

So... What's Nu ? Mazeltoiv!

Births

Jeff and Lynn Zidel on the birth of a grandson
Ivor and Nikki Polo on the birth of a son
Stan and Ava Smookler on the birth of a granddaughter
Joel and Gina Smookler on the birth of a daughter

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Time: 10h00

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Condolences

David Kassel on the loss of his sister

Davening Times

Shacharit
Monday and Thursday – 06h00 & 06h45
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – 06h15 & 06h45
Sundays and Public Holidays – 07h00
Mincha – 17h15

Rosh Chodesh / Fast Day / Chol Hamoed

1st Minyan – Davening will commence a 05h45 throughout the week
2nd Minyan – Davening will commence at 06h30 throughout the week

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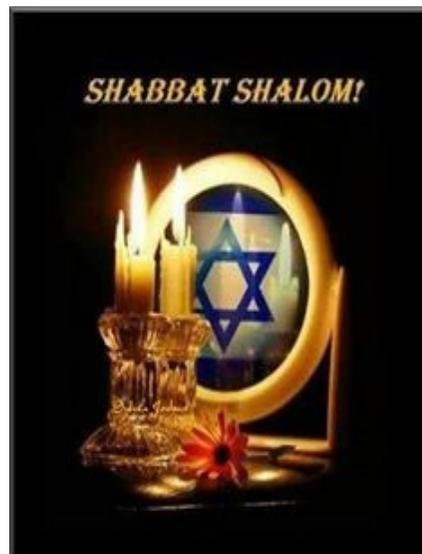
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14 July 2018

2 Av 5778

Candle Lighting: 5.14pm
Parsha: Matot Masei
Mincha: 4.45pm
Havdalah: 6.06pm



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Dvar Torah

Upon their return from the battle against Midian, Moshe angrily reprimanded the officers for not following his orders. Subsequently, when it was necessary to make the utensils taken in the booty kosher, Elazar the Kohen said: "This is the decree (for making utensils kosher)" Numbers 31:21. **Why did Elazar teach this law and not Moshe? The Talmud** answers that Moshe had forgotten the law due his anger. "If a person becomes enraged, if he is wise, he loses his wisdom, and if he is a prophet, he loses his prophecy" (Pesachim 66b). **Writes** Rabbi Yehudah Leib Chasman, "The suspension of Moshe's prophetic powers and intellect was not a punishment. Far from it. Moshe's wrath was directed at those who failed to protect the Israelites from improper actions, and it was thus in the interest of Israel and for the greater glory of God. Nevertheless, Moshe suffered suspension of his enormous powers because the toxic effects of rage are a natural phenomenon. A person who put his hand into a fire is not 'punished' by being burned. It is a natural consequence. Similarly, the loss of one's powers due to rage is a natural consequence rather than a punishment." It is vital that one works to break the character trait of anger. **Rabbi Zelig Pliskin**

We are fast approaching the fast of Tisha Be'av. I came across this letter in the writings of Rabbi Leff which I found to be so inspiring. I thought to share it with you all. **RDS**

Before my last trip to Israel, I invited my third-grade students to write notes to Hashem. There is an ancient custom to put messages in the Kotel and I thought that it would be a meaningful exercise for my students. I promised not to read the notes and encouraged the students to put serious thought into the words that they would write. I watched with apprehension and awe as one girl wrote her letter with tears pouring down her cheeks. I knew that she was not crying because of the letter, but about some of the challenges that she was describing. It was awful to see her crying but touching to know to whom she was crying. I carefully placed all of the letters into one sealed envelope and packed it away for my trip. I assured the students that I would be a faithful messenger. Later that night I received an emergency phone call. One girl had been home with the flu. Was there time to bring her letter over to my house? The girl had used a tiny florist's envelope to hold her letter. I don't know what was on the note inside the envelope, but on the front of the envelope was a simple message in the careful handwriting of a ten-year-old: **"To Hashem: From Chana"**. I don't know what came over me, but I was overcome with emotion and struck by the beauty and plaintiveness of the letter. I stuck the envelope into my pocket and kept it with me as I boarded the plane a few hours later. A trip to Eretz Yisrael is always an emotional experience, but this time I felt like so many of my emotions were articulated in that simple envelope. All of the logistics, politics, planning, excitement, and trepidation were encapsulated in those four words on the outside of the envelope. I was going to the land of Hashem and Hashem was waiting for and listening to my prayers. I couldn't control myself. I showed the envelope to my sister when she met me in New York and to the Rosh Yeshiva who sat down next to me on the plane. I showed it to the woman behind me on the escalator and to the couple in line with me at the border. I showed to a Christian Pilgrim at the baggage claim and to my family when I arrived at the wedding. Finally,

faithfully, even lovingly, I placed the tiny letters from the little girls into an ancient crack between the age worn stones of the Kotel. I hope that all of my prayers are as pure and un-complex as the prayers of those small children. I hope that we all merit to see our prayers find their way to Hashem's throne as He blesses us and our entire nation with purity, sincerity, sensitivity, and connection to Hashem. *Rav Ze'ev Leff*

