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Dvar Torah

DEVARIM / TISHA B'AV
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Years ago, the office supply chain staples had a wonderful PR campaign. The campaign centered on something called the easy button. People in the office had all sorts of problems; they were wondering what they should do, and then suddenly one secretary had on her desk a big red button with the word easy written on it!

She pressed the easy button and suddenly everything was solved. In fact, this campaign was so successful that staples started to sell easy buttons at 5.98 apiece for people to buy and take home. Press the button and everything will be all right was the motto.

What do you do when your whole life is shattered? Press the button? When exile becomes so real, and things are so broken? Press the button?

The reality is there are no such buttons, all one can do is pick up the pieces and start anew.

Reb Nachman of Breslev famously repeated that he would start over every day. No matter how high or low the day before, he would restart again. And not just in the morning. He literally would hit the reset button multiple times a day, even after each hour.

The month of Av is all about going back to the beginning. Back to the basics. To the א-ב. No matter how far we feel, how far we are, we can always reach back and start all over again. This week's portion is fitting, seeing as

we are all gathered as a community as we begin the first reading in the book of Devarim. Moshe, in his final days, gathers the children of Israel to rebuke them for past transgressions over the course of their travel to their soon-to-be homeland. His decision to express his disappointment upon the Israelites at this point was motivated by a wish for B'nai Yisrael to be able to go into the Land of Milk and Honey unhindered by sin and with a clear idea of how to lead their lives. Of course, Moshe already was aware that he would be unable to lead them onward, so the understanding is that Moshe's act was purely out of love – and the people respected him and took to heart the messages he delivered.

The word “Devarim” means just that – words. Its title derives from Moshe's lengthy sermon before the Israelites about moving forward. However, I have always considered a somewhat different interpretation when considering the title. Physical acts are often more fleeting than pointed words may be we must understand the power of the pen and not just the sword.

There is a powerful Midrash that recounts the story of an individual who tended to speak ill of other people. He never weighed the consequences of his words, and aside from speaking gossip, he was a relatively a good person. His words however – be they true or false – had a devastating effect on the person he spoke about. Feeling somehow remorseful, he made his way to seek advice from the wise. He began by defending his actions and stated that although the man was offended,

and he felt bad about that, the story was true – why should he feel guilty?

“Telling stories about people, true or false, is damaging to one's reputation. We stand to gain nothing for speaking in such a way,” the wise man responded. He added “Go and fetch a pillow full of feathers, find the highest rooftop, once there, cut it open with this knife”

The man was mystified but did as he was instructed.

As he cut the pillow open a cloud of feathers flew out and followed an immense swirling, whirling trail.

“Now bring me back all the feathers, and stuff them back in your pillow,” said the wise man. All of them!”

Once a rumor, a gossip story, a ‘secret,’ leaves your mouth, you do not know where it ends up. It has its own life; its own line of destruction and you can never take it back!”

On this the eve of Tisha B'Av we are reminded of the ever-present existence of sinat chinam – baseless hatred. Again, while our most obvious examples of this usually come by way of stark, physical violence around the world that you and I witness daily via social media, and other sources, we must be reminded that is of course not the only form. There are several recounts of sinat chinam in Jewish writing, and many scholars consider these types of actions as a main reason for the destruction of the First and Second Temples. Sinat chinam and lashon harah (slander) both exist

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SHABBAT SHALOM

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OUR SHABBAT TORAH CLASSES AND SOCIALS HAVE RESUMED!

Torah class will be given every Shabbat after kiddush by Andy Rotchel, in Aintabi Hall. Coffee & refreshments will be served. Come join, discuss, exchange and socialize in a delightful Shabbat afternoon social environment.

WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Shabbat

Shahrit: 8:30A Minha: 1:30P
Fast Begins: 8:14P Arvit/Eicha: 9:30P

Sunday

Shahrit: 8:00A Minha: 8:00P
Fast Ends: 8:55P

MONDAY - FRIDAY

Shahrit: 7:30A Minha: 6:00P

CHEVRA SHAAS Service Schedule

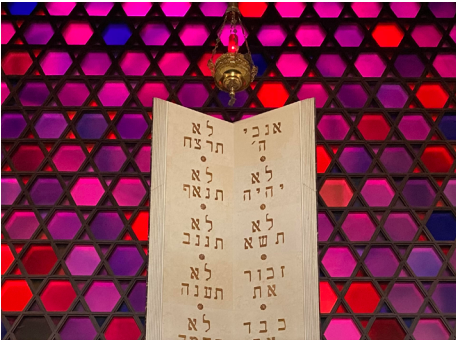
SHABBOS, August 6th
Schachris 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, August 7th
Schachris 8:00 a.m.

HIGH HOLIDAYS SEATS

Please call the office
(514) 737-3695
to reserve your seats as
soon as possible.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The darker the night the
brighter the stars.

Fyodor Dostoevsky | Aish HaTorah

OPINION

Chevra Shaas Words From Rabbi Menahem White DEVARIM 5781

Congratulazioni agli italiani per aver vinto la Coppa del Mondo.

Well, I'm not really a soccer fan. But I was intrigued: how many of these players for Italy have Jewish blood?

You see, I was reminded that when I was in high school, I was given the book The Jews of Ancient Rome, by Prof. Harry Leon. He described how there had been, since ancient times, a significant Jewish community in Rome, whose numbers were considerably increased by captives who were marched into Rome after the destruction of the Temple in the year 70. It is a reasonable

assumption that many of these Jews intermarried and assimilated over the years into Italian society.

So, the calamity of Tish`a be'av is not only the destruction of the Temple, and the carnage in Jerusalem, but also those many Jews who, though they survived the destruction, were lost to our people after having been dispersed.

In addition to the destruction of our 2 Temples, many terrible events happened to our people on the 9th of Av.

-In 132, many Jewish soldiers were killed at the battle where Betar was destroyed.
-In 135, the area of the Temple was ploughed by the Romans, and Jerusalem renamed in Latin Aelia Capotalina.
-In 1095, the first Crusade was announced in 1290, Jews were expelled from England.
-In 1492, the expulsion from Spain
-In 1914, Germany declared war on

Russia, thus leading to WWI, which in turn led to WWII and the holocaust.
-In 1942, inhabitants of Warsaw ghetto deported to Treblinka.
-In 1994, bombing of Community Centre in Buenos Aires.

In his powerful Kinah that we say on Tish`a be'av morning, Rabbi Kalonymous ben Judah (11th century) wrote concerning the crusades: “their massacre weighs no less than the burning of the house of God.”

And yet, the Tish`a be'av prayers end on a hopeful, positive note, quoting the Prophet Zechariah: “My cities shall again overflow with prosperity, and the Lord will comfort Zion... and make her wilderness like Eden...joy and gladness shall be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.”

Shabbat shalom; have an easy and meaningful fast. Shabbat shalom



C.S. Shabbos Kiddush is Co-Sponsored by:

Chana Dvora & Yehoshua Haimovici & Family, honouring the memory of her dear & wonderful father, father-in-law & grandfather, Yosef Haim ben Shmuel & Hanna Benzimra z'l.

Kol Hakavod To



Gilda Shahin-Abdulezer! We are thrilled to announce and welcome the new *Executive Director of JNF Quebec*. With over 25 years of experience in sales, marketing, and communications, Gilda has and continues to be an active member of the Montreal Jewish community.

COMMUNITY

Congregation Maghen Abraham

Thoughts: Mayer Sasson PERASHA DEVARIM

“Unlimited Blessings”

"May G-d, the G-d of your fathers add to you a thousand times as many as you now are and bless you..."(1, 11)

They (the Children of Israel) said to Moshe, why are you giving an allotment to our blessings? He told them – those are mine but He will bless you as He spoke to you. (Rashi)

The complaint of the Children of Israel and Moshe's answer to them is explained by Rabbi Netanel Freid, Rabbi of Oivarash through a parable: A king once announced surprisingly that in honor of his birthday he is willing to fulfill any request submitted to him. Upon hearing the king's announcement those close to the king and who would come to the palace all came quickly one after the other and gave their requests. The king did not disappoint them and they received whatever they asked for.

