

The Adelaide Synagogue

Weekly Newsletter

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Parshat Chukkat



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Important Notices:

- Yahrzeit List
- **Kosher Imports Sale this Sunday**
- Meat orders
- Funeral notice
- Rabbi Gutnick returns to Adelaide

Weekly Times

Friday

Candle Lighting	4.58 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat	6.30 pm

Shabbat

Shacharit	9.00 am
Termination of Shabbat	5.59pm

The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Shraga Shoval for his ongoing commitment to the AHC during some trying times. We wish him safe travelling as he goes back to Israel this week and look forward to his return in a few months.

We would like to thank those responsible for the wonderful Kiddush in his honour last Shabbat.

GOOD NEWS FOR THE ADELAIDE JEWISH COMMUNITY

THE BOARD TAKES MUCH PLEASURE IN WELCOMING RABBI AVRAHAM GUTNICK BACK TO ADELAIDE. RABBI WILL BE SPENDING THE NEXT 6 MONTHS WITH OUR COMMUNITY. PLEASE MAKE HIM WELCOME AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AT OUR SERVICES AND LISTENING TO HIS INTERESTING DROSHAS OVER THE COMING MONTHS.

PLEASE FEEL WELCOME TO CONTACT RABBI GUTNICK AT ANY TIME.

CHUKKAT - THOUGHTS ON THE PARSHAH OF THE WEEK by K'li-Channah

'Chukkat' is about the "decree" regarding the Red Heifer (parah adumah), a young, perfect, completely red cow which had not been used for work. Such a rare heifer was burned with cedar, hyssop and crimson thread. Hyssop - an aromatic herb - was dipped into spring water containing some of the ashes and sprinkled on a person who came in contact with a corpse on the third and seventh day after contact, before they could enter the Tabernacle again. Anything in the tent where the person died was also sprinkled. Scholars say that from the time of Moses to the destruction of the Second Temple, there were only nine Red Heifers used.

Miriam died. Her existence had been blessed by wells of living water on their journey. Now there was no water and people rebelled. G-d told Moshe to take his staff and speak to the rock, but instead Moshe struck the rock twice and declared to the rebels that he and Aharon were bringing forth water. G-d said: "Because you did not believe in Me to sanctify Me in the eyes of the Children of Israel, therefore you will not bring this congregation to the Land that I have given them".

Moshe sent messengers to the king of Edom to ask passage through his land but war was threatened. Instead they travelled to Mount Hor. G-d declared that soon "Aharon shall be gathered to his people" and instructed Moshe to go with Aharon and Elazar to the mountain, remove Aharon's priestly vestments and dress Elazar in them before that occurred. The entire people mourned Aharon's passing for thirty days.

From this parshah we learn about the human soul, death and mourning. It is Jewish tradition for seven days of acute grief "sitting shivah" and marking thirty days of mourning ("sheloshim"). G-d says in this parshah: "whoever touches the corpse of a human soul [nefesh] shall be impure for a seven-day period". The Zohar teaches of three aspects of the human soul - the nefesh, ruach and neshama - and there are also higher levels: the chayah and yechidah. The "nefesh" is the bodily soul which leaves at death. For up to a week the nefesh hovers around its earthly vessel or place of death. The Talmud also teaches that souls continue to be aware of conversations of the living (Berakhot 18b).

Recited in the morning prayers on awakening is: "the soul which You have given me is pure". In contrast, death is a source of great spiritual impurity to others. Death represents the end of the ability of the soul to perform its spiritual mission on earth: to perform mitzvot, to learn and elevate itself and others. On death, one's blessings to others - like Miram's wells - suddenly cease. Make the most of every week, every month, to do what you can to celebrate life and have a positive moral and spiritual impact. Shabbat Shalom.

CONDOLENCES

It is with regret that we announce the passing of

DR PAUL ROHAN

The funeral will be at Centennial Park on Friday 4th July at 2pm

We wish the family long life



THANK YOU TO MINETTE MACHET FOR HER ASSISTANCE IN GETTING THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OUT TO YOU ALL WHILST I WAS OVERSEAS ENJOYING A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY. YOU DID A GREAT JOB AND IT WAS REALLY APPRECIATED - THANK YOU.



MAZEL TOV

We wish a very hearty
Mazel Tov to Sergeis Zodorozhny and Na'ama Iadarola
who both celebrate birthdays this week.

THE ADELAIDE HEBREW CONGREGATION



Turns 160

Let's Celebrate— 21st September 2008

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Sale

THIS SUNDAY

10 am—12 noon

20% OFF ALL STOCK

Up to 50% OFF SELECTED STOCK

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Yahrzeits - Shabbat 5/7/2008 (2 Tammuz)

- Mrs Sybil Ailion for Father Morris Cohen
- Mrs Anne Bayer for Father-in-law Moise Bayer
- Dr Allan Mendels for Mother Emmy Mendels
- Mr Maurice Nahmad for Mother Geanne Nahmad
- Mr Norman Wintrop for Mother Sadie Wintrop

We wish Mary Schechter a very speedy recovery.



If you know of anyone who is sick or in hospital
please notify us through the Shule Office



MOBILE PHONES

Please ensure that your mobile phone is
TURNED OFF during Shabbat Services

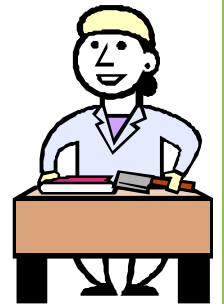


MEAT ORDERS

The next meat delivery will be on Wednesday July 23rd.

Please place your orders with the office **NO LATER** than

Friday 18th July.



Kiddushim:

If you have a special occasion or simcha and would like to sponsor a delicious Kiddush in the Shule, please contact the Ladies Guild through the Office for prices

Contacting the Adelaide Shule

- Shule Office - +61 8 83382922
- Office Hours – Monday to Friday 9 am - 1 pm
- Kosher Shop & Gift Shop – Trading hours Monday to Friday 9 am - 1 pm
- Website – www.adelaidehebrew.com
- Bikur Cholim (visiting the sick) – Please contact the office on 83382922 if you know anyone who is in need of a visit because of illness.
- Contact the Rabbi – You are invited to contact Rabbi Gutnick on his Mobile: 0418 668558
- Mikveh – For reservations please contact the Shule Office.
- Kashrut Authority of South Australia – For information about Kashrut and for regular updates please contact the Shule Office on 83382922
- Board of Management – Please feel free to contact any member of the Board through the Office if you have any questions etc.
- Ladies Guild - Contact Kaye Edelman or Di Wittert through the Office

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