THE PRECIOUS GIFT OF LIFE

I can only move my eyes, but I can still bless my children and tell my wife that (

Winter, when early darkness envelops the world, the Jewish people celebrate the mitzvah of illuminating the Chanukah lights. The battle for life, the battle for truth, the victory for Judaism's wisdom, lights up our nights and fills our days with joy. As we sit near the flickering flames of the Chanukah lights, our long-term visions - the aspirations we have for living - become so meaningful to us.

The Torah's view is that the most precious commodity that every human being has is life itself. The Torah puts great emphasis on saving a life. It is to be intensely protected, nurtured, and healed; money is to be spent in order to save a life. A

person should be selfless and giving in order to rejuvenate someone else's life, and still be careful to protect one's own life. For there is almost no other mitzvah that supersedes this one, except for the three cardinal sins in Judaism (idolatry, illicit relations, murder). That means that a person can momentarily suspend doing most mitzvos in those minutes or hours in order to carry out the life-saving measures, if necessary. So why is it that when someone has what the medical world describes as an "incurable" or "devastating" disease, some people think that the person's life is possibly not worth living, chas v'sholem (G-d forbid)?

ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease, is a terrible affliction. It robs the person of self-determined movement. The person's care becomes the responsibility of others. Yet, the person's mind is intact, his senses become enhanced, his feelings and sense of touch completely alive, his intellect can be as clear as day. He can still study, learn the daily Daf Hayomi (page of the Talmud), listen to music and favorite stories. He can still chuckle inside at a good joke, love his family, pray for others and meditate on G-d's world and His greatness. He can still live the life that G-d has cut out for him and his loved ones. His soul can become great -- a big, bright ball of energy, albeit hidden in an unmoving body. Studies done in the last few years show that the vast majority of ALS patients who are cared for by family and friends, living on a respirator, expressed that they were happy to live, and would have made the same choice.

We are a family living with ALS. Over the last 6 years my husband, Reb Chaim, has become completely paralyzed, breathing with a respirator and only communicating with his eyes. We have since married off three more of our children. He has been honored to serve as "Sandek" (to hold the baby) at the circumcisions of a half dozen of his new grandsons. On a daily basis, our children complain to him about school, tell him jokes and

CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZAL TOV

ENGAGEMENTS

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MARRIAGES

Tobey Linhart and Yonah Goldschmidt of

Mazal Tov to parents, Dr. Leora and Richard Linhart and Annie Weisenthal

Sara Batva Spanbock to Jason Isaac Genrich Mazal Tov to parents, Carol Spanbock and the late Jonathan Spanbock, z"I

BIRTHS

Leah and Seth Goldberg on the birth of a son. Jack Henry (Yoseph Herschel) Mazal Tov to grandparents, Robin and Neil Goldberg Sophia and Akiva Moshe Prell on the birth of a son, Yitzchok Hadassah and Avraham Zvi Thau on the birth of a son, Adir David Mazal Tov to grandmother, Devorah Altman and grandfather, Rabbi Brian Thau

BAR/BAT MITZVAH

David Moshe Bousbib Mazal Tov to parents, Polly and Gabriel Bousbib Jeremy Feder

Mazal Tov to parents, Valerie and Danny Feder

CONDOLENCES

Judy Bonfil, on the loss of her sister, Leah Bonfil Neil Shapiro, on the loss of his father, Irwin Shapiro Family of Constance (Devorah) Tyler

SPEEDY RECOVERY/REFUAH SH'LAIMA

Geraldine Katz, Gershona Yehudit bat Rochel Ruth Nelkin, Rochel bat Sarah Barbara Reader, Baila bat Clarissa Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Reich, Mordechai Menashe ben Henya Ruchama Louis Vynerib, Elazar HaCohen ben Malka

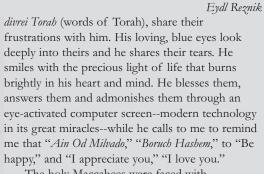
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TODAH RABBAH

Tova and Assaf Alster, Phyllis and Doug Rimsky, Michelle and Eli



The holy Maccabees were faced with unfathomable odds, their victory was filled with loss and death, but they knew the long term goal was the reclamation of the Temple and the future of

the Jewish people. In the darkest hours, Reb Chaim is like the lights of the Chanukah menorah. His strong and stoic presence exudes holiness into our home. Those who come to visit, sing or study with him always leave enlightened. ALS has not stopped Chaim from being a healthy, loving father and role model for his community. Every minute of life is irreplaceable. We all ask Hashem to bless us with clarity, with a good life. A life with meaning. A life worth living. A life with enlightened connection to G-d and G-dliness.

