

HAVURAT YISRAEL WEEKLY NEWS

26 Sivan 5782

SHABBAT SHLACH / MEVARCHIM HODESH

June 25, 2022

Shabbat Shalom!

7:15 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat
8:13 pm Candle Lighting

8:45 am Mishnayot Class
9:00 am Shacharit
9:09 am Latest Shema
Parasha p.798 Haftorah p. 1184
11:00 am Drasha, Kids Program
6:45 pm Gemara Shiur
7:15 pm NEW! ASK THE RABBI
8:00 pm Mincha, Seudah Shlisheet
9:12 pm Maariv, Havdalah

Kiddush is sponsored by

- ☆ Sunday Spanish Class in honor of Rabbi Algaze.
- ☆ Shulie and Jack Goldhaber, celebrating:
 - ☆ The graduations of their grandchildren, Ari, Yael, and AJ Emmer, Akiva Stepen, and Charlotte Goldhaber. Mazal Tov!
 - ☆ The anniversary of Aviva and Yehuda Stepen. Mazal Tov!

Seudah Shlisheet sponsorship available.

Upcoming Sponsorships

July 2 Hirsch and Feit Family
July 9 Relatives in honor of the Aliyah of Linda & Serge
July 16 Marcia Isaac
July 23 Available
July 30 Rachel & Louis Ordentlich

Mazal Tov to Stuart and Judy Rosen on the birth of a grandson and to the proud parents, their son Jeremy and Natasia.

Molad Tammuz - The new moon will occur over Jerusalem, the holy eternal indivisible internationally recognized capital of the Jewish people and the State of Israel, on Wednesday at 6:48 (3 chalakim) am. Rosh Hodesh will be observed on Wednesday and Thursday.

Learning English

Free English as a Second Language (ESL) Class with Marc Rose on Mondays, 7:30 pm.

Hebrew class for beginners — with Bruce Jacobs

Tuesdays at 8:00 pm on Zoom

For information, call Yael Yopez at 516-460-3202



ASK THE RABBI

This Shabbat at 7:15 pm



This Shabbat afternoon, we are launching a special program entitled “Ask the Rabbi.”

This will be a free-range session where people will be able to pose any question to the Rabbi and engage in a general conversation about various issues of interest and concern in today’s times. Such an experience was held on Shavuot, where an impromptu session generated a fascinating discussion that was both informative and stimulating.

There will be some refreshments served and we look forward to seeing you at this first session of Ask the Rabbi.

REDEEM YOUR PLEDGES!

We thank all those who redeemed their pledges and donations made during the holiday. If you have not done this yet, please redeem your pledge soon, before you forget it.

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SUNDAY June 26 / 27 Sivan	MONDAY June 27 / 28 Sivan	TUESDAY June 28 / 29 Sivan	WEDNESDAY June 29 / 30 Sivan ROSH HODESH	THURSDAY June 30 / 1 Tammuz ROSH HODESH	FRIDAY July 1 / 2 Tammuz
7:30 am Gemara Shiur 8:00 am Shacharit 8:45 am Breakfast 9:30 am Parasha Class in Spanish — Rabbi Algaze	6:30 am Gemara Shiur 7:00 am Shacharit	6:30 am Gemara Shiur 7:00 am Shacharit	6:30 am Gemara Shiur 6:45 am Shacharit	6:30 am Gemara Shiur 6:45 am Shacharit	6:30 am Gemara Shiur 7:00 am Shacharit 7:15 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 8:13 pm Candle Lighting

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WITH THE EYES THAT WE SEE

by Rabbi David Algaze

Twelve men are sent on a mission: to spy the Land of Israel. They are the most prominent of the nation, the most distinguished, "every one a leader among them", "heads of the children of Israel were they" (Bamidbar 13:2-3). They returned with a negative report. They showed the fruit of the Land and it was unusually large but they added that the people who live there are just as big and powerful and that Israel would be unable to defeat them. "We cannot ascend to that people for it is too strong for us." (ibid.31). Two Spies disagree, Caleb and Yehoshua. Caleb says, "We shall surely ascend and conquer it for we can surely do it." What is the basis of their disagreement? They surely saw the same things, assessed the same facts and confronted the same objective reality. Why did they differ in their pronouncements?

