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Rabbinic Reflections - Shabbat - A Renewed Sense of Soul

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Rabbi Moshe Alshich, known as the Alshich HaKodesh, one of the great 16th century Kabbalists of Tzfat, taught that "any material object which has no aspect of spirituality in its makeup, will decay and not exist, as a person when they die, for the lack of spirituality in their body causes it to die. For all things that God created, even though they are all material, they will not continue to exist or rest but rather they will decay daily."

Life, he argues, is more than a series of biological processes; it is a vital force which animates the material and causes it to live. If this force, which he identifies as the soul or spirituality, ceases to exist within an object, that object will be unable to sustain itself.

When G-d first created the world, the Alshich HaKodesh tells us that "it was material as a body without a soul, it was destined to decay and not continue in its existence." That is why, on the seventh day, when the work of Creation was complete, G-d *vayinafash*. This last Hebrew word is a verbal form of the word for soul, *nefesh,* which might be loosely translated as to soulify, or as the Alshich chooses to translate, "[G-d] gave the world a soul/*nefsh* to sustain it."

Although G-d had formed the physical structures of the world, it was not alive until he "gave the world a soul to sustain it." Mere existence is not the same thing as truly living. To live implies vitality, growth, and renewal.

Just as this is true with the material world, so is it true for our inner lives. There are moments when we feel dead inside, when our daily life feels like a never-ending series of mundane tasks repeatedly carrying us from one moment to the next. Stretches of boredom or paralyzing instances of anxiety can leave us feeling as if the vitality of our life is being sucked out of us as if we are merely surviving rather than living.

The cure, the Alshich HaKodesh, would say is to follow the example of our Creator, to take a moment and pause, *shavat/cease,* as G-d did on the seventh day. Try to center yourself and feel present in the moment. In this space of presence, one can strive to rediscover the meaning, purpose, and beauty of one's life. Through doing so, we can *vayinafash*, or regift ourselves with a soul/*nefesh* to sustain us.

The key to a meaningful life is the maintenance of soul. Not "a" soul, but soul. The ability to infuse vitality into our life activities. To live with soul, to play with soul, to work with soul, and to serve a cause greater than ourselves with all our heart and all of our soul.

Shabbat, the Ashlich HaKodesh tells us, is what infused the world with its soul and caused it to truly come alive. The dual nature of ceasing and then infusing soul (*shavat yayinafash*) is how God injected vitality into our world. Inherent in the power of Shabbat remains the ability to tap into this soul-giving Divine process. Through cultivating a Shabbat practice, we learn to slow down, to take stock of ourselves, and are invited to leave Shabbat with a renewed sense of soul which can sustain us through the week.

What Shabbat practices help you feel centered and leave you feeling a renewed sense of soul?

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From the Executive Director - Historic Events

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At this coldest point in the winter season, it is seemingly coincidental that in looking at Jewish historical events that occurred at this time of the year, it's hard to find a lot of joyous moments. But, here are a few bright spots that took place on each Shabbat date this month.

February 5

It was on **February 5, 1917** that the Congress of the United States overrode President Wilson's veto of the Immigration Act of 1917, essentially making the act the law of the land. The Immigration Act was aimed at restricting immigration to the U.S. by imposing a literacy test for all new immigrants. This override marked the end of a twenty yearlong battle that had begun in 1897 when President Grover Cleveland vetoed an immigration act passed by Congress. President Taft vetoed a similar bill in 1913. Jewish groups opposed the act, especially the literacy test, because they saw it as a way to exclude Jewish immigrants from eastern and southern Europe from coming to the United States. Jewish immigration to the United States peaked in 1906 when 150,000 Jews made their way to the United States. In 1914, even with the war having broken out in, 140,000 Jews came to the United States. But with the Immigration Act in place, Jewish immigration to the U.S. was cut and only 14,000 Jews were admitted to the United States in 1917.

February 12

Jewish musician George Gershwin had already established himself as one of the great American composers by 1924, but it was on **February 12th** of that year that one of his most famous compositions was debuted, somewhat by accident. Only six weeks earlier, George happened to read an item in the New York Tribune that bandleader Paul Whiteman was hosting an evening of new American music, marking the occasion of Abraham Lincoln's birthday. The article went on to say that Gershwin, was writing a jazz concerto to be performed at the event, something that had never even been discussed with him. In order to save his reputation, George quickly put together a 'rhapsodic work for piano and jazz band," which he called American Rhapsody, until his brother Ira suggested changing the tile to "Rhapsody In Blue," having just seen a Whistler painting called "Nocturne in Blue." The Rhapsody premiered in front of a packed house that night at New York's Aeolian Hall, and quickly became a Gershwin favorite.

