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Shabbat Parshat Sh'lach
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SHABBAT SHALOM • שבת שלום

Rosh Chodesh Tamuz is on Monday, June 19 and Tuesday, June 20

Molad is on Sunday June 18 at 3:36pm and 15 chalakim

Shabbat Parshat Sh'lach

Haftara: Yehoshua 2:1 - 2:24

Please note that Rabbi Claman is out of town this Shabbat. Rabbi Eric Grossman will teach the Morning Parsha Shiur and deliver the Shabbat Sermon in the Main Sanctuary.

Friday, June 16

- 6:30pm Minha et Kabbalat Chabat -
Minyane Sépharade - Chapel
- 6:50pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat
- Main Sanctuary
- 7:07pm Plag Hamincha
- 8:27pm Candle Lighting
- 8:45pm Sh'kiah

Shabbat, June 17 / 28 Sivan

- 8:00am Shacharit - Hashkama Minyan
- 8:40am Parsha Shiur with
Rabbi Eric Grossman
- 9:00am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary
and Minyane Sépharade
- 9:00am Sof Zman K'riyat Shma
- 9:30am Youth Minyan - Youth Chapel
- 9:30am Kef Club Shabbat Programs
for Kids - Lower Level
- 7:08pm Plag Hamincha
- 8:15pm Minha, Seudah Shleesheet
et Shiour - Minyane Sépharade
- 8:20pm Mincha, Seudah Shleesheet
and Maariv - Main Sanctuary
- 8:46pm Sh'kiah
- 9:44pm Havdala

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Lori & David Diner, Eleanor Diner** and Lynne Seidman and their families on the upcoming wedding of their daughter and granddaughter Talia Diner to Yakir Magence on Thursday, June 22. Sharing in their simcha are Yakir's parents Shawna Magence and Jeremy Magence of Toronto and many delighted siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins in both families. Lovingly remembered at this time are Talia's beloved grandfathers Mel Diner z"l and Harold Seidman z"l.

Condolences to **Pauline Herscovitch Richman** and her family on the loss of her beloved husband TBDJ Member **Reuben Richman z"l** who passed away on Monday, June 12. Funeral took place on Wednesday, June 14. Shiva continues until the morning of Tuesday, June 20; 2:00pm-4:00pm and 7:00pm-9:00pm on Sunday at 61 Heath Place, Hampstead H3X 3L6; 7:00pm-9:00pm on Monday at 85 Hampstead, Hampstead H3X 1K5; Evening Services at 7:10pm.

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Rabbi Claman's *Lunch & Learn* Program on Wednesday, June 21 is sponsored by **Aviva & Ami Drazin** and by **Rachel & Judah Aspler** in memory of Aviva and Judah's beloved grandfather Sholem Aspler z"l (Avraham Sholem ben Yitzchak v'Fruma Esther - 2 Tamuz).

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Mincha / Maariv: 8:30pm

Shacharit

Sunday: 8:00am
Monday and Tuesday (Rosh Chodesh): 6:45am
Wednesday and Friday: 7:00am
Thursday: 6:50am

Friday, June 23

Mincha - Minyane Sépharade: 18h30
Mincha - Main Sanctuary: 6:55pm
Plag Hamincha: 7:09pm
Candle Lighting is at 8:29pm

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



Is someone in your family graduating this spring?

TBDJ would like to wish them "Mazal Tov" in the Shabbat Bulletin of June 24!

Write brian@tbdj.org with details - including the graduate's name, school and degree or class level, along with the names of the graduate's parents and/or grandparents who are members of TBDJ.

Using our Eyes in a Positive Way

Years ago, when our family made aliyah, there was a joke that was common among immigrants to Israel:

A person moves to Israel and nothing is going right. He doesn't get his immigration papers on time. His phone is installed three months late. Things are more expensive than he thought. He can't find the right school for his children and more. The frustrated young man meets his aliyah agent, and complains to him: "I don't understand! When I came on my pilot trip with my wife six months ago everything was perfect!" The agent smiles and gives him a friendly slap on the back: "היית אז תייר חביב, עכשיו אתה גר כאן. Then... you were a tourist, now... you live here!"

In this week's parsha, we read the story of the meraglim, twelve men of stature, one from each tribe, who were sent to check out the Land of Israel.

Hashem tells Moshe: שלח לך אנשים - *Send out for yourself men who will scout the Land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Children of Israel...* (Bamidbar 13:2).

