

# HAVURAT YISRAEL WEEKLY NEWS

19 Tammuz 5780

SHABBAT PINCHAS

July 10-11, 2020

**Shabbat Shalom Umevorach from our President Jack Goldhaber! Stay safe, be healthy!**

7:00 pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat  
8:10 pm Candle Lighting

8:45 am Mishnayot Class  
9:00 am Shacharit  
9:15 am Latest Shema  
Parasha p. 876, Haftorah p. 1192  
7:15 pm Gemara Class  
7:45 pm Mincha, followed by Seudah Shlisheet, Perek  
9:10 pm Maariv, Havdalah

☆ All services are now taking place in the shul.  
No reservation required, however everyone must wear a mask and maintain social distancing.  
☆ The shul office will be open Wed. & Fri. 11—1 pm.

**Kiddush** is sponsored by Jane Stiefel in memory of her sister Amy Harriet Stiefel Cooperstein – Chaya Bat Shlomo Z"l.

**Seudah Shlisheet** sponsorship available.

**Upcoming Kiddushim** — Plan to sponsor one!

☆ July 18 — Rachel & Louis Ordentlich  
☆ August 1 — Simone & Ephraim Zakry

**Welcome to Our New Member** Daniel Sunray

## Baruch Dayan Emet

We mourn the loss of Mrs. Barbara Artman, a member who was with us at the very beginning of Havurat.

## Are you still a member of Havurat? March 31st is long past!

Membership dues are due and payable by **March 31st of each year** and a member retains the status of "good standing" only when dues are up to date. Please pay your membership on time and in full to enjoy special members' prices. All Membership privileges are extended **only** to fully-paid -up members. We want everyone to be not just a member, but a part of our caring family. Have you sent your dues yet? If not now, when?

## CLASSES THIS WEEK

Sunday 7:30 am, Weekdays 6:30 am Gemara Shiur — Rabbi Algaze  
Monday — Thursday: 12 noon Timeless Torah — Rabbi Kraft

### Sunday

9:30 am Parasha Class in Spanish — Rabbi Algaze  
11:00 am Rabbi Kraft's class

### Monday

7:30 pm Journey in Jewish Literature — Rabbi Algaze

### Tuesday

7:30 pm Parasha Class — Rabbi Algaze

### Wednesday

7:30 pm A Birdseye View of Jewish History—Rabbi Algaze (English)  
8:10 pm A Birdseye View of Jewish History: —Rabbi Algaze (Spanish)

All classes by Rabbi Algaze on Zoom ID: 910 766 9261 / Password: 265203  
All classes by Rabbi Kraft on Zoom ID: 929 478 7383  
Zoom Tel. 646-558-8656

- ◆ Classes are recorded and a link is sent soon after the class ends. Links no longer expire after 24 hours!
- ◆ The videos are also archived on the "Rabbi Algaze" and "Portal al Judaismo" YouTube channels.

Please share these recordings with friends and relatives. You never know whom you can affect by sending them a link to the class. We are happy to announce that the Spanish classes are now reaching various Latin American countries and Spain. All Jews are responsible for one another's commitment to Judaism and learning Torah.

## JEWISH HISTORY CLASS

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm (English) / 8:10 pm (Spanish)

This week we will cover another 400 years about the fascinating history of the two kingdoms and the inspiring prophets of the First Temple Period. Brief summaries of the prophets' messages for eternity. A great introduction to some of the archeological discoveries that tell us of our long history in the Land.

We invite you to join us every Wednesday evening to share the journey of our people, and to learn surprising finds and facts.



SUNDAY July 12 / 20 Tammuz	MONDAY July 13 / 21 Tammuz	TUESDAY July 14 / 22 Tammuz	WEDNESDAY July 15 / 23 Tammuz	THURSDAY July 16 / 24 Tammuz	FRIDAY July 17 / 25 Tammuz
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<b>SUNDAY CLASS IN SPANISH &amp; MORNING GEMARA TAKE PLACE IN SHUL &amp; ON ZOOM. ALL OTHER CLASSES ON ZOOM ONLY!</b>					

## TRUE LEADERSHIP

By Rabbi David Algaze

*“Moses spoke to Hashem saying, ‘May Hashem, G-d of spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the assembly’.” (Bamidbar 27:15)*

As befitting his qualities as a caring leader, Moses’ first reaction after being told of his imminent death is to worry about the future of his people and their need of a good leader. Throughout his career, Moses had demonstrated his constant concern for the plight of every Jew. At his first outing from the palace, he saw an elderly Jew being beaten by an Egyptian taskmaster and he decided to kill the oppressor on the spot. At several points, when Hashem was about to punish the people, Moses interceded on their behalf, very much like Abraham had first pleaded with G-d not to destroy Sodom. This tradition of care and concern for every person is the mark of a true leader and Moses is the paragon of leadership.

Moses requests that Hashem appoints a leader with certain characteristics as he suggests in this passage. The first trait of a leader is to understand the “spirit” of every person—that is the reason Moses refers to G-d as “the Lord of the spirits” because the Creator imbued each individual with unique characteristics and idiosyncrasies. A leader has to be able to understand the special traits of each person and to work with these features in a positive way. Each person can develop to his potential only when he or his mentors recognize his attributes and allow him their full expression.

