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The Best Windows Ever

Like millions of Windows users around the world, I too saw a message from Microsoft popping up on my desktop: "Get Windows 10." The message remained on my screen until I clicked "upgrade" and reserved the new operation system.

Reportedly, within four weeks since its launch, over 75 million devices were upgraded to Windows 10. What's behind Microsoft's aggressive campaign to get everyone on Windows 10? Why is it being offered free of charge and easy to install?

No one suspects that Bill Gates and Microsoft just woke up one day with an ambition to make life easier for all the many Windows users with a brand new, bug free, easy to operate system.

Offering Windows 10 - "the best Windows ever" - free of charge is hardly an act of entrepreneurship as much as it is a shrewd business venture which, Microsoft hopes, will make back every penny invested in developing the new system.

Microsoft is cutting out expensive tech support for old systems by aggressively promoting Windows 10. They are attempting to manipulate the natural evolution process from older to newer technology that would usually take three or four years, to just a few short months.

What's the Divine message we're getting through the Windows 10 promotion campaign?

Since the principles of Judaism were initially "invented" at Sinai, they haven't changed and they never will, much as the principles of computing have remained the same since they were first introduced. Only the operating systems have changed and adapted over time due to faster and better technology.

There are two major "operating systems" in Judaism, and they both help us out of our spiritual "exile":

The "old school" system turns to a Jew who is struggling to choose right from wrong. The Torah reaches out to him and offers support to make proper decisions, either by portraying the abundant reward or the bitter punishment - in this world and in the next - that his decisions will lead to.

The "new" operating system reaches out to a Jew who appreciates doing what's right because it's right. While he still feels the "old" struggle, it's easier for him to win the battle when he knows that his actions are part of a master plan to make the world a place where Divine meaning prevails.

Our world in the past was one in which the 'old' operation system worked better. This was because the reality of the world was such that evil usually prevailed. But ultimately good must prevail and the transition to that reality is happening now.

Signs predicted by the sages to signal the turning point in history from exile to redemption have begun to unfold before our eyes. To us they signal a new phase in how we should serve G-d.

The world we live in today requires of us to quickly upgrade from the old frame of mind in which the world was viewed as an adversary to G-d, to a frame of mind in which the world is gradually becoming what it was meant to be from its inception: a place G-d can call home.

Moshiach will come soon and the old system will be officially outdated and unsupported. And good for you: the vista we see through the old windows - a struggle between good and evil - will change and portray an everlasting struggle between good and better.

Maybe it's hard; changes are never easy, but we've got to live with the times. There is an amazing new world emerging: one in which we can see, smell and touch G-dliness with no passwords to remember.

G-d is launching an aggressive campaign: start living with your head in the future; look through "the best windows ever!" And one more important message: if you get it now, it's free!

(by Rabbi Levi Liberow from <http://www.lchaimweekly.org>)

The Torah states: "He (Isaac) married Rebecca, she became his wife, and he loved her (Gen. 24:67).

Why does the Torah relate that first she became his wife and then tell us that he loved her?

What often passes for "love" in western civilization is either blind passion, or at best, self-love. Neither of these are a basis for an enduring relationship. Passion dissipates fairly soon and self-love may be rather easily frustrated. There is no wonder that the divorce rate is 40% or higher!

In a traditional Jewish marriage, the basis for marriage was the responsibility to establish a family to whom the couple could transmit our heritage. Certainly, the relationship was to provide satisfaction for both partners. However, if the level of satisfaction was not what each might have wished, the basis of the relationship was not weakened, and agreement could more easily be reached. There was a common goal and purpose to the marriage rather than self-seeking interests. This enables the development of a more mature love.

That is why the Torah tells us this order. The love develops after she became his wife. Two people dedicated to a goal, to each other, to the marriage will focus on the good in each other and experience love.

(by Rabbi Abraham J. Twerski, M.D. from www.ais.com)

Community Information of Interest

November 8: For All Tastes will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2015 at Beth Tfiloh Congregation at 6:30 p.m. This 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. All proceeds will benefit Meir Panim; committed to ending hunger in Israel. For more information and to buy tickets, please visit www.foralltastes.org

"The Rav's Friday Night Hashkafa Q&A Shiur for Men"

The first shiur of this season will take place **next** Friday night (Parshat Toldot – November 13th) at 8:00 p.m. and will be held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Dovi Ziffer at 6610 Clarington Road (in Beazer). Questions can be submitted in advance to rabbikaplan@chabadmd.com or anonymously in the shul mailbox.

Yahrzeits This Week:

Mitch Mayer 25 Cheshvan - Friday night/Shabbat for mother Freda bat Avraham

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Davening and Shiurim Schedule

Friday, 11/6 – 24 Cheshvan

Shacharit – 7:00 a.m.
Parshat HaShavua Shiur – 7:45 a.m.
Candles – 4:41 p.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv – 4:45 p.m.

Shabbat, 11/7 – 25 Cheshvan

Shacharit – 8:40 a.m.
Sof Z'man Kriat Shema – 9:16 a.m.
Berachot Gemara Shiur – cancelled this week
Minchah & Seudah Shilishit – 4:30 p.m.
Ma'ariv – 5:42 p.m.

Sunday, 11/8 – 26 Cheshvan

Shacharit – 8:00 a.m.
Shulchan Aruch Shiur – 8:45 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv – 4:40 p.m.

Monday, 11/9 – 27 Cheshvan

Shacharit – 6:50 a.m.
Parshat HaShavua Shiur – 7:45 a.m.
Ma'ariv – 8:50 p.m.

Tuesday, 11/10 – 28 Cheshvan

Shacharit – 7:00 a.m.
Parshat HaShavua Shiur – 7:45 a.m.
Ma'ariv – 8:50 p.m.

Wednesday, 11/11 – 29 Cheshvan

Shacharit – 7:00 a.m.
Parshat HaShavua Shiur – 7:45 a.m.
Ma'ariv – 8:50 p.m.

Thursday – Rosh Chodesh Kislev, 11/12 – 30 Cheshvan

Shacharit – 6:35 a.m.
Parshat HaShavua Shiur – 7:45 a.m.
Tanya Shiur – 9:00 p.m.
Ma'ariv – 8:50 p.m.

Friday – Rosh Chodesh Kislev, 11/13 – 1 Kislev

Shacharit – 6:35 a.m.
Parshat HaShavua Shiur – 7:45 a.m.
Candles – 4:35 p.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv – 4:35 p.m.