

So... What's Nu ?

Mazel Tov!

Births

Alon and Batya Samuels on the birth of a son, and to grandparents David and Tzippi Samuels and to great grandparents Rabbi and Rebbetzin Suchard

Ronald and Sue Gordon on the birth of a granddaughter

Hillan and Romy Berger on the birth of a daughter

Ivan and Brenda Segal on the birth of a grandson

Engagements

Ryan son of Stephen and Alicia Tucker on the occasion of his engagement to Mariel daughter of Mervyn and the Late Marilyn Shein

Brendon Unterslak son of Phyllis Shein on the occasion of his engagement to Ami-Leigh Sonnenberg daughter of David and Felicia Sonenberg

Lori daughter of Roy and Michelle Friedman, granddaughter of Pearl Friedman on the occasion of her engagement to Sam Cohen from Manchester

General

Kol Hakavod to all our scholars who passed matric and to our students that received their degrees in 2018. We wish them Hatzlacha Rabba for 2019

Children's Services

Commence this Shabbos. Meet in the Youth Centre - Friday at 6pm
Shabbos morning at 10am

**Please let the office know of anyone who is in need of our prayers
And also share with us any good news**

Condolences

Sid Drutman on the loss of his wife

Davening Times

Shacharit

Monday & Thursday – 06h00 & 06h40

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday –
06h15 & 06h45

Sundays & Public Holidays – 07h00

Mincha – 18h15

Rosh Chodesh / Fast Day / Chol Hamoad

1st Minyan – Davening will commence at 05h45 throughout the week

2nd Minyan – Davening will commence at 06h30 throughout the week

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Make the Connection

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6 Shevat 5779

Candle Lighting: 6.15pm
Parsha: Bo
Mincha: 6.25pm
Havdalah: 7.40pm
Haftarah: Idan Blumenthal



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Parashat Bo: A summary

This week we conclude the ten plagues with the plagues of locusts, darkness and the death of the first-born. The laws of Passover are presented, followed by the commandment to wear *Tefillin*, to consecrate the first-born animal and to redeem one's first born son. The Torah tells us that at some time in the future your son will ask you about these commandments and you will answer: "With a show of power, God brought us out of Egypt, the place of slavery. When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us leave, God killed all the first-born in Egypt, man and beast alike. I, therefore, offer to God all male first-born animals and redeem all the first-born of sons. And it shall be a sign upon your arm, and an ornament between your eyes (*Tefillin*), for with a strong hand the Almighty removed us from Egypt" (Ex. 13:15).

Dvar Torah by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin

In this week's portion the Almighty gives the first commandment to the Jewish people as a whole, to declare the beginning of the Jewish month. This is important for setting the date of each Jewish holiday. It is so important that when the Greeks were persecuting us at the time of the Hanukkah story, they forbade the Jewish court to decree the beginning of the new month. The Torah states, Exodus 12:2: "This month shall be for you the first of the months (referring to the month of Nissan when Pesach occurs. The new year of the reign of kings starts with the month of Nissan. The new year for the creation of mankind starts with the month of Tishrei."

What lesson for life can we learn from this verse?

Rabbi Moshe Feinstein commented that the month of Tishrei is the month of the creation of the world. The month of Nissan is the month of the exodus from Egypt. Both months are lessons in our awareness of the Almighty's power.

The first lesson is that the Almighty is the Creator of the universe. The second lesson is that of *hashgacha pratit*, Divine Providence. The Almighty controls the events of the world and therefore He is the One who enslaved the Children of Israel and He is the One Who freed them. The Torah is telling us in this verse that the lesson of the Almighty's guiding historical events is even more important than the lesson of the creation of the world.

One can believe that the Almighty created the world and this might not make any difference in a person's behavior and attitudes. However, once a person is aware of the supervision of the Almighty in daily events, he will improve his behavior. Moreover, his trust in the Almighty will free him from worry. The month of Nissan is the first month of the year and by remembering this we remember all that is symbolized by the Exodus. This will have a major effect on what we do and think.

Cinderella & the Israeli Soldier by Menucha Chana Levin

A glimpse of life in Israel you don't get to hear in the mainstream media.

Arriving in Akko early one spring morning, an elite IDF paratrooper unit started exploring the narrow stone streets of this ancient seaport. As part of their rigorous training, they need to learn how to navigate in an urban environment. So they found themselves in Akko, a city in which Arabs, Jews and Christians all manage to reside together. The old city walls that surround the port are remnants from the Crusader period.

Divided into groups, the paratroopers glanced around to get their bearings. Though alike in their olive-green uniforms, with their M16's casually dangling down their backs, one soldier stood out from the rest of his comrades. His name was Dov, "bear" in Hebrew. At six foot four, wide shoulders and bulging muscles strained against the fabric of his extra-large uniform, it was a most appropriate name. Yet Dov was always cheerful, kind-hearted and popular with his fellow soldiers.