This is seemingly the beginning of the story, that it was Moshe's initiative to send the spies. At the time Bnei Yisrael was but one year out of Egypt. In Parshat Devarim, we learn that, thirty eight years later, when Moshe reminisces about the events that occurred during Bnei Yisrael's forty years in the desert, he reveals a different incentive for sending the spies: *And you all drew near to me and said, 'Let us send men ahead of us to spy out the land'* (Devarim 1:22). It was Bnei Yisrael who made this request. Moshe consulted Hashem to determine what to do, and Hashem allowed the expedition to take place.

It would seem that the idea of sending spies to scout the land suggests an insult to the Almighty for all the good that was done for Bnei Israel, following their miraculous redemption from Egypt with the promise of settling them in the Holy Land. There is a hint to this in the words of the opening verse of our Torah portion, Parashat Shelach:

Send forth men to spy out the land of Canaan that I am giving to Bnei Yisrael...

Hashem with all his love for Bnei Yisrael is taking them to a land that he chose for them where they will be his chosen people. The verse says in Hashem's words: *The land that I am giving to Bnei Yisrael.* If Hashem promised the land, what can be bad? It is as if Hashem is saying with a mild rebuke: *I, the Creator of the world who controls everything, have decided that you, Bnei Yisrael, are going to get the most precious piece of real estate on earth. Are you actually checking out this gift? Are there really any doubts about the land that I am giving you?*

Rabbi Abba Wagensberg cites the Slonimer Rebbe's words in *Netivot Shalom* which teach that Moshe and Bnei Yisrael had different reasons for sending spies into the land. Moshe had complete trust in Hashem. He had no doubt that the land was good; he merely wanted to learn how to prepare for it in the best possible way. Bnei Yisrael, on the other hand, had a different motivation. They were wary of entering unknown territory - even though it had been divinely promised to them - and thus were primarily interested in investigating the physical and material nature of the land.

Rabbi Wagensberg explains the challenge which faced the spies with the commentary of the *Ohr Gedalyahu* (Rabbi Gedalyahu Schorr 1910-1979). Were they to carry out Moshe's mission or Bnei Yisrael's? Whose agents were they going to be? Would they be guided by Moshe's perspective, and look at the land through spiritual eyes, or would they instead see the land from the physically-oriented perspective of Bnei Yisrael?

With reference to the above joke about the *oleh* in Israel, we recognize that we see the world through different eyes. When people make aliyah, they do so for a variety of reasons, but mainly because Israel is the place for every Jew to be. It is because Israel affords us the much-needed and necessary spirituality that is in many ways elusive in the diaspora and because, in simple words, Israel is our home. It is in this spirit that my parents chose to make aliyah in the summer of 1969. While materialism is important, it is not necessarily the first priority when considering aliyah. We need to remember that Israel is, in the words of the Torah:

A land the L-rd, your G-d, looks after; the eyes of the L-rd your G-d are always upon it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year (Devarim 11:12).

It is interesting to note that the Torah portion begins with the episode of the spies and concludes with the Mitzvah of Tzitzis. Within the Torah's introduction of the Mitzvah of Tzitzis we find the verse:

This shall be fringes - Tzitzis - for you, and when you see it, you will remember all the commandments of Hashem to perform them, and you shall not wander after your hearts and after your eyes after which you are going astray. (Bamidbar 15:39)

Keeping Hashem's commandments is contingent upon not straying with our eyes and our hearts. There is a big world out there and we may ask: *Through which eyes do we see and perceive our world?* The spies had a choice: To see the land of Israel through their eyes or through Moshe's eyes. Ten out of the twelve spies chose to share their evaluation of their scouting trip through their eyes, a negative description of the land and its inhabitants which caused their generation to react with a hysterical and panic-ridden response. This response triggered an extreme punishment from Hashem, a change in the duration of the nation's journey to their destiny to the Holy Land, which became a forty-year sojourn. That generation of men was destined to die in the desert and did not merit to enter the Holy Land.

There is much to learn from the episode of the meraglim, the spies. Do we look for positive or for negative in our lives? Do we have enough faith in Hashem and in ourselves to understand that minor setbacks are but a part of our journey towards our goals? Do we take the time to properly evaluate circumstances and situations and how they relate to us? Do we see the bigger picture in our long term goals as we negotiate the many things that go on in our lives?

Shabbat Shalom,

Rev. Amiel



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