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Shabbat Bulletin

ב כסלו התשפ"ב
 שבת פרשת תולדות
Shabbat Parshat Toldot
November 5 - 6, 2021 / 5782
Please print this bulletin before Shabbat.

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SHABBAT SHALOM • שבת שלום

Rosh Chodesh Kislev is on Friday, November 5

Shabbat Parshat Toldot

Haftara: Malachi 1:1 - 2:7

Friday, November 5

- 4:34pm Plag Hamincha
 5:18pm Candle Lighting
 5:20pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv - Main Sanctuary and Upper Social Hall
 5:37pm Sh'kiah

Shabbat, November 6 / 2 Kislev

- 8:00am Shacharit - Upper Social Hall and Parking Lot
 9:10am Chumash Shiur - Main Sanctuary
 9:30am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary
 10:00am Kef Club for Kids - Lower Level
 10:09am Sof Zman K'riyat Shma
 4:00pm Snif Bnei Akiva Group leaves for BIBA - returns by 6:00pm
 - for kids in Kindergarten to Grade 6
 4:20pm Daf Yomi - Upper Social Hall
 4:33pm Plag Hamincha
 5:15pm Mincha - Main Sanctuary
 5:35pm Sh'kiah
 6:21pm Havdala
 7:20pm Musical Havdala on Facebook with Rev. Amiel Bender

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS AT 2:00AM
ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7.
"FALL BACK" ONE HOUR.

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

Mincha: 4:15pm Sunday to Thursday

Shacharit

Sunday: 8:00am and 9:00am

Monday and Thursday: 6:50am and 8:00am

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday:
 7:00am and 8:00am

Candle Lighting is at 4:09pm
 and **Mincha** is at 4:10pm
 on Friday, November 12

For our full schedule,
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Judy & Norman Lenetsky** and their families on the birth of a grandson on Saturday, October 30. Proud parents are Sarah & Adam Lenetsky. Sharing in their simcha are the baby's sister Ella, his maternal grandparents Esther & Morris Belk, his great grandmothers Lilian Lenetsky and Paula August, and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mazal Tov to **Vicky & Jimmy Shizgal, Vera Honigwachs** and Bracha & Morty Shizgal and their families on the engagement of their son and grandson **Josh Shizgal** to Talia Ganz of Toronto. Sharing in their simcha are Talia's parents Jodi & Jack Ganz, her grandparents Marlene & Peter Myerson and many delighted siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins in both families. Lovingly remembered at this time is Josh's grandfather Leo Honigwachs z"l and Talia's grandparents Rachmie & Hershel Ganz z"l.

Mazal Tov to **Rabbi Baruch & Rosette Solnica** and their families on the birth of a great grandson on Thursday, November 4 in New York. Proud parents are Adina & Aharon Gerson. Sharing in their simcha are grandparents Chani & Meir Gelman and Wendy & Alan Gerson and many delighted aunts uncles and cousins.

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Rabbi Freundlich's drashot on Shabbat are sponsored by **Lessy & A. Earl Kimmel** to mark the conclusion of shloshim for their beloved daughter Dr. Tracy A. Kimmel z"l (Toba Yehudit Feiga bat Avraham Yisrael v'Lessy - 29 Tishrei).

This Shabbat Bulletin and Rabbi Freundlich's Chumash Shiur on Shabbat morning are sponsored by Sarah & Adam Lenetsky in honour of the birth of their son.

UPCOMING SHIURIM, PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

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| Saturday 11/06 at 7:20pm | <i>Musical Havdala</i> with Rev. Bender - TBDJ Facebook Page |
| Sunday 11/07 at 8:00pm | <i>Rosh Chodesh Program for Women</i> with Rifki Freundlich - Library and Zoom |
| Monday 11/08 at 10:00am | <i>Tehilim Class</i> with Rifki Freundlich - Zoom |
| Monday 11/08 at 7:45pm | Jewish History Lecture with Rabbi Freundlich - Upper Social Hall and on Zoom |
| Tuesday 11/09 at 12:00pm | <i>Lunchtime Halacha Shiur</i> with the Rabbi - Zoom |
| Wednesday 11/10 at 12:15pm | <i>Wednesday Parsha Shiur</i> with the Rabbi - Upper Social Hall and Zoom |
| Thursday 11/04 at 12:30pm | <i>Parsha Shiur for Women</i> with Rifki Freundlich - TBDJ Library and on Zoom |
| Thursday 11/04 at 2:00pm | <i>Jewish Music Shiur</i> with Rev. Bender - Zoom |

