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Shabbat dinner with Scholar in Residence  
Zvi Gitelman  
Friday, July 31  
following Kabbalat Shabbat Services  
100 Redwood Road, Sag Harbor  
All are invited to services  
Reservations for dinner necessary

Shabbat Morning August 1st  
All are welcome  
Kiddush following Services

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General Membership Meeting  
Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am  
100 Redwood Rd.  
Brunch following

Tisha B'Av  
Wednesday night 8:30 pm  
Ma'ariv and the chanting of Eicha  
Old Whalers Church -- Bring Flashlights

Thursday Night -- Mincha / Ma'ariv 8:00 pm  
100 Redwood Road

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A Letter to Rabbi Uhrbach  
from Chancellor Eisen

Dear Jan,

I've just finished reading through the lovely 10th anniversary book, which captures a lot of the spirit that my wife and I so much enjoyed and valued during our Shabbat with CSH. Leora's account of the Torah scroll was especially moving. My letter celebrating the occasion, I am pleased to note, spoke first of all about the importance of community — and the book will be a continuing reminder of the truly remarkable community that we witnessed and joined during our shabbat with CSH. Please pass on to everyone our gratitude for the warm hospitality, the great food, the spirited davening, the weather and bird choir you so kindly arranged for us, the Sunday morning minyan, and the help and support for JTS that were so in evidence at the Sunday morning brunch and have been for some years.

Jan, you are leading and nurturing a wonderful congregation. I have already begun to share news of CSH with others and no doubt will continue to do so in the months to come. May you go from strength to

strength.

Arnie Eisen

Yours,  
Arnie

Candle Lighting Friday, July 24 7:56pm  
Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:30 pm  
For directions to Rabbi's home go to:  
<http://www.synagoguehamptons.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/06/DIRECTIONS-TO-100-REDWOOD-ROAD3.pdf>

Shabbat Morning, Services 9:30am  
Old Whaler's Church  
Kiddush sponsored by Lorraine and Herb Schottenfeld in honor of Lorraine's Birthday

Parashat Devarim --Shabbat Chazon  
Shabbat before Tish'a B'Av (Shabbat of Prophecy/Shabbat of Vision)

Annual: Deuteronomy 1:1 - 3:22 (Etz Hayim, p. 981)  
Triennial: Deuteronomy 2:2 – 2:30 (Etz Hayim, p. 990)  
Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1 – 27 (Etz Hayim, p. 1000)

Torah Thoughts on Parashat Devarim

This week we begin to read again the fifth book of the Torah, in the never-ending cycle of probing the depths of our sacred scriptures, which are the foundation of our Jewish identification and existence. And even as we read the parashah for Shabbat we are also beginning our annual eight-week pilgrimage that culminates with the celebration of the High Holy Days.

This fifth book is presented as a series of farewell messages from Moses to his people before he dies and as the twelve tribes prepare to enter the Promised Land of Israel. Now, as we prepare to enter the Promised Land of the New Year 5767 in eight weeks, this book also provides a preamble for us, their descendants. Indeed, after we cross the border into that brave new world, on Yom Kippur morning we will read a stirring reaffirmation of our eternal covenant from that book's final message from Moses in Deuteronomy, chapters 29 and 30.

This book's Hebrew title, D'varim, like the names of the Torah's first four books, derives from its opening phrase, Eileh had'varim . . . , "These are the words that Moses addressed to all Israel on the other side of the Jordan." In English this book is called Deuteronomy, the "second law," from its Greek translation, which comes from the reference in Deuteronomy 17:18 to a mishneh haTorah, a "second" or "duplicate Torah." Since in Greek, Torah was consistently translated as nomos, or "law," the entire book was called deuteronomion, "second Torah." Hence we get the common name, Deuteronomy. To read the entire article:  
[http://urj.org/learning/torah/archives/deuteronomy/?syspage=article&item\\_id=4873](http://urj.org/learning/torah/archives/deuteronomy/?syspage=article&item_id=4873)

**Yom Huledet Sameach** to Ira Schwarz, Carol Steinberg and Lorraine Schottenfeld

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Hebrew Lesson

Sinat Chinam



Literally: Free hatred

Idiomatically: Baseless hatred

"Sinah" (Psalms 139:22) is the opposite of "ahava." We would like to believe that when we hate something or someone, there is a logical reason behind our hate. The truth is that there will always be people, objects, or ideas which raise strong feelings of "anti." (Keep in mind that hatred as an emotion is not necessarily something bad - for example, hatred of evil or hatred of our bad traits.) The worst kind of hatred, however, is hatred just for its own sake. According to the Talmud, the first Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed because of evil deeds; the second was destroyed because we just couldn't get along, due to "sinat chinam." The rule? Thinking or saying "I hate..." is generally negative - unless you happen to be a muppet.  
<http://www.learnhebrew.org.il/print/2009/april3.htm>

Quote of the Week

"Just as the Temple was destroyed through baseless hatred, it will only be rebuilt through baseless love."  
Kook, Rav First Chief Rabbi of Palestine (1864-1935)

Shabbat Shalom.

Stacy

Stacy Menzer  
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