Towards the end of the day a very close friend of the king entered the room. The king was happy to see him and immediately asked to hear his request. The man asked the king – I ask that from today on any request or desire that I ask from the king at any time and hour will be accepted willingly by him.

This is what Moshe did. Since the time before his passing was an auspicious time, he wanted to bless each Jew with a private blessing –"May G-d, the G-d of your fathers add to you a thousand times as many as you now are" but they told him – How can you give an allotment to our blessings for the individual limited blessings? We have many needs and there are always more, new needs! Therefore Moshe added and blessed them – He (G-d) will bless you as He spoke to you - for everything you need at any time without any limit or scope.

SHABBAT SHALOM!!

PARNASS HAYOM BEIT HAMIDRASH HELWANI

SUNDAY/DIMANCHE 10 AV - AUGUST 7 AOÛT
Famille Coriat, à la mémoire de Suzanne Coriat bat Saul, épouse de Georges Juda Coriat ז"ל.

MONDAY/LUNDI 11 AV - AUGUST 8 AOÛT
Famille Selim Sasson, en l'honneur de ses enfants et petits-enfants.

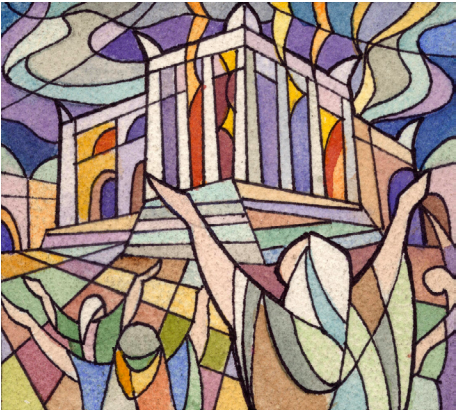
TUESDAY/MARDI 12 AV - AUGUST 9 AOÛT
Famille Romano, à la mémoire de leur mère, Victoria Romano ז"ל.

Armand & Lizanne Mamane, à la mémoire de Salomon Mamane ז"ל.

WEDNESDAY/MERCREDI 13 AV - AUG. 10 AOÛT
Herscovitch Family, in memory of Elvira Herscovitch ז"ל.

THURSDAY/JEUDI 14 AV - AUG. 11 AOÛT
Charlotte Shashoua, in memory of her mother, Marcelle Isaac ז"ל.

FRIDAY/VENDREDI 15 AV - AUG. 12 AOÛT
Leila Khamara, in honour of her daughter, Dina.



Jewish Wisdom

Tisha B'Av Reverend/Hazan Daniel Benlolo

Chers Amis et Fidèles,

Vous trouverez ci-dessous, en quelques points, les lois et coutumes pour Tisha B'Av. Les neuf premiers jours du mois d'Av, ainsi que le matin du 10, sont des jours de grand deuil qui symbolisent la destruction des Premier et Second Temples (Batei Hamikdash).

Durant cette période, nous ne pouvons pas :

Manger de la viande (y compris de la volaille) et boire du vin, car il n'y avait ni sacrifice ni libation dans le Saint Temple. Les exceptions à cette règle, sont la viande et le vin consommés le Shabbat ou lors d'un repas célébrant une mitzvah (Brit Mila, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, ou l'achèvement d'un traité du Talmud).

Laver des vêtements (sauf ceux d'un bébé) - même s'ils ne sont pas portés pendant les Neuf Jours. Ceux qui souhaitent changer de vêtements quotidiennement, doivent les préparer à l'avance et les porter rapidement avant le début des Neuf Jours.

Nager ou se baigner pour le plaisir (La coutume séfarde est d'observer les restrictions concernant le bain,

uniquement la semaine de Tisha B'Av). Rénover ou agrandir une maison.

Planter des arbres qui serviront d'ombrage ou de parfum (par opposition aux arbres fruitiers). Acheter, coudre, tisser ou tricoter de nouveaux vêtements, même s'ils ne seront portés qu'après les Neuf Jours. Exception à cette règle : Pour une Mitzvah, ex. achat de nouveaux vêtements pour les mariés.

