



CONGREGATION TIFERETH BETH DAVID JERUSALEM

Shabbat Bulletin

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שבת פרשת כי תצאShabbat Parshat Ki Teitzei
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SHABBAT SHALOM • שבת שלום

Shabbat Parshat Ki Teitzei

Haftara: Yeshayahu 54:1 - 54:10

Friday, August 25

- 6:05pm Early Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat - Library
- 6:30pm Minha et Kabbalat Chabat - Minyane Sépharade - Chapel
- 7:15pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat - Main Sanctuary
- 7:27pm Candle Lighting
- 7:46pm Sh'kiah

Shabbat, August 26 / 9 Elul

- 8:00am Shacharit - Hashkama Minyan
- 8:40am Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Claman
- 9:00am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary and Minyane Sépharade
- 9:30am Kef Club Shabbat Programs for Kids - Lower Level
- 9:32am Sof Zman K'riyat Shma
- 10:15am **The Zone for Grades 1-3 in Library**
- 10:45am **The Zone for Grades 4-6 in Library**
- 6:00pm *Perek in the Park* with Rabbi Zolly Claman and Rabbi Michael Whitman at Applewood Park in Hampstead
- 6:19pm Plag Hamincha
- 6:45pm Shiur with Rabbi Claman in the Library - *Letters from the Rambam*
- 7:00pm Minha, Seoudah Shleesheet et Shiour - Minyane Sépharade
- 7:15pm Mincha, Seoudah Shleesheet and Maariv - Main Sanctuary
- 7:44pm Sh'kiah
- 8:30pm Havdala

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Renee & Martin Lieberman** and to **Susan Lieberman** and their families on the wedding of their daughter and granddaughter Nicole Lieberman to Adam Scharaga on Sunday, August 27. Sharing in their simcha are Adam's parents Shelley & Ira Scharaga of Woodmere, New York and many delighted siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins in both families.

Mazal Tov to **Andrea & Dean Mendel** and to **Joseph Mendel** and Issie Zlotnik and their families on the wedding of their daughter and granddaughter Paulina Mendel to Adam Freeman on Sunday, August 27. Sharing in their simcha are Adam's parents Jane & Elden Freeman of Toronto and many delighted siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins in both families. Lovingly remembered at this time are Paulina's grandmothers Libby Zlotnik z"l and Anna Mendel z"l.

Mazal Tov to **Sari & Shlomo Drazin**, **Ruth Drazin** and Rozanne Polansky on the birth of grandson and great-grandson Noah Irwin (Yisrael Noah) Shapiro on Shabbat, August 12 in New York City. Proud parents are Deena & Jacob Shapiro. Sharing in their simcha are Noah's brother Max, his paternal grandparents Monica & Sandy Shapiro and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mazal tov to **Aviva & Ami Drazin**, **Baila Aspler** and **Ruth Drazin** on the engagement of their daughter and granddaughter Noa to Efrayim Saks, son of Nechama & Danny Saks of Teaneck, New Jersey.

Condolences to **Rabbi Zolly & Penina Claman** and their family on the loss of Rabbi Claman's beloved uncle Dr. David Frim z"l who passed away on Tuesday, August 22 in Skokie, Illinois. Husband of Tammy Claman. Funeral took place on Friday, August 25 in Skokie.

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Rosh Hashanah Day One - Shabbat, September 16

Rosh Hashanah Day Two - Sunday, September 17

Yom Kippur - Monday, September 25

The TBDJ Office is currently working on confirming seat reservations for all of our services. If you have already contacted us with your requirements for this year, we thank you! If not, please send your list of attendees to brian@tbdj.org as soon as possible along with your preferred choice of minyan: Main or Parallel Services.

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NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Mincha / Maariv: 7:20pm

Shacharit

Sunday: 8:00am

Monday and Thursday: 6:50am

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 7:00am

Friday, September 1

Mincha - Minyane Sépharade: 18h30

Mincha - Main Sanctuary: 7:00pm

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Psalm 27

At the conclusion of the Maariv and Shacharit services on the first day of the Hebrew month of Elul, we add Psalm 27 because it features connections to Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. This addition becomes a part of these services for fifty-one days until the conclusion of Shmini Atzeret.

Psalm 27 begins with the words:

To David: Hashem is my light and my salvation...
לְדָוִד ה' אֹרֶי ויִשְׁעִי

The Midrash teaches that my light - אורי - is associated with Rosh Hashanah and my salvation - וישעי - is associated with Yom Kippur. We also find that a later verse in the psalm is associated with Sukkot: *That He will hide me in His tabernacle* - כִּי יִצְפְּנִי בַסֶּכֶה.

The custom of incorporating this psalm into our prayers does not appear until a little over 300 years ago. The earliest mention of its recitation from Rosh Chodesh Elul until Shmini Atzeret seems to be from *Sefer Shem Tov Katan*, published in 1706 by the Kabbalist Rabbi Binyamin Benish Cohen. He writes that one who recites this psalm in a state of holiness, purity and great concentration will have his prayers answered and that it has the power to nullify Divine decrees.

While this appears to be the earliest written mention, it is worth noting that some cite a tradition from the Baal Shem Tov (1698-1760) that it was the 16th-century mystic R' Eliyahu Baal Shem who established the custom of reciting Psalm 27 during the High Holiday season. Another explanation for reciting this psalm at this time of year is that this is when Hashem is especially accessible and available to us, as it is when our tradition teaches that Moshe Rabeinu beseeched Hashem and attained forgiveness for the people after the sin of the *Golden Calf*.

