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Meet Love, Haha, Wow "Sad," and "Angry"

This week I logged into my Facebook account and lo and behold, there's a brand new feature. Until now, the only options (other than commenting) were to either "like" something or ignore it entirely. But there are so many situations which call for more than that.

When my friend had a new baby, the "like" button was insufficient. I didn't just like the news, I loved it!

And how to respond to someone's heartfelt, beautifully-written eulogy for a recently passed loved one? "Liking" seems wrong, because I certainly don't "like" their loss. But I don't want to ignore it either.

Likewise, when I was shocked to see which presidential candidate a friend supports, I had no means of expressing my outrage.

Finally, this week, Facebook presented a solution. Meet "reactions." Now, users can choose to react to a post with either: "Love," "Haha," "Wow," "Sad," or "Angry."

As Jews, we can learn a lot from this.

The problem with "like," is that it contains no emotion. It's too dry. We need more passion than a passive "like,"

Mark Zuckerberg has revealed that so far, "love" is by far the most popular of the new buttons. People don't just want to "like" something; they want to "love" it.

We read in the Shema prayer daily, "And you shall love the L-rd your G-d." Judaism demands passion and vibrancy. It's not enough to just "like" G-d, we have to love Him.

We need to find our passion for doing mitzvot, like going to shul, learning Torah and putting on tefillin.

We need to feel fiery about helping our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

We need to yearn for Shabbat, its rest and holiness.

We need to find that love, for G-d and His mitzvot, and apply it to our lives. Display passion!

But what happens when we don't love Him?

That's why we have the other options: "Sad," "Angry," etc.

It's better to be angry, than to not feel at all. Any passion, even anger toward G-d, is better than lack of feeling. As long as there is passion and feeling, there is a relationship. Without a relationship, we're in trouble.

So, how's your relationship with G-d?

(by Rabbi Rabbi Uriel Vigler from <http://www.lchaimweekly.org/>)

The Jewish Problem

Come, let us deal wisely with them..." (1:10)

The Torah relates that the Mitzrim were afraid that Bnei Yisroel were becoming too numerous. Looming over their heads was the possibility that in the case of a war Bnei Yisroel would join forces with the enemy and drive the Mitzrim out of their land. Pharaoh and his advisors devised a course of action to prevent their worst fears from materializing.

The Ba'al Haggada states "vayarei'u osanu hamitzrim" – "the Mitzrim dealt with us in a malevolent manner", as it is recorded in the Torah "havah nischakmah lo" – "come let us deal wisely with them". Why is Pharaoh's strategizing as to how to deal with a perceived threat viewed as a malicious act against Bnei Yisroel?

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In contemporary society we search continuously for methods by which we can categorize different conditions and behaviors. By identifying and labeling a problem we gain a certain confidence that the problem can be corrected. Unfortunately, often in our haste to identify a situation which we are having difficulty controlling, we mislabel a condition and create a problem where no problem exists. Particularly when dealing with children, care must be taken to ensure that we, as parents and educators, do not label our children as "problems". Even when the correct diagnosis has been made, we must proceed with caution to ensure that we do not transform a child with a problem into a "problem child". The grossest injustice that can be done to a person is to label him as a problem. The damage caused to a child's self-esteem due to the manner in which he is perceived by others and consequently comes to view himself, can be irreparable.

Whereas the harm which Bnei Yisroel suffered at the hands of the Mitzrim lasted only for the duration of time they spent in servitude and affected only those who were present, the perception created by Pharaoh that Jews are a public menace still haunts us today. The ultimate act of evil perpetrated against Bnei Yisroel by Pharaoh was labeling them as "the Jewish Problem".

(by Rabbi Yochanan Zweig from Project Genesis at www.torah.org)

We extend out heartfelt sympathy to **Mrs. Rochelle Rubin**
on the passing of her father, **Chaim Dovid ben Yaakov**.

The funeral will be in London, England.



Easy Mitzvah opportunity: Don't know what to do with all the grape juice bottles you received with Shloch Monos? Sealed bottles of any size may be placed in a Bikur Cholim box to be distributed to patients and hospital pantries. For location see flyer in lobby or call 410-999-3700.

The price for Matzah this year will be \$22 per pound for regular and whole-wheat hand baked Shmura Matzah. Orders for Matzah **MUST** be submitted online at www.chabadshul.org and **the deadline for ordering is April 3, 2016**. Sale of Chometz Forms are in the bin in the Lobby and available online at the Shul's website.



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Davening and Shiurim Schedule

Friday — Shushan Purim, 3/25— 15 Adar II

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

Shabbat, 3/26 — 16 Adar II

Shacharit — 8:40 a.m.
Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 10:04 a.m.
Berachot Gemara Shiur — 5:55 p.m.
Minchah & Seudah Shilishit — 6:55 p.m.
Ma'ariv — 8:07 p.m.

Sunday, 3/27 — 17 Adar II

Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.
Shulchan Aruch Shiur — 8:45 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:15 p.m.

Monday, 3/28 — 18 Adar II

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, 3/29 — 19 Adar II

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, 3/30 — 20 Adar II

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, 3/31 — 21 Adar II

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:15 p.m.
Tanya Shiur — 9:00 p.m.

Friday, 4/1— 22 Adar II

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.
Candles — 7:13 p.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:00 p.m.