

## REFU'AH SHELEIMAH

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Mother of Ariel Congregant*

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*Shoshana bas Miriam  
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Friend of Bruce and Diane Barron*

*Eliezer ben Lupa, friend of Harvey  
Linder*

*Shani bas Leah, daughter of Marina  
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*David Michael ben Rachel, David  
Tillem, son of Arthur and Roni  
Tillem, grandson of Loretta Love*

*Yafa bat Fricho, mother of Angela  
Davydov*

*Yaira bat Sevia, cousin of Mark  
Davydov*

*Michal Bracha bas Tova, Michelle  
Kaplan, daughter of Terry Eden*

## YAHRTZEITS

**Wed, July 4—21 Tammuz**  
**Mr. Alan Bill Rosengarten**  
**Yitzchak Zev ben Tzvi Gad**  
Brother of Jeff Rosengraten

**Thurs, July 5—22 Tammuz**  
**Mr. Stanley Mislow**  
**Shalom Avraham ben**  
**Hershel HaLevi**  
Father of Lisa Banov

**Mrs. Elka Yaschik**  
**Elka Fradel bas Reb Henoch**  
Grandmother of Dennis Yaschik



## CONGREGATION ARIEL

שבת קודש

*Good Shabbos from Congregation Ariel!*

# Shabbos Parshas Balak

17 TAMMUZ, 5778 - JUNE 29-30, 2018

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## YOUTH LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS

Instead of the regular Tuesday slot, the youth library is available through the summer "on demand".

Please contact Rabbi Mordy or Nechoma if you'd like to take out books for summer reading enjoyment!



**CONGREGATION ARIEL**  
Rabbi Binyomin Friedman, *Rabbi*  
Michael Rice, *President*  
Debbie Kalwerisky, *Executive Director*  
Rabbi Mordy Birnbaum, *Youth Director*

## SHABBOS SERVICE TIMES

### Jun 29 - Erev Shabbos (Friday)

<i>Mincha</i>	7:00pm
<i>Early Candle Lighting</i>	7:30pm
<i>Candle Lighting</i>	8:35pm

### Jun 30 - Shabbos Day

<i>Sephardi Minyan (Dome)</i>	8:00am
<i>Main Services (Sanctuary)</i>	9:00am
<i>Learners' Minyan (Dome)</i>	10:30am
<i>Youth Services (Grades 2-8)</i>	10:30am
<i>Kiddush (Social Hall)</i>	11:45am
<i>Mincha (Sanctuary)</i>	8:00pm
<i>Shabbos Ends</i>	9:37pm

## WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

### Sundays

<i>Shacharis</i>	8:00am
<i>Women's Tehillim</i>	8:45am

### Mondays—Fridays

<i>Shacharis</i>	
<i>1st Minyan:</i>	6:40am
<i>2nd Minyan:</i>	7:45am

### Sunday—Thursday

<i>Mincha/Maariv</i>	8:40pm
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## SHABBOS DAY CLASSES

**8:00am**

### PARSHA STUDY

*Rabbi Michael Friedman*  
An in-depth textual exploration of the verses in the FIFTH Aliyah of that week's parsha

**10:30am**

### LEARNER'S MINYAN

*Rabbi Daniel Freitag*  
A guided tour of the Shabbos morning prayers with life insights + highlights of the weekly Torah portion

**11:30am**

### BURST OF INSPIRATION

*Rabbi Michael Friedman*  
A brief, but powerful and thought-provoking nugget of life wisdom and perspective, often drawn from the weekly parsha.

**12:10pm**

### PARSHA IN REVIEW

*Rabbi Yisrael Zelman*  
A dynamic presentation of themes from the week's parsha presented in the Russian language.

### **One Hour Before Mincha** **THE BOOK OF NECHEMIAH**

*Rabbi Binyomin Friedman*

## TORAH CLASSES

THROUGHOUT THE  
WEEK@ARIEL

### SUNDAYS—THURSDAYS

9:00—10:00pm | An Amud of Talmud [RBF]

### MONDAYS—FRIDAYS

6:20am | A Mishna a Day [RBF]  
7:30—8:30am | An Amud of Talmud [RBF]

### MONDAY NIGHTS

**\*\*On Summer Break\*\***  
7:30pm | Chumash Themes you Didn't Know were There [RBF]

### TUESDAY NIGHTS—7:30PM PARTNERS IN TORAH EVENT

1. Master the Daf Program [RBF]
2. Fascinating Stuff in the Book of Genesis [RDF]
3. Practical Insights into the Weekly Parsha [RNF]
4. "What's Bothering Rashi?"  
In-Depth Study w/Harold Schroeder