Monday Nights at 7:45pm with Rabbi Freundlich

NEXT LECTURE: MONDAY, NOV. 8

MODERN JEWISH HISTORY PART II
FROM WORLD WAR I TO THE DECLARATION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL



A Difficult Rule

An ancient moment cast in modern times: Let us imagine our matriarch Rivka Imeinu going for an ultrasound to check out her unborn twins. The doctor takes in the scene of the twins resting comfortably: *They look very calm and so cute lying together... Looks like they will be the best of buddies...* the doctor offers... Rivka smiles: *Calm... cute? Are you kidding me doc? They aren't calm at all! They are totally worn out from their struggles... That's why they are quiet now... On my daily walks when I pass a place of Torah study and then a place of idolatry they wreak havoc from within... I am so worn out! If they are like this now before their birth, I do not know what to expect...*

The Torah reading of Parashat Toldot begins with the birthing pangs of our Matriarch Rivka:

וַיִּתְרַצְצוּ הַבָּנִים בְּקֶרֶבָּהּ

וַתֹּאמֶר 'אִם כֵּן לָמָּה זֶה אֲנֹכִי?' וַתֵּלֶךְ לִדְרֹשׁ אֶת הַשֵּׁם

The children agitated within her, and she said "if so why am I thus" and she went to inquire of Hashem.

(Breisheet 25:22)

Rashi teaches: *You must admit that this verse calls for a midrashic interpretation since it leaves unexplained what this struggling was about and it states that she exclaimed "if so why am I thus"?* She asked whether this was the normal course of child-bearing, feeling that something extraordinary was happening.

Our rabbis explain that the word וַיִּתְרַצְצוּ has the meaning of running, moving quickly: *whenever she passed by the doors of the Torah* (i.e. the schools of Shem and Ever), *Yaakov moved convulsively in his efforts to come to birth, but whenever she passed by the gate of a pagan temple Esav moved convulsively in his efforts to come to birth.* (Breisheet Rabbah 63) Another explanation is: *they struggled with one another and quarrelled as to how they should divide the two worlds as their inheritance.* (Yalkut)

Hashem informs Rivka that *two nations are in your womb; two regimes from your insides will be separated the might shall pass from one regime to the other and the elder shall serve the younger...* (Breisheet 25:23) The stage was set for the ongoing struggle which began in Rivka's womb prior to the birth of Yaakov and Esav - a struggle that will accompany our people until the end of time.

Dr. Joseph Frager explains that Parshat Toldot tells us rather explicitly why the Jews have suffered for over two thousand years. He writes that the hatred is not rational or logical. Esav's hatred for Yaakov will pass down to his descendents and will challenge Jewish continuity throughout the course of history. Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai said:

בִּידוּעַ שֶׁנֶּשְׂאוֹ שׁוֹנֵא לִיעֶקֶב

It is a law, it is known that Esav hates Ya'akov.

Our sages call it a Torah Rule. In the same way that our divine Torah laws can't be changed and are valid forever, the Jew-haters are an eternal fact of this world. Dr. Frager writes that *...our sages do not call it a tendency or a happenstance. Unfortunately, it is part of the universe we were given. It is part and parcel of Hashem's running the world. It does not make one feel any better about it... It does not excuse those who cause us to suffer either. It just explains it.*

Esav hates Yaakov... It is a difficult rule. Yet, it is a reality that we are educated about and forced to grow up with. We have been trained to be vigilant of those around us who are on the lookout to harm us with their antisemitic actions in our synagogues, neighborhoods, schools, workplaces and more...

Esav hates Yaakov... It is a difficult rule or concept to live with and, at times, hard to understand within the frameworks of our lives. We all have non-Jewish friends and colleagues. They do not hate us. Still, many of us have read and heard the testaments and memoirs of our Holocaust survivors about their friendly non Jewish neighbor's tendencies to turn on them during the years of the Nazi regime. A short six months ago we witnessed the violent change of face in Israel where seemingly peaceful non-Jewish residents and neighbors destroyed synagogues and properties in Ramle and in other cities.

I remember reading a commentary to the words צָא וּלְמַד in a Haggadah published in 1895 where the author wrote about the Polish government and its relationship with the Jews. He wrote that while at the time things were okay with the rulers in Poland, you never knew when things could change. In the face of antisemitism, we, as Jews, have learned to keep our eyes open and not to let our guard down.

