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Shabbat Bulletin

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Shabbat Parshat Ki Tavo
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SHABBAT SHALOM • שבת שלום

Shabbat Parshat Ki Tavo

Haftara: Yeshayahu 60:1-60:22

Friday, September 16

- 5:35pm Plag Hamincha Minyan - Main Sanctuary
- 5:46pm Plag Hamincha
- 6:30pm Minha et Kabbalat Shabbat - Minyane Sépharade - Chapel
- 6:46pm Candle Lighting
- 6:50pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat - Main Sanctuary
- 7:04pm Sh'kiah

Shabbat, September 17 / 21 Elul

- 8:00am Shacharit - Hashkama Minyan
- 8:40pm Chumash Shiur with Rabbi Claman
- 9:00am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary
- 9:00am Shacharit - Minyane Sépharade
- 9:42am Sof Zman Kriyat Sh'ma
- 10:00am Kef Club Shabbat Programs for Kids - Lower Level Classrooms
- 5:45pm Plag Hamincha
- 6:15pm Minha et Seoudah Shleesheet - Minyane Sépharade - Chapel
- 6:35pm Mincha, Seudah Shleesheet and Maariv - Main Sanctuary
- 7:02pm Sh'kiah
- 7:47pm Havdala
- 9:15pm Pre-Selichot Musical Havdala, Kumzits and Social Hour with Rev. Amiel and Musical Friends - Upper Social Hall
- 10:30pm Musical Selichot - Main Sanctuary
- 12:00am Selichot - Lower Level Chapel

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

Mincha/Maariv:

6:35pm Sunday to Thursday

Shacharit

Sunday: 8:00am / Monday and Thursday: 6:50am
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 7:00am

On Friday, September 23

Candle Lighting is at 6:32pm

Mincha is at 6:35pm

Minyane Sépharade Minha is at 6:25pm

For our full schedule, go to tbdj.org/calendar.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Edie & Phil Friedman** and their family on the birth of grandson Chai Friedman in Tel Aviv on Friday, September 2. Proud parents are Dalya & Charlie Friedman. Sharing in their simcha are Chai's great-grandparents Norma & Howard Bruckner of New York and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mazal Tov to **Shoshana & Moishe Neuer** and their family on the birth of great-granddaughter Liba Sarah Garber in New York on Friday, September 9. Proud parents are Alta Yehudit Neuer & Harris Garber. Sharing in their simcha are Liba's grandparents Carmen Csillag & Etzion Neuer of Teaneck, NJ and Sharon & Israel Garber of Lawrence, NY, her great-grandparents Esther & Steve Csillag and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins.

Condolences to **Jason & Miri Bowen** and their family on the loss of Jason's beloved grandmother Rose Margolis Bowen z"l who passed away on Wednesday, September 14. Funeral scheduled for 1:00pm on Friday, September 16 at Paperman & Sons. Shiva at her home from Friday, September 16 to Tuesday, September 20; 3:00pm-5:00pm on Friday, 2:00pm-4:00pm and 7:00pm-9:00pm Sunday through Tuesday; Maariv at 7:30pm Sunday through Tuesday.

Condolences to the family of Rabbi Sender Shizgal z"l who passed away on Thursday, September 15 in Israel. Funeral and burial took place on Friday, September 16 in Israel. Rabbi Shizgal was the former Rabbi of TBDJ's High Holiday Parallel Services, and former Rabbi of Beth Israel Beth Aaron Congregation.

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TBDJ is excited to host
The Shabbat before Rosh Hashana
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Parshat Netzavim
September 23rd - 24th



Friday night between Mincha & Maariv

"Relishing in What is; Not Petitioning on Shabbat"

Shabbat Drasha in Shul

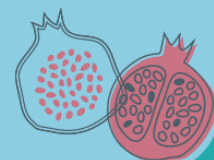
"Those that are Here and Those that are Not;
A Shacharit & Mussaf Perspective"

Shabbat afternoon an hour before Mincha

"Being a Mentch;
The Secret to Gain Repentance from G-d?"

