Hanassi Highlights

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June 17, 2022 | PARSHAT SHLACH LECHA פרשת שלח לך | י"ח סיון תשפ"ב

D'VAR TORAH: SHLACH LECHA

We are taught by a Mishnah in Avot that the Jewish people, as represented by the generation of the Sinai desert, tested the Lord 10 times. The idea of testing God is a difficult one to understand and appreciate. This is particularly so when we can see that this generation did not learn from experience. Each test in turn failed to achieve anything other than harming that generation and dooming it to destruction, never to enter the land of Israel.

The sending of the spies to discover and report back on the condition of our promised country and its population at the time is a prime example of this type of test. As Rashi points out, the Lord told Moshe: "I am not ordering you to send spies to report on the land of Israel. I have told you that this land is your destiny and that is a land of spiritual and physical greatness and prosperity. However, if you wish, you have the option of sending spies". Implicit in this choice, given from heaven, is that the option will be of great consequence if it is exercised. It is also a repetition of a test that the Torah has recorded for us many times, when the people ask themselves: "Is the Lord truly within our community or not?" If, after all the miracles that this generation experienced, the people could still bring themselves to ask: "is God within us or not?", it must have been obvious that the people's relationship with the creator was dysfunctional and that they did not share Hs program for their future.

The commentators have advanced many reasons over the ages as to what directly motivated the leaders of Israel to create such a crisis of faith within their people. However, the basic problem—as recorded over and over again—is the fact that the people's trust in God, no matter how many miracles and victories they experienced, was very weak and fragile.

Faith is one of the strongest emotions that a person can have. However, it is also something that can be hard to acquire but quite easy to abandon or lose. When faith wanes, the process of testing God, so to speak, begins anew; for it is in the nature of human beings to learn very little from their previous experiences. There will always be excuses. We can say the previous test went wrong but now, with a test involving the right people on the right issue and with greater clarity, this will somehow help us. In their relationship to the land of Israel, the Jewish people have always had to struggle. It was never easy to see the true purpose of the land of Israel for Jewish life, especially since the Jews could prove to be so successful outside of the land of Israel. Yet the centrality of the land of Israel to Judaism has always been one of the prime beliefs and national messages of the Torah regarding the survival and destiny of the Jewish people. Jews should not again fall into the trap of testing God regarding the land of Israel.

Shabbat shalom
Rabbi Berel Wein

ערב שבת פרשת שלח

Early Mincha	6:00 p.m.	מנחה מוקדמת
D'var Torah by Rabbi Wein before *Borechu*		
Plag	6:18 p.m.	פלג
Candle lighting	***7:09 p.m.***	***הדלקת נרות***
Mincha	7:35 p.m.	מנחה

שבת פרשת שלח

Shacharit upstairs	8:30 a.m.	שחרית למעלה
Shacharit downstairs	8:45 a.m.	שחרית למטה
Rabbi Wein's Drasha after Mussaf		דרשה אחרי מוסף
Pirkei Avot, Rabbi Wein	6:40 p.m.	פרקי אבות הרב ויין
Mincha	7:25 p.m.	מנחה
Ma'ariv	8:18 p.m	מעריב
Motzoei Shabbat	***8:29 p.m.***	***מוצאי שבת***

ימי חול

June 19 - 24

Shacharit	7:15 a.m.	שחרית
Mincha	7:35 p.m.	מנחה
Ma'ariv	8:05 p.m.	מעריב

Shiurim and Programs

Click here for zoom links on shul website

Friday at 10:00 a.m.
Rabbi Wein's Parsha shiur in shul and on Zoom

Shabbat at 6:40 p.m.
Rabbi Wein's Pirkei Avot shiur

Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thurs. at 8:45 a.m.
Rabbi Goldwicht's Gemara class on Zoom

Sunday - Thurs. after Mincha
D'var Torah by Rabbi Wein in shul and on Zoom.