February 19 (18 Adar)

Legend has it that on the Hebrew date of **18 Adar** (**February 19th** this year), in the 5th century BCE, an event took place in Yemen's capital city of Sana'a, that is commemorated among Yemenite Jews today as Purim Sana'a. The King of Yemen, at that time, had a son, the Prince, who was his pride and joy. The King was also particularly close to a certain Jew, whom me made his Chief Adviser, infuriating the King's non-Jewish servants. Consequently, they devised a scheme to bring the Prince to the synagogue where they killed him, blaming the murder on the Jews. Sensing their doom, the Jews fasted for three days, and on the third day, a young child approached the body of the Prince and spoke to it. Miraculously, the dead prince sat up and pointed out his real killers. The day is now celebrated among Yemenite Jews as Purim Sana'a.

February 26

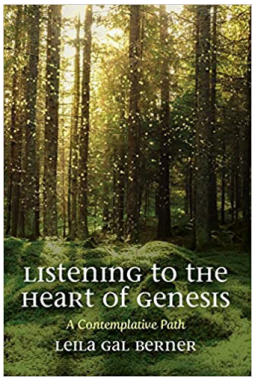
While official diplomatic relations between Israel and Egypt were established a month earlier, it was on **February 26, 1980** that the two countries formally exchanged ambassadors. Polish-born-Eliyahu Ben-Elissar served as the first Israeli Ambassador to Egypt until 1981, when he became a member of the Knesset on behalf of the Likud party. He served in that capacity until 1996, when he became Israel's Ambassador to the United States, and ultimately the Israeli Ambassador to France, where he passed away in 2000 at the age of 68. Egypt's first Ambassador to Israel was veteran diplomat Saad Mortada. He served for two years until he was recalled in 1982 amid Israeli reports of a massacre of Palestinian refugees in occupied West Beirut. Mortada eventually retired from diplomatic service and settled in the DC area, where he was a scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center. He died in 2001 at the age of 78.

MINYAN AT BSC

Please join us in the Beth Sholom sanctuary on Thursdays at 8:00 AM for minyan.

Listening to the Heart of Genesis

BY RABBI LEILA GAL-BERNER



Rabbi Leila Gal-Berner will be discussing her new book, ***Listening to the Heart of Genesis***, **Sunday, March 6, at 1:00pm at Beth Sholom Congregation**.

Rabbi Leila brings a fresh contemporary approach to the stories and themes of Genesis. This book is an invitation to discover your own way into the Bible, through personal reflection and integration. She reveals new dimensions of an ancient text and welcomes us to join her into a deep, spiritual consideration of how biblical texts can open new and challenging paths in our lives. This is a rare opportunity for us to meditate with our author.

Mazal Tov to

Ellie Kinland & Roger Copeland on their wedding

Correction:
Brielle Kaplan is engaged to **Shmaryahu Werner**
(correcting last name)

Condolences to

Mark & Mary Mogan-Vall on the passing of Mark's mother, Ruth (Halbstein) Vallon

Sharon & Daniel Kuebbing on the passing of Sharon's sister, Rosalee Lovett

Marlene and Ellen Sclar on the passing of their mother, Sylvia Sclar

Welcome New Members

Dr. Philip Macarthy

The Grapevine

Community happenings at Beth Sholom and elsewhere

Keep the spirit of Tu B'Shevat going. Kids (and their associated adults) will love two new catchy "Jewish climate anthems" from **Dayenu.org**. Dayenu is a movement of American Jews" ... confronting the climate crisis with spiritual audacity and bold political action". Their motto is "Dayenu: We have had enough! But we also have enough. We have what we need to transform our world." Go to YouTube and type in the search box: "Hope with Our Hands" and choose the option identified with the blue circle and Dayenu to the right of the box for Zo Tobi's composition. Type in "*L'dor Vador* by Rena Branson" for her composition. Each is inspirational and "singalongable" in its own special way.

Word has it that a dedicated group of environmental protectors in our congregation are plotting with Gerry Royston of the Building Committee to transform some of our grassy areas into the Beth Sholom Native Plant Garden. They will be introducing the project to all of us at an **Adult Ed program on March 3**, but if you want to know more right away, call Sandy and Monda Sagalkin or Ellie Kinland and Roger Copeland for a preview.

