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VaYeLech — Shabbat Shuva— Yom Kippur

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Higher Than Heaven

It was the night of Yom Kippur, the holiest time of the year.

As all the Jews were gathering in shul anxiously awaiting their rebbe's arrival to begin the prayer services, Rabbi Shneur Zalman, also known as the Alter Rebbe, mysteriously left the small European village.

Some of his devoted and admiring chassidim speculated that their beloved leader went to heaven, connecting to G-d and His angels in the heavenly spheres in preparation for this holy time.

Where was their beloved leader?

As the Rebbe's chassidim waited worriedly for him to arrive, he was climbing deep into the woods, with a sack on his back, to chop down wood.

They later learned that he then proceeded to bring the firewood and the sack into the lonely little house of an impoverished widow, who had just given birth, and her five small children. Saving a life is so important, that chopping wood and creating fire — normally forbidden on the holy day — are permitted.

No task was beneath this great Torah scholar as he created a blazing fire in the fireplace, unpacked the food and clothes from the sack, lovingly fed the children and left the woman with many kind and caring words.

Perhaps we could say that the Alter Rebbe went to a place even higher than heaven.

What is true goodness? What is true giving?

Judaism gently teaches us through the stories of the scroll that true goodness is not carried out in a blaze of glory.

True goodness and giving often involves nurturing and caring in little ways that go unseen.

Often when it's hard.

Often when it hurts.

Often when it's not really "my job."

Impacting this world is not reserved for the knight in shining armor, for the airbrushed faces of Hollywood.

It is the responsibility and right of every one of us—with all of our talents and strengths, and yes, with all of our weaknesses.

We, and our loved ones, are immortalized long after we are gone, through the kind acts on this earth — the comforting whisper to a frightened child, the mending of a broken heart, the giving of charity when we need to dig deep, the patience and forbearance to a cantankerous relative, the nourishing home-cooked meal delivered with love . . .

It is through this goodness and giving that we touch the divine, ascending higher than heaven.



(by Shula Bryski from <http://www.chabad.org/>)

We happily wish Mazel Tov to
Rabbi Shmuel and Rebbetzin Rochel Kaplan
 on the **Birth of a Grandson**, born to their children
Rabbi Moishe and Esther Kavka.



The Auction for the aliyas on Yom Kippur will take place this Shabbat before Musaf.

Children's Groups Schedule

Shabbos Shuva Groups for Children ages 2-8 as well as the older girls group will take place beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Yom Kippur Groups for children ages 2-8 only will take place from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 noon. Mrs. Bar-Am and Mrs. Slatkin will be running the babysitting from 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are still needed from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. so that we can extend babysitting to that time.

Seudah Shlishit סעודה שלישית

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Elbaum are sponsoring
 Seudah Shlishit this Shabbat
 in memory of the Yahrzeit of Howard's father,
Avraham Menachem ben Yitzchak Yehudah z"l.

Yahrzeits This Week:

Howard Elbaum 7 Tishrei - Saturday night/Sunday for father Avraham Menachem ben Yitzchak Yehudah

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Davening and Shiurim Schedule

Friday, 9/18 — 5 Tishrei
 Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
 Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.
 Candles — 6:51 p.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:55 p.m.

Shabbat Shuva, 9/19 — 6 Tishrei
 Shacharit — 8:50 a.m.
 Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:56 a.m.
 No Kiddush after Musaf this Shabbat
 Minchah & Seudah Shilishit — 6:40 p.m.
 Ma'ariv — 7:52 p.m.

Sunday, 9/20 — 7 Tishrei
 Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.
 Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 8:45 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:40 p.m.

Monday, 9/21 — 8 Tishrei
 Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
 Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:40 p.m.

Tuesday — Erev Yom Kippur, 9/22 — 9 Tishrei
 Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
 Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.
 Minchah — 3:30 p.m.
 Candles & Fast Begins — 6:46
 Kol Nidre — 6:35 p.m.

Wednesday — Yom Kippur, 9/23 — 10 Tishrei
 Shacharit — 8:50 a.m.
 Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:57 a.m.
 Yiskor — after 11:15 a.m.
 Minchah — 4:40 p.m.
 Ma'ariv, Shofer & Fast Ends — 7:42 p.m.

Thursday, 9/24 — 11 Tishrei
 Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
 Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:40 p.m.
 Tanya Shiur — 9:00 p.m.

Friday, 9/25 — 12 Tishrei
 Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
 Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.
 Candles — 6:40 p.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:40 p.m.