Shabbos Message from Rabbi Suchard

Here in Israel, with a little more time to think, I realize that there are two challenges which we all must work on. The first is to really believe, fear, and love Hashem. To seek G-d by learning and improving one's self. In S.A. I found my work full and occupied with the dear Kehilla (congregation) I am still in touch with the goings on and have plans for the future which will be a new chapter for you all and myself. The two challenges are based on two verses in the Torah which we easily forget but are of paramount importance. The first verse is in Devarim: "What does G-d ask from you, but only to fear and love him..." the second is in Proverbs "If you seek it like silver, and search for it like treasures, you then will understand the fear of G-d." In a nutshell we must grow spiritually, as much as we wish to give to others, personally, we must grow in our religion as King Solomon writes in Kohelet for this is the purpose of man, to be G-d fearing and to follow His commandments. Two incidents inspired me to write and share them with you. Last week we visited the Kotel 11:00 at night. The feeling was awesome. Hundreds of Jews were praying, calling for a ma'ariv after a ma'ariv. In the cool of the night in front of the majestic lit up Kotel I felt a surge of belief. I prayed for those who are ill in Sandton and generally for all of our members. Please G-d when I organize trips to Israel - this night visit will be on the itinerary. I learn several hours daily in a holy Kotel. One young genius who speaks English has become my friend. I asked him how come he learns all day by himself. He said to me a beautiful thought based on the words of the Tur, a great Rabbi of the 11th century. We recite in davening, "Return us our Father to your Torah". G-d is our Father. A father must teach Torah to his children The young man Rabbi Deutsch, said, 'in the words of the Tur, G-d is my father, He is obligated to teach me Torah, so I learn with Him many hours each day'. A thought so passionately simple and inspiring. That one can feel in touch each moment with one's Creator. This Kotel is also a place to visit. You will feel and 'touch' the fear and love of G-d, and the importance of learning. During these three weeks of Tamuz up until Tisha Ba'av we mourn for the loss of the Temple. The Western Wall is awesome in its majesty - the world flocks to see it, and we Jews walk, in its presence with loving reverence. How much more so will the entire rebuilt temple with the priests the sacrifices, the Levites, the music, light up the world and warm our hearts. When the third temple will be rebuilt in great splendour, this will light up the world, and warm our hearts. We will be drawn to the Kohanim carrying out the sacrifices the Levite's accompanying them with music and song. This will have the impact a hundred-fold more than the present Western Wall. May G-d build it soon. **Good Shabbos, Love.**

Rabbi and Rochel Suchard

What Happened on Tisha B'av?

1. The Twelve Spies sent by Moses to observe the land of Canaan returned from their mission. Only two of the spies, Joshua and Caleb, brought a positive report, while the others spoke disparagingly about the land. The majority report caused the Children of Israel to cry, panic and despair of ever entering the "Promised Land". For this, they were punished by G-d that their generation would not enter the land. Because of the Israelites' lack of faith, G-d decreed that for all generations this date would become a day of crying and misfortune for their descendants.
2. The First Temple built by King Solomon and the Kingdom of Judah destroyed by the Babylonians led by Nebuchadnezzar in 587 after a two-year siege and the Judeans were sent into the Babylonian exile. According to the Talmud in tractate Ta'anit, the actual destruction of the First Temple began on the Ninth of Av and the Temple continued to burn throughout the Tenth of Av.
3. The Second Temple built by Ezra and Nehemiah was destroyed by the Romans in August 70 CE, scattering the people of Judea and commencing the Jewish exile from the Holy Land that continues to this day.
4. The Romans subsequently crushed Bar Kokhba's revolt and destroyed the city of Betar, killing over 500,000 Jewish civilians (approximately 580,000) on August 4, 135 CE
5. Following the Bar Kokhba revolt, Roman commander Turnus Rufus plowed the site of the Temple in Jerusalem and the surrounding area, in 135 CE.

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Date	Earliest Time For Tallit & Tefillin	Latest time for Shema	Sunset
12 July	6:06:03 AM	9:34:01 AM	5:31:36 PM
13 July	6:05:54 AM	9:33:59 AM	5:32:03 PM
14 July	6:05:45 AM	9:33:56 AM	5:32:30 PM
15 July	6:05:34 AM	9:33:52 AM	5:32:58 PM
16 July	6:05:22 AM	9:33:47 AM	5:33:26 PM
17 July	6:05:08 AM	9:33:42 AM	5:33:54 PM

After the Kiddush on Shabbat Day, Rabbi Shaw will give a shiur on the laws and customs of Tisha Be'Av

We look forward next week to welcoming Rabbi Hanoch Teller as our scholar in residence for Shabbat and Tisha Be'av.

“Quote of the Week”

**To desire is human;
to control our desires
is the essence of being human**