



CONGREGATION TIFERETH BETH DAVID JERUSALEM

Shabbat Bulletin

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שבת פרשת שמיני
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Shabbat Parshat Shmini
April 9 - 10, 2021 / 5781

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SHABBAT SHALOM • שבת שלום

Rosh Chodesh Iyar is on Monday and Tuesday

Yom Hazikaron is on Wednesday; Yom Ha'atzmaut is on Thursday

Shabbat Parshat Shmini

All minyanim on Shabbat are restricted to those who have pre-registered. When davening at home, it is preferable to do so at the same time as the rest of the community.

Friday, April 9

- 6:00pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv - Main Sanctuary
- 6:10pm Plag Hamincha
- 6:45pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv - Outdoors
- 7:05pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv - Main Sanctuary
- 7:14pm Candle Lighting
- 7:33pm Sh'kiah

Shabbat, April 10 / 28 Nisan - Omer Day 13

- 7:15am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary
- 9:00am Shacharit - Outdoors
- 9:38am Sof Zman Kriyat Shma
- 9:45am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary
- 11:15am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary
- 6:11pm Plag Hamincha
- 7:05pm Mincha and Maariv - Sanctuary
- 7:05pm Mincha and Maariv - Outdoors
- 7:34pm Sh'kiah
- 8:20pm Havdala



יום הזכרון

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazel Tov to **Esther and Jeff Zigman** on the birth of a baby boy!

Mazel Tov to **Sari Newman** on the engagement of her son, Daniel Newman to Rachel Friedman, daughter of Drs. Diana & Robert Friedman of New York. Mazel Tov to grandparents Hedy Heller and Hannahlee Friedman. Sadly missed are grandparents Sol Friedman and Joseph Heller z'l.

SPONSORSHIPS AND THANK YOUS

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Monday Morning Tehillim
WITH
RIEKE FREUNDLICH

EVERY MONDAY AT 11:00AM
HOSTED IN TBDJ'S ZOOM SOCIAL HALL

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 11 - 16

Mincha will be at Plag Mincha time next week - at 6:05pm in the Main Sanctuary, and also available via Zoom.

Candle Lighting on Friday, April 16 is at 7:23pm.

Due to changing regulations and necessary adjustment of our scheduling, please visit the TBDJ website (TBDJ.org) and check your emails for up-to-date schedules and information on minyan locations and registration.



TBDJ'S WOMEN'S INITIATIVE
& YOETZET HALACHA

WOMEN'S *Rosh Chodesh* PROGRAM

Rosh Chodesh Iyar
with Rifki Freundlich

Tuesday, April 13
at 8:00pm

on Zoom in TBDJ's Zoom Social Hall
(See link below)

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WEEKLY CLASSES & SHIURIM

20-minute Lunchtime Halacha Series with Rabbi Freundlich

Tuesdays at 12:00pm
Via Zoom (Zoom Library link)

Rev. Amiel's Tefillah Class

Tuesdays at 3:00pm
Via Zoom - TBDJ.org/Amiel

Parsha Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Freundlich

Wednesdays at 12:15pm
Via Zoom (Zoom Library link)

Gemarah Shiur - Massechet Makkot with Rabbi Freundlich

Wednesdays from 8:30 - 9:15pm
Via Zoom (Zoom Library link)

Advanced Chumash Shiur with Rabbi Freundlich

Thursdays from 8:00 - 8:45pm
Via Zoom (Zoom Library link)



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YOM HAZIKARON CEREMONY
&
YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 14 2021, 7:00PM

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It is said that time heals all wounds, that the passage of time has a way of curing our pain and feelings of sadness. I have always referred to this statement as one of subjective value. There is no rule in dealing with pain, especially pain associated with loss. We all deal with the pain of loss in different ways. For some, pain lingers for longer periods of time. Some are able to quietly internalize their pain while others are expressive in a vocal way...