Seudat Shlishit

"The Shofar; Just a SLIGHT Turn"



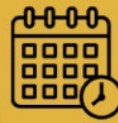


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at Hebrew Academy

*(5700 KELLERT - PLEASE ENTER THROUGH
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*Saturday
September 17th*



5-6 pm

*walking groups will leave TBDJ at
4:30pm and return at 6:30pm*



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Be Happy With All of the Goodness

You shall rejoice with all the goodness that Hashem, your G-d, has given you and your household.

(Devarim 26:11)

The above verse from our Torah portion of Ki-Tavo defines the Jewish idea of contentment. To rejoice with all the goodness that Hashem has given us. But, not only for ourselves. We share our joy with those around us. Similarly, our High Holiday liturgy is not only about praying for ourselves, but many of our prayers are in plural as well, as we pray for our households, family and community as well.

The idea of the household, the home, a term specifying the inclusion of the family, is mentioned in the Torah in connection with our ancestors. When our patriarch Yaakov and his sons descended to Egypt the verse tells us about *all of the people of Jacob's household who came to Egypt* (Brisheet 46:27). In the preparations for the exodus from Egypt, Bnei Yisrael were instructed to - *take for themselves - each man - a lamb or kid for each father's house, a lamb or kid for the household* (Shemot 12:3). In this context, the father's house refers to the extended family and the mitzvah of the Pesach offering that was to be shared within the family framework. Hence, as Bnei Yisrael prepared for the exodus from Egypt, they would become a nation built not of individuals, but built of households and family units.

The idea of happiness is an inclusive one. We need to share our emotions. When good things happen in our lives, we rush to inform those closest to us - our family. Conversely, in somber circumstances, the family are the first to receive the news.

I heard an amazing story about the need to share the special moments in our lives with those close to us. A few years ago, there was a wedding within a chassidic dynasty and the rebbe of the chassidim was present at the simcha. Before the rebbe left, he wished one of the fathers of the young couple a "Mazel Tov" and he requested that the man call him when he got home after the wedding, regardless of the hour. Sure enough, the man got home in the wee hours of the morning, and he sat down right away at the telephone and called his rebbe. The rebbe's assistant answered the phone, and he told the man that the rebbe was asleep and that the man should call back later on. The man insisted repeatedly that the rebbe told him to call and that he could not disobey the rebbe. The rebbe must've heard the conversation because a moment later the man heard him tell his assistant that he would take the call.

The rebbe asked the man about all the details of the wedding. He wanted to know everything, and he wanted to hear it from the man himself. Upon hanging up the phone following a lengthy conversation, the rebbe's assistant apologized that the rebbe was bothered in the middle of the night and that he had tried to persuade the man to call back in the morning. The assistant concluded that the call must have been important. "It was" the rebbe answered his assistant. The rebbe told the assistant that he wanted the man to tell him about the wedding down to the last detail. The assistant was surprised. His rabbi had such a busy agenda, and he needed his precious sleep. The rebbe explained: The man just married off his last child. His wife sadly passed away in the recent past and did not have the opportunity to see her child married. The man had to go through the simcha alone without his beloved wife and he returned to an empty home following his simcha. I realized that when he got home, he would need someone to talk to and share the excitement and emotion of the evening with someone close to him. And so, I told him to call me. The man needed to share the goodness that Hashem gave him with someone close to him - his rebbe.

At this time of year before the High Holidays, we reflect on the past year - on the ups and downs that were part of our lives. Psychologically focusing on, and appreciating, the positive things and the good moments in our lives, is encouraging and favorable to our mental sense of balance. The Mishna in the *Ethics Of The Fathers* (Chapter 4:1) reminds us of the proper - albeit at times challenging - attitude when it comes to measuring our personal happiness or, if you will, contentment: *Who is rich? One who is happy with his lot.* When we are

happy with what we have achieved and are not sorry about what we do not have, we are rich... we are happy... we are content... Happiness is the art of taking pleasure in what you have. Unhappiness is the art of focusing on what you don't have.

