



Parshat Sh'lach

Service Times

Friday, June 8

7:00 pm - Mincha
8:09 pm - Candle Lighting

Saturday, June 9

9:00 am – Shacharit
(9:45 am – Latest preferable time to say the shema)
10:00 am – Shabbat Morning Youth Groups
10:30 am – Youth Tefilla Begins

6:55 pm – Parsha Shiur
7:40 pm – Mincha
9:10 pm – Havdalah

Kiddush/Lunch Sponsor:

The Avrahami Family for the Ascara/Yahrzeit of Elie's father
Rabbi Shalom Brahami ben Misauoda v'Yossef

Jun 16 – Janet and Ken Fox in honor of the first Yahrzeit for Janet's mother, Leah Bakst

Jun 23 – Danielle Bellack in honor of her husband, Jason's, birthday, as well as their 10th wedding anniversary

June 30 - Abby Leibowitz Pearson to welcome her new niece Edie Rose Engel and Edie's parents.

Jul 7 - Available

Please consider marking a special event in your life by sponsoring a Kiddush. Contact Lenny Zucker at lenbarbz@alum.mit.edu. Regular Kiddush is \$150. Shabbat Academy Kiddush/Lunch is \$275.

Weekday Services

Mincha/Maariv services Monday and Wednesday at 6:35 pm.

Regular Classes

(Classes at the Dor Tikvah House. Park in the Shul parking lot, not the house.)

Torah Study @ 7:30pm on Sundays – The Avraham Stories

Lunchtime Talmud @ noon on Thursdays (With Facebook Live access. Please contact Rabbi@DorTikvah.org with questions.)

Dor Tikvah Youth Programs

For programming updates visit www.dortikvah.org/youth

Upcoming Dor Tikvah Events

June 24: Breakfast minyan. Speaker will be Councilman Keith Waring talking about West Ashley revitalization. Councilman Waring will lead a discussion panel that will include Councilman Marvin Wagner and Councilman Harry Griffin. (Councilman Waring's district covers the area which includes Congregation Dor Tikvah.)

Shacharit at 8:30am | (free) delicious hot breakfast at 9:15am | followed by the panel discussion.

Contact Charles Steinert at CharlesSteinert@gmail.com to RSVP for the breakfast. Everyone is invited - come with your questions.

Refuah Shelema

Yechil Yeshiahu ben Fradel

Robert Levinson

Hodel bat Raozel (Linda Kirshstein)

Yehudit Elisheva bat Miriam Leah Claret (Kate Kalin Tobakos)

Laella bat Simcha

Gershom ben Naomi

Talia bat Shoshana

Yosef Tzvi ben Chaya

Blooma bat Chaya Sara (Bertha Hoffman)

Miriam bat Mazal

Mordechai Yehuda Zelig ben Ettl (Marvin Katzen)

Bear Phillips

Tzvi Hirsch ben Pesha (Howard Hoffman)

Boaz Moshe ben Golda Tamar

Moshe ben Chava

Mary D. Anderson

Sura bat Oudis

Linda Milligan

Shmuel Zalman ben Shoshana

Chaya Leiba bat Nehama Beryl

Fraydl Shoshanna bat Leah Gittel (Fredee Chase)

Life Cycle

Birthday

- Linda Cohen (6/14)
- Colby Grossman (6/14)

Anniversary

- Sharon & Michael Stricker (6/9)
- Ruth & Barry Warren (6/14)

Yahrzeit

- Herbert A. Rosefield, grandfather of David Rosenberg (6/9)
- Richard Henriques, brother of Jennifer Phillips (6/10)
- Marvin Kaplin, brother-in-law of Gerry Katz (6/11)
- Harold Fox (6/13)

Contributions

- In Memory of Avraham ben Moshe HaCohen, by Aviva and Mathew Engel

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Rabbi Kalman Packouz | Aish HaTorah

Have you ever wondered why the Israeli Ministry of Tourism chose two of the Biblical spies as their logo? It is really puzzling. The report of the Spies caused the Jewish people to wander 40 years in the desert and for the whole generation to be wiped out. Here's the story:

In this week's Torah Portion, Sh'lach, Moshe sends 12 spies from the Sinai desert to spy out the land of Canaan. The spies spent 40 days perusing the land and the people. When they came back, 10 of them gave a negative report, which depressed the Jewish people and brought them to tears. Caleb tried to stop the rebellion. He told them, "Surely we can conquer the land." It didn't help. They shouted him down.

The 10 spies said, "No, we can't go to the Land ... it devours its inhabitants!" The Jewish people cried all night and said, "Let's appoint a leader and return to Egypt!" Joshua tells them, "The land is good! Don't rebel against the Almighty!" They prepare to stone Joshua...

Then the Almighty communicates with Moshe and tells him that the Jewish people will wander in the desert for 40 years, one year for each day the spies spent in the land of Canaan. Furthermore, the whole generation of men is condemned to perish in the desert; only Joshua, Caleb and the women - and the children who at the time of the incident were under the age of 20 - will eventually enter the land.

The Jewish people hear the decree, have tremendous regret and decide, "No, we will enter the land." Moshe tells them: "No. Don't go up. The Almighty is not with you. You will die by the sword of the Amalekites and Canaanites." A group goes up anyway ... they die by the sword of the Amalekites and Canaanites.

And now ... we return to our fascinating question: For what possible reason 3,300 years later would the Ministry of Tourism choose the two spies carrying a huge cluster of grapes on a pole as their logo? (And no, these were NOT the two good spies! Joshua and Caleb refused to carry the grapes.)

Rabbi Noah Weinberg, of blessed memory, gave the following answer. Sometimes when one travels to Israel (or anywhere else) there are problems - the plane is late taking off, your luggage does not arrive, the beautiful hotel in the brochure is noisy ... and the toilet is broken. Then the tour guide tells you, "No, you don't want to see that! I'll show you what you really want to see" ... but his van breaks down. You go back to the hotel for lunch, but unfortunately can't eat it because your stomach has an adverse reaction to breakfast. And this is just your first day! (Of course, these are the exceptions ... usually trips to Israel are filled with wonderful experiences!)

What is the lesson we should learn from the spies? When you return from Israel and someone asks you, "So, nu, how was Israel?" Remember the spies (!) ... and keep your mouth shut about any bad experiences! Don't speak negatively about the Land of Israel ... and while you're at it, don't speak negatively about others as well!

Dvar Torah *based on Growth Through Torah by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin*

The ten spies reported back to the Jewish people:

"The people who dwell in the land are extremely fierce and the cities are fortified and very great. We also saw the children of *Anak* (giants) there. We cannot go up to the people because they are stronger than us" (Num. 13:28,31).

The spies were sent to reconnoiter the land and bring back the report. What was their mistake?

The commentary *Akaidah* explains that the report of the spies was appropriate. They observed and they related what they saw. Their mistake was drawing a conclusion and rendering the decision that they we should not attempt to enter the Land. It was not up to them to come to any final conclusions, only to report the facts.

They were wrong about their not being able to conquer the land. The Almighty has the power to help against all odds. Just because in their minds they did not think it was possible for them to successfully take over the land of Israel did not mean that it was not really possible.

What is our lesson? We often see factors in situations and come to erroneous conclusions based on our perceptions. We must be very careful because oftentimes there are factors that we are unaware of or don't take into consideration. It is a special talent to be able to reach correct decisions based on the facts.

This is especially true when having to make judgments about other people. Some people have a strong tendency to reach negative conclusions about others that are inaccurate. Even if what you see about another person is basically true, always keep in mind that your conclusions could be wrong and the other person should still be judged favorably.