



Adelaide Hebrew Congregation News

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Shabbat Details

- Friday night service 6.15pm
- Saturday morning service 9am followed by Kiddush
- Times for Shabbat:

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Notices

- Kosher Chickens and Bread-Next delivery will arrive on Wednesday - **6th July, 2011**. Please place your orders for kosher meat and bread from Melbourne by **Friday, 1th July, 2011-12:30PM**.
- **Rabbi's lecture** as part of the Abraham's tent institute "The First and Second Temple" will be held at the AHC on 30th June at 7pm. All welcome, please contact the AHC office (8338 2922) for booking details.
- **Shabbat Rosh Chodesh Tamuz** - Please join us to a special Shabbat and Rosh Chodesh followed by a nice Kiddush.
- Sunday 9:00am - All welcome to **Rosh Chodesh Minyan** followed by light breakfast
- We wish **Refuah Shlemah** to Mara Zaks, Myer Solomon, Judith Bayer, John Pearlman, Kitty Anderson, Janette Ailion, Rosy Costi, Mary Schechter, Ivor Lee and anyone else who has been unwell recently.
- Parents, don't forget **JAZY camp** - see flyer later in this newsletter

Save-a Life Sunday!

Bone Marrow and Stem Cell Donor Drive on August 14

Patients around the world are awaiting life-saving stem cell and bone marrow transplants, and you can help. If you are over the age of 18 and under 45, please set aside a few minutes on Sunday 14 August between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and plan to head over to the Jewish Community Services building at 199 Sturt Street, Adelaide. Volunteers from our community will take a small sample of blood. The blood will then be tested and your profile will be added to the worldwide bone marrow registry. What could be more important than to save a life?! Please diarise the date and look for more information soon.

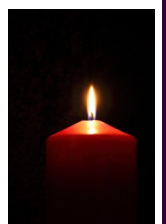
Yahrzeits

We wish the following members long life on their Yahrzeit:

Mrs Sybil Ailion for father Morris Samuel Cohen

Mrs Anne Frances Bayer for father-in-law Moise Bayer

Ms Rita Skinner for husband Emanuel Lipkin



Parashat Chukkat-Rosh Chodesh

Thoughts of the week - "Does a serpent cause death or life?"

Our Parasha deals with events that happened in the 40th year in the wilderness.

We assume that the People of Israel would have learnt by now not to complain anymore, but again we find the Israelites complaining: "*The people spoke against God and against Moses: Why did you bring us from Egypt to die in the Wilderness, for there is no food and no water, and our soul is disgusted with the insubstantial food?*" (Bamidbar 21, 5)

Hashem responded right away: "*God sent the fiery serpents against the people and they bit the people, a large multitude of Israel died*". So far nothing has changed with the Israelite attitude to Hashem and Moshe. Rashi explains why they were punished by serpents, as they should have learnt from the primeval serpent that had slandered God to Eve, and was cursed forever.

But now something had changed: until now when the Israelite had been punished, the People did not understand what they did, and Moshe had to cry out to Hashem to stop the plague.

But now the people say: "*The people came to Moses and said: We have sinned, for we have spoken against Hashem and against you! Pray to Hashem that he remove from us the serpent. Moses prayed for the people*". **Now the People of Israel have grown up, they have recognized their sin, and asked from Moshe to pray for them.**

Hashem heard Moshe's prayer, and said to him: "*Make for yourself a fiery serpent and place it on a pole and it will be that anyone who was bitten will look at it and live*".

The Talmud (Rosh Hashana 29a) asks: "Does a serpent cause death or life?" It seems to go against the Torah commandment of "*You shall not make yourself a carved image...*" (Exodus 20, 4)! How could Hashem tell them to build such a sculpture and look at it? The answer the Talmud gives is very simple: **When they looked upward and subjected their hearts to their Father in Heaven they were healed, but if not they died.** There are no short cuts in the way we worship Hashem. There are no magic tricks, such as looking at a serpent and to be cured. To look up to the serpent on the pole, is just a reminder to look up to our Father in Heaven, and to pray to Hashem. If there is no sign of "*Teshuva*" (repentance) with this "look up", Hashem could not have saved us.

We also should remember that: Hashem is waiting to hear our prayers; nobody will do it for us. Only an understanding of our role in this world, that we are lucky to have a "direct call" to Hashem, can get us closer to Him.

Shabbat Shalom and Chodesh Tov!

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