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Shabbat Parshat Tazria-Metzora April 24 - 25, 2020

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## SHABBAT SHALOM • שבת שלום

Yom HaZikaron is on Tuesday, April 28 / Yom Ha'atzmaut is on Wednesday, April 29

### Please PRINT this bulletin before Shabbat

# When davening at home, it is preferrable to daven at the same time as the kehilla.

#### Friday, April 24

4:00pm Musical Kabbalat Shabbat

with Rev. Bender on Zoom

5:00pm Kef Club Kabbalat Shabbat on

Zoom

6:26pm Plag Hamincha

7:15pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat

on Zoom

7:35pm Candle Lighting

7:53pm Sh'kiah

#### Shabbat, April 25 / 1 Iyar 5780

Omer Day 16

9:00am Shacharit

9:22am Sof Zman Kriyat Shema

7:25pm Mincha 7:55pm Shkiah 8:43pm Havdala

Our Zoom Daf Yomi Room features daily Daf Yomi Shiurim and a twice-weekly Gemarah B'iyun shiur

The Zoom link is shared via email

Rabbi Rothschild's shiur: Sunday-Thursday at 6:00pm, Friday at 5:00pm, Motzei Shabbat at 9:15pm

> Rabbi Buchinger's Shiur: Sunday - Friday 9:00am

Gemara B'Iyun with Rabbi Dovid Elias: Monday and Thursday at 3:00pm

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

- Mazal Tov to **Rabbi Yechezkel & Rifki Freundlich** and their families on the engagement of the Rabbi's sister Dena Freundlich to Yehuda Rock in Israel.
- Mazal Tov to **Roz & David Guttman** and their families on the birth of their twin grandchildren Ruth and Abraham Mordechai. Proud parents are Rabbi Amir & Gita Guttman of Boca Raton, Florida. Sharing in their simcha are the babies' other grandparents Leah & Abba Goldman, their older siblings and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins. Ruth is named for her beloved aunt Ruth Dalfen z"l **Mendy Dalfen's** beloved wife. Abraham Mordechai is named for his beloved great grandfathers Abe Dalfen z"l and Mordechai Goldman z"l.
- Condolences to **Mark & Laurie Buch** and their families on the loss of Mark's beloved grandfather Salomon Buch z"l who passed away on Friday April 17. Graveside funeral was held on Sunday April 19.
- Condolences to **Alison & Daniel Gal** and their families on the loss of Alison's beloved grandmother Clara Horesh Nathaniel z"l who passed away on Sunday, April 19. Graveside funeral was held on Tuesday, April 21.
- Condolences to **Betty Laxer**, **Susan Laxer & Alain Matarasso**, **Eric Laxer & Karen Sigman** and their families on the loss of beloved husband, father and father-in-law **Carl Laxer z"I** who passed away on Friday, April 24. Graveside funeral for family only will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, April 26. Shiva details will follow.

#### SPONSORSHIPS AND THANK YOUS

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#### **DAILY SCHEDULE: APRIL 26 - MAY 1 SUNDAY TUESDAY** MONDAY Daf Yomi See Portal Daf Yomi See Portal Daf Yomi See Portal 7:40pm Zoom Mincha 7:40pm Zoom Mincha Zoom Mincha 7:40pm **WEDNESDAY THURSDAY** FRIDAY-ROSH CHODESH Daf Yomi See Portal Daf Yomi See Portal Daf Yomi See Portal Zoom Mincha 7:25pm Parsha Class 12:15pm Zoom Mincha 7:40pm Candle Lighting 7:44pm Zoom Mincha 7:40pm Semichat Chaver 8:00pm Shkiah 8:02pm

#### TBDJ'S CLASSES AND SHIURIM ARE ALL ONLINE

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#### A CONTEMPORARY TORAH THOUGHT FROM REV. AMIEL

I'm sure that everyone agrees that being home for this extended period of time, with limited outdoor movement as well as restructured/new routines, affords one the opportunity to do something which is normally taken for granted in our busy, normal, multi-tasking lives: To think and to reflect.

As of late, during these newly treasured moments, I for one have found and formulated different thoughts and associations in words of Torah and Prayer.

The verse in Parashat Terumah states:

ועשו לי מקדש ושכנתי בתוכם

They (Bnei Yisrael) will make a Sanctuary for me (Hashem) and I (Hashem) will dwell among them.

Having the privilege of being a בעל קורא, a Torah reader for so many years, I have always wondered about this verse.

What is the verse's message that Hashem will dwell among the children of Israel, the constructors of the tabernacle? The obvious idea would be, that once the sanctuary was constructed, Bnei Yisrael would have a place to go to seek Hashem's presence.

Following this way of thinking, we would imagine that the verse would have stated that... the Sanctuary will be constructed and that Hashem will dwell within the Sanctuary?

An insight by Rabbi Yaakov Yosef of Polnawa (1695-1782) a student of the Ba'al Shem Tov, teaches us:

"...שטו לי מקדש. - They will make me a sanctuary... Each and everyone will make a sanctuary within their heart and in that place they will have Hashem's presence within them. When Hashem is within their hearts and souls, the rest of the verse: ושכנתי בתוכם - Hashem will dwell among them. will be come to be..."

This insight, introduced some 200+ years ago is an example of words of Torah being referred to as דברי אלקים חי-ים, that the Torah words of Hashem live eternally and are applicable to so many instances in our lives throughout the ages.

Following TBDJ's closing due to the pandemic, I have reflected that it is sad and ironic that the place we really need to go to be close to Hashem, especially during this period when we pray for the welfare of so many, is distant from us. We need Hashem's presence! The building is close physically, but alas, we are not allowed in. The saying: So close, yet so far comes to mind.

One of my friends told me this past Shabbos morning that she regularly davens at TBDJ every Shabbos and now she feels that she needs to at least walk by the Shul on Shabbos mornings.

We need Hashem's closeness. What is left for us to do under these circumstances?

My own thoughts are related to what Rabbi Yaakov Yosef taught so many years ago. At the present time, we are building sanctuaries and places of prayer within ourselves both Physically and Spiritually. Our physical Sanctuary is our home where we daven in our preferred personal prayer locations: Living rooms, dining rooms, dens etc. - I enjoy davening outside, especially early in the morning when the sun rises, the birds chirp and Hashem's wondrous world is waking up. Try it! It's majestic! - Our spiritual Sanctuary is at the very core of our being: within ourselves, within our hearts and souls - בכל לבבנו ובכל נפשנו.

In these trying times when we are sadly unable to physically be in Shul, we are conscious of Hashem literally building his Sanctuary among and within us. It is a wonderful and uplifting way to understand and recognize that Hashem is with us outside his Sanctuary, our beloved TBDJ, in so many real ways!

**Shabbat Shalom** 