Monday at 10:00 a.m.
Talmud in Technicolor on Zoom with Eli Friedwald

Tuesday at 10:15 a.m.
Shiur on Zoom with Rabbi Alan Kimche

Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.
Ain't Misbehavin'! Presentation by Jeremy Phillips on Pirkei Avot and our daily lives

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mazal tov to Nat and Rachel (nee Heller) Bernstein upon the birth of a great-grandson. Mazal tov also to the parents, Ya'ir and Talia Bernstein and the grandparents, Meir and Michal Bernstein.

Mazal tov to Sally Tokayer on the birth of a great-granddaughter and the birth of a great-grandson.

Jeremy Phillips, a member of Beit Knesset Hanassi, will be giving a presentation entitled *Ain't Misbehavin'! A Fresh Look at Jewish Ethics,* this coming Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 8:30 p.m. in shul. His book, *Pirkei Avot: A Users' Manual* has just been published by Targum Books and is available at Pomeranz Booksellers. See the flyer on page 4.

VISIT TO THE PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE

The Women's League is pleased to invite everyone to a private tour of the President's residence on Sunday, July 3rd. Because of security checks, there is an early deadline for registration, June 17th. See flyer on page 3 for details.

THIS WEEK'S YAHRZEITS

Harry Junger	Mother	Shabbat
Beth Keilson	Mother	Sunday
Mrs. Erika Prys	Mother	Monday
Mr. Kenny Lerner	Father	Monday
Mr. Hillel Davis	Father	Tuesday
Dr. Stuart Gherman	Sister	Tuesday
Mr. John Graham	Father	Tuesday
Mr. David Brauner	Father	Tuesday
Mr. Sidney Hass	mother	Tuesday
Mrs. Judy Marcus	Mother	Wednesday
Mr. Leopold Bermann	Mother	Wednesday
Mrs. Myrna Hirschhorn	Mother	Thursday
Mrs. Evelyn Blachor	Father	Thursday
Malka Klein	Mother	Thursday
Mrs. Carrie Wachtel	Brother	Thursday
Abby Kanarek	Sister	Thursday
Mrs. Shirley Schein	Father	Friday

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The Women's League of Beit Knesset Hanassi

Invites you to the President's Residence

Join us for a guided tour of the Presidential Residence.

We will be going on a private tour of Beit HaNassi led by Michael Rainsbury featuring a visit to the main hall, the garden, the shul, and the statues of the presidents. Our visit will focus on the lives of selected presidents, their influence on society, and what Beit HaNassi tells us about the uniqueness of the Israeli presidency/state. There will be plenty of fascinating stories. Space is extremely limited. Don't miss it!

Sunday, July 3, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Meet at the Jabotinsky Street entrance of the President's Residence

60 NIS per person

RSVP Esther Schiller at 02-561-1078 or 058-465-5996 no later than Friday, June 17th.
Please supply us with your Teudat Zehut when reserving.
You must bring your TZ or passport with you on the tour and only small bags will be permitted.

Pre-payment for the tour is required to Esther Schiller at 7/9 Diskin or to the shul.
Checks should be made payable to The Women's League, Beit Knesset Hanassi.

“Ain’t misbehavin’”!

A fresh look at Jewish ethics

No, this isn’t just another book launch. And it’s not another sales pitch for the latest in an apparently never-ending sequence of new titles on Pirkei Avot. So what is it, then? It’s a harmless challenge to the way we go about our daily lives, and a painless threat to our comfort zones—and it might just change our lives!

Pirkei Avot like you’ve never felt it before

In this presentation Jeremy Phillips sets out to show that, while we all love Pirkei Avot and sometimes even take the trouble to learn it, we often forget the most important thing—to internalize it and make it a tried and tested compass to point us in the right direction in our daily lives.

If this theme appeals to you and you enjoy the presentation, you are very welcome to take a look at *Pirkei Avot: A Users’ Manual*, freshly published by Targum Press and available from Pomeranz Booksellers.

Jeremy Phillips lives in Rechavia and is a member of Beit Knesset Hanassi. He is the coordinator of the Avot Today Facebook group and the Avot Today weblog.

“Ain’t Misbehavin’”:
Tuesday 21 June 2022
at 8.30 pm
at Beit Knesset Hanassi,
Ussishkin 24, Jerusalem.