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Tefilla Notebook

9 Elul • Parshat Ki Tetze

August 28 - August 29, 2020

Steven Dorfman, President

Rabbi Pini Dunner, Senior Rabbi

Nati Bar-Am, Chazan

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

6:30pm KABBALAT SHABBAT
 IN SHUL & VIA ZOOM
 7:05pm CANDLELIGHTING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

8:07pm SHABBAT ENDS

WEEKDAY DAVENING TIMES

Sunday 8:00am & 7:10pm
 Mon - Friday 7:00am & 7:10pm

We are continuing to stream via zoom.

<https://zoom.us/j/226829899>

Guidelines for Praying at home:

When davening at home, it is best to daven at the same time that you would have davened when in shul. Although you cannot *hear* the krias Hatorah, you should still read the torah portion and haftarah aloud, using the tunes if you know them.

Stone Chumash (Artscroll)

Ki Tetze p. 1046

Haftarah Ki Tetze p. 1201

HIGH HOLIDAYS

We are now accepting bookings for the High Holidays for members only.

The info and sign up form can be found at

beverlyhillssynagogue.org/hh

Please note There is limited space at each location due to social distancing protocols.

All requests must be made by September 8th, 2020

Those who are going to be attending our in-person minyanim **must pre-register.**

Services are open to MEMBERS ONLY at this time. Space is limited.

ALL services are being held at a private residence tennis court in Beverly Hills.

Dearest Members and Friends,

Paul Cowan has a very unique job – he is the head of Transport for London’s “Lost Property” division. Until September last year, this iconic division of London’s public transport system was located on Baker Street, not far from the fictitious home address of British literature’s most famous detective, Sherlock Holmes. According to the official announcement charting the move to their new premises, “more than 900 items of lost property are found every day on London’s transport network and the current premises at 200 Baker Street – which first became home to the Lost Property Office in 1933 – are no longer suitable for the efficient running of the service.” Originally from New Zealand, Cowan runs what is the second largest lost property office in the world, beaten only by a similar facility in Tokyo, Japan. But although it may not be the largest such facility, the TfL Lost Property Office is totally unique – just so quintessentially British, with an understated, sardonic, tongue-in-cheek attitude among those who work there that has turned what could have simply been a boring sorting service into something so much more.

A favorite among the unclaimed items is a life-size stuffed gorilla, that the TfL staff have named Eddie. The gorilla, complete with his Hawaiian shirt, has been adopted as their official mascot, and has become so famous that it is featured as the front cover image for the “Night Tube Pocket Map”. Intriguingly, Eddie is not even the most unusual object found on London’s public transport network. As far as Cowan is concerned, the strangest item of lost property ever handed into his office was an urn of crematorium ashes. “It was a chap called Thomas,” he told BBC radio, “and he sat on my desk for the best part of five years.” Thomas’ ashes were eventually reunited with his family.

Cowan and his team sort through more than 330,000 items each year. These include 13,000 keys; 35,000 cellphones; 46,000 handbags; and 10,000 umbrellas. Surprisingly, very few items are ever claimed. On average, just 20 per cent of lost items are claimed within three months after being handed in, after which they pass into the possession of TfL. And unclaimed items are not necessarily those you’d expect to be abandoned by their owners. Cowan’s thesis is that when people lose something, they often see it as an opportunity to treat themselves to something new. The facility houses a large repository of lost crutches, which Cowan considers particularly strange. As he told the BBC, “either there are miraculous curing powers on the London Underground, or there’s a lot of people hopping around London without their crutches.” He claims that the office has also had to deal with lost breast implants and prosthetic limbs – something I find absolutely mindboggling. There have also been wedding dresses, countless wedding rings, skis, microwaves, TVs, a pile of Mexican sombreros, and there was once someone who left a coffin on the tube.

“When someone rings up and says: ‘Help! I’ve lost my wedding ring and I’m getting married on Friday’, you snap into action mode pretty quickly,” Cowan says, with a twinkle in his eye. Cowan calls the TfL storage facility “The Wonder Emporium” and struts around the subterranean repository with an air of propriety that is combined with ample good cheer – he is truly the king of London’s vast inventory of lost property. But as I researched this peculiar department of London’s transport network, I was most struck by the reaction to this unusual phenomenon by a journalist called Leo Hornak, founder of In The Dark – a non-profit devoted to producing strange and wonderful pieces of radio in strange and wonderful venues. Writing in 2016, he noted an aspect of the TfL Lost Property operation that one might quite easily miss: “Standing in the storeroom, I realize there are two ways to look at these groaning shelves. One is to feel the loss, the emotional loss. All those moments of rising panic when a precious thing was searched for and ended up here instead... But there’s another, more positive way. Every iPhone, child’s toy and digital camera [in this storeroom] is also tribute to the honesty and decency of a Londoner who found that item and passed it on to [Cowan]’s team.”