The answer may lie in a key word which introduces the Spies' report. After showing the fruit of the Land they say, "But", in Hebrew the word is *efes* which may be translated as "it's all for nothing" or "it is useless (as a zero)". The report was tainted with a negative attitude. Yes they saw a beautiful Land, it was as Moshe had promised, "Flowing with milk and honey" but... They emphasized the negative aspect rather than the positive. If the promise of the land being so bountiful was true, why not trust G-d's promise that they could conquer it? The Spies revealed a human need to find fault, to despair and feel defeated. Instead of rejoicing with the blessed land, they focused on their fears that they could not do it.

The eyes of the Spies saw the negative. They had the lenses of negativity, pessimism and impotence. This need to highlight the negative may stem from various sources. First, they wanted to see everything served on a silver platter. The Land is beautiful, but we do not want to fight for it—they were saying in reality. They wanted to receive without having to sacrifice anything. In our times our people feels the same experience: we all love the land of Israel but few are willing to make the sacrifices that are necessary to inherit it. The dream that the Mashiach will solve everything, that all we need to do is just wait with folded hands—may all reveal this trait of laziness and impotence. The settlers of the Land—both at the beginning of the settlement at the start of the 20th century as well as those of today in Hebron, in Judea and Samaria and those of Gush Katif—are the true heirs of Caleb. We should remember the severe punishment meted out to the Spies, "this evil assembly" and the people: they would not see the Land. We should be the heirs of Caleb and not of the other Spies.

Secondly, we see the negative when we are unable to accept the blessing. The Spies did not feel worthy of the land and consequently they doubted G-d's promise. We need to believe that we deserve good things and not be afraid of receiving them and welcoming them into our lives. They were the children of Israel; it is to them that G-d promised the Land, and yet they felt that the privilege was not theirs. The fear of being unable to make it stemmed from this feeling of unworthiness, as if they did not deserve it. This, too, is a trait that prevents us from observing the blessings in our lives and to see only the negative. When we accept that good things can happen to us, we will begin to see them abundantly around us.

The third reason for the negative is a misunderstanding of their

mission. They were sent to see the Land and its beauty and to be inspired by the holiness of the Land. They were not sent to assess whether or not they could make it. That was up to G-d. Instead of being inspired by their visit, they made themselves into "assessors" and "experts". That was not their role. The critic who cannot enjoy his surroundings because he is too busy evaluating and assessing everything around him commits the same error. There are times when we need to appreciate and enjoy, not evaluate and criticize. Sadly, many visitors to Israel today become "inspectors" and critics rather than being inspired by their visits to Eretz Israel.

Caleb displays precisely the qualities we should cultivate. His eyes were different. He saw with different lenses and these are the traits that will improve our personal lives as well as the life of the people of Israel. We should develop the energy and vitality to recognize that we have work to do in the world and that to achieve certain goals we have to apply our talents and strengths. Man's function is to do, not just wait. Second, we should believe that we are deserving of good things, that the world is not always dark and bleak. Finally, we need to develop the quality of the person who can enjoy a beautiful painting or listen to a piece of music without becoming a critic. G-d's promise that we will inherit the Land will be realized despite the pessimist outlook. G-d is kind with all his creatures but especially with His people. And "we will inherit it (the Land) because we can surely do it!" We need to recognize with which eyes we are actually seeing the world.

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Privilege is extended only to fully paid up who register every year with the special \$15 registration fee per each member of the household.

Refuah Shlema Chava Naomi bat Doba Chana, Rivka Gitel bas Miriam (sister of Debbie Greenberg), Alte Ester Riva bat Devorah Shifra (Eileen Alter), Batya bat Rachel (Betty Feit), Batsheva Friedle bat Rachel, Roiza bat Yita Feiga (Rosalie Tenzer), Yael bat Sheindel Ettl, Eshrat Bat Esther (Arasheben's friend), Malka Bat Buca (Yeni Hassin), Devorah bat Sarah, Yaakov ben Leah, Tom Hamori (Zeev Zelig ben Sarah Tish), Yossef Ben Sarah.