
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**We extend our condolences to Roberta Linskey and the entire Linskey family on the passing of Roberta's mother, Jackie Rosenthal.**



Congregation Beth David

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## פרשת אחרי מות קדשים Parashat Aharei Mot-K'doshim

10 Iyar, 5770 / April 24, 2010

Triennial Cycle III: Lev. 19:15-20:27

Humash Etz Hayim, page 696

Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15, page 705

- (19:15-22) Miscellaneous mitzvot that express the overall theme of this Torah portion, including just judicial proceedings and love of one's neighbor.
- (19:23-25) The laws of *orlah*, prohibiting the use of a tree's produce until its fourth year of bearing fruit.
- (19:26-37) Warnings regarding other commandments, including the prohibition of eating blood, the prohibition of pagan and occult practices, the commandments to respect the aged, just treatment of the stranger, and honest weights and measures.
- (20:1-7) Repetition of the prohibition of idol worship and occult practices.
- (20:8-21) Miscellaneous prohibitions.
- (20:22-27) A concluding passage for the laws of holiness and purity, whose purpose is to sanctify the Jewish people and make them distinctive among the nations.



*Candle lighting time for Friday, April 23, 7:32*



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All submissions to Shabbat Bulletin are due by 11:30 am on Wednesday

## The Blessings and Challenges of Honoring the Elderly and Growing Older

מפני שיבה תקום You shall rise before the aged and show deference to the old; you shall fear your God; I am the Lord. **Leviticus 19:32**

You need only rise before one to whom deference is due, one who is "old," **zaken-** zeh kana hokhmah, *one who has acquired wisdom*. And how does one show this "deference"? By not sitting in his place and not contradicting him. **Rashi on Leviticus 19:32 (9-10<sup>th</sup> century France)**

...Rabbi Yochanan said: "The final decision of the law is as Isi the son of Yehudah interpreted it." Thus scripture is commanding [in the first half of the verse] to honor any old man, even the uncultured, that is, the unlearned... the term *zaken* (old) [in the second half of the verse, which clearly means "one who has acquired wisdom"] came and indicated that the term *seivah* (aged) includes all kinds of old age, whether old in the knowledge of Torah or old in days. **Nachmanides on Leviticus 19:32 (13<sup>th</sup> century Spain)**

The graying of the North American Jewish population is dramatic and undeniable. According to the 2000-2001 National Jewish Population Survey, at least 19 percent of North American Jews, or nearly one million individuals, are sixty-five years of age or older, compared with 12 percent of Americans in general. This growth of the Jewish elderly population is seen ever more vividly in the fact that 23 percent of American Jews are over sixty years of age. Moreover, the fastest-growing segment of the Jewish community is those seventy-five and older. People are living ever longer, thus many of us can look forward to two or three decades of being old. Many families have two generations of elderly people—"grandparents" in their sixties or seventies, and "great-grandparents" in their eighties or nineties. This "age wave" has profound implications for the Jewish community. **Friedman, Jewish Pastoral Care, 345**

What a person lives by is not only a sense of belonging but also a sense of indebtedness. The need to be needed corresponds to a fact: something is asked of man, of every man. Advancing in years must not be taken to mean a process of suspending the requirements and commitments under which a person lives. To be is to obey. A person must never cease to be. **Heschel, The Insecurity of Freedom, To Grow in Wisdom, 78**

What are the basic spiritual ills of old age? (1) The sense of being useless to, and rejected by, family and society; (2) the sense of inner emptiness and boredom; (3) loneliness and the fear of time... Reverence for the old, dialogue between generations, is as important to the dignity of the young as it is for the wellbeing of the old. We deprive ourselves by disparaging the old...

We must seek ways to overcome the traumatic fear of being old, the prejudice, the discrimination against those advanced in years. All men are created equal, including those advanced in years. Being old is not necessarily the same as being stale. The effort to restore the dignity of old age will depend upon our ability to revive the equation of old age and wisdom. Wisdom is the substance upon which the inner security of the old will forever depend. But the attainment of wisdom is the work of a life time.

Old men need a vision, not only recreation. Old men need a dream, not only a memory.

