

REFU'AH SHELEIMAH

*Chana Rachel bas Leah Naomi
Niece of Susan Krohn*

*Gabrielle Chava bat Perel
Cousin of Linda Czuper*

*Rella bas Dena
Mother of Saul Sloman*

*David ben Shayna Hindy
Father of Gary Lips*

*Golda bas Rifka
Mother of Eric Medwed,
Sister of Elaine Brasch*

*Tuvia Shabsai ben Faiga
Terry Tenenbaum*

*Porat Yosef ben Shira Rachel,
Relative of Amanda Bunder*

*Margalit bas Sarah
Margalit Abramson*

*Reuven ben Rachel
Great grandson of Arlene and
Arnold Coleman & nephew of
Elayne and Ronen Gabbai;*

*Chana bas Frada
Bunnie Taratoot*

*Zhenya bas Basya
Mother of Ella Pinkhasov
and Alex Pindrik*

*Avush ben Dena Rus
Brother of Susan Krohn*

*David Michael ben Rachel
David Tillem, son of Arthur and
Roni Tillem, grandson of Loretta
Love*

*Zeev ben Larisa
Friend of Raya and Artur
Pinkhasov*

*David Friedman
David Shlomo ben Itka,
Father of Sheila Cranman*

*Sima bat Chana
Mother of Araksi Resenson*

*Inna bas Leah
Inna Turney, aunt of Amira
Nachman*

*Freyda Bayla bas Shayna Shula
Mother of Sheila Cranman*

*Gil ben Esther
Relative of Ariel Congregant*

*Reuven Zander ben Rachel
Cousin of Bruce Barron*

*Moshe Racchmiel ben Bella
Submitted by Helaine Nelik*

*Esther bas Shoshana
Meghan Alter*

*Yitzhak ben Leibe Hershel
Cousin of Sheila Cranman*

*Menachem Mendel Zalman ben
Chana
Brother-in-Law of Mike and
Karen Chen*

*Menachem Mendel ben Leah
Mel Drukman*

*Eitan Lev ben Esther Eshke
Grandson of Diane and Bruce
Barron*

*Aria bat Reut
Infant daughter of Reut and Tom
Avisar*

*Avraham ben Gerti
Relative of Linda Czuper*

*Yerimiyahu Shmuel ben Rayshit
Chana
Jeremy Schulman*

*Leibe Hershel ben Itka
Uncle of Sheila Cranman*

*Yaakov ben Avraham
Uncle of Kevin Cranman*

YAHRTZEITS

March 21—25 Adar
Mrs. Sarah Levin
Sarah Rivka
Grandmother of Terry
Tenenbaum

Mr. Hy Emery
Chaim ben Baruch
Father of Karen Chen

Mr. Joseph Schroeder
Yosef Aharon ben
Alta Yehoshua Chaim
Father of Harold Schroeder

March 22—26 Adar
Mr. Alan Lewis Kates
Label ben Moshe
Brother of Sheryl Pitocchelli

Mrs. Isabell Feintuch
Mother of Marcia Feinberg

March 23—27 Adar
Mrs. Shifro Barayev
Shifro bat Beloriyo Ve Mirzo
Rafoeli
Grandmother of
Simon Barayev

Mrs. Edith Friedman
Grandmother of
Sheila Cranman

Mrs. Floryne Cohen
Fraida bas Yosef
Mother of Bunnie Taratoot

March 24—28 Adar
Mr. Maury Weiner
Moshe
Brother of Amy Alpern

Mrs. Carol Myers
Chana Sarah bas David
Mother of Jan Tenenbaum

Mrs. Frances Arlene Jarecki
Fraydel Asneh bat Yitzak
Mother of Jill Jarecki
Mainzer

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March 25—29 Adar
Mrs. Sarra Birman
Sarra bay Shaya
Mother of Eduard Livshits

March 26—1 Nissan
Mr. Nissan Sasson
Nissan ben Sasson
Father of Mahin Khalili

Mrs. Beatrice Halfon
Bracha bas Sara
Mother of Esther Taratoot



Rabbi Binyomin Friedman, *Rabbi*
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SHABBOS SERVICE TIMES

March 20th - Erev Shabbos (Friday)

Mincha 6:25pm
Candle Lighting 7:32pm

March 21st - Shabbos Day

Mincha 7:15pm
Shabbos Ends 8:27pm

WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

Sundays
Shacharis: 8:00am

Mondays—Fridays
Shacharis
Via Zoom: 7:40am

Sunday—Thursday
Mincha/Maariv 7:45pm

Please note that at this time, no minyanim are taking place at the shul. Out of consideration for Social Distancing, please do not hold private minyanim at home. Instead, look for information on Rabbi Friedman's "virtual minyanim" and also make an effort to daven in your home at the regular minyan time.