Sometime before his presentation on Feb 17, if you are interested in learning more about Rabbi Lex Rofeberg's ideas regarding digital communication of Jewish topics in all their possibilities, you have a choice of at least 100 lively informative Judaism Unbound podcasts at **judaismunbound.com**. Rabbi Lex and his cohost Dan Libenson talk with each other and interview notable Jewish leaders/thinkers such as Benay Lappe (Ep #3: *Exodus*), Richard Elliot Friedman (Ep #27: *Who Wrote the Bible?*), Matt Gewirtz, Ben Spratt, Blair Albon (Ep #92: *Reinventing Synagogue*) and just Lex and Dan (Ep #86: *We Are the Jews We've Been Waiting For*).

SAVE THE DATE:
Book Club
March 6, at 1:00 pm

Religious School

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We are making our way through our Hebrew school year, and it has been filled with challenges and obstacles, doing our best to manage safety and the health and well-being of our community. We want to take a moment to acknowledge our triumphs and successes over the course of this year so far. We've been showcasing our resiliency in the most beautiful way—as we've adjusted to our virtual platform once again, we want to bring our attention to this resiliency in the form of our tefillah service. We have seen the enthusiasm shine through our devices to our cozy homes. We have seen the perseverance and passion of our teachers and students working together to make the most of our situation. We have felt the care and love that we all have for this community through each bar/bat mitzvah that we've witnessed this year. The hard work and dedication that each one of you has demonstrated for our Beth Sholom Religious school and synagogue is palpable. We thank each and every one of you for caring about this school and synagogue, and for putting in the effort and energy it takes to shift gears and adapt to our ever-evolving situation. We look forward to continuing this important effort to allow our children to experience Judaism in a meaningful way.

To continue this effort, we are planning for a couple of community wide programs/events— Purim is coming up and so we're gearing up for our megillah reading for families, as well as our full reading. We hope you all will join either in person or on the livestream! We also have an exciting program that we hope to revisit this year—our model seder in April! We will be figuring out details and planning for both options of an in-person seder, as well as a virtual option. If we decide for in-person, we will certainly have the option to livestream the event.

It is always our goal to provide educational/experiential opportunities for our students as they grow up and figure out their Jewish identities. We are very excited about coming together as a community for our model seder and hope you all will join us!

Please be in touch with us if you have any questions about anything, and if you feel moved to help and volunteer in the preparation of any of these events/programs, we'd love to have your participation! Thank you so much—todah rabah!

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Amy Feinberg
Ray Ginsburg
Henry Goldgraben
Max Henry
Oscar Hirsh
Ida Ingber
Edith Kaufman
Roberta Loew
Julie Mandelowitz
Fannie Meyer
Etta Miller
Leo Mogan
Rose Newfeld
Benjamin Pincus
Itzhaak Polyakov
Bernard Reiger
Evelyn Rosenstein
Elaine Snyder
Morris Spectre
Adele Stahl
Libbie Strong

FEB 11 & 12*

Simon Bloom
Blanche Cohen
Margaret Fifield
Jessie Fisch
Maurice Glassman
Alexander Kimmelman
Frank Kleinman
Dorothy Kleinman
Jacob Levine
Regina Miller
Joseph Orenstein
Helen Poiley
Norman Rivkin
Jacob Schneider
Julius Scholle
Ruth Siegel
Rose Skripsky
Morris Tischler
Hilda Vogel
Sheldon Wollman

FEB 18 & 19*

Virginia Allex
Beatrice Altman
Ida Bloom
Nettie Buntman
Edith Chapin
Joseph Dorfman
Saul Feuer
Tye Garner
Sarah Gorelick
Joseph Jacobs
Regina Kann
Jerome Levy
Rae Needle
Samuel Poiley
Pauline Rosenblatt
Kate Sherby
Maureen Tischler
Sophie Vogel
Sherrill Wender

FEB 25 & 26*

Abraham Bailin
Stuart Boren
Jacob Cron
Luba Frederick
Betty Kushner
Lena Mendelson
Morris Pargament
Deborah Pollicove
Cecelia Potlock
Lillian Prensky
Morton Reitman
Sherry Sanabria
Elsie Spielman
Simon Turner

LIFE CYCLE INFORMATION - WHEN A DEATH OCCURS

When a death occurs during working hours, please call the synagogue office at 301- 663-3437 and ask for Rob Allen so that we may be of assistance. After hours, please call Rob's cell phone 303-717-3933, leave a message, and Rob will return the call.

Chesed/Religious Affairs Committee:
The Chesed Committee assists families who have experienced a death by providing food following the funeral. The Religious Affairs Committee will help set up and lead shivah minyanim. We welcome your interest and encourage your participation and assistance. We need you. Please join us in helping fellow congregants.