As we approach the annual memorial days of Yom Hashoah – for the martyrs of the Holocaust – and Yom Hazikaron - the day of remembrance for Israel's martyrs of war and terror attacks, I am conscious of the passage of time and its inability to heal the wounds of the Holocaust and the loss of our many martyrs of war and terror. Every year almost immediately following our celebration of the holiday of Pesach, Zman Cheirutaynu - our festival of freedom, we observe these two memorial days confirming the words read in our Haggadah on Seder night - in every generation there are those who get up to destroy us. In reality, we relive the pain of the Holocaust on a daily basis through the stories and testimonies of our survivors and our families who lived through those terrible years. Our martyrs of war in Israel and the victims of terror attacks represent an ongoing chronicle of our nation's fight for survival. Both of these days of remembrance attest to our ongoing contemporary struggle for survival as Jews in the face of hate and anti-Semitism. These are days of remembrance that will eternally span the generations of Jewish history marking the - greater than words can express - contemporary tragedies of our people.

We remember the Holocaust and... we don't understand it. We don't ask questions. I remember learning that we are permitted to ask questions of heaven on one day a year - Tisha B'Av. On that day, in addition to mourning the destruction of our Temples in Yerushalayim, we mourn other Jewish tragedies in our history with specially written elegies. I find that there is a measure of comfort in knowing that along with us, Hashem mourns the many losses of his beloved people, our people. Two juxtaposed verses – among many - in our morning prayers lend themselves to the way our world works: "Many are the thoughts in a man's heart but Hashem's plan, only it will prevail" (Proverbs 19:21). "Hashem's plan will endure forever, the designs of His heart throughout the generations" (Psalms (33:11). We have many thoughts inside of us but the plans for our world belong to Hashem. Maybe that's the way it's supposed to be. At various intervals in our individual and collective existence as Jews we experience pain and loss and at these difficult and incomprehensible crossroads in our lives we accept the realization that we need to leave the running of the world to the Almighty who created it. We have many thoughts and questions in our hearts, deep within us. Internally our hearts cry out to us, yet externally - we are silent. It is a silence of acceptance, of knowing that there is not much that we can do in the wake of loss. There are... no words.

Over the years I have come to realize that while isn't our job to understand how and why terrible and destructive things happen in our Jewish world it is our obligation to understand that we must remember. We must remember so we don't forget! In the appendix to our morning prayers there are six events that the Torah commands us to always remember. These are major themes in our early Jewish history which must be kept alive in our consciousness. Some authorities maintain that the verses of these commandments should be recited daily. They are: Our exodus from Egypt (Confidence in our future redemption), the receiving of the Torah (our eternal mission – we are a nation of Torah), Amalek's attack, the Golden Calf, What happened to Miriam (teaching us not to slander) and Shabbos (enduring testimony that Hashem created the world). Years ago, I made it a personal custom to add the memory of the Kedoshei Hashoah and Chalelay Tzahal to these six remembrances and I remember them every day.

It is my way of realizing a verse from the prophet Yechezkel that is said at our joyous Bris ceremonies where we welcome our baby boys as members of our glorious nation: "And I said to you, In your blood live"! We say these verses to recall the blood of circumcision and the blood of the Pascal lamb of the Pesach sacrifice. The merit of these two commandments both involving blood earn our people redemption and eternal life as Hashem's chosen people. The blood of our Martyrs that has been spilled throughout our long history has lent itself in the most difficult and challenging way to our living, our going on, to our eternal life as Hashem's chosen people. Their ultimate sacrifice has enabled us to live and they live through us. I truly believe that each and every one of our Martyrs, who have sanctified Hashem's holy name, has a place of honour by Hashem's holy throne and that when the time is right they will merit and be a special part of Am Yisrael's ultimate redemption.