The Midrash in Breisheet Rabba 65 brings the following quote from Rav Papa:

רבות עשית ה' אלוני נפלאותיך ומחשבותיך אלינו כל הנפלאות והמחשבות שעשית לא עשית אלא לטובותינו

Hashem, My G-d, you have done much, your wonders and thoughts are towards us, all the wonders and thoughts that you have performed were only done for our good...

While we must rejoice with all of the goodness that Hashem gives us, we don't always realize the good when we see it. At times the good shines through challenging circumstances, but we must realize that Hashem has our best interests at heart. I remember watching a movie many years ago about a middle-aged gentleman who felt that he had no worth in life. Nothing was good. At an extremely low point in his life, an angel descended from heaven and took him on a tour, showing him a movie reel of the world that would have existed without him. The gentleman saw the grave of someone close to him, a friend whose life he had saved as a child. He saw conditions of poverty that had not benefited from his acts of charity. The angel succeeded in proving to the man that his life was valuable and that he made a big difference in the lives of those around him.

We are going to begin our Days Of Awe in earnest with the beginning of the Slichot season this Saturday night. Like a father who loves a child, Hashem wants our teshuva and gives us the opportunity to repent for our wrong doings. Moreso, according to the beautiful words below, Hashem is pleading with us to repent. Imagine that. We are the ones who should be pleading our forgiveness from Hashem, and it is Hashem who is pleading that we approach him in repentance. Hashem himself wants the goodness for us and our households to continue! I found these soul stirring words from the Midrash (Shir Hashirim Chapter 5) in Pitchu Li, a hauntingly beautiful Miami Boys Choir song released in 2015.

ה' דופק על דלתִי לְבָנִי, מִתְחַנֵּן וּמִבְקֵשׁ עַל דְּלִתִּי לְבָנִי, בְּנִי יְקִירִי אֲתָם תַּעֲשׂוּ רַק אֶת הַצֵּד הָרָאשׁוֹן, אִמְרֵי הַקְדוּשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא לְיִשְׂרָאֵל - בְּנִי, פִּתְחוּ לִי פֶתַח כְּחֵדָה נֶשֶׁל מַחֲטָה, וְאֲנִי אֶפְתָּח לָכֶם פֶּתַח כְּפִתְחוֹ נֶשֶׁל אוֹלָם

Hashem is knocking on the doors of our hearts
Pleading and requesting, my son, my precious son
You will take, just the first step.

The Kadosh Baruch Hu said to Israel - my son
Make for me an opening, the size of a pinhole
And I will expand for you an entrance
Like the entrance to a banquet hall.

All we need to do, is to approach Hashem with that first essential step of teshuva. It is a small step, a baby step. That is all that Hashem wants. No fancy flower bouquets, no elaborate teshuva steak dinners or kiddushim for a repenting crowd. Just... one small step. That step will open the door to the banquet hall of Hashem's loving acceptance of our pleas with the hope and prayer that we will again in the coming year merit a year of goodness from Hashem for ourselves and our families, for our community and for Klal Yisrael.

The opening mitzvah in our Torah portion is to bring the *Bikurim*, the first fruits, to Yerushalayim to the Beit Hamikdash and present them to the Kohen. The Sifri teaches in his commentary, that to rejoice with all the goodness is to rejoice with song. Just as the joy in our service of Hashem is elevated through song and praise, our joy in all the good that Hashem has given us, enabling us to keep the Mitzvah of Bikurim, is through song. Let us please G-d rejoice in all our mitzvot in the upcoming year in good health, with Ahavat Hashem and when possible... with song!!!!

Shabbat Shalom,

Rev. Amiel