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SHMOOZE NEWS

Parshas Vayikra, March 17, 2018

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אם עולה קורבנו מן הבקר זכר תמים יקריבנו אל פתח אהל מועד
יקריב אותו לרצונו לפני ה'

"If one's offering is an Olah (elevation offering) from the cattle, he shall bring an unblemished male; he shall bring it into the entrance of the tent of meeting, voluntarily before Hashem." Vayikra 1:3

Rashi explains the words "He shall bring it" -- this teaches us they force him. One might then think he can be forced to bring an offering against his will -- thus, the verse says "voluntarily". How can you force him, and yet he brings it voluntarily? Says Rashi, we force him until he says I am willing. The Rambam in the Laws of Divorce 2:20 explains this concept as follows. He says in essence a Jew always wants to do what's right, but it is the yetzer hora that prevents him from doing so. Thus, when the Beis Din forces a Jew to do the right thing, it is in truth not against his will. The Bais Din just removes the spiritual obstacles placed in his way, allowing the goodness of his neshoma to do what is right. However, the Chasam Sofer (Rav Moshe Sofer, 1762-1839) explains this concept in a different way with the following example. A farmer living in a tiny rural community far away from the center of Torah in Jerusalem commits a sin, which obligates him to bring a korban olah. He knows he has to take time off from his farming and make the long trip to Jerusalem. Now his yetzer hora starts working on him and says to

Shabbos

Candle Lighting	7:12PM
Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos	7:00PM
Daf Yomi	8:00AM
Talmud Sotah	8:15AM
Early Minyan	8:00AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Shiur	6:10PM
Mincha	7:00PM
Havdalah	8:15PM

Weekday

Shacharis

Sunday	8:00AM
Mon – Fri	7:00AM/8:00AM

Mincha

Sun - Thurs	7:20PM
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The weekly Shmooze News is dedicated by:

Jack and Susan Gluck in memory of Milton & Edith Gluck z"l and Nicholas Brecher z"l;

Stuart Harris in honor of Penny Harris; and

Aaron and Susan Weinberg in memory of Jack & Helen Weinberg z"l and

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him -- true, you sinned, but everybody makes mistakes. You don't have time now to travel to Jerusalem; who is going to take care of the farm while you are away? Can you really afford to spend so much money to buy a korban for such a small sin? Are you a bigger tzadik than your next door neighbor -- he sinned? Does he go to Jerusalem to bring korbonos? The farmer fights his yetzer hora and takes the trip. When he finally gets to Jerusalem he is exhausted and a little depressed why he took the trip. What about my farm? Then he comes to the courtyard of the Beis Hamikdash and his attitude goes through a metamorphosis. The farmer is entranced by the Holiness. He is awed by the sight of the Kohanim in their service of the Temple. He listens to the Leviyim sing. He sees the great Sanhedrin in session and witnesses the miracles that take place in the Beis Hamikdash on a daily basis. He is caught up in the atmosphere of Holiness and has this overwhelming desire to get close to Hashem. The yetzer hora is defeated; the farmer brings his sacrifice with joy and happiness to G-d and begs His forgiveness. This, says the Chasam Sofer, is what the verse means. At first he brings the korban against his will; however, once he is at the Holy Mikdash he is inspired and gives it willingly. This could apply to all of us as well. There is a tzedaka appeal. You question, "Should I give or not give? I already have given to so many other worthy causes." Finally, you write a check almost by force, but once you give it, you feel good and you're happy you have another mitzvah of tzedaka as a great merit for you and your family. My friends soon it is Pesach there is a great Mitzvah of Maos Chittim, and of course the Mitzvah of maos chittim is to help those less fortunate than us to make Pesach. This is a generous community which is constantly asked to contribute. Our sages tell us according to the difficulty is the reward. Please respond generously you'll see that when you do you'll be glad you did because helping other Jews it's what it's all about.

Sefer-Darchei Noam

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!
Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

PLANNING A SIMCHA?

In order to avoid any conflicts, please book
the social hall well in advance of your simcha.



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Classes and Upcoming Events

- Father & Child learning will take place upstairs during Seudah Shlishit.
- Mondays at 10:30AM – Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beis Midrash.
- Monday March 19, 11:30am – Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Gruenstein, Topic: Pesach
- Shabbos April 13-14 – Cantorial Shabbos/Community Shabbos Dinner. \$75 per adult \$36 per child. Please make reservations for the Friday night dinner.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Kiddush this week is sponsored by Jacks & Ianna Sterenfeld and family in honor of their daughter Shaila becoming a bat mitzvah. Mazal tov to the Sterenfeld family!
- This week's early minyan Kiddush is co-sponsored by Aaron & Susan Weinberg in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Ariella Weinberg. Mazal Tov to Aaron & Susan, to parents Sara & Josh Weinberg, to grandparents Isaac & Etta Novick. It is also co-sponsored by Gaby Kopel "in celebration of my husband's birthday. May we celebrate many more with Gizunt u Menicha."
- Sale of Chametz: You can sell your Chametz weekdays after shachris and before Mincha with Rabbi Gruenstein.
- Mazal Tov to Keith Berman on the engagement of his youngest daughter Kate Alexis Berman to Eric Daniel Cohen, both of Los Angeles. Mazal tov to Kate's sister Jade & Barry Lustig.

Building Fund

Please pay your Building Fund pledge as soon as possible. We would like to pay off our Building Fund loan obligation to the bank to avoid paying continued loan interest.

Refuah Sheleimah

We wish refuah sheleimah to: Allen Packer, Rabbi Simeon Schreiber, Minnie Schraga, Shlomo Mayer, Miriam Greenblatt.

Youth Program

- Starting this week, Father and Child learning will be upstairs during Seudat Shlishit with delicious treats and prizes!
- High School teens are invited to Learning and Frozen Yogurt every Wednesday night. Please check for weekly timing and location details.
- Any teen that would like to get more involved with advocating for Israel by being a part of a weekly Israel Advocacy meeting on Mondays or attend via Skype please email

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Yahrzeits Mar. 17 – Mar. 23, 2018

30 ADAR	Helen Ratzker for her nephew, Avraham Dovid Moses, on Shabbos, Mar. 17
1 NISAN	Ziporah Milstein for her father, Elazar Ben Uri Meyer Kahanow, on Shabbos, Mar. 17
1 NISAN	Lawrence Jaffe for his mother, Anne Jaffe, on Shabbos, Mar. 17
1 NISAN	Morris Tuchman for his father, Tzvi Tuchman, on Shabbos, Mar. 17
1 NISAN	Saadia Shapiro for his mother, Marta bat Yeshyah, on Shabbos, Mar. 17
2 NISAN	Cathy Weiss for her father, Leon Selwyn, on Sunday, Mar. 18
5 NISAN	Rhoda Lipton for her mother, Raizel Zukerman, on Wednesday, Mar. 21
5 NISAN	Heshie Greenblatt for his mother, Chaya Greenblatt, on Wednesday, Mar. 21
6 NISAN	Paul Rosenberg for his father, Joseph Rosenberg, on Thursday, Mar. 22

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Community notice

Motion activated lights were installed in the pedestrian crosswalk at Collins Avenue and 99th Street. Use of this crosswalk should be avoided on Shabbos and Yom Tov as the lights are motion activated and are turned on as pedestrians cross Collins Avenue.

ATTENTION ALL MEN!

Please do not walk behind the 2 ladies' sections during services.
Please use side doors to enter and exit Sanctuary after 10:00 AM.
Thank you for your cooperation.

If you are interested in sponsoring Kiddush or Seudah Shlishis,
please contact Stuart Harris or Yakira at (305) 866-0203.

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