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Bereshit — Shabbat M'vorchim

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Soul Talk

Two souls met each other at the half-way point between heaven and earth. One was descending into this world to be en clothed in a body. The other was ascending, having completed its mission here.

"What's it like down there?" asked the first soul warily.

"Well, for three kopecks you can buy the strings for tzitzit (the fringes on a four-cornered garment)," replied the ascending soul.

"Wow, imagine that!" exclaimed the first soul, awed at the relatively inexpensive price of performing mitzvot (commandments). The soul began plummeting even more quickly, without fear or hesitation.

"Don't be so eager," the second soul called out after it. "Just wait until you see how hard you have to work to get that money!"

Thank G-d, it's not nearly as tough as it used to be to make a living. Most of us live lifestyles that would have been considered opulent in the days when tzitzit cost three kopecks. What our great-grandparents considered luxuries are today's bare necessities.

Most of us needn't be workaholics to have money to spend on mitzvot. Loose change can be dropped into a tzedaka box. A dollar can buy a box of a dozen Shabbat candles. For \$10 you can purchase a nice bottle of kosher wine over which to recite the "kiddush" on Shabbat. Thirty dollars will get you a kosher mezuzah parchment. Unlike our great-grandparents, most of us can hardly claim that doing mitzvot will take food out of our mouths. These amounts of money are not an issue.

What our great-grandparents lacked in money, they made up for in unwavering commitment, enthusiasm and faith. They also inscribed in their minds and on their hearts the words contained in the first ruling of the Code of Jewish Law: Do not be embarrassed by scoffers. They weren't concerned with what the neighbors would say. For all these reasons and more, even when they really didn't have the three kopecks, they somehow found the money rather than neglect the opportunity to perform a mitzva.

If those two souls were to encounter each other in our times, the soul returning from its sojourn on earth would not comment on how hard it is to earn money to do mitzvot. Perhaps the conversation would go something like this:

"What's it like down there?" asks the first soul warily.

"Well, for only \$20 you can buy a really nice bottle of kosher wine to use for kiddush on Shabbat," replies the ascending soul.

"Wow, imagine that!" exclaims the first soul, awed at the relatively inexpensive price of acquiring mitzvot. The soul begins plummeting even more quickly, without fear or hesitation.

"Don't be so eager," the second soul calls after it. "Just wait until you see how hard it is to convince your body that it's important to make kiddush on Shabbat let alone break your teeth on the Hebrew!"

Do a mitzva. Your soul will surely appreciate it, and so will you! You'll both be glad you did.

(from <http://www.lchaimweekly.org/>)

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning next Shabbat - Parshat Noach, Shacharit will begin at **8:40** a.m.

Community Information of Interest

The Last Years of the Old Order: Israel and the Jews 1962-1966. Lecture by Rabbi Dovid Katz.
October 10: *Big Enough for Both? Triumphant Jewish Nationalism and Triumphant Arab Nationalism Cohabit the Middle East 1962-66.*

This lecture will begin at 8:30 p.m. and be held at the Congregation Shomrei Emunah.

November 8: For All Tastes will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2015 at Beth Tfiloh Congregation at 6:30 p.m. This two-prong event will include a delightful concert featuring musical selections from Cantors Avi Albrecht, Melvin Luterman, Emanuel Perlman, Avraham Rosenblum the Beth Tfiloh High School Acapella and the HaZamir Choirs followed by a fabulous kosher dairy dessert and wine reception. Tnuva will be donating many food products while Golan Heights Winery will be supplying the wines. All proceeds will benefit Meir Panim; committed to ending hunger in Israel. For more information and to buy tickets, please visit www.foralltastes.org or go to Hadassah Greater Baltimore or Jake's Barber Shop.



Looking for toys for our play area. If you have clean, Shabbat-usable toys in good condition that you can donate, please consider donating them. ALSO, sometime around Passover a number of small toys were removed from the area, including plastic track for the play table. If you know where they are, please return them to the toy room.

If you want to be included in the Shul's e-mail list you should send your name and e-mail address to: shul.chabad@gmail.com.

Kiddush this Shabbat is sponsored by **Dr. Moshe and Mrs. Maggie Silver**
in honor of Moshe's father **Binyomin ben Mordechai's** yahrzeit
on the 30th of Tishrei.



Yahrzeits This Week:

Dr. Moshe Silver 30 Tishrei - Monday night/Tuesday for father Binyomin ben Mordechai

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Davening and Shiurim Schedule

Friday, 10/9 — 26 Tishrei

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.
Candles — 6:18 p.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:20 p.m.

Shabbat, 10/10 — 27 Tishrei

Shacharit — 8:50 a.m.
Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 10:03 a.m.
Berachot Gemara Shiur — 5:05 p.m.
Minchah & Seudah Shilishit — 6:05 p.m.
Ma'ariv — 7:19 p.m.

Sunday, 10/11 — 28 Tishrei

Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.
Shulchan Aruch Shiur — 8:45 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:10 p.m.

Monday, 10/12 — 29 Tishrei

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:10 p.m.

Tuesday — Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan, 10/13 — 30 Tishrei

Shacharit — 6:35 a.m.
Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:10 p.m.

Wednesday — Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan, 10/14 — 1 Cheshvan

Shacharit — 6:35 a.m.
Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:10 p.m.

Thursday, 10/15 — 2 Cheshvan

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.
Tanya Shiur — 9:00 p.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:10 p.m.

Friday, 10/16 — 3 Cheshvan

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.
Candles — 6:07 p.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:10 p.m.