Those who would like to help the Reznik family with a tax deductible donation, should contact NJOP.

Mrs. Eydl Reznik is the director of a ground-breaking program that addresses the prevention of AD/HD and learning / behavior issues in the Jewish community. She is also a seasoned Yiddish teacher, teaching women of all ages to speak Mame-Loshn. Originally from NYC, she and her husband have hosted Yeshiva and Seminary students studying in Israel in their modest home in Tzfat for over 25 years.

SAVE THE DATES

Beginners Chanukah Shabbaton - \$50, lunch only \$25 Fri - Sat, Nov 30 - Dec 1

Beginners Chanukah Party \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, Wed, Dec 5, 7:00 PM

Beginners Shabbat Luncheons - \$25 Saturdays, 12:30 PM, Jan 5, Feb 2, March 2

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA, Fri, March 1

Beginners Shmooze - Free Mon, March 4, 8:15 PM

Purim Party \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, Wed, March 20, 8:45 PM

Model Seder

\$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, Mon, April 8, 7:00 PM

Beginners Passover Shabbaton - \$50, lunch only \$25 Fri- Sat, April 12 - 13

Salig, and Tova and Howard Weiser for making possible the participation of Rabbi Mordechai Reich and family in the Lincoln Square Synagogue High Holiday Beginners Service. Thanks also to the management of the Beacon Hotel

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The Gibber Family and Amanda Wojtowitz for the High Holidays flowers at the Lincoln Square Synagogue Beginners Service and Deborah Haller for setting up the beautiful flowers

