Parshas Vayelech - September 15th, 2018 - 6 Tishrei, 5779

Shabbos Times
Candle Lighting: 6:58 PM
Mincha: 7:00 PM
Rav Nachman: 8:45 AM
Shacharis: 9:00 AM by Ray Rosenblatt
Latest Shema: 9:54 AM
Torah Reading: Jay Bernstein
Mussaf: Benzion Shamberg
Shabbos Shuva Drasha: 6:00 PM
Mincha: 6:45 PM
Mariv/Havdallah: 7:57 PM

Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Ner Tamid in honor of our new members: Jerad and Nicole Bates, Jay and Dina Bernstein, Kenneth and Susan Besser, Yitzchak Besser, Adina Burstyn, Jay and Monica Caplan, Philip and Shari Cohen, Nadine and Zachary Epstein, Yaakov and Sara Kuperman, Ross and Dina Mailman, Aaron and Lisa Martin, Avinoam Miller, Shimon and Susan Weichbrod, Monroe and Susan Musman, Aleeza Oshry, Shmuel and Shira Perlman, Benzion and Erin Shamberg, Miryam Silberfarb, Fred and Sandra Bloom, Jeff and Ayala Pensak

Shalosh Seudos this Shabbos is sponsored by Chaya Cooper in honor of Barbara Marks' upcoming move

*Please see our new monthly bulletin for all weekday times, classes, and events. Please note that donations will be listed in the monthly bulletin.*

We celebrate the following birthdays this week:

Nicole Bates
Miryam Silberfarb
Janet Hankin
Sheldon Caplan
Dina Mailman
Tzadik Womack
Jay Bernstein
Sharie Blum
Barbara Carter

We observe the following Yahrtzeits this week:

September 15 / 6 Tishrei
Rosalyn Brodsky
Louis Polsky
Barry Rhode

September 16 / 7 Tishrei
Abraham Manuel Elbaum

September 17 / 8 Tishrei
Alex Cohn
Haskell Saxe
Raphael Zuckerman

September 18 / 9 Tishrei
Benjamin Keilson
Rose Klavan
Gary Pretsfelder

September 19 / 10 Tishrei
Zell Hurwitz
A Note from our Youth Director, Morah Rachel

Here we are, three weeks into our discussion about T’shuva, not coincidentally right after Rosh Hashanah and right before Yom Kippur. Today is a SPECIAL Shabbos. Last week, I had the pleasure of davening with several of you and one moment stands out. High Holiday Davening is different from Shabbos because we had several kids who come less frequently and some who we only see once a year. When we got to a prayer that was less familiar to some children (Yigdal) I suggested only doing a few verses. I was weary of making the new comers uncomfortable. But something almost magical happened. As we sang, the children who were comfortable with the prayer sang out loudly and with confidence, and those who were tentative at first latched on to the confidence of their peers and sang out (even if mumbling the words they were unsure of). In this moment, I got literal goosebumps. I felt the gates to Heaven open up for our prayers as the kids sang out. What changed? The children began to lead and depend on one another. They became a true community. It was beautiful.

This week in groups, we are focusing on T’shuvah – Change – in our relationships with one another. How do we interact with each other? Is it positive or negative? Do we influence one another in good or bad ways? And how does that change? This week, we’ll look around at the people we spend time with and assess those relationships and if we can change anything about them in a positive way. Small things like leading rather than passively following. Standing up for others rather than going along with teasing. Giving rather than taking. As we approach Yom Kippur, my prayer for the children and all of us, is that we find those small moments where our relationships with one another elevate us, and use the momentum from that t’shuvah, that change, to help us do better and be our best selves, as the children did during Yigdal last week.

Kids: Check out your Middah Card for #TheGreatMiddahChallenge this week! As always, I am here for you. Have a challenge that's bugging you? In school? Shul? Home? Somewhere else? Know that I am here for you and just an e-mail away! E-mail me at youth@nertamid.net or FB message me to get in touch!

Have a fantastic week. May it be filled with only positive changes and may we all be inscribed in the book of life for a year of health, happiness and all the good stuff! Rachel Shar, Youth Director