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## Meraglim, Mossad, and Military Might

The world looked on in awe as Israel began its miraculous campaign against the Iranian threat. Within hours, Iran's military leadership and nuclear scientists were eliminated, and many of its missiles and launchers decimated.

The Mossad spied for years. IDF and IAF trained for months. The advance preparation is unimaginable.

And so is the alternative.

Where would we be if this operation hadn't taken place? If Iran was still marching full speed ahead toward nuclear weaponry? If they were smashing out ballistic missiles by the thousand? As harsh as the situation is now—and thank the Almighty for His constant miracles—without this operation, we would be in deep, deep trouble.



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I can't help drawing a parallel to another operation, one we read about in this week's Torah portion: Spies, victory, conquest.

Who: the 12 Spies Moses sent. Their task: Scout out the Holy Land. Assess the weaknesses of the Canaanites and determine the best way to victory.

Only in that operation, the result wasn't as dazzling. The spies came back with negative reports: "We can't do it. Mission impossible."

The consequences? A tragedy. Forty years in the desert. The passing of an entire generation.

If not for this blunder, we're told, the Jewish people would have marched into the Land of Israel with the Final Redemption. Thousands of years of darkness, exile, trials and tribulations throughout our history would have never come to pass.

But the Spies made a fatal error. In their mission to scout out the land, they were tasked with a basic question: How? How should we conquer? What is the best way?

But instead, they asked if. Is it possible? Can we really succeed? And that was their failure.

But the story of the Spies is more than just history. The Torah tells us the story to teach each of us a lesson that remains applicable today in 2026.

Every person is given a mission, assigned by the One Above. How do we figure out our mission? We look for clues in our background and history, our talents and interests, and—of course—the needs we discover in the world.

It is up to us to work out the how, never the if.

G-d Almighty doesn't expect without providing the tools we need to succeed.

The mission is timely and critical. The world relies on you to complete your part: We're marching toward the Final Redemption, a time when peace will finally reign, and you're at the front.

*(by Elchonon Morozow from [www.chabad.org](http://www.chabad.org))*

## This Week in Jewish History

**R. Yosef Yitzchak Released from Prison (1927)** — On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Tammuz, 18 days after his arrest, he was released from prison and allowed six hours at home before reporting to the Leningrad train station to embark on his exile. (On the 12<sup>th</sup> of Tammuz, after serving only nine days of his three year term, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak was informed that he was free to return home. Shortly thereafter, he was allowed to leave the Soviet Union and resettled in Riga, Latvia.)

**Rebbe's Yahrtzeit (1994)** — The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson of righteous memory (b. 1902) passed away in the early morning hours of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Tammuz, of the year 5754 from creation (1994).

*(from www.chabad.org)*

We happily wish Mazel Tov to  
**Major Michael and Mrs. Lisette Young**  
 on the **Birth of a Grandson**, born to their children  
**Mr. Akiva Meir and Mrs. Esther Bayla Ayala.**



We wish Mazel Tov to **Mr. and Mrs. Shaul Allen**  
 the engagement of their daughter  
**Deena**  
 to  
**Dovi Kurinsky**  
 of Florida.  
 We wish both of you much mazel, simcha and a long life together.



We happily wish Mazel Tov to  
**Mr. Jacob and Mrs. Moriah Hoffman**  
 on the **Birth of a Daughter**.  
**Jacob and Moriah Hoffman** are sponsoring Kiddush  
 after davening this Shabbat in honor of their Simcha.



### Yahrzeits This Week:

Shmuel Lyss	4 Tammuz - Thursday night / Friday	for father	Reuven Peretz ben Getzel
Sarah Itzkowitz	4 Tammuz - Thursday night / Friday	for father	Avrohom Ahron ben Eliyahu

### DAVENING AND SHIURIM SCHEDULE

**Friday, 6/12 — 27 Sivan**

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:00 p.m.

**Shabbat, 6/13 — 28 Sivan**

Shacharit 9:00 a.m.  
 Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:20 a.m.  
 Minchah — 8:05 p.m.  
 Shiur — after Minchah  
 Shkiah — 8:35 p.m.  
 Ma'ariv — 9:23 p.m.

**Sunday, 6/14 — 29 Sivan**

Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.  
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m.

**Monday — Rosh Chodesh Tammuz, 6/15 — 30 Sivan**

Shacharit — 6:40 a.m.  
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m.

**Tuesday — Rosh Chodesh Tammuz, 6/16 - 1 Tammuz**

Shacharit — 6:40 a.m.  
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m.

**Wednesday, 6/17 — 2 Tammuz**

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m.

**Thursday, 6/18 — 3 Tammuz**

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.  
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m.

**Friday, 6/19 — 4 Tammuz**

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
 Shabbat Candles — 8:18 p.m.  
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:00 p.m.