Does the passage of time heal our pain of loss? Not necessarily. As time goes on, is dealing with our pain more bearable? It would seem so, as in time the pain of loss tends to diminish. I find this to be true when we consider the loss of a person who lived a full life, who benefited from what the world had to offer. Considering the Kedoshim of the Holocaust and of Israel's wars and terror attacks who were taken from us all too soon and so suddenly... I am skeptical. As I grew older and the blessings in my life thank G-d multiply, I am only too conscious of those who were cut down early in their lives without the chance to achieve and experience life in the beautiful way that are accustomed to... I think about the many millions of our martyrs who didn't have a chance to enjoy and experience life, friendships, marriage, careers, children and more...

In the wake of tragedy we are often silent. We are at loss for words. It is a heavy silence. I suggest that our silence in the wake of the Holocaust and the mourning of Israel's martyrs throughout the ages is holy, it is a sanctified silence. The lesson of silence found in this week's Torah portion of Shemini lends itself to the extreme holiness of our martyrs.

The Torah tells us of a tragic episode that happened on the joyous day of the dedication of the Mishkan, the Tabernacle in the desert. Many days of preparation led to the big moment when Aharon Hakohen placed the first sacrifice on the altar upon which Hashem sent a flame of fire which devoured the offering. Yet the happiness of the day was marred by a tragic incident. Nadav and Avihu, Aharon's sons, had become so inspired and intoxicated with the joy of their holy task as priests to Hashem, that they wanted to do more than Hashem had commanded them. They offered incense on the altar, burning it on unconsecrated fire. Suddenly, a flame of fire shot forth from heaven, killing them both. Moshe Rabeinu offered his brother Aharon words of comfort: "...of this did Hashem speak, saying, I will be sanctified through those who are nearest me, thus I will be honored before the entire people..." (Vayikra 10:3). The verse ends with somewhat stunning words describing Aharon's reaction, or if you will, response: "Vayidom Aharon" and Aharon was silent. Rashi teaches that Moshe said to Aaron: "My brother, Aharon! I knew that this House was to be sanctified by those who are beloved of the Omnipresent God and I thought it would be either through me or through thee; now I see that these (thy sons who have died) are greater than me and than thee!" (Vayikra Rabbah 12:2). "...I will be sanctified through those who are nearest me..." So many holy martyrs throughout the ages - eternally close to Hashem!

The house of Hashem in the desert was sanctified by Nadav and Avihu who are beloved of Hashem. The house of Israel is sanctified by our Martyrs throughout the ages who are beloved of Hashem.

On Yom Hashoah and on Yom Hazikaron a siren sounds in Israel. Everyone stops what they are doing and stands in silence, remembering and respecting those who have made the ultimate sacrifice – who have come close to Hashem in death in order that we can be close to Hashem in life. While the wail of the siren echoes the pain in our hearts it also affords all of us, Am Yisrael, the chance to experience a silence of remembrance, togetherness and comfort - where no words need to be said.

Shabbat Shalom!

GUIDANCE FOR WOMEN USING THE MIKVAH UNDER CURFEW

Mikvah observance during these past fourteen months has been a challenge. On the one hand, it has been defined by health concerns, obstacles, fears and closures, but even more so it has been defined by the dedication and perseverance of the righteous women who have been committed and devoted to the observance of this mitzvah. Unfortunately, with Thursday's announcement of an 8:00pm curfew, yet another challenge has been created.

Under normal circumstances, it is required for women to use the Mikvah after nightfall. During the summer months, this will be impossible as long as the 8:00pm curfew in Montreal remains in effect. We therefore offer the following Halachic guidance:

Ideally, for as long as it is not possible to use the Mikvah at night due to the curfew, women should go to the Mikvah during the day, on the 8th day of their count (i.e. the day following what should have been their mikvah night). This is the guidance we have been given by several authoritative Poskim in New York and in Israel. The Kildare Mikvah is prepared for this and is expecting to make appointments between 6:00pm-7:30pm daily. (There will not be any appointments available on Shabbos day or Saturday night.)

However, a woman for whom this presents a difficulty should consult her Halachic authority for guidance and additional alternatives.

We continue to urge everyone to follow all the guidelines of public health experts, and we pray for a swift end to this pandemic.

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