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Torah Thoughts from *Sermonic Wit* by Rabbi Bulka

BY DECREE

In the affirmation that is linked to the tithing, the tither asserts that...I have done according to all that You have commanded me (Deuteronomy, 26:14).

Rashi comments that we thereby say to God - I have done according to what you have decreed; now God do what is incumbent upon You.

The Kotzker Rebbe asks - Since tithing is a command with eminent logic to it, how can we refer to it as a decree?

The Kotzker Rebbe therefore adduces that the decree is not the tithing itself. The decree inheres in having to say the words - I have done according to all that You have commanded me.

Were it not that God has decreed that we utter those words, no Jew would ever be able to say them.

BLESSING FROM ON HIGH

The one bringing the tithe asks God to look at the people from on high, and bless them (Deuteronomy, 26:15).

Surely, God can bless the people without looking down from above. What is the meaning of this request?

In looking down from above, one does not see details. One sees a total and general picture.

The request we make of God is that God not look at our details, because we will all be found wanting. Instead we plead that God look at the total picture, which obscures the individual warts.

POINTS TO PONDER

Why was it necessary to recount the entirety of Israel's history, albeit in short form, when bringing the fruits (pp. 1117-1118, 26: 1-107)?

The essence of the recapitulation of Israel's history actually also forms the centerpiece of the Hagaddah for Pesah, the part in which we retell the story of enslavement. Why is this the centerpiece?

In asking for God's blessing, the request is preceded with the statement that God should look forth from Heaven (p. 1119, 26:15). Why do we ask God to look at us from Heaven? The essence of our request is that we should receive a blessing. Why should it matter from where the blessing comes as long as it is a blessing from God?

What is the significance of the requirement upon entry into Israel, to write out the Torah on monuments that would be set-up in the land (pp. 1120-1121; 27:1-8)?

HAFTARAH

The Haftarah for Kee Tavo is found in your Humashim, starting on page 1134.

Like its predecessors, this is the sixth in the series of seven comforting Haftarah readings following Tish'a B'Av, and is taken from the book of Yeshayah.

Darkness and light is the theme of this Haftarah. Whereas darkness may envelop the world, the light of God will shine upon Israel, who will be a light unto the nations.

Peace will prevail, so that the gates of Jerusalem will be open day and night for all to come and visit, and pay homage. Israel will be guided by the light of God.

The Haftarah concludes with the very poignant words referring to the fact that the smallest shall become like a thousand, and the youngest will become the mighty nation. This is a prediction with particular impact on present day reality.

Quote of the week:

You shall rejoice in all the good which the Lord your God has given to you...

Schedule of Services

Saturday, September 5

9:00 a.m.: Shaharit
7:20 p.m.: Minhah
8:14 p.m.: Shabbat Ends

Sunday, September 6

8:30 a.m.: Shahrit
7:15 p.m.: Minhah & Maariv

Monday, September 7-Labor Day

8:00 a.m.: Shahrit
7:15 p.m.: Minhah & Maariv

Tuesday—Thursday

6:45a.m.: Shaharit
7:15 p.m.: Minhah & Maariv

Friday, September 11

6:45 a.m.: Shaharit
Lighting: after 6:05 p.m./before 7:00 p.m.
7:10 p.m.: Minhah & Kabbalat Shabbat

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Shabbat Shalom Everyone!

We are starting to open up, and we can't wait to see all of you very soon.

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WEEKLY CLASSES

Please refer to emails, Facebook or the shul website for all virtual learning opportunities.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach

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YAHARZEITS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT 5

16 Elul—Sept 5 Robert Glustein Anne Levine Gerald Thaw	Betty Shapiro Carol Kimmel-Spiro Harry Froman
20 Elul—Sept 9 Sylvia Avery Dora Goodman Moshe Greenspan Rivka Helman Henry Kahane	
17 Elul—Sept 6 Rebecca Kamenetsky Nathan Steinman	
18 Elul—Sept 7 Bat Sheva Engel Sharon Koffman Sarah Silverman Samuel Slack Al Lerner	21 Elul—Sept 10 Sydney Abramowitz Tessie Rosen
19 Elul—Sept 8 Esther Levy Doris Loebel	22 Elul—Sept 11 Yaakov Brovender Nathan Diener David Stoller Betty Polowin