ROSH HASHANA, A CHANCE TO "JUST START"

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DARING TO TAKE THE PLUNGE"

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by Elizabeth (Elisheva) Lambert

Rosh Hashana was always a special time for me. It was ne of the two times during the year that my family would attend synagogue. The other time being, of course, Yom Kippur. Actually, I used to have to convince my parents and brothers to come with me. I thought that I must be the only teenager in the world who had to beg for a Jewish home.

My father, although he escaped the Nazis when they invaded Austria in 1938, felt the pain of the Holocaust for many years. He felt incredibly lucky to have made it to the United States. He changed his name and hoped his American family would be safe. But, in the process, he left religion behind. My mother was one of the founders of our synagogue (there had been none in our community previously) and even though she encouraged my attending Sunday School, she herself became disenchanted with religion. My older brother meanwhile, argued with me about the existence of G-d and the merits, or lack thereof, of

Such was my background; and when I went off to

college and started studying philosophy, my own faith was shaken. I was learning religion from Aquinas and Augustine, ethics from Kant and an analysis of Abraham and Isaac from Kierkegaard (a religious existentialist philosopher). Where were the Jewish philosophers? I again felt my incredible orance of Torah and Jewish history; but I didn't have a clue how to remedy this

So for the next twenty years or so, although I took a course on Judaism here and there and went to an occasional lecture, I remained ignorant. My only connection with my past was through my art. I did a series of paintings based on

the Jewish cemetery in Hohenems, Austria, where my ancestors were buried, starting back in 1610 and abruptly ending in the 1930's. To remember is an ancient Jewish obligation, and it was through these tombstones that I hoped to give honor to those who were so deprived of it. I wanted my paintings to be a haunting reminder of the loss. "Breathe upon these slain, that they may live..." (Ezekiel 37:9) I exhibited my work and participated in panel discussions, only to again realize how limited I was in my knowledge of Judaism. And sadly, I somewhat accepted all this as natural.

That is, until my nephew David, went to Harvard. I couldn't believe it. Within a year, he was wearing a yarmulka, observing the Sabbath and holidays, keeping kosher and reading Hebrew. While I was still contemplating, and thinking that faith was beyond my reach, my nephew David had become an observant Jew. However, he had more faith in me than I had in myself. I wasn't too old, he said, it asn't too late, and if he could learn, so could I. "Just art!" Instead of walking past Lincoln Square Synagogue looking embarrassed, just walk in. Learn Hebrew, study Torah. You will be accepted. He made it sound so simple. What had I been thinking all these years?

So, I took the Hebrew Reading Crash Course. When my teacher, Chaim, invited me to his home for Shabbat, I was a nervous wreck. How could I go to an Orthodox home on Friday night? I was sure to make a fool of myself with my incredible ignorance. I was sure that I would say or do the wrong thing. But within five minutes, Chaim's wife, Aliza, totally turned me around. She said I was actually helping her (can you imagine?), because by teaching me, her own focus was stronger. She said that Ba'alei Teshuvah are special because they have a genuine determination to learn and lead a spiritual life. I was overwhelmed by her graciousness.

for me. It was a year ago that I fulfilled the mitzvah of, "You shall return to the L-rd your G-d...with all your heart and with all your soul," (Deuteronomy 30:2-10). I felt very strongly that this would and must be the appropriate time for me. Although teshuvah (repentance) is not connected to any set time and is, in fact, always timely, it is, according to

Maimonides, especially appropriate during the ten days between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur and is accepted immediately. As the prophet says, "Seek Hashem when He is to be found," (Isaiah 55:6). It is during these ten days that Hashem opens

And on this Rosh Hashana, I can call my nephew who is now studying at a yeshiva in Israel and thank him for his encouragement and tell him that he was right. "Just start." For in a year, I have learned to read Hebrew and begun my study of Torah. I am starting to understand my ancestors and to proudly connect with my past. I have a long way to go, and am loving every minute.

our hearts and waits for us to return.

Likewise, on this Rosh Hashana, I can only hope to encourage others, who might be shy or intimidated, to begin this new year with a new awareness of Jewish life. I was thinking of Bath-Sheba's prophesy to King David, "Let my lord King David live forever," (Kings I: 1:31). She knew that King David was dying a physical death and perhaps she was referring to the after-life of his soul; but perhaps she knew that he would live on in all of us, and that it was our responsibility to make sure this happened. After all, as he is dying, King David says to Solomon, "I go the way of the earth: you shall be strong, therefore, and show yourself a man; And keep the charge of the L-rd your G-d to walk in his ways, to keep His statutes, and His commandments, and His judgements, and His testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do, and wherever you turn..." (Kings I:2:2-3) I believe King David was speaking to all of us. And what better time than now, this Rosh Hashana, to heed his words?