## ARIEL GENERAL FUND

**David and Susan Lips** In honor of Jay Rosenheck  
**Michael and Liat Dinerman** In honor of Congregation Ariel  
**Dovid Drukman** In honor of his aliyah  
**Lester and Linda Czuper** In honor of the marriage of Yifat Kadosh and Jake Belinky  
**Lester and Linda Czuper** In honor of Yaakov Davydov's Bar Mitzvah  
**Lester and Linda Czuper** In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Mordechai Becker, grandson of Rabbi Binyomin and Morah Dena Friedman  
**Lester and Linda Czuper** In merit of a Refuah Shlema for Jon Miller  
**Lester and Linda Czuper** In memory of Harvey Yaschik z"l, beloved brother of Dennis Yaschik  
**Lester and Linda Czuper** In merit of a Refuah Shlema for David Tillem  
**Lester and Linda Czuper** In memory of Harry Charles Larimer, beloved father or Avrohom Larimer  
**Lester and Linda Czuper** In honor of Lester's aliyot  
**Todd and Stephanie Wachtel** In honor of Congregation Ariel  
**Elliott and Charlotte Rich** In honor of the marriage of Josh Barron and Sunitha Cohen  
**Elliott and Charlotte Rich** In appreciation of Beth and Aaron Valenta's Shabbos hospitality  
**Elliott and Charlotte Rich** In appreciation of Rabbi Binyomin and Morah Dena Friedman's Shabbos hospitality  
**Elliott and Charlotte Rich** In honor of Yaakov Davydov's Bar Mitzvah  
**Elliott and Charlotte Rich** In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Mordechai Becker, grandson of Rabbi Binyomin and Morah Dena Friedman  
**Jay and Susan Rosenheck** In merit of a Refuah Shlema for Marsha Bernstein  
**Matt and Diane Marks** In honor of Rabbi Binyomin Friedman and Congregation Ariel

## ARIEL YOUTH FUND

**Randy and Cory Shaw** In honor of Binyomin Pearlman's graduation from Yeshiva Ohr Yisrael  
**Isabel Pearlman** In memory of Harvey Yaschik z"l, beloved brother of Dennis Yaschik

## ARIEL SIDDUR FUND

**Ephraim and Asya Kerzhner** In commemoration of the yahrzeit of Feiga bat Yakov z"l beloved grandmother of Ephraim Kerzhner  
**Ephraim and Asya Kerzhner** In commemoration of the yahrzeit of Ninel bat Boruch z"l beloved mother of Asya Kerzhner

# UPCOMING Shul Events

## SUMMER BENA IN DUNWOODY

Join us for Ladies Seudah Shlishit at 6:00 PM at the home of Morah Dena Friedman. Each week will feature a guest speaker. Babysitting for kids 8 and under will be provided at the Lembeck home during the class.

Speakers will be:

June 30	Mrs. Esther Pransky
July 7	Mrs. Bracha Schulgasser
July 14	Mrs. Sarah Bayla Gross
July 21	Pre Tisha B'Av program (details to follow)

## A MORNING OF INSPIRATION WITH MRS. SHIFRA ROBKIN SUNDAY JULY 8TH

A talk not to be missed. Shifra experienced a miraculous recovery from a life-threatening condition following the birth of her youngest child. Come hear her story and the lessons she learned along the way.

*BENA is sponsored by Ilene and Jonathan Miller*

## WOMEN'S SUMMER LEARNING

Tuesday nights 7:30 – 8:30 PM at Ariel  
Individualized learning for your interest and skill level

## WOMEN'S BRACHA PARTY

Join us for a Bracha Party on Monday July 9<sup>th</sup> at the home of Morah Dena Friedman at 7:30 PM

## RABBANIT YEMIMA MIZRACHI VIDEO

Monday July 16<sup>th</sup> 8:00 M at Ariel "Mourning the Churban"

THIS WEEK WEDNESDAY JULY 4TH

NATIONAL HOLIDAY BREAKFAST SERIES  
THE DUNWOODY CHEVRA KADISHA &  
THE ATLANTA SCHOLARS KOLLEL PRESENT

"Wills and Inheritances" with Rabbi Binyomin Friedman.

Open to men and women.  
Hot breakfast included, no charge to attend.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

*Marcia Feinberg, Leora Sokol, Joel Sokol, Tova Fruchtman,  
Tova Norman, Ari Bendicoff, Todd Wachtel, Samuel Viness*

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

*Rabbi Shai and Dr. Paula Gorlin  
Jonathan and Heather Kamenear  
Neal and Sydne Cooper*

## THANK YOU TO OUR KIDDUSH SPONSORS!

**Zohar and Adam Breit and Amira and Michael Nachman** in honor of the birth and naming of their daughter and granddaughter, Ellie Maya Breit

## MAZEL TOV!

Mazel tov and welcome to all family and friends joining us for the Nachman and Breit celebration. Special mazel tov to parents **Zohar and Adam Breit**, grandparents Amira and **Michael Nachman** and **Evelyn and Joe Breit**, and aunt and uncle **Karen and Neil Bronstein**.

