

# HAVURAT YISRAEL WEEKLY NEWS

10—11 Shevat 5778

Shabbat Beshalach

January 26—27, 2018

## Shabbat Shalom!

4:48 pm Candle Lighting  
4:55 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat

Torah reading p. 366 / Haftarah p. 1152  
8:45 am Mishnayot Study  
9:00 am Shacharit  
9:36 am Latest Shema  
11:00 am Drasha — Rabbi Algaze  
4:00 pm Gemara Shiur — Rabbi Algaze  
4:40 pm Mincha  
5:47 pm Maariv, Havdalah

**Kiddush** sponsored by Abigail Barrios commemorating the Yahrzeit of her father and celebrating the birthday of her son Yakov.

**Seudah Shlisheet** sponsorship available.

## Upcoming Kiddush Sponsorships!

- ✧ February 3 Helen Kober
- ✧ February 10 Rabbi David & Tamara Algaze, Mehran & Rachel Arasheben, Jennifer & Jennifer Revich
- ✧ February 17 Rafi Katz
- ✧ February 24 Louis & Rachel Ordentlich
- ✧ March 10 Arlene Ross and Michelle Polonetzky
- ✧ March 17 Seymour Kaplan

Be a sponsor to celebrate a Simcha, commemorate a Yahrzeit, or for any occasion!

**Mazal Tov!** to Alicia & Leon Teitelbaum on the birth of their son Rafael Velvel.

**Thanks!** to Rabbi Algaze and Linda & Serge Merkin for conducting another successful Ski Shabbaton.

**T'zechem L'Shalom** to Tamara & Rabbi Algaze who will be in Buenos Aires this coming week, where the Rabbi will deliver several lectures.

## Shloshim of Elona Lazaroff

This Sunday January 28th at 9 am, we will have a breakfast commemorating the Shloshim of Elona Lazaroff a"h. Family members will join us. Dr. Elona Lazaroff was a leader in several organizations dealing especially with women's issues and was a prolific lecturer and instructor. We at Havurat feel her loss and her presence. May her memory be a source of blessing and inspiration to the family and our community.

SPONSORS: The Lazaroff family, Tamara Algaze, Shoshi Bacon, Daniel Cohen Seymour Kaplan, Miriam Jacobs, The Rose family, Yael Rozenman.

## 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.

Extended discount time for members: \$360.

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

## Scholarship Fund at Havurat —NEW!!

Jewish education is the foundation of Jewish continuity and survival. However, high costs of yeshiva education have driven many Jewish parents away and others struggle mightily to be able to afford it. At Havurat we are creating a special Scholarship Fund in order to assist families with their tuition. All applicants will be reviewed by the Rabbi and a special committee. We are looking for a generous donor who would want to name the Fund after a special person in their lives. Everyone is encouraged to contribute to this Fund and become a partner in the Jewish future. Any amount is important. Please write your checks to Havurat Yisrael and write Scholarship Fund in the memo.

## Havurat Yisrael Membership It's not just membership, it's family

We invite all who are not yet members to join Havurat and enjoy the benefits of membership, special discounts, invitations and other perks. But the highest benefit is to know that you belong. For current members, please note that membership Dues must be paid at the beginning of each calendar year, and that to retain the status of a membership in good standing Dues must be paid not later than March 31, 2018.

Reminder! Please do not congregate and talk in the Kiddush area especially during the Drasha. That area must remain quiet. The noise is very distracting!



The only thing worse than spilling your coffee is spilling it in shul!  
Reminder: Coffee is **not permitted** in our holy sanctuary. It causes damage to the furniture and carpeting!

SUNDAY Jan. 28 / 12 Shevat	MONDAY Jan. 29 / 13 Shevat	TUESDAY Jan. 30 / 14 Shevat	WEDNESDAY Jan. 31 / 15 Shevat TU B'SHEVAT	THURSDAY Feb. 1 / 16 Shevat	FRIDAY Feb. 2 / 17 Shevat
7:30 am Amud Yomi 8:00 am Shacharit 9:00 am Shloshim Breakfast for Elona Lazaroff  <b>Note new times this week</b> 10:30 am Torah Class in Spanish -Rabbi Algaze 11:30 am Rabbi Kraft's class.	6:20 am Amud Yomi 6:50 am Shacharit  2:00 pm Mincha 8:00 pm NO Rabbi Algaze's Shiur at the Ordentlich home.	6:20 am Amud Yomi 6:50 am Shacharit  2:00 pm Mincha  7:30 pm NO Parasha Class with Rabbi Algaze this week.	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  4:57 pm Candle Lighting 5:05 pm Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat

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## WORRY'S END

By Rabbi David Algaze

*"They came to Marah, but they could not drink the waters of Marah because they were bitter... G-d showed him [Moses] a tree; he threw it into the water and the water became sweet. There He established [for the nation] a decree and an ordinance and there He tested them." (Shemot 15: 23-25)*

