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Mining the Depths

Once when the Rebbe was asked to elaborate on the nature of his position, he explained that he is a miner. Just as a miner digs into the depths of the earth, sifts through much dirt and stone, and ultimately comes up with jewels and precious metals, so, too, the Rebbe teaches and empowers us to penetrate to the depths of our being and reveal the inner G-dliness dormant within our souls.

Now going beneath the surface of our personalities is not particularly new. For over a century, psychologists have spoken about this goal, and in the last decades motivational specialists and personal growth coaches have become a major part of even the corporate structure of western society. So what's new about the Rebbe's approach?

The novelty is not in the idea of digging, but what one comes up with when one digs.

Secular psychologists have dug and come up with passions and fears that diminish rather than enhance our humanity. Humanists have dug and come up with existential despair and emptiness. The Rebbe dug and came up with G-dliness.

Why do the psychologists come up with fears and passions, or the humanists with despair, when they try to probe beneath a person's surface?

Because that is their own inner mindset. They do not set out to diminish man's potential. Quite the contrary, they want to help; they are well-intentioned and honest.

But that very honesty causes them to project their own image over humanity as a whole. You can't blame them for that. They are human and this is the way they see man. But what is their image of themselves or of man in general? And what is the image of man the Rebbe projects?

They look around at their environment and try to make sense out of the different forces and factors they see. They discover patterns and share them with others. By doing so, they reinforce the patterns that they discover.

The Rebbe operates from a different perspective. What is significant is not what he or other people see or want in this world, but what G-d wants. Why did G-d create the world? And why did He create this particular person, this particular situation, and this particular moment?

The question motivates the answer. It frees a person to look beyond his own individual horizons and see a larger picture - a Divine picture.

Most of us do not ask these questions naturally. But as we connect with the Rebbe, study his teachings, follow his directives, and endeavor to understand his motivation, we learn to do so.

Extending this approach further, one looks to the era when G-d's conception of the world will blossom into manifest fulfillment: the era of the Redemption. For just as every particular entity was created with a purpose, so, too, the world at large was brought into being with a goal. As our Sages comment, "The world was created solely for Moshiach."

For that reason it is important to learn about the era of the Redemption and appreciate the mindset that will prevail at that time. As we become more acquainted with G-d's purpose for creation, we are more capable of prodding that purpose into fulfillment and enabling the world to reach that desired state.

(by Rabbi E. Tougher from <http://www.lchaimweekly.org/>)

This Summer beginning
Shabbos Parshas Korach,
3 Tammuz-June 16, 2018 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
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A Hearty Mazel Tov to:
Rabbi Shmuel and Rebbetzin Rochel Kaplan & Family
 on the **marriage of their son**

Yaakov
 to
Chana Harrison
 of Montreal, Quebec.

Mazel Tov also to Chana's parents
Yirmiyahu and Chaya Harrison.

The Spies and Yerushalayim

In this week's parashah, we read of the incident of the Spies. Our Sages teach that the date on which the Spies delivered their report to Bnei Yisrael was the eighth day of the month of Av. The following night, the ninth of Av / Tishah B'Av, Bnei Yisrael wept, as we read (14:1), "The people wept that night." Hashem then declared, "You cried on this night for no reason; I will make this night a night of tears for your descendants." Therefore, the ninth of Av was designated by G-d as the date for the destruction of the Bet Hamikdash.

R' Yechiel Michel Tikochinsky z"l (1871-1955; editor for 51 years of an annual calendar documenting the customs of Eretz Yisrael and Yerushalayim; also author of the widely-used work on mourning, Geshet Ha'chaim) notes that the connection between the Jewish People and Eretz Yisrael, especially Yerushalayim, was never severed. He writes: The nation lifted its right hand and swore (Tehilim 137:5-6), "If I forget you, Yerushalayim, let my right hand forget [its skill]. Let my tongue adhere to my palate, if I fail to recall you, if I fail to elevate Yerushalayim above my greatest joy." The prophet Yeshayah declared (62:6), "Upon your walls, Yerushalayim, I have assigned guardians; all the day and all the night, continuously, they shall never be silent." And the prophet Yirmiyah instructed (51:50), "Remember Hashem from the distance, and let Yerushalayim come up in your hearts." Its memory never leaves us. In all our prayers and in Birkat Ha'mazon we recite a special blessing about Yerushalayim. (Ir Ha'kodesh Ve'hamikdash p.7)

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Davening and Shiurim Schedule

Friday, 6/8 — 25 Sivan
 Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:00 p.m.

Shabbat, 6/9 — 26 Sivan
 Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.
 Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:20 a.m.
 Berachot Gemora Shiur — Cancelled this week
 Minchah & Seudah Shilishit — 9:00 p.m.
 Ma'ariv — 9:15 p.m.

Sunday, 6/10 — 27 Sivan
 Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

Monday, 6/11— 28 Sivan
 Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

Tuesday, 6/12— 29 Sivan
 Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday — Rosh Chodesh Tammuz, 6/13 — 30 Sivan
 Shacharit — 6:40 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

Thursday — Rosh Chodesh Tammuz, 6/14 — 1 Tammuz
 Shacharit — 6:40 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

Friday, 6/15 — 2 Tammuz
 Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
 Candles — 8:16 p.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:00 p.m.