The second requirement in a leader should be his care for each person as if they were his children. Just as Moses had placed the destiny of Israel above his own glory and safety, so a true leader must endure many a sacrifice in order to serve the people. A leader should be above all a servant not a ruler. Moses is called “the servant of G-d” (Devarim 34:5) but in reality he was the servant of the people as well. The conflict with Korach arose out of a misunderstanding of what a leader is. Korach saw the leadership as a crown of glory, as power and supremacy over others. Moses knew that leadership was no privilege. On the contrary, leadership meant more duty and obligations not lordship or control. A leader is like a shepherd, guiding, protecting and mending every one of his sheep. It is for this reason that the leaders of Israel were always drawn from among the shepherds.

The third and most important trait in a leader has to be that he be “a man over the congregation.” That translates into a leader who, despite his humility, he nonetheless has the strength to affect the community unafraid. This is the meaning of the phrase, “Who shall go out in front of them and who will come in before them” (verse 17). A leader in Israel must not be like the leaders of the other nations, who send their troops to the front line while they sit at home. (Rashi) He must act in front of his soldiers and stand ahead of them no matter the dangers. When a leader acts in this fashion he is assured that the people will follow. The modern Israeli officer shouts, “Follow me” (aharay), in battle and this has made all the difference in the morale of the Israeli army and its military success. The leader must be ahead of his congregation and not follow them. He needs to be sensitive to the needs of the community and not be afraid of leading the people even at the risk of his own position or comfort. This is true leadership.

Tragically, this has not been always the case in Jewish leadership. One of the most vociferous critics of the Jewish leadership was Rabbi Teichtal a”h. In his book, “Em Habanim Semecha”, written during the dark years of the Holocaust, he warns the Jewish leaders and rabbis that they will not be spared judgment when their silence and passivity will result in the spilling of blood. He writes, “And the shepherds of Israel will have to give a reckoning as to why they failed to unify the people (in the building of Israel).” He ominously avers that “when those leaders who fail to assist in the building of Eretz Israel will not be considered innocent of the blood that will be spilled as a result of their indifference.” During the years preceding the Holocaust, many leaders failed their congregations and the resulting tragedy cannot be disconnected from the leaders’ failure to act.

In our times, too, as the people and the State of Israel undergo difficult challenges, we find a similar failure to lead among those who are our putative “leaders.”. These leaders fail to understand the true nature of leadership. Being a leader means to be ahead of the pack and that will always imply that the ideas presented are not yet part of the crowd, they are literally “ahead of their time.” This is the role of the leader: to see ahead and not to be afraid to express his views, however unpopular they may be. Where are our leaders when Israel was threatened by Arab, European and now American pressure to commit suicide? Where were our leaders when a President abuses our little State of Israel? Where were they when Jews were unjustly expelled from their homes in Gaza? Where are they today and why are they so silent? Where have they gone?

It is time for us to demand that our leaders lead us, that they see ahead of us, that they protect us by seeing what is coming rather than sit back and react only after it is too late? The Conference of Presidents and the major Jewish organizations are waiting for someone else to lead them. If the leaders need a leader, they are not leaders. We need people who are unafraid of their constituents, people with vision, courage and the ability to speak without fear. These are the hallmarks of true leadership. Moses demanded nothing less and neither should we.

### Support Your Community!

- ⇒ **The Forest Hills—Rego Park Eruv** is a huge asset to all of us. There are costs incurred for its checking and maintenance. Please send in a payment to the shul and note Eruv on the check.
- ⇒ **Queens Hatzolah** is conducting a fund-raising campaign. This vital service has been especially important during this health crisis. Please contribute at: <http://queenshatzolah.org/>

### Havurat is Open

#### Your contributions are needed now



During these difficult times we have endeavored to keep our community together with Zoom classes, phone calls and personal visits. We started daily services a few weeks ago and have resumed full Shabbat services.

All this activity shows the strength of Havurat and the responsibility of our members who have continued to send donations, pay their pledges and, in general, see that the support that is needed to keep us strong does not wane. Please keep this up so we continue and emerge even stronger in the end.

### **PAY YOUR DUES, PLEDGES, BALANCES!**

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**Refuah Shlema** Alte Ester Riva bat Devorah Shifra (Eileen Alter), Rafael David ben Zeld, Erella bat Zahava, Avraham ben Arlene, Miriam bas Chanah, Dov Ben Avraham, Chaim Itzchak Ben Rivkah, Tzipora bat Malka, David Lieberman, Yizchak Ben Ziba, Esther Necha Bat Yindah, Esther Necha bat Hendel, Esther Leah bat Ruth, Yisroel ben Devorah Shifra, Edina Chai bat Leah (Erica Schwartz), Rivka Gittel bas Miriam (sister of Debbie Greenberg), Batia Bat Rachel (Betty Feit), Zeld Bat Shifra, Shmuel Leib ben Ruth (father of Cathy Kleiman), Brian Kirshner, Hatinok ben Avital (great granddaughter of Miriam Levy), Magalit ben Rahel (sister of Miriam Levy).