When the Ark would journey, Moshe said “arise G-d and let your foes be scattered.” Bamidbar 10:35

Why it that this verse is customarily recited as the ark is opened to take out a Torah scroll for reading? Rav Yosef Chaim Sonnenfeld explains that the Zohar teaches us that "When the Torah is taken out to be read in public," the gates of mercy in heaven are opened as well. It is a time when G-d's love is aroused and a person should pray for spiritual growth and the blessings of life, which is why we say the prayer of Berich Shemei (בריך שמה) at that time. It is apparent from the Zohar, then, that the opening of the ark in the shul is an auspicious time to petition G-d. However, it is known that whenever a window of spiritual
opportunity opens up for a person, the powers of evil (יצר הרע) that lurk within man and from without will do everything it can to thwart us from taking advantage of these few holy minutes when the ark is open to pray our hearts out. Therefore, we say this verse "Arise Hashem and let your foes be scattered (meaning the forces of evil) and let those who hate you flee from before you." And hopefully this will give us the opportunity to pray without interference and distraction! And if G-d accepts our prayers, then we will merit the fulfillment of the very next verse "For out of Zion shall Torah emerge, and the word of G-d from Jerusalem." May that time come speedily in our days.

Sefer: Chochmas Chaim

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

End of Year Statement Balances

As you all know, we are now at the time of year when our shul cash flow primarily depends on having members and friends clearing balances that reflect prior pledges and commitments made. This is especially important now, given that the current fiscal year ends on July 31. As such, we ask all of you, our valued supporters, to please pay your balances at your earliest convenience. Your attention to this matter and your continued support are greatly appreciated.
Congregational Family and Shul News

• This week’s seuda shlishit is sponsored by Shopsie Schraga in memory of his mother Minnie Schraga z”l.
• Mazal Tov to Shopsie Schraga on his engagement to Daniella Tank from Minnesota.
• Mazel Tov to Yael & John Delgado on the upcoming bar mitzvah of their son Jay Isaac in Israel, Mazel tov to the grandparents Yleana and Yoram Izhak, Yearit and Yalin, and the entire Izhak family.
• Mazel Tov to Greta & Eli Hirmes on the birth of a great grandson, Noam Shlomo. Mazel Tov to his parents, Leah & Shmuel Segal and to his siblings, Avi & Ahron Shalom. Mazel Tov to his grandparents, Fran & Shea Kanner. Mazel Tov to his great aunts and uncles, Fran & Alan Hirmes and Frimit & Billy Hirmes.
• Mazel tov to Susan & Martin Packer on the engagement of their grandson Jeremy Packer, son of Paul & Yali Packer, to Kate Eidman, daughter of Dr. David & Beth Eidman of Englewood NJ.

Refuah Sheleimah

• We wish refuah sheleimah to Allen Packer.
Yahrzeits June 22 – June 28, 2019

20 SIVAN Joel Wiener for his mother, Rivkah Wiener, on Sunday, June 23
20 SIVAN Barbara Bermanski for her mother, Chana Leiba, on Sunday, June 23
20 SIVAN Lois Rosengarten for her grandmother, Rose Kaplinsky, on Sunday, June 23
21 SIVAN David Geula for his father, John Geula, on Monday, June 24
21 SIVAN Penny Harris for her husband, Stuart Harris, on Monday, June 24
23 SIVAN Golda Brown for her mother, Shirley Brown, on Wednesday, June 26
24 SIVAN Ginette Dekelbaum for her husband, Ezra Sultan, on Thursday, June 27
25 SIVAN Ralph Herzka for his mother, Esther Herzka, on Friday, June 28
25 SIVAN Shimmy Gardyn for his mother, Chaya Gardyn, on Friday, June 28
25 SIVAN Steve Schwartz for his grandmother, Zelda Schwartz, on Friday, June 28

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