## WELCOME

To **Rabbi Doniel and Mrs. Esther Pransky** who are joining us at Ariel this Shabbos

## THANK YOU

To our Shabbos Greeter, **Joni Pelta**  
To **Basya Heinselman, Leanne Kaplan, Esther Taratoot, Tanya Shapira, Alla Spivak, Sharon Fleitman, Allison Thomas and Amanda Bunder** for helping with kiddush this week  
To **Hal Schroeder and Zohar Shiff** for setting up Seudah Shlishit.

## SHABBOS AFTERNOON CLASSES

6 PM for women at the home of Morah Dena Friedman with guest speaker **Mrs. Esther Pransky**

7 PM at the shul with guest speaker **Rabbi Doniel Pransky**. "Zimri kills Pinchas, claims self-defense".



## KIDDUSH SPONSORS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY!

If you'd like to participate in a kiddush as a full or co-sponsor, contact the shul office. July 14, 21 and 28 currently available.  
shuloffice@congarie.org

# FASCINATING FACTS OF JEWISH HISTORY

## Part Two on the topic of Jewish burial customs

In 1772, the Duke of Mecklenburg decreed that bodies must be observed for three days from the time of death until burial. The Duke was persuaded to make his decree by a non-Jewish physician, Johann David Michaelis. Michaelis represented the new era of advanced medical technology that had determined that old methods of establishing death were outdated.

Stories were being told that there were cases of people who were being buried too soon being buried alive. Michaelis was supported in this by two prominent Jewish doctors, Marcus Hertz and Jacob Marx. These doctors, who had joined the modern mainstream, were extremely sensitive to claims that Judaism was a backward religion.

The Jewish community was thrown into turmoil as this decree was at odds with halacha which directs that burial should take place as soon as possible after death. It was noted that the Duke's decree particularly banned the Jewish burial practice of hasty burial. Was this anti-semitism? The community turned to Rabbi Yaacov Emden, the venerated elder sage of the generation, and asked him to intercede with the Duke.

They also turned to Moses Mendelssohn. Mendelssohn was a prominent businessman with a strong Torah background. He was also a brilliant secular scholar, who was much admired in German high society. Mendelssohn immediately penned a brief to be submitted to the Duke. In meticulous German, he praised the Duke for his care and concern for his subjects. He explained that the Chevra Kadisha burial society is very meticulous in their preparations and would not mistakenly bury a living person. He then proposed an amenable solution. The Chevra Kadisha would have a doctor present to certify death before any burials took place. The Duke accepted Mendelssohn's suggestion and rescinded the decree. Happy ending? Not quite.

Together with the letter to be submitted to the Duke, Mendelssohn wrote a cover letter to the Jewish community. In his letter, he said that he was helping the community because they had asked for his assistance, but he did not really understand why they were not going along with the Duke's decree. Mendelssohn stressed the fact that "all medical scholars will testify that they know of no absolute criterion of certain death." This was for him, as it was for the physicians Marcus Hertz and Jacob Marx, a sufficient reason to wait "two or three days," for the first signs of decomposition.

In support of this, he cited a source in Massechet Smachos, a post-Talmudic collection of burial laws, that showed that at one point in antiquity, bodies had been placed in caves and observed for three days. Secondly, the law allows for delayed burial to honor the dead. Is it not an honor to the dead to comply with the wishes of the benevolent Duke?

When the cover letter got back to Rabbi Emden, he was mortified. He dismissed the source from Massechet Smachos as being taken out of context. He contended that while doctors might not know how to determine death, halacha certainly does. Lastly, how could anyone think that halacha and spiritual concerns should be put aside to satisfy the whims of a non-Jewish Duke.

Next week we will conclude with an analysis of Rabbi Emden's and Moses Mendelssohn's views to understand the struggle between modernity and tradition.



## SHABBOS PROGRAMS THIS WEEK:

Groups 10:30 – 11:30 AM

Teen classes for 7th grade and up 11:15 AM

SAP 5:30 – 7 PM Games, Learn, Food and fun

Boys Mishnayos Shabbos afternoon during Shalosh Seudos Mishnayos for boys 10+

Coming up:

Family Playdate | Tot Shabbat | Girls Supper Club

## FAST OF TAMMUZ

### SUNDAY, JULY 1ST

The fast begins 5:17am and ends 9:28 pm in Atlanta

*The 17th of Tammuz is a fast day commemorating the fall of Jerusalem, prior to the destruction of the Holy Temple. This also marks the beginning of a 3-week national period of mourning, leading up to Tisha B'Av.*

*The 17th of Tammuz is the first of four fast days mentioned in the prophets. The purpose of a fast day is to awaken our sense of loss over the destroyed Temple – and the subsequent Jewish journey into exile.*

*Agonizing over these events is meant to help us conquer those spiritual deficiencies which brought about these tragic events. Through the process of "Teshuva" – self-introspection and a commitment to improve – we have the power to transform tragedy into joy.*

*In fact, the Talmud says that after the future redemption of Israel and the rebuilding of the Temple, these fast days will be re-dedicated as days of rejoicing and festivity. For as the prophet Zechariah says: the 17th of Tammuz will become a day of "joy to the House of Judah, and gladness and cheerful feasts."*