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Sunday, September 20th EREV ROSH HASHANA Selichot & Morning Services

Monday, September 21st ROSH HASHANA 5759 Kollel Minyan tuary and Ballroom

Kindle Rosh Hashana Candles Mincha



BIRTHS

Annette and Dr. David Araten, on the birth of a girl,
Shoshana Tzippora
Daniel and Ofira Diker, on the birth of a girl,
Beth and Daryl Gray, on the birth of a girl, Zoe Osiason
Didi and Adam Hutt, on the birth of a boy, Mitchell Joseph
Leslie Horowitz and Dr. William Kolbrenner,
on the birth of a girl, Frieda Malka
Dr. Helene and Andy Linder, on the birth of a boy, Ephraim Yoseph
Nancy and Alan Miller, on the birth of a boy, Yaakov Aharon
Miryam and David Noll, on the birth of a boy, Koppel
Elisheva and Yaakov Potesky, on the birth of a boy, Aaron
Drs. Kathy Halton and Marc Rosenblatt,
on the birth of twins, Daniel and Ann
Lisa and James Shenwick, on the birth of a boy, Daniel Adam
Bluma and Dr. Stephen Snyder, on the birth of a boy,
Yehuda Leib Shlomo
Leah and Heshey Steinacher, on the birth of a girl, Miriam Bluma

Leah and Heshey Steinacher, on the birth of a girl, Miriam Bluma Bonnie and Ed Weintraub on the birth of twins, Mendel Nissim and Elisheva

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HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

Rosh Hashana

Mon Sept 21st and Tues Sept 22nd 9:00 am Yom Kippur

Wed Sept 30th 9:00 am

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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Mincha 6:20 p.m. Begin Meal in Sukkah after 7:05 p.m.	
Monday, October 5th - SUKKOT	
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Mincha 6:10 p.m.	
Kindle Yom Tov candles after 7:16 p.m.	
Maariv	
Tuesday, October 6th SUKKOT Morning Services 8:00 & 8:45 a.m.	
Daf Yomi	
Mincha 6:10 p.m.	
Daf Yomi 5:25 p.m. Mincha 6:10 p.m. Maariv 7:16 p.m. Yom Tov ends 7:16 p.m.	
Wednesday, October 7th SUKKOT (CHOL HAMOED) Morning Services	
Thursday, October 8th SUKKOT (CHOL HAMOED) Morning Services	
Friday, October 9th SUKKOT (CHOL HAMOED) Morning Services 6:45 & 7:30 a.m. Kindle Shabbat Candles 6:07 p.m. Mincha 6:10 p.m.	
Morning Services 6:45 & 7:30 a.m.	
Kindle Shabbat Candles	
Shabbat, October 10th SUKKOT (CHOL HAMOED)	
Morning services	
Mincha 6:00 p.m.	
Daf Yomi 5:15 p.m. Mincha 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Ends 7:07 p.m. Daily Mincha & Maariy 6:05 p.m.	
Sunday, October 11th SUKKOT (HOSHANA RABA) Moming Services 6:30 & 8:30 a.m. Kindle Yom Tov Candles 6:04 p.m. Mincha 6:10 p.m.	
Morning Services	
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Daf Yomi	
Mincha	
Monday, October 12th SHMINI ATZERET Yom Tov and Moming Services 8:00, 8:45 & 9:30 a.m. Daf Yom! 5:15 p.m. Mincha 6:00 p.m. Kindle Yom Tov candles after 7:04 p.m. Maaniv & Hakafot 7:04 p.m.	
Tuesday, October 12th SIMCHAT TORAL	
Morning Services	
Family Service 9:00 a.m.	
Womens Tefillah Group 9:00 a.m.	
Mincha 6:00 p.m.	
Tuesday, October 13th SIMCHAT TORAH Morning Services 6:45, 8:00 & 9:00 a.m. Family Service 9:00 a.m. Womens Teffillah Group 9:00 a.m. Daf Yomi 5:15 p.m. Mincha 6:00 p.m. Maariv and Yom Tov ends 7:04 p.m.	
Friday, October 16 th Kindle Shabbat Candles	
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.	
Shabbat, October 17th (Bereshith) 8:00 a.m. Daf Yomi 8:00 a.m. Morning services 7:45, 8:45 & 9:45 a.m. Talmud & Bible class 4:50 p.m. Mincha 5:50 p.m. Shabbat Ends 6:57 p.m. Daily Mincha & Maariv 5:55 p.m.	
Daf Yomi	
Morning services	
Mincha 5:50 p.m.	
Shabbat Ends	
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Wednesday, October 21st ROSH CHODESH CHESHVAN Morning Services	
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Shabbat, October 24th (Noach)	
Daf Yomi 8:00 a.m.	

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