Devorah Tyler was a very sensitive soul, who took her religion and spirituality very seriously. A beautiful and elegant woman who had more than her fair share of tough breaks in life, was always pleasant and friendly. A woman of impeccable style and taste, she tried to rehabilitate the shlumpy Beginners rabbi, by improving his fashion choices. unfortunately, to no avail. She will be sorely missed by her many friends and admirers.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sun December 2, 2018 - 24th of Kislev	Sat December 29, 2018 - 21st of Tevet	Wed Feb 6, 2019 - 1st of Adar I	Mincha6:30 PN
EREV CHANUKAH Mincha & Maariv 4:15 PM	Shemot Morning Services7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM	ROSH CHODESH Morning Services7:00 & 7:40 AM	Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 7:46 PN Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 6:55 PN
Light one candle after 5:01 PM Mon December 3, 2018 - 25th of Kislev	Beginners Service 9:15 PM Beginners Mishnayot 2:50 PM	Mincha	Wed Mar 20, 2019 - 13th of Adar II
FIRST DAY OF CHANUKAH	Lazar & Bible Classes 3:20 PM Mincha 4:05 PM	Fri February 8, 2019 - 3rd of Adar I Morning Services7:10 & 7:50 AM	TA'ANIT ESTHER Fast Begins
Morning Services 7:00 & 7:40 AM Light two candles after 5:01 PM	Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 5:19 PM	Candle Lighting 5:04 PM Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 5:10 PM	Morning Services 6:50 & 7:40 AM Mincha 6:40 PM
Tues December 4, 2018 - 26th of Kislev	Daily Mincha & Maariv 4:25 PM Tues January 1, 2019 - 24th of Tevet	Sat Feb 9, 2019 - 4th of Adar I	Ma'ariv7:30 PN
SECOND DAY OF CHANUKAH Morning Services7:00 & 7:40 AM	NEW YEARS DAY	Teruma Morning Services7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM	Fast Ends 7:40 PN Megilla Reading 7:40 & 9:15 PN
Light three candles after 5:00 PM Wed December 5, 2018 - 27th of Kislev	Morning Services 7:10 & 8:30 AM Fri January 4, 2019 - 27th of Tevet	Beginners Service 9:15 PM	Thur Mar 21, 2019 - 14th of Adar II
THIRD DAY OF CHANUKAH	Morning Services7:10 & 7:50 AM Candle Lighting4:24 PM	Beginners Mishnayot 3:35 PM Lazar & Bible Classes 4:05 PM	PURIM Morning Services 6:15 & 7:30 AN
Morning Services 7:00 & 7:40 AM Light four candles after 5:00 PM	Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 4:30 PM	Mincha4:50 PM Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends6:06 PM	Women's Megilla Reading 9:30 AM Additional Megilla Reading 1:00 PM
Thu December 6, 2018 - 28th of Kislev FOURTH DAY OF CHANUKAH	Sat January 5, 2019 - 28th of Tevet Vaerah	Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 5:15 PM	Early Mincha1:45 PN
Morning Services7:00 & 7:40 AM	Morning Services7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM	Fri Feb 15, 2019 - 10th of Adar I Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM	Sephardic Megilla Reading 3:45 AN Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:55 PN
Light five candles after 5:00 PM Fri December 7, 2018 - 29th of Kislev	Beginners Service 9:15 PM Beginners Mishnayot 2:55 PM	Candle Lighting 5:13 PM Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 5:15 PM	Fri Mar 22, 2019 - 15th of Adar II SHUSHAN PURIM
FIFTH DAY OF CHANUKAH Morning Services7:00 & 7:40 AM	Lazar & Bible Classes 3:25 PM Mincha 4:10 PM		Morning Services7:10 & 7:50 AM
Light six candles before/Candle Lighting	Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 5:26 PM Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 4:35 PM	Tetzaveh Morning Services 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM	Candle Lighting 6:52 PN Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:55 PN
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 4:11 PM	Mon Jan 7, 2019 - 1st of Shevat	Beginners Service 9:15 PM	Sat Mar 23, 2019 - 16th of Adar II
Sat December 8, 2018 - 30th of Kislev SIXTH DAY OF CHANUKAH	ROSH CHODESH Morning Services 7:10 & 7:40 AM	Beginners Mishnayot 3:45 PM Lazar & Bible Classes 4:15 PM	Tzav Morning Services7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AN
ROSH CHODESH - Miketz	Mincha/Ma'ariv	Mincha5:00 PM Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends6:15 PM	Beginners Service 9:15 PN Beginners Mishnayot 5:10 PN
Morning Services7:40, 9:00 & 9:45 AM Beginners Service9:15 PM	Fri Jan 11, 2019 - 5th of Shevat Morning Services7:10 & 7:50 AM	Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 5:20 PM	Lazar & Bible Classes 5:40 PN
Beginners Mishnayot 2:45 PM	Candle Lighting 4:31 PM	Mon Feb 18, 2019 - 13th of Adar I PRESIDENT'S DAY	Mincha6:40 PN Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends7:54 PN
Lazar & Bible Classes 3:10 PM Mincha 3:55 PM	Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 4:35 PM Sat Jan 12, 2019 - 6th of Shevat	Morning Services 7:00 & 8:30 AM	Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 7:00 PN
Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 5:11 PM	Bo Morning Services7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM	Fri Feb 22, 2019 - 17th of Adar I Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM	Fri Mar 29, 2019 - 22nd of Adar II Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Light seven candles after 5:11 PM Sun December 9, 2018 - 1st of Tevet	Beginners Service 9:15 PM	Candle Lighting	Candle Lighting
SEVENTH DAY OF CHANUKAH ROSH CHODESH	Beginners Mishnayot 3:05 PM Lazar & Bible Classes 3:35 PM		Sat March 30, 2019 - 23rd of Adar II
Morning Services7:00 & 8:30AM	Mincha 4:20 PM Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 5:33 PM	Ki Tisa Morning Services7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM	Shemini - Parashat Parah Morning Services7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv 4:15 PM Light eight candles after 5:00 PM	Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 4:40 PM	Beginners Service 9:15 PM	Beginners Service 9:15 PM