Couper les ongles pendant la semaine du jeûne de Tisha B'Av, c'est-à-dire à partir du 1er Av jusqu'à la fin des neuf jours.

En espérant que ces informations répondent aux questions que vous pourriez vous poser.

Nous vous souhaitons un jeûne facile et utile.

HORAIRE DES PRIÈRES

Samedi 6 août
Shahrit 8h30 - Minha 13h30
Début du jeûne: 20h14
Arvit/Eicha 21h30

Dimanche 7 août
Shahrit 8h00 - Minha 20h00
Fin du jeûne: 20h55
Havdalah 21h05

Shabbat shalom

Got a Question for Reverend/Hazan Daniel Benlolo?

as ways in which our words may be barbed, and can cause serious, lasting damage not only to the individual in question but to the community at large. Dear friends, we are gathered today on Shabbat Chazon – the Sabbath just prior to Tisha B'Av, which we know is the most mournful day in the Jewish calendar. Let us remember that we mourn today because of the actions of a few from centuries ago; we must be mindful, therefore, of our current actions to protect the future generations from having to pick up the feathers we scatter.

But it is interesting to note that the Parasha speaks of a moment within this sequence of rebukes where Moshe pauses and blesses the people:

Kachem Yihye Eloke Avotechem, Yosef Alechem Elef Pe'amim Vivarech etchem Kasher Diber Lachem

“[May] The L-RD, the G-d of your fathers, make you a thousand times so many more as you are, and bless you, as He hath promised you.”

The question is why does Moshe pause to issue this statement to the people?

Is he not upset over the transgressions of the golden calf, the slander of the spies about the Holy Land?

Our answer lies in the belief that past actions do not condemn those of the future. Despite the sins committed by the people of Israel in their years wandering the desert, they are still being presented with an opportunity to change and improve. Everyone can alter their behavior, repent, or continue onward, all in the best interest of himself or herself, family, community, and betterment of the human race. Moshe blesses the people even though he will not be joining them; he maintains that the people must be given the chance to wipe their slates clean and start anew as a unified community.

Let us have the same conviction and relentless passion that Moshe felt for the people of Israel so we may metaphorically look forward to entering once again the Promised Land.

Shabbat Shalom and wish you a meaningful fast!

Shabbat shalom

Upcoming Events



FRIDAY, AUG. 12 | 7:30P - 10:30P
Post Tu B'Av (Jewish Valentine)
Shabbat Dinner Under The Stars

Join us for a delicious Traditional Shabbat Dinner featuring mixed charcoal grilled delights, wine, dessert.

RSVP required by Tuesday, Aug. 9.

\$49/person | \$36 Children(12 & under)

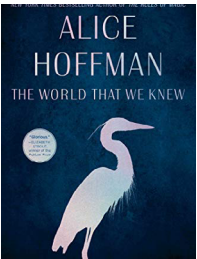


SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 | 10:30A - 2:00P ***SAVE THE DATE**

S&P 2ND ANNUAL SOCCER GAME & BBQ
Mackenzie Park - please register to be on a team.

All Families and Friends are welcome to come cheer and enjoy the outdoors!

More Information coming soon!!!

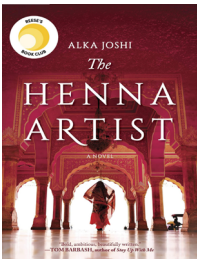


TUESDAY, SEPT. 13 | 2:30P - 4:00P

IN THE GARDEN IN HAMPSTEAD
SISTERHOOD BOOK REVIEW: "THE WORLD THAT WE KNEW"
BY: ALICE HOFFMAN - REVIEWER TO BE ADVISED.

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TUESDAY, NOV. 1 | 2:30P - 4:00P

SAVE THE DATE
SISTERHOOD BOOK REVIEW: "THE HENNA ARTISTS"
BY: ALKA JOSHI - REVIEWER TO BE ADVISED.

More Information to Follow.