Davening and Classes are available via Zoom video conferencing

Be sure to check for updates in your email and/or our Facebook page for "Z"avening and "Z"orah Study opportunities



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Kim and Dan Cohen In memory of Kim's beloved father Moshe Yaakov ben Yankel z"l on his yahrzeit

Kim and Dan Cohen In memory of Carmela Ofer's beloved Father. May you be comforted.

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FASCINATING FACTS IN JEWISH HISTORY

This week's Fascinating Facts is sponsored by Kim and Dan Cohen in memory of Kim's beloved father Moshe Yaakov ben Yankel z"l on his yahrzeit.

The word Mussar means Ethical Reproach. In the 1800s, Rabbi Yisroel Lipkin of Salant (1810-1883), developed and promoted an approach to Torah living that focuses the entirety of one's being on Ethical Development. It became known as the Mussar Movement.

Most ethical behavior displays itself by being sensitive to others. Rav Yisroel Salanter became famous and controversial for propagating this approach. Some questioned whether it was a distraction from true Divine service. Rav Yisroel's outstanding Torah acumen and fealty to halacha was his strongest defense against his critics. These factors all came to bear during the Cholera epidemic of 1848.

The second of eight cholera pandemics lasted from 1829 to 1852, spreading through all of Europe, and leaving a trail of devastation across much of Russia and the surrounding regions. In contrast to the waxing and waning character of the contagion in Western Europe, the infection spread continuously in Eastern Europe throughout the mid-nineteenth century, killing millions in the process.

Vilnius, or Vilna as it was known to Jews, the city where Rav Yisroel lived and taught, had been hit hard by cholera in the summer of 1848. In the early fall, as the fast-day of Yom Kippur approached, he was concerned that fasting would make the community more vulnerable to the disease. This concern was born of one of the many theories about the cause of cholera.

What happened next was widely debated. As a matter of fact, the very historicity of the events is debated until today. There exists no contemporaneous account of Rav Yisroel's decision. According to some, he got up in shul on Yom Kippur, made kiddush and ate a piece of cake, to publicly show that there should be no fasting. This account seems unlikely and may have in fact been propagated by his opponents.

Other accounts say that he limited the duration of services and added multiple breaks so that people could get fresh air. He also had food available and encouraged anyone who felt weak to partake.

Although we don't know exactly what happened, a few facts are indisputable. Rav Yisroel of Salant was well known as an outstanding Torah scholar and not one to take halacha lightly. He was also known to be highly sensitive to the needs of each individual Jew. Rav Yisroel based his decisions on the medical opinion (however paltry) of his time. When all is said and done, Rav Yisroel confronted his circumstances and made the best decision he could and there was nothing more he - or you or I - could ever do.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Susan Rosenheck, Michael Yaschik, Zachary Ardyn Schwartz, Murray Siegel, Jeffrey Goldstein, Shira Johnson, Stephanie Wachtel, Aliza Schulgasser, Charlotte Rich, Barry Ritz, Andrew Grant, Kimberly Beth Urbach, Terry Eden, Moshe Lugassy, Melissa Krakow, Joseph Lubin, Miryam Bendicoff

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THANK YOU

To **Kim and Dan Cohen** for sponsoring this week's "Fascinating Facts" and the Rabbi's Online Sermon, In memory of Kim's beloved father, Moshe Yaakov ben Yankel z"l on his yahrzeit.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM CARMELA OFER

*Dear Ariel family,
Tomorrow I end my shiva for my beloved father, OBM, and I could not let the week go by without thanking you all for your beautiful emails, texts, calls and messages with heartwarming words which comforted me during my shiva quarantine time. My Aba would be so proud to know that I belong to such a loving community. I also want to thank all those that wanted to supply me with food during my Shiva. I feel beyond loved and wished the circumstances were different. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and may we from now onwards share only Simchas.
Good Shabbos Carmela Ofer*

EREV SHABBOS YOUTH GROUP PARTY WITH MORAH AMANDA!

Join Morah Amanda Bunder at 4:45 PM on Friday afternoon March 20th for a virtual Erev Shabbos Youth Group via ZOOM. To join the meeting go to this link <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2683027302>
Meeting ID: 268 302 7302
Or from your phone dial 2683027302# Meeting ID: 268 302 7302



VIRTUAL SHABBOS YOUTH GROUPS

Thank you Rabbi Mordy for preparing Parsha sheets for our families to do at home so that our kids keep learning. The sheets are available on our website. Go to www.congariel.org and click on the link for the Shabbos Youth Packet on the home page. If you're unable to access the sheets, e-mail the office and we'll send them to you.

SHATNEZ CHECKING FOR PESACH

Rabbi Ariel Asa will be checking garments for shatnez through Sunday March 29th. Drop off at the Mitzvah depot located at Beth Jacob.