As seen in the Torah's narrative of Moshe's time asking for forgiveness, a key element of Hashem's mercy is the concept of the *Thirteen Attributes of Mercy*. According to *Orach Chaim* and other sources, Hashem's name is mentioned thirteen times in Psalm 27.

This coming week I will observe the yahrzeit of my great-grandfather Rabbi Joshua Zambrowsky who departed our world on Shabbos Kodesh, the 11th day of Elul 5699 - August 26th, 1939. On this occasion, it is fitting to share some thoughts on a verse in Psalm 27 from my zaida's commentary to the Book of Psalms, called *עטרת יהושע*, originally printed in the city of Warsaw in 1907. May these words merit an aliya for his holy soul. The verse reads:

**אחת שאלתי מאת ה' אותה אבקש שבתי בבית ה' כל ימי חיי-
לחיות בנועם ה' ולבקר בהיכלו**

One thing I asked of Hashem, that I shall seek: to live in the house of Hashem all the days of my life; to behold the sweetness of Hashem and to contemplate in his sanctuary.
(Psalm 27:4).

My zaida, who is fondly remembered as Rav Yehoshua, asks the following question: *The verse begins with King David asking one request of Hashem, yet the continuation of the verse suggests three requests and not one?*

Rav Yehoshua brings a parable: *There was a well-to-do man in town who had only one daughter. In his family there were very many poverty-stricken people. On an occasion, these relatives were with him and one by one, they shared their financial woes with him. One person needed money for rent, another to educate his small children and yet another needed money for expenses to marry off his daughter. One of the family members remained quiet. The wealthy man asked him about his financial challenges. The gentleman answered that he couldn't go into details as he had many needs. Therefore - the gentleman continued - I have one request, that you give me your only daughter as a wife and then I will have everything!*

My Zaida explained King David's message: We all have many needs and requests. How do we dare to go to Hashem, the King of kings, with requests for all our needs? King David teaches us the answer through the verse: One thing I asked of Hashem, that I shall seek: to live in the

house of Hashem all the days of my life - King David willed the privilege to sit in Hashem's house, to learn and live a life of Torah and then everything that was willed by him would come to fruition.

To live in the house of Hashem all the days of my life... and then everything will be okay. What does this mean? What will be okay? I understand this is as follows: When I am in shul davening, I have an open line to Hashem. I separate my worlds. I leave my outside world with all its challenges, and I walk into my spiritual world. When I am in shul davening, there is a sense of peace, of spiritual completion. My connection with our Creator is so strong, that I am not perturbed by the many challenges in my life. They are set aside - they belong to my world outside the shul. My connection with Hashem gives me the confidence that all will be okay - that everything will come together. My shul and prayer moments give me the strength and encouragement to negotiate my outside world. The privilege of living in the house of Hashem all the days of my life is what brings my world together. My faith in Hashem as our Father in heaven, who looks out for me, strengthens my own faith in my existence, and then handling the many challenges in my world.

I wrote above that we add this psalm to our davening during this time of the year. This is the season when we aspire to our personal comfort levels of קדושה - holiness - as we approach Hashem during this awe-inspiring time of our year. It is a time of intense spirituality.

As far as living in the house of Hashem goes, I am fortunate because my career choice is actually to live in the house of Hashem at TBDJ! There is a lot of action in our shul building from early morning into the evening and night. People come to our synagogue for many reasons, and it is a privilege to serve a career occupation where I can devote my life to Hashem and to our congregants.

Remembering my great grandfather at this time of year is, in a very real sense, a stroll down my family's memory lane and it connects to the theme of this *Dvar Torah*. My zaida lived in the house of Hashem. He was born in Poland in 1874 and was a מורה דקדק, a rabbi and teacher in the city of Warsaw. He emigrated to the United States - arriving in Syracuse, New York in 1923 - and served as a rabbi in the Tri-City area of Buffalo-Syracuse-Rochester. Before he passed away, he served as the chief rabbi of Buffalo. In addition to his commentary on Tehillim, my zaida wrote two other books. I am inspired by the הסכמות - the approving recommendations - written by the scholars of my zaida's era which are found at the beginning of his commentary to Tehillim. His contemporaries praised his intellect and his commentaries.

These words were written by my zaida's colleague Rabbi Shlomo David Kahana z"l of Warsaw:

ב"ה הנה כבר נתפרסם בעירנו הרב הגדול המופלא מו"ה יהושע נ"י זאמבראווסקי לדרשן מפואר ובכתם אשר על שפתותיו מושך אליו רבים בדרשותיו מדי שבת בשבתו בביהכ"ס הגדול סערדינער לקרב לבן של ישראל לאבינו שבשמים
B"H our great teacher Rabbi Joshua Zambrowsky has become known as a grand darshan in our city who attracts many with his weekly Shabbos drashas at the great Serdiner Synagogue

Rav Yehoshua was forty-nine years old when he came to the United States. I marvel about how he acclimated himself to the English-speaking city of Buffalo, New York. I have seen some of my great grandfather's writings in English, which was rather impressive, considering his upbringing in the yeshiva world of the late 1800's and early 1900's in Poland.

While I never met my zaida, I feel privileged to be connected to him through his commentaries on Torah, Talmud and other scripture. They are *Divrei Elokim Chayim* - commentaries and thoughts on Hashem's eternal Torah which come to life and are passed down in our family from generation to generation. May his memory be a blessing and an inspiration for many years to come!

Shabbat Shalom,

Rev. Amiel

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