

The Adelaide Synagogue

Weekly Newsletter

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Parshat Nasso



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Important Notices:

- Yahrzeit List
- Shavuot - First night Sunday 8th June
- Meat orders deadline 13th June
- Kosher Imports Sale
- Jewish Education Scholarships

Weekly Times

Friday	
Candle Lighting	4.53 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat	6.30 pm
Shabbat	
Shacharit	9.00 am
Termination of Shabbat	5.53pm

SHAVUOT



שבועות

You are invited to join us on first day Shavuot

Monday June 9th (6 Sivan)

after the service, which commences

at 9.00am,

for a tasty dairy Kiddush with delicious cheesecake

and ice cream for the "kids".



NASO – THOUGHTS ON THE PARSHAH OF THE WEEK by K’li-Channah

‘Naso’, refers to counting the 8,580 Levites aged 30 to 50 years who were to serve the Cohenim while they carried out their duties.

Spiritual uncleanness in the camp and how it was dealt with in order to dedicate the Tabernacle, is the focus of the next section. Any man or woman who had a bodily emission or had come into contact with the dead had to go outside the camp.

Anyone who held the money of another, whether as loans or wages, then swore falsely that he owed nothing, must not only confess his guilt but return the sum plus an extra fifth. If there was no kin of the person owed, the money was given to a Cohen.

A woman suspected by her husband of being unfaithful may be required to undergo a ritual before the Cohen in which a meal offering of jealousy is burnt and she drank water used in the rituals with earth added from the ground of the sanctuary and a written curse washed from parchment. She is literally saying “may heaven (the living waters) and earth (of this holy place) be my witnesses”. If she is guilty, the “bitter waters” result in her becoming ill, whereas if she is innocent, her ability to bear children improves.

The acts and offerings of the Nazirite are given. This was either a male or female who adopted a period of penitency of at least a month, to abstain from wine, let hair grow, not come into contact with any dead person even if they are family. At the end of that period, the person appeared at the Tabernacle with a sheep, ewe and ram, a basket of unleavened loaves, meal-offerings and libations. After the head hair was shaved and burned, the person returned renewed to normal life.

The priestly blessing by which the Cohenim bless all of the Israelites was given: “May G-d bless you and keep you, May G-d make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. May G-d lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace”.

Finally, the twelve leaders of the tribes provided an offering of six covered wagons each pulled by two oxen (one ox donated by each) to transport the Tabernacle. Two wagons with four oxen were used by the Gershonites and four wagons with their eight oxen were used by the sons of Merari. The Kohathites carried the smaller Tabernacle items on their shoulders.

One tribal leader each day brought an offering which after twelve days totalled 12 silver bowls, 12 silver basins, 12 gold ladles containing incense, 12 bulls, 12 rams, 12 sheep aged less than a year and their meal offering. After every tribe was represented and the Altar was dedicated, Moshe heard G-d’s voice speaking to him from above the cover of the Ark.

This parshah has given examples of how acts of remorse lead to teshuvah (repentance), cleanness and blessing to begin anew. The entire camp had to prepare itself for the dedication. Whether it is money wrongfully withheld, suspected unfaithfulness, or sins so great the person feels they need time to heal spiritually, there is always a way of return and healing. Shabbat Shalom.

Yahrzeits – Shabbat 7/6/2008 (4 Sivan)

- Mr David Ben-Tovim for Father Zvi Ben-Tovim
- Dr Rodney Goultman for Father Leon Goultman
- Mr Maurice Nahmad for Uncle Elie Hassan
- Dr Paul Rohan for Wife Gertrude Rohan

CONSECRATION

The consecration of the late

RIVA DUBIN

Will take place at Centennial Park on Sunday 29th June 2008 at 3.00pm

THE ADELAIDE HEBREW CONGREGATION



Turns 60

Let's Celebrate— 21st September 2008

WATCH THIS SPACE



MEAT ORDERS

Please note that the next delivery of meat from Melbourne will be 18th June. All orders **MUST** be placed with the office **NO LATER THAN NEXT Friday 13th June.**



KOSHER IMPORTS

Check out the specials basket

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR

COMING SALE



EDUCATIONAL TOURS TAKE OFF!

The AHC has been hosting a larger than usual number of school tours in 2008. Hosted by Viv Bolaffi, a qualified teacher, the feedback has been that the presentations are pitched at the children's' levels and the students have walked away with a better understanding of what a synagogue is, what are the important aspects of daily synagogue life, and some of the ritual laws and practice.

The schools have come from both primary and secondary schools and our tours fill an important part of their religious studies curricula.

As for the AHC, these tours provide an important part of reaching out to the general community by way of education of children to build a better understanding of what the AHC as the only Orthodox Congregation in South Australia is all about.

If any congregants would like to observe these tours, please contact Viv on tours@adelaidehebrew.com or contact her through the Shul Office.

Thanks Viv, you are doing a wonderful job.

JEWISH EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS – MASSADA TERM 3 FEES

For over 35 years, members of the Benveniste family have supported Massada College and the kindergarten from which it began. We, Garry and Klee Benveniste, have been parents there for the previous 10 years, and serve on the Massada Board of Governors. Jewish children need the opportunity to develop a strong Jewish cultural identity in a school where they receive good secular education, learn Hebrew and Jewish Studies on a daily basis and make lifelong friends in our community.

To encourage children to enrol from the beginning of Term 3, we are offering up to FIVE SCHOLARSHIPS which pay the entire school tuition fee at Massada College for this term 3 only, beginning Tuesday 22 July 2008. To be eligible:

- the child must have at least ONE parent who is a member or eligible for membership of Adelaide Hebrew Congregation
- the child must be a NEW enrolment or RE-ENROLMENT now before Term 3
- more than one child in a family is eligible if they each enrol or re-enrol now
- the child must attend for the rest of 2008.
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Contact the Principal at Massada College if you are interested on 8338 2800.

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



If you know of anyone who is sick or in hospital

please notify us through the Shule Office



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 Mob:0418668558
- **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 Witttert through the Office

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