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In gratitude to the **Rabbi** and the Adat community for enriching our lives in Torah and friendship for seven years. We are venturing forth, B"H, first to L.A., and then, in late summer, to Baltimore. Please keep in touch and visit; our Baltimore guest room awaits you! Gene@Paymar.org and Ingrid@Paymar.org

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In memory of **Dovid Rettinger**, heck of a good guy and grandfather to **Michael Jacob Rabin**, our son. In gratitude to Hashem for giving us the privilege of having **Michael** here and his joining the Adat community

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In gratitude to the shul for hosting our Shabbat meals on the weekend of **Rachael Vanderwalde** and **Greg Cohen's** wedding

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In honor of **Tsvi Goldenberg** and **Mitch Perlitch** and to thank them for their incredible hospitality

MINYON SCHEDULE

3/5 Candle Lighting	5:31 p.m.
3/5 Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat	5:35 p.m.
Talmud in Depth	8:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning	9:00 a.m.
Shema-Latest Time	9:06 a.m.
Daf Yomi	4:30 p.m.
Shabbat Mincha	5:25 p.m.
Shabbat ends	6:32 p.m.
Daf Yomi	7:30 p.m.
3/12 Candle Lighting	5:37 p.m.
3/12 Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat	5:40 p.m.

THIS COMING WEEK

Sunday Shacharis	8:30 a.m.
Monday & Thursday Shacharis	6:30 a.m.
Tues., Wed. & Fri. Shacharis	6:45 a.m.
Sun.-Thurs. Mincha/Ma'ariv	5:40 p.m.
Mon., Wed., & Thurs. Late Ma'ariv	8:15 p.m.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday - Friday

Talmud in Depth	7:30 a.m.
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Sunday

Daf Yomi	After Ma'ariv
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Monday—

Ethics	7:30 p.m.
Daf Yomi	8:30 p.m.

Tuesday—

Talmud I	6:00 a.m.
Women's Class	11:00 a.m.
Daf Yomi	8:30 p.m.

Wednesday—

Talmud I	6:00 a.m.
Prophets	7:30 p.m.
Daf Yomi	8:30 p.m.

Thursday—

Talmud I	6:00 a.m.
Parsha of the Week	7:30 p.m.
Daf Yomi	8:30 p.m.

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DATES THAT ARE AVAILABLE:

March 13th, 20th, 27th

SHABBAT WHISKEY CLUB...

Calling all L'Chaimers

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Shabbat Parah

Ki Tisa

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The Martir is on page 584 in the Hirsch and page 838 in the Stone

The Haftorah begins on page 960 in the Hirsch and page 1216 in the Stone.

This week's Parsha begins with the instructions for taking a census. Moshe is commanded to count the Jewish people according to the half shekel donation each Jewish male would bring, and not by the individual. The Torah tells us that by giving the half shekel we can avert a plague that would result from the counting of the people. Rashi explains this plague comes not from sin, but rather from the Evil Eye which is the result of the tally which singles out individual Jews, thereby causing their actions to be scrutinized by the Heavenly Court. Rabbeinu Bachya explains this point further and comments that when one counts by numbering individuals, that individual is removed from the general mass and established as a separate unit, independently watched over by G-d, and is thereby judged independently. Thus, that individual is being judged as a lone unit and the z'chusim (merits) of the entire community are not his to enjoy. It is for this reason a plague can strike during a census. We are therefore commanded that when the census is taken it should be through the agency of the half shekel, which acts as an atonement. Many commentaries explain the reason the half shekel was used as a means of counting was to emphasize the message that no Jew can be complete without other Jews. Every individual Jew is an incomplete part of the whole, no Jew is an independent unit. Until we unite we are only half complete. Interestingly, from this commandment stems the custom not to count individuals when calculating a minyan. Rather we use some other means, i.e. a verse with ten words, so that no individual becomes singled out.

The next commandment in the Parsha is the building of the copper washstand which was to be placed between the mizbe'ach, altar, and the tent of meeting. This basin was used to wash the hands and the feet of the Kohanim before they entered the tent of meeting.

Next Hashem commands Moshe to take the finest fragrances with which to make the anointing oil, a blended compound made by a skilled perfumer. This oil was to be used for anointing the tent of meeting, the ark, the table of the show-bread, the menorah, the incense altar, the large altar and the washstand as well as all the utensils that went with these fixtures. By anointing with this oil, these items would be sanctified and ready for their holy use. Hashem then instructs Moshe on the mixing of the incense, which was to be offered on the golden altar.