It takes three things to attain a sense of significant being: God, a soul, and a moment. And the three are always here. Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy. **Heschel, The Insecurity of Freedom, To Grow in Wisdom, 84**

The test of a people is how it behaves toward the old. It is easy to love children. Even tyrants and dictators make a point of being fond of children. But the affection and care for the old, the incurable, the helpless are the true gold mines of a culture. **Heschel, The Insecurity of Freedom, To Grow in Wisdom, 72**

**Additional Resource:** Friedman, Jewish Visions For Aging

## Announcements

### Shavu'ot Schedule

**Tuesday, May 18: 9:00 pm - Midnight**  
Tikkun Leil Shavu'ot (Night of Study)  
Experience the spirituality of Shavuot with members and clergy from Beth David as we study until midnight!  
**Wednesday, May 19:** Services at 9:30 am  
**Thursday, May 20:** Services at 9:30 - includes Yizkor

Save the Date



**A celebration in honor of Rabbi Schonbrun will be held on June 19. Save the date and plan on attending this very special farewell event. Details to follow.**

### Adult Education Programs

#### Lunch and Learn

**Sunday, April 25, 12:30 pm**

#### *Mystery and History in the Dead Sea Scrolls*

**Dr. Steven Weitzman**, Prof. of Jewish & Religious Studies, Stanford The Dead Sea Scrolls have been hailed as the greatest discovery of ancient manuscripts in modern times, but what makes these scrolls so important? What do the Dead Sea Scrolls tell us about the Bible and about the origins of Judaism that was not known before their discovery? Why are these scrolls so controversial? What does this controversy reveal about the challenges of studying ancient texts? Stripping away the sensationalism, this presentation will introduce the Dead Sea Scrolls, explore their significance for understanding ancient Judaism, and address these areas of controversy.

### Sisterhood

#### Cookbook Project

We regret to inform the Congregation that because we did not receive sufficient contributions, we are unable to produce a cookbook, at this time, that is worthy of commemorating the life of our special friend, Bev Pressman. Thank you to the people who submitted recipes and participated in this labor of love. ~The Cookbook Committee

#### Women's League Training Seminar

**Sunday, April 25, 2:30 - 5:30 pm at Beth David**

Calling all members of Sisterhood! Your attendance and support are needed for an important event! Find your hidden skills and renew your rusty ones, as you learn from professionally-trained WLCJ trainer, Aliza Goland. Participants will gain a better knowledge and understanding of themselves and others with an in-depth focus on communication, membership, problem solving, leadership development, goal setting/strategic planning, and team building. The Seminar has been *custom designed* to help us make our Sisterhood the best Sisterhood possible. Still a few spaces left! RSVP by April 18, to Davida Adelberg at [adelbergfam@me.com](mailto:adelbergfam@me.com) or call (408) 892-3691. Refreshments and babysitting offered. An exceptional, beneficial, & free offering for us!

#### Gift Shop Open Days

**Sunday, May 2, 12 - 2 pm, May 23, 9:30 - 1 pm, June 6, 2 - 4 pm**



#### Pajama Shabbat!

**Friday, April 30, 6:00 pm**

Join us for a mini Kabbalat Shabbat service that is geared towards tots (ages 0 -5) and features songs, puppets, felt, story time, plus a kid-friendly Shabbat dinner!! RSVPs are requested! Please respond by April 28th to [RSVP@beth-david.org](mailto:RSVP@beth-david.org) or call the CBD office at 257-3333.

### Yom Yerushalayim Celebration

**Sunday, May 2, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

The CBD Community is invited to commemorate Yom Yerushalayim – Jerusalem Day. Program will include a history of Jerusalem, art, Israeli food and feature the Religious School Zimriya. Come celebrate with us (and don't miss the Schonbrun surprise)!

### Beth David Major Donor Appreciation

**Sunday, May 2, 11:00 am**

Join us for a Japanese-style Lag B'Omer picnic. We'll attend a Japanese tea ceremony with Wendy Glasser, then picnic at Hakone Gardens, 21000 Big Basin Way, Saratoga CA. Please RSVP by Friday, April 23 to Joanne Cornbleet at [pjacmail-2008@yahoo.com](mailto:pjacmail-2008@yahoo.com), 408-255-6572.

*Note: Major donors who have pledged or contributed \$1800 or more to Beth David since July 1, 2009 have received mailed invitations. If you need more information about becoming a major donor for 2009-10, please contact Tanya Lorien at 408-257-3333.*

### Shabbat Mishpaha Family Services and Supper

**Friday, May 7, 7:30 - 9:30 pm**

Celebrating May Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Join us for a fun, energetic Shabbat experience - a service filled with song, story and dance. Something for everyone! Continue the experience by joining us for supper as we celebrate Shabbat and the monthly birthdays & anniversaries! Adults: \$10; Youth (5-12): \$5; Child (0-4): Free; Maximum: \$30/family. RSVP on the Beth David website, [beth\\_david.org/rsvp](http://beth_david.org/rsvp), by Tuesday, May 4.