If you have any questions, please contact Rob Allen at 301-663-3437.

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Amanda Allex
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Sydney Roberson
Mason Diener
Maya Berkowitz
Liam Berkowitz
Adam Emral Shaool
Keith Roberson
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Albert Dorfman
Eitan Ashkenazi
Sidney Kandel
Christina Eyler
Boyd Dwyer
Gretchen Price
Thelma Cohen
Micki Cohen
Craig Cornblatt
Zachary Ludwig
Molly Cohen
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Daniel Haynes
Jonathan Cohn
Sammy Chado
Betty Isaac
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Marla Elkon
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6 5 ADAR I 9:15a Religious School 11:00a Torah Study	7 6 ADAR I 7:30p Finance Comm. Mtg.	8 7 ADAR I 10:00a Meditation Class 7:00p Rabbi Hersh-Smita as Spiritual Practice via Zoom	9 8 ADAR I 10:30a Adult Bat Mitzvah Class via Zoom 1:00p Knit and Knosh via Zoom 7:30p Exec. Comm. Mtg. 8:00p T Time with Rabbi T	10 9 ADAR I 8:00a Minyan 10:00a Talmud Class via Zoom	11 10 ADAR I 5:23 6:00p Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv	12 11 ADAR I Lincoln's Birthday Tetzaveh 9:30a Shabbat Morning Services with Lunch and Learn
13 12 ADAR I 9:15a Religious School 11:00a Torah Study	14 13 ADAR I	15 14 ADAR I ✡Purim Katan 10:00a Meditation Class 7:00p Rabbi Hersh-Smita as Spiritual Practice via Zoom	16 15 ADAR I 10:30a Adult Bat Mitzvah Class via Zoom 1:00p Knit and Knosh via Zoom 7:30p Board of Ttee Mtg. 8:00p T Time with Rabbi T	17 16 ADAR I 8:00a Minyan 10:00a Talmud Class via Zoom 7:00p R. Lex Rofeberg Event via Zoom	18 17 ADAR I 5:31 6:00p Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv Oneg sponsored by Dan and Amy Allex	19 18 ADAR I Ki Tisa 9:30a Shabbat Morning Services 11:30a Tot Shabbat with Cantor Shulie
20 19 ADAR I **No Religious School/ Office Closed** 10:30a Parents B'nai Mitzvah Mtg.	21 20 ADAR I Washington's Birthday (observed) **Office Closed**	22 21 ADAR I 10:00a Meditation Class 7:00p Rabbi Hersh-Smita as Spiritual Practice via Zoom	23 22 ADAR I 10:30a Adult Bat Mitzvah Class via Zoom 1:00p Knit and Knosh via Zoom 8:00p T Time with Rabbi T	24 23 ADAR I 8:00a Minyan 10:00a Talmud Class via Zoom	25 24 ADAR I 5:39 6:00p Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv	26 25 ADAR I Vayakhel Parashat Shekalim 9:30a Shabbat Morning Services
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Monday, June 27- Saturday, July 23

Second Session

Monday, July 25- Thursday, August 11

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About Our Cover.....

Do you recognize it? It's the eternal light (Ner Tamid) that hangs magnificently above the ark on the Beth Sholom bimah. While it is undoubtedly one of the most striking physical features of our beautiful sanctuary, it occurred to me that at this time in history, its message may outshine its appearance. Despite a worldwide pandemic that continues to restrict the ability of many congregants to personally join us for services, threats to the safety of congregating Jews by anti-Semitic groups and the weather challenges that are inherent with the winter season, the flame of our Ner Tamid continues to remain lit to welcome all who enter our sanctuary. With that thought it mind, I couldn't help but be reminded of that well-known Motel 6 Hotel slogan, coined by radio personality Tom Bodett in the 1980's, "We'll leave the light on for you." No, Bodett is not Jewish, but it kind of makes one wonder if maybe his inspiration was the Ner Tamid of a synagogue! In any event, while we anxiously await a time when we can all join together in our sanctuary without the present health and safety concerns, rest assured Beth Sholom is doing everything possible to "keep the flame." Our Covid Task force, which includes health experts and medical professionals, is meeting weekly to review our protocols for keeping the building open safely. And, now that a new safety lock-down system is in place in our building, plans are currently underway for a comprehensive safety training program for all members of our congregation. And if all that is not enough, the warmer weather of spring is only a month away!

In the meantime, "the light is on!"

Rob Allen