The next section of the Parsha deals with the incident of the golden calf. Moshe tells the people he will come down from the mountain after 40 days. The people miscalculate as to when that time would be and, as Rashi explains, at the end of their calculated 40 days, when Moshe did not return, they assume he has died and became confused. The Midrash tells us that the Satan devised a plan to show them the form of Moshe, lying dead, in order to add to the confusion of the Jewish people. When confronted with the prospect of not having an intermediary between themselves and Hashem, the people panic and ask Aharon to build them a golden calf. The Kuzari explains this was not full blown idol worship, but rather a desire on the part of



to **Arthur and Peta Klitofsky**

On the birth of their first grandson

PARSHA CONTINUED

the people to find a special place where they could focus their prayers and concentrate on serving Hashem. According to this explanation, worshipping the golden calf was not in itself a terrible sin, but rather the transgression lays in envisioning a divine form without being commanded to do so. As a proof of this, we find that we do have certain forms in the temple, (i.e. the cherubim), but those forms are specifically commanded by G-d and not left up to our imagination. Thus we see that according to the Kuzari, the worship of the golden calf was not a rebellion against G-d but rather a transgression of a few of His Torah commandments. Aharon's involvement can then be understood as a desire to correct the people's mistake, and his hope to delay building the golden calf until Moshe's return. Rashi explains that Aharon did not stand up and speak against the golden calf because he had already seen what happened to his nephew Chur, who had refused to involve himself in the building of the golden calf, thus enraging the people and bringing about his death.

Hashem then tells Moshe to return to His people because they are sinning. In His anger, Hashem tells Moshe that He is willing to destroy the people and to build the nation anew with Moshe. Our Rabbis understand that Hashem did this in order to inspire Moshe to plead on behalf of his people, which is exactly what happens. Moshe goes down to the people with tablets in hand. According to some commentaries the tablets drop by themselves, but according to others Moshe smashes them. Moshe's reasoning was that if the people could not keep a few of the commandments then they were not worthy of keeping any of them. Moshe employs the Levites, who did not worship the golden calf, to go out and kill those involved in the idolatry in order to exact justice among the people. Moshe then returns to Hashem begging forgiveness for the actions of His nation. Moshe says that if He forgives their sin, fine, and if not, He can wipe Moshe out from the Torah. Moshe says this to Hashem to ensure that in the future people will not say that Moshe was a weak leader and that his relationship with G-d was inferior because he could not appease Him or pray effectively on behalf of the Jewish people. Hashem agrees to forgive the Jewish people, but tells Moshe that certain changes will occur in His relationship with the people. G-d Himself will no longer lead the people, rather an angel will be sent ahead of them to drive out the nations in the land of Canaan. Moshe and the people are very distressed over this news and plead to Hashem begging that He, in fact, remain at the helm of the nation.

We also find in this week's Parsha the promise from G-d to Moshe that any time the Jewish people sin, and ten men gather together and utter with sincerity the thirteen divine attributes of mercy, their forgiveness will be guaranteed. Hashem also promises Moshe that he will never fully understand G-d, or His actions, that only the 'back' of G-d will be visible and not His face. The Parsha concludes with the rewriting of the second tablets, the reiteration of the commandments of Pesach and other festivals, and of Moshe's return to the Jewish people. At the conclusion of this Parsha lies the incident of the shining of Moshe's face, and the aura of light which emanated from him.



LUNCH AND LEARN WITH THE RABBI THURSDAY, APRIL 15TH at NOON

Argen Corporation Auditorium
Sorrento Valley—5855 Oberlin Dr.
Sandwiches will be served
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JUNE 6, 2010

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Sunday March 14th
2 p.m.-4 p.m.

SENIOR NCSY 9TH-12TH GRADERS LATTE 'N' LEARNING Wednesday March 17th Ralph's Coffee Bean 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

JUNIOR NCSY 6TH-8TH GRADE GIRLS DINNER 'N' LEARNING Thursday March 18th The Plotzker Home 8615 Via Mallorca, Apt. A 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

6TH-8TH GRADE BOYS DINNER 'N' LEARNING Thursday March 11th Adat Yeshurun 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$7

We wish our visitors a warm La Jolla welcome. Please introduce yourself to the Rabbi and the President so that we can meet and greet you.



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