### The Jewish Book Discussion Group

The next book discussion will be held on May 8 at Congregation Beth David. The May selection is "My Jesus Year: A Rabbi's Son Wanders the Bible Belt in Search of His Own Faith" by Binyamin Cohen, led by Michael Sinensky. All adults and teens are welcome.

### Yom Ha-Atzmaut-Silicon Valley Celebrates Israel

**Sunday, May 9, 1:00 - 3:30 pm Levy Family Campus**

Join us as Israel's most celebrated cities come to life in celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut! Like to sing? Be part of a Jewish Idol contest - All ages!! How about cooking? Be a part of Mensch Chef! Enter your favorite challah recipe & participate in a "Quick Fire" challenge! A full day of fun and festivity in honor of Israel's big day. To sign up for the contests, please visit [www.jvalley.org](http://www.jvalley.org) as soon as possible.

### A Simple Act of Kindness

If you like to be added to the shomrim list or want to learn about shemirrah, please email: [educationvp@beth-david.org](mailto:educationvp@beth-david.org)



**Mazel Tov to Paul and Orit Riskin on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Michael!**

**Our thanks to the Riskin family for sponsoring the Kiddush Luncheon.**

### The Mitzvah of Making a Minyan

Come one, come all and join us every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. and Monday – Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. for daily minyan. Our success, thus far, has been outstanding. We are looking to include as many members of our Beth David family as possible in this wonderful tradition that brings comfort to our mourners and gives each of us a daily opportunity to connect with our soul, our community and our God. To help ensure the future vibrancy of our minyan, our captains have created the following schedule organized alphabetically by last name. When it is your week, we invite you to look at your schedules and commit to at least one night to attend this important endeavor. We look forward to having you join us and thank you in advance! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sandy Mayer at (408) 257-6129 or [fammayer@aol.com](mailto:fammayer@aol.com).

• A-D: First Week of the Month • L-R: Third Week of the Month  
• E-K: Second Week of the Month • S-Z: Fourth Week of the Month

### Yahrzeit

Mira Bashi Lawee, Mother of David Lawee  
Rose Brenner, Grandmother of Harold Woron  
Ruth Brown, Mother of June Cohen  
Marsha Carr, Grandmother of Sheryl Rattner  
Semen Filshinsky, Father of Sofia Filshinsky  
Leslie Fried Fusco, Cousin of Sharon Gordon  
Rena Glasser, Sister of Lance Glasser  
Irving Goldman, of Blessed Memory  
Joseph Grossman, Father of Daisy Gelb  
Schmuel Gurevitch, Uncle of Dina Yevelev  
Judah F. Issac, Uncle of Myrtle Schwartz & Elias Isaac  
Benjamin Jasovich, Great-grandfather of Natalia Pogrebinsky  
Avis Joseph, Mother of Wendy Glasser  
Harry Katz, Father of Judith Lavetter  
Gyula Klein, Father of Thomas Klein  
Gertrude Kohan, Mother of Ruth Kohan  
Bryna Lapidus, Mother of Ilene Janofsky  
Irwin Leichtman, Nephew of Abraham Eisenstein; Cousin of Sheryl Lewis  
Harry Levine, Father of Barbara Meyers  
Avrum Lubing, Cousin of Rachel Abramovitz  
Freida Mack, Mother of Ina Checkman  
Heinrich Mendelsohn, Grandfather of Joan Stone  
Mary Milter, Sister of Yeugenia Romm  
Abe Newman, Father of Neil Newman  
Moe Rokofsky, Father of Thelma Ramm  
Arlyne Sanow, Grandmother of Jane-Rachel Schonbrun  
Norman Sapiro, Uncle of Donna Frankel  
Minnie Scherr, Mother of Karen Fihn  
Isaac Sherman, Grandfather of Barbara Bromberg  
Jack Sherman, Father of Cyndi Sherman  
Ida Silberman, Mother-in-law of Claire Silberman  
Regina Singer, Mother of Sheila Goldstein  
Deborah Solnit, Wife of Kenneth Solnit  
Michael Steinberg, Uncle of Judith Krongold  
Arthur Wall, of Blessed Memory  
Rita Werderman, Mother of Lesley Kuhn  
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