

Congregation Etz Chaim



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Erev Shabbos "Hachodesh"

Parasha Pikudei

Shabbos Mevorchim

Adar 29

Lik ner 6:48 PM

Shabbos Day

Shacharis 9:00 AM

Latest Shema 9:40 AM

Latest Tefilla 10:43 AM

Mincha 7:07 PM

Ma'ariv 7:49/8:19 PM

Shabbos Day at YI

Mincha 6:40 PM

Ma'ariv 7:49 PM

Shabbos Day at Chabad

Mincha 6:40 PM

Ma'ariv 7:49 PM

Sunday Etz Chaim

Shacharis 8:00 AM

Mincha 7:08 PM

Weekday Young Israel

Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:50 PM

Weekday Chabad

Mincha 6:55 PM

Maariv 7:38 PM

TORAH LEARNING

Rabbi Hartman's class meets 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

Zoom ID: 903 917 1656

Password: 170 smain

SHAMIRAS HALASHON meets M. & Th. 9:15 a.m.

Please contact Janis Monat: jbmonat@aol.com for the link.

DAF YOMI WEEKDAY ZOOM SCHEDULE

Via Zoom: Mon - Th 7:00 pm and Tu & Th 7:30 am

Meeting ID: 822 979 966

Password: 727190

DAF YOMI LIVE SCHEDULE:

Shabbos mornings at shul, 8:00 a.m., one hour before shacharis;

Sunday mornings at shul, 7:00 a.m., one hour before shacharis.

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RABBI REISMAN

Watch as Rabbi Reisman begins the **Book of Daniel** in his famous and thought-provoking weekly Navi class, which takes place every Saturday night at Congregation Etz Chaim. The Zoom shiur will **begin at a new time: 9:30 p.m.** All are welcome!

BOARD MEETING

Etz Chaim's next monthly board meeting will be **THIS Wednesday, April 2 at 5:30 p.m.** via Zoom. Please contact Janis Monat jbmonat@aol.com for the link.

ETZ CHAIM BOOK CLUB

For our next read we have chosen **The Devil and Webster** by Jean Hanff Korelitz. The Sharon Public Library has ordered copies for us and we'll let you know when they arrive.

Once the books are in, they can only be held until Wednesday, April 26.

We shall meet **Sunday evening, May 4 at 6:45** on Zoom. (Please note the day and time change.)

MISHNAYOS

Mitchell Klausner invites us to join him in learning mishnayot for his father **לעילוי נשמת אהרון בן יהושע מענדל** <https://www.lzechernishmas.com/signup.php?id=12763>

PRAYERS FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL

May we bring back our abducted Israeli and American brethren and allow all Israeli citizens to return to their communities. We pray for the healing of the injured IDF soldiers and Israeli citizens maimed on 10/7/23, and those hostages who are returning to Israel. If there is to be a future of coexistence, it must begin with those who choose to reject extremism, rather than perpetuate it. As Golda Meir said, "Peace will come when the Arabs will love their children more than they hate us." Am Yisrael Chai 🇮🇱

REFUAH SHELAIMA

We continue to pray for the health of Heidi Goldblatt, Rachel Chana bas Menucha; Robert Dell, Chana Reuven ben Leah; George Monat's sister-in-law, Shayna Baila bas Rachel; a friend, Tzipporah Zlata bas Bluma Yehudis; and the son of Leisha Martin, Yosef ben Rus.

We send our comfort to the Bloomfield family on the passing of Arthur, Aaron ben Shmuel Yochanan z"l. Please read more in the following parasha note.

Thoughts on Pikudei (38:21-40:38)

By Janis Monat

Pikudei is our last parasha in the book of Shemot and means **“countings of”**. It is what Moshe counts in regard to the gold, silver, copper, and other materials the Jewish people have donated to build the Mishkan. They generously **gave from their hearts**. It was on the first of Nissan that this Mishkan was completed, almost a year after the Hebrew slaves had left Egypt. And because today’s shabbos is the last one in the month of Adar it is known as **“Shabbos Hachodesh”**. With our maftir opening with the word, **“hachodesh”**, it means **“this month”** - the month coming up, Nisan. It’s telling us to get ready.... Pesach is approaching!

Then as now we **take account** of what’s important, what we have gotten from Hashem and what we are **giving back from our hearts** to Adomye and His creations. Our Sharon community is mourning the passing of 25 year old Aaron Yitzchak ben Shmuel Yochanan whose name under his mother’s was Aaron Yitzchak ben Berina. He was on our refuah shelaima list for the past year. Like Moshe whose clothes had no pockets to indicate beyond a shadow of a doubt that the riches he was counting were going solely for the mishkan so was Aaron Yitzchak laid to rest in white linen garments with no pockets, a sign of absence of earthly possessions in death.

But all through his life Arthur, (English name), was full of **gems**, from his wonderful listening skills, to the joyful, loving smiles he gave you. He exuded enjoyment of life, especially yours! It made him happy to hear how you were and what was going on in your life. He would listen intently and then make you feel wonderful that **you and your cares really counted**.

Just as Moshe, Betzalel, Issamar, and the Jewish people followed Hashem’s instructions in building the Mishkan so did Arthur with his medical regime. He, his devoted family, and close friends built a **tabernacle** of love and protection around him. Arthur’s last request as told by his older brother, Doron, was, **“Don’t let me be unaccompanied after death”**. The funeral home and those of us on Zoom, filled with very close precious friends and devoted, loving family members, were carrying out his wish.

Rabbi Cheses shared that when the times were challenging Arthur’s faith soared. He confided that when he and Arthur said the parting Shema, **“Arthur was claiming life so he would live. With medical interventions failing he was carrying himself with emunah and his emunah was carrying him.”**

May we be **“zochet”**, merited, to move forward in life with the inspiration and conviction of Moshe, Betzalel, and Arthur, being better for their gifts to us and our passing them on to each other!

CHAZAK, CHAZAK, VENISCHAZEK! BE STRONG! BE STRONG! AND MAY WE BE STRENGTHENED!

A SHABBOS OF LOVE AND CARE

RABBI BARRY HARTMAN

Please see below the form to authorize Rabbi Hartman to sell your chometz.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

SALE OF CHOMETZ

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Barry Hartman to act in my place and stead and in my behalf to sell all chometz possessed by me knowingly or unknowingly as defined by Torah and Rabbinic Law and to lease all places in which chometz owned by me may be found especially at:

Address

The chometz I possess includes the following:

Type of chometz: i.e. Groceries	Exact Location (kitchen, pantry, living room, cabinets	Approximate value \$
Liquor, medicine, toiletries, etc.)		

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

Date	Signed
	Print Name-----

Also complete this part if you will be away all of Pesach

I specifically authorize Rabbi Barry Hartman to sell all chometz located anywhere in my home at the above address and to lease my entire home. The keys to my home can be found with:

Name of Person	Address of person
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I, the undersigned hereby sell all my chometz to Ted Philips of Sharon, Massachusetts. I also lease the place where such chometz is found at the above address (es) to Ted Philips for the period of ten (10) days from Shabbat, April 12- 2025-Sunday April 20. This sale and rental are to take effect on Shabbat, April 12 corresponding to Nissan 14, before 11:30AM. Further details concerning the entire sale above are recorded in the lengthier "Document of Sale."

Sign
These are the times whatever time zone you reside

Eastern Time Zone	Central Time Zone	Pacific Time Zone
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Please complete and return to the Rabbi by snail mail or email: Rabbi Barry@aol.com