

Friday 14th June 2019

Candle Lighting 4.35pm

Maariv 6.15pm

Shabbat 15th June 2019

Shacharit 9.00am

Mincha 4.15pm

Maariv 5.34pm

A word from the Rabbi

SAME SAME BUT DIFFERENT

There is a fundamental conflict in life between individualism and collectivism.

Does the individual view himself as independent of the collective, free to pursue his own personal ambitions and hopes without giving thought towards the wellbeing of the community, or should each person view himself as part of the collective, sacrificing personal pleasures for the sake of communal advancement?

Both of these terms have their primordial roots in nature. Individualism can be seen in the loners of the wild- the tiger, the leopard, sharks and even beetles. They live their lives as loners, only seeking companionship when procreation is at stake. Their worlds are lonely, but self-fulfilling in that they come and go as they please, they fight off foes when necessary and pursue their basic needs when they desire.

Collectivism can best be seen in bees and ants. Each individual creature is merely a cog in the great machine that is the hive or the mound. Communal survival is the key, not individual.

Humanity has teetered between these two movements from time immemorial. At times we tend towards individualism like in the modern capitalistic societies, and at others towards collectivism, such as in communistic and socialistic societies, or in times of war.

Judaism similarly struggles with these concepts. On the one hand there is the idea that every soul is of infinite value, that Hashem loves each and every one of us and that providence, divine attention, is focussed also on the individual and not only on the collective.

On the other hand we believe in communal responsibility and share a collective identity and destiny.

Is there a role for individuality within the collective?

We all try to be different, act different and dress different, in an attempt to show off our uniqueness, the personal touch that distinguishes us from others. In fact we often look condescendingly at communities that standardize dress or behaviour as suppressing the individual. Although there may be truth to this sentiment in general, at times our perceived differences are only superficial. We often buy into the collective narrative and suppress our real uniqueness.

We all look different but we all think the same. Perhaps real individualism necessitates that we all think differently, even though we may look the same.

In this week's Parsha we read of the inauguration of the tabernacle through the 12 princes of Israel. The Torah details each of the twelve sacrifices, literally a twelve-fold repetition.

Why not just write that each of the princes brought the same as the one who preceded him? Twelve sets of ditto marks?

One suggestion is that although they superficially looked identical, they were intrinsically different. Each experience was, for each prince, different. I may pray the same Amida as you do, but our experiences are different.

Real differences are nuanced rather than blatant. External differences are often superficial attempts to obscure conformity. Real difference is on the inside.

Shabbat shalom

We wish a hearty Mazal Tov on your Bar/Bat Mitzvah Anniversary to:

Ryan Edelman
Shannon Klass

Zane Fingleson
Bryan Sher

Ilan Grauman
Ivor Trakman

We wish a hearty Mazal Tov on your Wedding Anniversary to:

Daniel and Gabrielle Isserow
Steve and Belinda Levy

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Sandra and Aaron Perry

We wish long life to the following Members who commemorate Yartzeit this week:

Mary Blitz	for her husband	Albert Blitz
Sharon Katz	for her father	Albert Blitz
Mary Blitz	for her father in law	Louis Blitz
Sharon Katz	for her grandfather	Louis Blitz
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Rhona Goodman	for her father	Elyó Hurwitz
Joel Kahan	for his mother	Raye Kahan
Robyn Weinberg	for her grandfather	Israel Kruger
Michael Levy	for his wife	Joy Levy
Mark Levy	for his mother	Joy Levy
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Bernice Zworestine	for her grandfather	Moshe Malkin
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Bernice Zworestine	for her aunt	Stella Miller
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