

HAVURAT YISRAEL WEEKLY NEWS

8 Heshvan 5778

Shabbat Lech Lecha / BAT MITZVAH OF REBECCA PAIKIN

October 27—28, 2017

Shabbat Shalom!

5:40 pm Candle Lighting
 5:50 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat
 Torah reading p. 54 / Haftorah p. 1133
 8:45 Mishnayot Study
 9:00 am Shacharit
 9:58 am Latest Shema
 11:00 am Drasha — Rabbi Algaze
 11:15 am Beginners Minyan. R. Kraft
 4:45 pm Gemara Shiur — Rabbi Algaze
 5:35 pm Mincha
 6:38 pm Maariv, Havdalah

Kiddush is sponsored by Sarah & Barney Paikin celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Rebecca. Mazal Tov!

Seudah Shlisheet - Sponsorship available

Upcoming Kiddushim

☆ November 4 Anonymous
 ☆ November 18 Ephraim Grossbein

Plan to sponsor a Kiddush soon to celebrate a Simcha or commemorate a Yahrzeit, or for any occasion!

Welcome to our new member, Linda Raychik

Center for Jewish Studies at Queens College JEWISH LECTURE SERIES

Presents an off campus-event

*The Balfour Declaration:
 An Event to Lament or
 Celebrate a Century Later?*



Professor Ilan Troen, Stoll Family Chair in Israel Studies, emeritus, at Brandeis University
 Monday, October 30, 2017 at 7:30 pm
 At Havurat Yisrael
Free and open to the public.

THE KOL NIDRE APPEAL IS STILL OPEN- WAITING FOR YOU

This **Kol Nidre Appeal** surpassed even our best expectations. As the congregation was made aware that Havurat had incurred a serious deficit last year, they responded with extraordinary generosity and love. The contributions started at \$10,000 and many donations exceeded the \$1,000 mark. To our great amazement there were many people who doubled or tripled their pledges from last year. This augurs well for the financial health and future of Havurat. This Honor Roll reflects all donors above \$500 but we are grateful for all who contributed so graciously and with open hearts. The Appeal is still open and we will continue publishing it until Hanukkah. If you have not yet made a pledge or if you would like to increase it and join our Honor Roll, there is still ample time.

Although many members have contributed already, we are counting on ALL our members to feel the responsibility to donate to this campaign.

**IF YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THIS LIST, WHY NOT?
 AND IF NOT NOW, WHEN??**

Kol Nidre Honor Roll (still open for additions)

Rabbi David & Tamara Algaze	Seymour Kaplan
David & Rachelle Alkalay	Rafi Katz
Eileen Alter	Carol Krohn
Mehran & Rachel Arasheben	Roger & Jeanine Mashih
Shoshi Bacon	Louis & Rachel Ordentlich
Abigail Barrios	Gloria Pereira
Ruth & David Better	Lyah Quit
Marleny Blanco & Alex Salazar	Gary & Emily Rabinowitz
Michael Blau	Andrew & Miri Radin
Nikolay Burt	Jerry & Jennifer Revich
Gary & Yael Emmanuel	Miriam Rickard
Betty Feit	Marc & Karen Rose
Jack & Shulie Goldhaber	Stuart & Judy Rosen
Gary Goldman	Arlene Ross
Lou & Rita Gutnicki	David & Biana Ryzkin
David & Renee Hirsch	Fanny Seinuk
Michael & Sarah Jabbour	Mark & Gail Silverman
Bruce & Miriam Jacobs	David & Debbie Sosnowik
Michael & Alice James	Daniel & Carol Yaghoubian

SUNDAY Oct. 29 / 9 Heshvan	MONDAY Oct. 30 / 10 Heshvan	TUESDAY Oct. 31 / 11 Heshvan	WEDNESDAY Nov. 1 / 12 Heshvan	THURSDAY Nov. 2 / 13 Heshvan	FRIDAY Nov. 3 / 14 Heshvan
7:30 am Amud Yomi 8:00 am Shacharit 9:30 am Torah Class in Spanish -Rabbi Algaze 11:00 am Rabbi Kraft's class	6:20 am Amud Yomi 6:50 am Shacharit 2:00 pm Mincha 7:30 pm Lecture (see above) Rabbi Algaze's Shiur at the Ordentlich home resumes next week.	6:20 am Amud Yomi 6:50 am Shacharit 2:00 pm Mincha 8:00 PM- Parasha Class with Rabbi Algaze	6:20 am Amud Yomi 6:50 am Shacharit 2:00 pm Mincha	6:20 am Amud Yomi 6:50 am Shacharit 2:00 pm Mincha	6:20 am Amud Yomi 6:50 am Shacharit 5:31 pm Candle Lighting 5:40 pm Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat

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THE REASON WE CAME INTO THE WORLD

By Rabbi David Algaze

The history of our people begins with the commandment to Abraham to leave his land, his family and his father's house and journey unto an unknown and unnamed land. Our Rabbis saw in this commandment the first of ten trials that Hashem would put on Abraham. The question is why the trials, why the pain? Abraham was a good man, he loved G-d and he wanted to teach the whole world about Him, why then the necessity to "test" him, to make him through so much anxiety and suffering?

The Arizal (R. Isaac Luria, 16th century) writes that the world was created in order that people would be able to "repair" an intrinsic flaw in Creation and thus become a "partner" with G-d. Now, each person has his or her own task and no one else can accomplish his or her mission. Therefore, in order to be able to do the task assigned to that person, he or she must be placed in a special set of circumstances where they will be able to perform the mission to which they were assigned. Therefore, no two people can be in the same set of conditions, each has his or her own situation.

Consequently, it is wrong to wish that we were in a different set of circumstances, because it is precisely these facts that are prepared for us to do the job we need to do. Just as a laboratory is set up in such a way that the desired experiment is realized, so the life's data of each person are so arranged so that he or she can do the job assigned to them. This includes being poor or rich, sick or healthy, married or single, whether one has good personal traits or not. In each of these situations, we are to perform a function that only we can do. Thus, if we are irascible people, overcoming our anger can be a very special of repairing the world. How we deal with money, whether rich or poor, is another opportunity to repair the world in that area. Thus, each situation creates a special environment in which we are able to do the job for which we were created.

Thus, we can understand the verse, "Go out thee from your land, your family and your father's house" (Beresheet 12:1) as meaning "go out into yourself, into your mission." To do this we will need to operate from the circumstances into which we were created. The circumstances that surround us originate in the country where we live, from our family's heritage and from the atmosphere of our own home. We are born into that special environment in order to accomplish our mission sometimes by overcoming and transcending those conditions. When we act in that environment we may be able to change an aspect of the world in such a unique way that the whole world may be repaired thanks to

our action. We all climb onto a special stage in order to perform our act. The trials of Abraham are a way of setting different stages in which Abraham would be able to perform the missions assigned to him.

Thus, we learn that Hashem puts us all in tests in our lives, in order to improve us and allow us to fulfill our missions. It is our privilege to be given such a unique mission in the world that only we can accomplish. May we all be successful in our task and may our lives end with the seal of "Mission Accomplished".

We're looking for a few good men!

HY is not a spectator sport! We need more men to step up to the Amud and learn to lead the services. Please contact the Rabbi or Gabbaim.

WHERE ARE THE NAMES OF YOUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY?

MEMORIAL PLAQUES MAY BE ORDERED NOW

The beautiful new **Memorial Board** is here.

Please place your order now to insure that the names of your loved ones will not be missing again. Regular Price for each plaque is \$500.

For a limited time, Members have a special discount price of \$360.

Please note that all orders are pre-paid and must be accompanied by a check or credit card before they are processed.



Yahrtzeits in the Month of Heshvan

- Jacobo Algaze Z"L (father of our Rabbi)
- Fay Tenzer Z"L and Shlomo Tenzer Z"L – (mother and brother of Rosalie Tenzer)
- Esther Klein Z"L (Mother of Bernard Klein)
- Richard Phillips Z"L (husband June Phillips)
- Levi Shmuel Berkowitz Z"L (father in law of Rafi Katz)

Refuah Shlema Shmuel Zanvil ben Tila Mina, Alte Ester Riva bat Devorah Shifra (Eileen Alter), Naomi Malka bat Hoshana Leah, Dvora bat Edith, Rafael David ben Zelda, Shifra bat Yetta, Moshe ben Yehudit, Erella bat Zahava, Uhd ben Techiya, Avraham ben Arlene.