Just then a group of young Arab schoolchildren hurried past, chattering rapidly to one another. "I wonder what they're saying," Yair, one of the soldiers, commented. "They said if they're late for school, they will be in trouble," Dov replied. Since when do you know Arabic?" Tali laughed. "I learned it in school, just like you did," Dov told him. "Okay, if you know Arabic so well, go talk to one of those school kids," Tali challenged, "and we'll listen into your conversation." "Sure," Dov agreed amiably. He noticed one tiny girl trailing slightly behind the rest of the schoolchildren. She must have been about five but small for her age, with olive skin and short black hair. A fragile little sparrow of a girl, but she had spunk. When this enormous Israeli soldier with an M16 squatted down in front of her, she was unperturbed. Her dark-bright eyes looked directly into his hazel ones. "Hello, cutie, how are you today? My name is Dov. What's your name?" he asked in fluent Arabic, using a soft, friendly tone. The child smiled but did not reply. "Let me guess your name then. Is it Fatima?" The little girl shook her head. "Could it be maybe, Hanan?" She giggled. "No." "Hmm, let me think then...is it Yasmin?" "That's my big sister's name," the child replied. Dov's knowledge of female Arabic names was exhausted. "I give up!" he exclaimed. "My name is Cinderella," the child announced proudly. Dov laughed. "You're joking! Is your name really Cinderella?" "Yes," she insisted. "That's really my name." "Well, Cinderella, it was nice talking to you. Have a good day at school." Dov unfolded himself back to his towering height. The child scampered off down the narrow stone street. "Well, what do you have to say?" Dov turned to his friends with a smug smile. "Now do you believe I can speak Arabic?" "I guess you do," Tali reluctantly admitted. "Yeah, but you spoke only to a little kid. How hard was that?" Yair challenged. But Dov was still following Cinderella with his eyes. Perhaps she sensed he was watching her for suddenly she turned around, gave a quick grin and a wave of her small hand, whirled round again and smashed her head into a stone wall. She cried out in pain and in an instant Dov was beside her. He scooped her up, examined the bump on her forehead, and gently wiped away her tears with his huge hand.

"Cinderella, don't cry," he murmured comfortingly. "It's a big bump but it will feel better soon. I wish I had some ice to put on it. That's what my mom did for my bumps when I was a little kid." Cinderella sniffed. "You bumped your head too?" she asked wonderingly. Dov laughed. "Sure, my head may be big but I still get my share of bumps. We all do. Tell me, would a candy help your head feel better?" he asked, fishing inside his uniform pocket and offering her the sweet. She nodded, blinking away her tears, and popped the candy into her mouth. "Now tell me where your school is, Cinderella, and I'll take you there." She pointed with a tiny finger. "Down that street." Both were unaware how incongruous they looked. But at that moment, it did not matter. So Dov, the huge Israeli soldier with the M16 on his back and compassion in his eyes, gently carried his new little friend right to the gate of her school. Both were unaware how incongruous they looked. But at that moment, it did not matter. At school, Cinderella may be taught to hate the man who had so tenderly carried her there, but perhaps she will remember him with fondness, as he will remember her...The media was totally unaware of this event. CNN was not there to record it; British reporters did not witness the sight. But this story did come from a very reliable source – my own soldier son, Tali, who was there to witness this encounter in ancient Akko early that spring morning.

DATE	EARLIEST TIME FOR TALLIS AND TEFILLIN	LATEST TIME FOR SHEMA	SUNSET
11 January	4:34:35 AM	8:11:26 AM	7:04:56 PM
12 January	4:35:26 AM	8:12:05 AM	7:04:56 PM
13 January	4:36:18 AM	8:12:43 AM	7:04:55 PM
14 January	4:37:10 AM	8:13:22 AM	7:04:53 PM

CLASSIFIEDS

Visiting the Sick in Hospital

Visiting the sick (or the "not yet well") is one of the characteristic acts of kindness that define the life of a Jew. It is a simulation of divine kindness.

Should anyone be willing to assist with visiting the sick in Morningside Clinic or Sunninghill Hospital on a Friday to deliver Challahs etc, please contact Debbi Gien on 083 3263236

Got A Halachic Question?

Need a quick answer

Sms or WhatsApp Rabbi Shaw on

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Unveiling

The unveiling of our Past President and Shamas Basil Hummel will be held at West Park on Sunday 20 January at 12h00

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

It is not pleasure that makes life worth living.
It is life that makes pleasure worth having.
George Bernard Shaw

A JOKE FOR THE WEEK:

Two men of Chelm went out for a walk, when suddenly it began to rain.
"Quick," said one. "Open your umbrella."
"It won't help," said his friend. "My umbrella is full of holes."
"Then why did you bring it?"
"I didn't think it would rain!"

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Flatter me, and I may not believe you.
Criticize me, and I may not like you.
Ignore me, and I may not forgive you.
Encourage me, and I may not forget you.