

Thought of the Week

Ramban (Rabbi Moshe ben Nachman, 13th century Barcelona) points out that the conclusion of the book of Shemot, with its detailed recording of the construction and expenditures involved in the completion of the Mishkan/Tabernacle, places the Jewish people as a whole at the level of spirituality that was present in the homes of our patriarchs and matriarchs at the conclusion of the previous book of Bereshith.

Just as the spirit of the Lord hovered over the tents of our forbearers, so now did it become recognizable and present amongst the nation of Israel. Constructed for that purpose, the spirit of the Lord dwelled within the Mishkan/Tabernacle. There is an important message contained in this observation.

This Jewish tradition teaches us that there are two places, so to speak, where the Lord's presence may be experienced and should be cultivated. God's glory fills the entire universe; He is omnipresent. But the puny human being cannot encompass the entire universe in all of its vastness and complexity. We need a personal God that we can relate to somehow.

That God can be found according to Jewish tradition in two places in our small and narrow world. One place is in our home, our family and our daily lives. The second place of Godly encounter is in the house of worship and study and Torah service. That is our substitute Mishkan/Tabernacle where the spirit of God hovers over those buildings and is recognizable to us only if we are attuned and sensitive enough to experience it. These two pillars of Jewish life have accompanied us on our long journey the world – and through our history.

Both of these bastions of Jewish strength and vitality – the home and the synagogue/study hall – the meeting places so to speak of Israel with its God, are under siege and attack in today's modern society. The home, marriage, children and the sense of family has given way to relationships, moving-in and out, later marriages, a large number of divorces and spousal abuse, and the sacrifice of children and family on the altars of career and hedonism.

Without strong Jewish families there cannot be a strong State of Israel or a viable Jewish nation. Certainly intermarriage has eroded the concept of Jewish family but even when this does not occur, the bonds of family are frayed by television, the internet and the society generally. Sometimes even well meaning gestures are counterproductive.

During my years as a rabbi in Miami Beach we always had many Shabat guests and because of that, contact between us and our own young children was pretty much eliminated. One Friday one of ...

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Shabbos Schedule Shabbos Shekalim Mevorchim haChodesh



Candle lighting:	5:37pm
Mincha - Friday:	5:37pm
Parsha Chaburah by Naftali Perlberger:	7:55am
Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur:	8:15am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:20am
Kiddush this Shabbos is community sponsored.	
Mincha:	5:35pm
Chabura given by Bobby Den on Din of Klaf: the distinction of Torah, Tefillin, and Mezuzah.	
Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr Daniel Eisenberg.	
Maariv:	6:41pm

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis:	Sunday (Rosh Chodesh Adar II):	8:00am
	Monday (Rosh Chodesh Adar II):	6:30am
	Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday:	6:50am
	Thursday:	6:40am
Mincha/Maariv:	Sunday:	5:45pm
Maariv:	Monday through Thursday:	7:45pm
Mincha and Candle Lighting	Friday:	5:45pm

Weekday Shiurim

Daily Mussar Shiur:	15 minutes before Shacharis
Mishna Brura:	Mon and Wed after Maariv
Melachim Aleph Shiur:	Monday at 8pm
Halacha Shiur:	Tuesday at 8:30pm.
Nefesh HaChaim:	Thursday at 10:10pm

Check with Dr Daniel Eisenberg to confirm.

Chevra Mishnayos

The Chevra Mishnayos is learning Seder Nashim. See shul bulletin board to sign up or email eisenber@pol.net with your name and the masechta (and chapters) you intend to learn.

Women's Learning Experience - Winter Session

Mon at 10:30am: Tehillim for Cholim.
Mon at 11:00am: Rabbi Greenspan - Parsha haShavua.
Tues at 9:30am: Rabbi Shmidman - Sefer Tehillim, at LMS.
Tues at 8:00pm: Stacey Goldman - The Imahot, at the Werrin home, 161 Highland Circle, Bala.
Wed at 10:00am: Rabbi Gold - Haggadah Highlights.
Thu at 9:30am: Rabbi Steinberg - Geshet HaChaim.
All classes at 8 Concord Circle, unless otherwise noted. For information or free babysitting, call Janis Fine 610-888-0477.

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our younger daughters said to my wife: "Mommy, are children also guests?" We got the message and then made certain that one of the Shabat meals would be exclusively with our children.

The synagogue also has lost much since it became the matter of the whims and comfort of the attendees and no longer the House of God where He is to be glimpsed and served according to His wishes as expressed in Torah and halacha. I hope that the message of the Ramban will certainly not be lost upon us.

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- Mazel Tov to Penny Pugach on her engagement to Moshe Parilis.
- Mazel Tov to Stan Sved on the birth of a granddaughter.
- Mazel Tov to Nachum and Dvasha Stollman and family on the birth of a baby boy this past Monday. The shalom zachar will be at 213 Upland Road at 8:45pm. The bris will be on Monday at LMS after the 6:30am minyan.

Pirchei and Bnos

Bnos will meet from 3:30 to 4:30pm at LMS. For information, contact Meira Friedman at 610-617-9529.

Cholim List Refresh

The shul cholim list will be purged this Sunday, Rosh Chodesh Adar Sheini. Names can be submitted to yimlcholim@gmail.com or the gabbaim.

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