Mon December 10, 2018 - 2nd of Tevet EIGHTH DAY OF CHANUKAH	Fri Jan 18, 2019 - 12th of Shevat Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM	Beginners Mishnayot 3:55 PM Lazar & Bible Classes 4:25 PM	Beginners Mishnayot 5:15 PN Lazar & Bible Classes 5:45 PN
Morning Services 7:00 & 7:40 AM	Candle Lighting 4:39 PM	Mincha5:10 PM Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends6:23 PM	Mincha
Mincha/Ma'ariv 4:15 PM Tues December 11, 2018 - 3rd of Tevet	Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 4:45 PM Sat Jan 19, 2019 - 13th of Shevat	Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 5:30 PM	Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 7:10 PM
Morning Services. 7:10 & 7:50 AM Mincha/Ma'ariv 4:20 PM	Beshalach Morning Services7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM	Fri March 1, 2019 - 24th of Adar I Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM	Fri April 5, 2019 - 29th of Adar II Morning Services7:10 & 7:50 AM
Fri December 14, 2018 - 6th of Tevet	Beginners Service 9:15 PM	Candle Lighting 5:29 PM Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 5:35 PM	Candle Lighting 7:07 PN
Morning Services7:10 & 7:50 AM Candle Lighting4:11 PM	Beginners Mishnayot 3:10 PM Lazar & Bible Classes 3:40 PM	SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA 6:45 PM	Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:10 PN Sat April 6, 2019 - 1st of Nisan
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 4:15 PM	Mincha	Sat March 2, 2019 - 25th of Adar I Vayakhel	ROSH CHODESH - Parashat Hachodesh - Tazria
Sat December 15, 2018 - 7th of Tevet Vayigash	Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 4:50 PM	Morning Services7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM	Morning Services7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM
Morning Services7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM Beginners Service 9:15 PM	Mon Jan 21, 2019 - 15th of Shevat TU B'SHEVAT	Beginners Service 9:15 PM Beginners Mishnayot 4:00 PM	Beginners Service 9:15 PN Beginners Mishnayot 5:25 PN
Beginners Mishnayot 2:45 PM	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY Morning Services 7:00 & 8:30 AM	Lazar & Bible Classes 4:30 PM Mincha	Lazar & Bible Classes 5:55 PN Mincha 6:55 PN
Lazar & Bible Classes	Fri Jan 25, 2019 - 19th of Shevat	Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 6:31 PM Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 5:40 PM	Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 8:09 PN
Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 5:12 PM Daily Mincha & Maariv 4:20 PM	Morning Services7:10 & 7:50 AM Candle Lighting4:47 PM		Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 7:15 PM Fri April 12, 2019 - 7th of Nisan
Tues December 18, 2018 - 10th of Tevet A'SARAH B'TEVET	Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 4:50 PM	ROSH CHODESH Morning Services 7:00 & 7:40 AM	Morning Services7:10 & 7:50 AM
Fast begins at 6:03 AM	Sat Jan 26, 2019 - 20th of Shevat Yitro	Fri Mar 8, 2019 - 1st of Adar II	Candle Lighting 7:14 PN Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 7:20 PN
Morning Services 6:50 AM Mincha/Ma'ariv 4:05 PM	Morning Services7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM Beginners Service 9:15 PM	ROSH CHODESH Morning Services7:00 & 7:40 AM	Sat April 13, 2019 - 8th of Nisan
Fri December 21, 2018 - 13th of Tevet	Beginners Mishnayot 3:20 PM	Candle Lighting	Metzora - Shabbat Hagadol Morning Services7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AN
Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM	Lazar & Bible Classes 3:50 PM Mincha 4:35 PM	Sat Mar 9, 2019 - 2nd of Adar II	Beginners Service 9:15 PN Mincha 6:45 PN
Candle Lighting 4:14 PM Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 4:20 PM	Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 5:49 PM Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 4:55 PM	Pekudei - Parashat Shekalim Morning Services 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM	Shabbat Hagadol Drasha 7:10 PM Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 8:16 PM
Sat December 22, 2018 - 14th of Tevet	Fri February 1, 2019 - 26th of Shevat	Beginners Service 9:15 PM	Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 7:25 PM
Wayechee Morning Services7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM	Morning Services7:10 & 7:50 AM Candle Lighting4:56 PM	Beginners Mishnayot 4:10 PM Lazar & Bible Classes 4:40 PM	Thur April 18, 2019 - 13th of Nisan Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM
Beginners Service 9:15 PM Beginners Mishnayot 2:45 PM	Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 5:00 PM	Mincha5:25 PM Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends6:39 PM	Bedikat Chametz after 8:10 PN
Lazar & Bible Classes	Sat Feb 2, 2019 - 27th of Shevat Mishpatim	Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 6:45 PM	Fri April 19, 2019 - 14th of Nisan
Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 5:15 PM Daily Mincha & Maariv 4:20 PM	Morning Services 7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM Beginners Service 9:15 PM	Move clock forward Fri Mar 15, 2019 - 8th of Adar II	EREV PESACH, TA'ANIT BECHORIM Morning Services with Siyum
Tues December 25, 2018 - 17th of Tevet	Beginners Mishnayot 3:30 PM Lazar & Bible Classes 4:00 PM	Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM Candle Lighting 6:45 PM	
Morning Services 7:10 & 8:30 AM	Mincha4:45 PM	Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:50 PM	Latest time to burn Chametz11:11 AN Candle Lighting
Fri December 28, 2018 - 20th of Tevet	Ma'ariv/Shabbat ends 5:57 PM Daily Mincha & Ma'ariv 5:05 PM	Sat Mar 16, 2019 - 9th of Adar II Vayikra - Parashat Zachor	Mincha/Maariv 7:30 PM
Morning Services 7:10 & 7:50 AM Candle Lighting 4:18 PM	Tues Feb 5, 2019 - 30th of Shevat	Morning Services7:45, 9:00 & 9:45 AM	Begin Seder after 8:11 PN
	ROSH CHODESH Morning Services	Beginners Service 9:15 PM Beginners Mishnayot 5:00 PM	
	Mincha5:05 PM	Lazar & Bible Classes5:30 PM	