His observation reminded me of the phrase in Parshat Ki Teitzei that concludes the instruction to return lost items to their owners, a mitzva known as Hashavat Aveida. When one spots a lost item one should not ignore it, the Torah warns, rather one must find its owner so that he or she can be reunited with their possession. The passage ends with the words (Deut. 22:3) לא תוכל להתעלם - “you cannot ignore it”, a reference to the lost item. But the fact that this phrase includes the word “tuchal” is curious; it could easily have been omitted without any loss of meaning.

Rabbeinu Yonah of Gerondi, the revered medieval rabbi and Jewish ethicist who was also a cousin of Ramban, notes that this seemingly superfluous word contains a powerful lesson in human relations, the cornerstone of all mitzvot which relate to social and communal behavior. With this one word the Torah is teaching us that it is not enough to return a lost item as a matter of duty, rather this act of civic duty must be underpinned by an acute awareness of the fact that as a caring human being one must never be the kind of person who sees someone else’s lost item, with all the distress that such a loss may have caused, only to coldly return it because of an ordinance that requires it to be returned. That is simply not good enough. Instead one must work on oneself to become the kind of person that “cannot ignore it” – another person’s distress must become your distress, as if you had lost the item and wanted it to be returned to you.

As we approach the High Holidays, and anticipate squaring our accounts with God, we might well consider – as Leo Hornak did when he strolled through Paul Cowan’s “Wonder Emporium” – that returning lost property, and indeed doing all the many things we do to maintain good relations with others, should never just be a reflection of duty, rather they must also reflect a generous-spiritedness that we have worked on in ourselves so that we are not just someone doing the right thing, but rather we are someone who aspires to do good, be good, and make the world a better place.

Praying for your safety and health and Shabbat Shalom! *Rabbi Pini Dunner*



Sisterhood Corner

August

Make sure to join Rabbi Pini Dunner, Cantor Nati Baram, & Steve Rothstein of the Jewish Sacred Music Foundation
August 30th at 11:00am as they serenade us with a symphony of High Holiday favorites.

Thank you to all who participated in our annual election & congratulations to our newly elected President, Steve Dorfman, and to our new board members. May we go from strength to strength!

Shabbat Shalom,
Cecile & Ruthie
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

YAHRTZEITS

Helena Fixler
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Wife of
Lee Samson
Yahrtzeit— 11 Elul

Zahava Mirenberg
Zahava bat Efraim a"h
Mother of
Carmit Baram
Yahrtzeit— 13 Elul

Joseph Dunst
Yosef Dovid ben Yaakov Shlomo z"l
Husband of
Georgette Dunst
Yahrtzeit— 14 Elul

Sylvia Glatter
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Aaron Fuchs
Grandmother of
Jason Fuchs
Yahrtzeit— 14 Elul



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The Creation of a Symphony based on the High Holy Day Liturgy

Sunday, August 30th at 11:00am via zoom



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*Introduction by **Rabbi Pini Dunner***

Witness the birth of Symphony No.1: JUDAICA (Days of Awe), a newly commissioned symphonic work by Dr. Steven Rothstein, Artistic Director of the Judaic Sacred Music Foundation, which threads our most cherished High Holy Days melodies and liturgies through a rich and dynamic four-movement lyrical composition for our Age.

In 2014 Dr. Robert H. Freilich founded the Judaic Sacred Music Foundation and merged his love of Jewish and classical music. The Foundation commissioned Dr. Steven P. Rothstein, a composer with a Ph.D. in Classical Music Composition from UCLA, to compose the Judaic Symphony. Together Drs. Freilich and Rothstein engaged in in-depth research identifying synagogue melodies and motifs of the 18th-20th centuries.

Come and listen as Steve Rothstein and Cantor Nati Baram take you through the journey of bringing your favorite High Holy Days memories from the synagogue to the symphony.

Register at beverlyhillssynagogue.org/hzoom



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Selichot Service

Motzei Shabbat
September 12th

9:30pm

Message by



Rabbi
Pini Dunner

Followed by a
Selichot Service with



Cantor
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(at the Nissel Tennis Court)
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*Rabbi Dunner's
Shabbat Shuva
Drasha*

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH
7:30PM



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LIVE VIRTUAL YIZKOR SERVICE



Sunday, Sept. 27th
Erev Yom Kippur
11:00am via Zoom

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