After the miraculous salvation from Egypt and especially after the wondrous parting of the Sea, the people of Israel felt very insecure about from where they would have water to drink. The story of a nation complaining and questioning G-d's remarkable help after having been redeemed from the most oppressive society in history through spectacular and astonishing means and miracles that demonstrated without a doubt that G-d was with them appears incredible. How could they doubt that G-d would provide for them and be ready to assist them in every need? Rabbi S.R. Hirsch explains that the salvation from Egypt and the parting of the sea taught them that G-d could intervene in extraordinary circumstances and moments of great danger. However, they were unsure as to whether G-d would be available for daily, small needs. The entire journey through the desert was to teach them that indeed there is no need or request from any human being that is too small for G-d to hear and consider. Therefore, this experience of the bitter waters contained an important lesson: that He was present all the time and always ready to help.

The sight of the tree bark and the resulting sweetening of the bitter waters teach the people of Israel that G-d can convert bitterness into sweetness and deprivation into provision. The Torah says that "there He established a decree and an ordinance" because by means of this transformation the people learned that in G-d's laws and commandments lie the secret for a life of joy and physical and mental health. The Egyptian society and way of life were diseases affecting the health and well-being of people. However, by living a life guided by the principles of G-d's laws, the Jewish people will be spared the "diseases which I placed in Egypt." G-d explains this phenomenon with the words, "For I am your Doctor." Like a competent and experienced physician, G-d's instructions are not only curative but are essentially preventative of contracting serious illness. The Creator, Who knows the ways and functions of the Universe, is the best "specialist" to consult about how to preclude ailments. When we apply the lessons of the Torah to our life, we can change the bitterest situations into pleasant ones and inhibit any insalubrious condition.. Observing G-d's will has the power to take us safely through dangerous places and enable us to bear the harshest environments and settings. In the desert the people of Israel grasped that He is our Doctor and Guide.

In this manner we can understand the process of absence and presence, the want and the fulfillment that occurs in the relationship between G-d and Israel. As it happened many times in the history of Israel, after a period of deprivation and crisis comes the relief. Feeling thirsty and hungry are very disturbing experiences and when G-d provides for us, at those moments we acquire a very powerful message: that everything does not depend on us alone but on G-d. It is for this reason that G-d led Israel through the desert, a place that lacks the bare necessities of life, where basic staples are unobtainable and where anxiety and fear are around the corner. This is in order that when G-d provided for them food and water they discovered that He would be the Provider and the source of supply for all their needs. He would always be there to sustain them and support them.

When Man feels that he is the only source of nourishment, when he believes that only through his efforts and skills he would be able to fulfill his needs, there is a natural worry that there will not be enough for tomorrow. This uncertainty feeds a powerful greed and he develops an insatiable and irrational tendency to accumulate assets far beyond his needs. This pursuit can become ruthless and immoral and the consequence of this may be amassing wealth not only for himself but for his children and descendants for generations to come to an extent that lacks logic. The ultimate result of this mad chase is that the worry never ends and the appetite to gather an ever increasing portion of the wealth of the world increases. This quest becomes so absorbing and compulsive that it leaves no time for any other pursuit in life. These traits and characteristics surface when we fail to see that ultimately everything comes from G-d and that He is the only source of our security.

Our Rabbis in the Midrash taught, "R. Eliezer Moda'i says, 'He who has enough for one day yet says, What will I have for tomorrow? is lacking in faith.' (Shemot Rabba, 42). A person who is constantly preoccupied about his sustenance is not lacking in faith, he also lacks peace and happiness in his life. We need to engage in business and make all necessary efforts to support ourselves but always within a philosophical framework that the ultimate source of material goods and wealth is G-d. The lessons of the desert have implanted within the Jewish mind the profoundest sense of faith. Modern Man is consumed by worries and anxiety about the future. How will I support myself in my old age? Will I have enough to support my family? Many worries like these occupy our minds. The knowledge that G-d is the ultimate Source and our abiding trust in Him is verily "Worry's end."

### **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.

### **Cemetery Privileges:** *Another benefit of membership.*

Burial plots at the Havurat section on New Montefiore are given to Havurat members at no extra charge. (Interment costs are excluded.) This privilege applies to people of the household and children living at home only. However, each person covered must register yearly by a payment of \$15 per year. The registration must be done before the end of each year. It is preferable that this payment accompany the payment of the membership dues in December. **Privilege is extended only to fully paid up members.** Dues must be paid in full every year by the due date (March 31st) or the privilege is revoked.

**Refuah Shlema** Yeoshua ben Bahia,, 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, Mina Chana bat Sara Feyga, Sheyna bat Henna, Tinok ben Chana Rivka, Allison bat Florence, Tuviah ben Sarah, Dahlia Sara bat Devora.