



## SHABBAT TIMES

Friday Night: Minha-Arbit - Shir Hashirim – 4:15pm @ Chevra

CANDLE LIGHTING **4:09PM**

SHABBAT MORNING 9:00AM @ SPANISH

Minha - Seuda Shlishit, Arbit : 4:00PM @ Chevra

HAVDALLA **5:13 PM**

Sunday Morning Shahrit – 8:00AM @ Chevra

**Tuesday evening (7:30pm)** Shiur with Rabbi Kaprow @ Beit Hamidrash @ Spanish

### Bon anniversaire à

Nino Saad

Carla Moralli

Isabelle Eden Cohen 1er anniversaire

(fille de Sheldon & Daniella Cohen)

### HAZKAROT

**Fortunee Dana** z'L Mother of Raymond Dana

**Stella Romano** z'L Wife of Elie Romano

**Binvamin Diwan** z'L Husband of Esther Diwan

**VAYETZE** "... and she said – this time I thank G-d, therefore she called his name Judah..." (29,35)

### **And you shall choose life**

Rabbi Avraham Mordechai Alter, the son of the author of Chidushei Harim of Gur suffered ongoing illness and pain. One time when he became sick he was weakened to the point that the doctors thought that this time he would not recover from his illness. When his great father came to visit him and saw him lying pale and weak in his bed, he bent down and whispered in his ears: "My son, you should know that the will to live is a mitzvah and we have heard that it is included in the commandment of "and you shall choose life". Please strengthen yourself and choose life and, with G-d's help, you will recover from your illness and will even have a son."

As soon as his holy father left the room, Rabbi Avraham Mordechai strengthened himself with forces above human nature, sat on his bed and prayed from the depths of his heart: "Master of the world, please heal me and bless me with a son, as my father has blessed me and I take upon myself to call him Yehuda and thereby fulfill that which is written, "this time I thank G-d".

His prayer was accepted and in a miraculous manner he recovered from his illness; in a year's time a son was born to him and named Yehuda Leib. He grew up to be the shining light of Polish Jewry, the author of the Sfat Emet.

In later years the Sfat Emet said, "My father chose to call me Yehuda as praise to G-d for healing me from his illness and I have seen myself that I have never tired of thanking G-d."

Rabbi Shmuel Hominer, one of the righteous men of Jerusalem added that, according to what the Chidushei Harim said, there is a mitzvah to "want to live". Hence, every time we ask for life in our prayers – by Modin Dirabanan, Kadish and Aseret Yimei Teshuva, we are thereby fulfilling the positive commandment of "And you shall choose life".

*SHABBAT SHALOM!!! Mayer Sasson*

### **PERASHAT HASHAVOUA**

The True Reason Behind Isaac's Blindness *By Rabbi I. Kaprow*

Isaac became blind. Rashi offers three explanations. The main reason that Isaac became blind was because of the smoke of Esau's wives' offerings to their idols. The verse that talks about Isaac's blindness appears immediately after it tells us about Esau's wives. Showing an undeniable connection between the two verses. There is a major problem with this explanation, however. Since when does smoke cause blindness? Smoke may irritate the eyes, but it is not something that will cause permanent loss of vision. Additionally, there is no reason to believe that smoke from idol worship would be any more damaging to someone's eyes than any other type of smoke. Could it really be that Isaac's blindness is related to smoke??

Isaac's blindness was not a product of the smoke. Rather, Isaac was so disgusted at the idolatrous practices of Esau's wives that he no longer desired his eyesight, so that he should not have to witness such an abomination. If the price of vision was to witness such spiritually offensive acts, Isaac preferred to lose his sight. Isaac had attained such a high spiritual level that his body was a loyal soldier of his soul. Isaac was so holy that his eyes automatically stopped working because they interfered with his holy nature. Isaac was more angel than human. Such noble spirits show us that even in this life we can elevate ourselves beyond the constraints of the physical.

*Shabbat Shalom, Rabbi Kaprow*

*If any member has a question or in need of assistance feel free to contact Rabbi Kaprow at rabbikaprow@maghenabraham.com*

**HALAKHAT HASHAVOUA** Selected by David Azerad, Hazzan Maghen Abraham

**Halachot Shabbat according to the rulings of Rabbi Ovadia Yosef z"tl**

**Why is it important to observe the commandment of charity?**

It is a Mitzvah to give charity according to your ability. He who ignores the Mitzvah of charity transgresses the Mitzvah of "לא תאמץ את לבבך ולא את ירך תקפיץ"

"...Do not harden your heart and shut your hand against your needy kinsman." Deuteronomy 15,7

**What does a person gain by giving to charity?**

By giving charity no harm will ever come to a person, and whoever has mercy on the poor Hashem has mercy on him. The act of Tzedakah is able to abolish harsh decrees. The Mitzvah of Tzedakah shines upon us the entire week as opposed to other Mitzvot that shine only for that day. By opening our hands to give Tzedakah Hashem opens us the gates of heaven to receive our Tefilot.

**Do the poor also have to give charity?**

Every man must give to charity, and even the poor who receive from charity must give Tzedakah.

**When wanting to give charity - to whom shall we give?**

Our sages tell us that It is a great Mitzvah to give charity to those who are engaged in the study of Torah as we are blessed by them and gain their merit of the study of Torah. However It is equally important to continue to support the poor.

**What is the proper way charity should be given?**

It is recommended to give charity to the poor before prayer, and the charity should be given with kindness and joy because if we give charity with a sullen face, we lose the merit of the Mitzvah even if we give him a large sum.

**Should we be giving Tzedakah to every poor person that's asking for it?**

When a poor person is asking for Tzedakah we should make an effort not to turn him away but rather give him charity even if it's a small sum.

*Be'virvat Shabbat Shalom Umevorach*

*David Azerad*

## **Sourire**

C'est un touriste américain qui visite l'Irlande du Nord.

Alors qu'il se balade dans Belfast, quelqu'un s'approche de lui par derrière et lui colle le canon d'un pistolet dans le dos.

L'agresseur demande au touriste: - Qu'est-ce que tu es, Catholique ou Protestant?

L'américain réfléchit et se dit: 'Si jamais je lui dis que je suis catholique et qu'il est protestant, il me tue.... et si jamais je lui dis être protestant alors qu'il est catholique, il me tue aussi... Mais je sais comment je peux m'en sortir'

Et le touriste répond alors: - En fait, je ne suis ni l'un ni l'autre: Je suis juif!

Alors l'agresseur fait: - Waow! J'ai une sacrée chance! En ce moment, je dois être le palestinien le plus heureux d'Irlande.

*3 mères juives discutent de leur fils respectifs...*

*La première: - Moi mon fils, il est tellement riche qu'il pourrait acheter Paris!*

*La seconde, un peu vexée: - Moi mon fils, il a tellement d'argent qu'il pourrait s'offrir Paris et New-York!*

*Alors la troisième termine: - Et qu'est ce qui vous fait croire que mon fils a envie de vendre?*

Qu'est-ce qu'on obtient en croisant un gitan et un juif?

- Une chaîne de magasins de prêt-à-porter vides.

*Quelle est la différence entre une mère goy (non juive) et une mère juive dans la façon de faire manger son enfant ?*

*La mère goy, elle dit 'Mange ou je te tue !' La mère juive, elle dit 'Mange ou je me tue !'*

C'est un petit monsieur juif avec l'accent qui rencontre une belle américaine et qui lui dit :

Madame je serais heureux d'avoir un rendez-vous avec vous demain !

L'américaine lui répond : Never !!!

Alors le monsieur juif lui répond: - Never, never et demie...

*Shabbat Shalom!*