The twins struggled with each other within Rivka's womb. It is not out of the ordinary, as the womb is a small and constricted place for one baby, let alone multiple pregnancies. This was however, a different kind of struggle, a struggle which prophesized the future struggles and challenges of our people. Similarly and alarmingly, as Jews, we have seen throughout the history of our people how the womb of the world at large becomes a narrow and constricted place burning with hate as the rage of antisemitism flows, encircling us everywhere.

A few months ago, on the second evening of Shavuot, as the fires of discontent were ablaze in Israel spreading Jewish hatred around the world, anti-Jewish sentiment was evident in our places of residence in Cote St. Luc and Hampstead as well. We elected to daven the evening Maariv prayer of Yom-Tov early, ensuring the safety of our congregants and enabling them to walk home while it was still light outside, as we were worried about them returning to their homes following services - many of them alone - in the dark.

Esav hates Yaakov... - עֵשׂוֹ שׁוֹנֵא לִיעֶקֶב - It is an age old rule and at times, Baruch Hashem, a difficult rule to understand and accept as many of us are fortunate to not feel the effects of this rule in our lives. While we pray that we continue to be fortunate and not live in a world where this rule takes effect, we must be mindful as Jews of the narrowness of the womb of this intolerant world.

Shabbat Shalom,

Rev. Amiel



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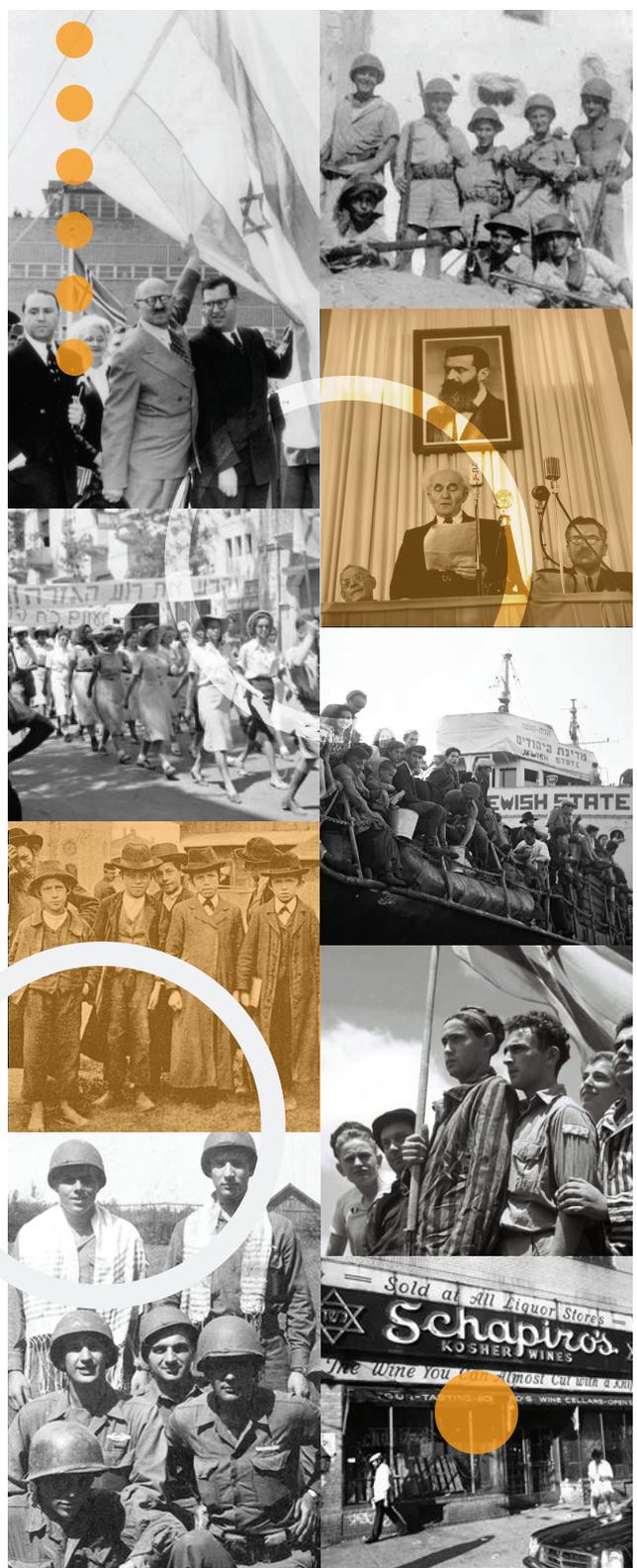
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