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Terumah

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Feeding the Birds

Did you ever notice what happens after you put bread outside for the birds? Within minutes there are a dozen or more birds of various shapes and kinds happily pecking at the pieces.

Where did the birds come from? How did they find out about the food? Just a few seconds ago all you saw was one little sparrow eyeing you warily! As more birds alight on your front garden to enjoy the edibles, you hear the chirping of birds on nearby trees. If you were King Solomon, who knew the language of all of the animals, you would understand what they are saying. But you are not King Solomon, and you can only guess that they are telling their friends about their find. They are sharing the good news of finding food.

The Talmud tells us that if the Torah had not been given, we could have learned important rules of behavior from animals. For instance, we can learn modesty from a cat, honesty from an ant, chastity from a dove, and good manners from a rooster. (Eiruvim 100b)

What can we learn from the common sparrow or pigeon? We can learn to share good things and good news.

If you're in a good mood, share a smile or an energetic hello. (As the Mishna teaches us, "Greet everyone with a pleasant face" and "Be the first to say 'hello.'")

When you find out about a great kosher restaurant (or simply that there is a kosher restaurant) in your area, pass the information around.

If you hear about a lecture, class or program at your local Chabad-Lubavitch Center, tell a friend and go together.

After you've finished reading an amazing Jewish book, lend it to someone else who will enjoy it.

Share a Shabbat dinner, a Passover Seder, some cheesecake on Shavuot.

Give "mishloach manot" - gifts of food presented to friends and acquaintances - on Purim (Wednesday night, March 1 to Thursday evening, March 2 this year).

Though "misery loves company" and "a trouble shared is halved," call people to whom you normally complain and tell them about good news as well - when a problem has been solved or things are going well.

On the theme of sharing good news, the Rebbe suggested that we tell family and friends that the era of world peace and personal peace, prosperity, health and wisdom - the Redemption - is imminent. (The Rebbe went so far as to say that "This announcement must be made even by those who argue that they have not completely absorbed its full meaning!")

To help hasten the Redemption, spread a little goodness and kindness, as the Rebbe said, "Moshiach is ready to come, now. Our part is to add in acts of goodness and kindness."

And don't be worried that there's not enough to go around. The birds never do!

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



We wish a Mazel Tov to **Mr. Chaim and Mrs. Estie Kahn**

on the occasion of

Nachie Kahn putting on his tefillin (at the Kotel)

for the first time.

Maryland Law Revoked (1825)

In 1715, the Crown Colony of Maryland enacted a law requiring any citizen who wished to hold public office to take an oath of abjuration, which contained the words, "upon the true faith of a Christian." In 1776, the new constitution of the State of Maryland reaffirmed this law, requiring any oath of office to contain a declaration of belief in the Christian religion. On February 26, 1825 an act "for the relief of the Jews in Maryland," was passed by Maryland's House of Delegates. The bill allowed every Jewish citizen to take an oath which professes his belief in a "future State of Rewards and Punishments, in the stead of the declaration now required by the Constitution and form of Government of this State."

Community Information of Interest

February 17: Hubris and Atonement: The State of Israel and the Jewish People 1972-75. Lecture by Rabbi Dovid Katz. *Three Big Themes: Evolving American Jewry 1972-75*
This lecture will begin at 8:00 p.m. and be held at the **Ner Tamid Congregation.**

Irv and Rifka Hain
are sponsoring a Kiddush after davening this Shabbat
in memory of the **yahrzeit** of Rifka's father
Chaim Yaakov ben Dovid Tzvi
which was on the 28th of Shevat.



ANNUAL MATZOH BAKING TRIP



The Shul's annual matzah baking trip will be on Monday, February 19th. Since this is a legal holiday, you can take this opportunity of being off from work and join us on this trip. If you are interested in joining us on this trip, please email Yehudah Buchwalter at judahbuchwalter@verizon.net and let us know how many people will be coming and whether you are able to drive and have room for passengers.

Yahrzeits This Week:

Yechiel Rubin	4 Adar - Sunday night/Monday	for mother	Etel Ruchama Bas Yehoshua
Laurie Margolies	4 Adar - Sunday night/Monday	for father	Ze'ev ben Yitzchak
Harry Rashbaum	8 Adar - Thursday night/Friday	for father	Jacob Rashbaum

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Davening and Shiurim Schedule

Friday, – Rosh Chodesh Adar, 2/16 – 1 Adar
Shacharit — 6:40 a.m.
Candles — 5:27 p.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:30 p.m.

Shabbat, 2/17 – 2 Adar
Shacharit – 9:00 a.m.
Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:36 a.m.
Berachot Gemora Shiur — 4:45 p.m.
Minchah & Seudah Shilishit — 5:15 p.m.
Ma'ariv — 6:28 p.m.

Sunday, 2/18 – 3 Adar
Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:30 p.m.

Monday, 2/19— 4 Adar
Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

Tuesday, 2/20— 5 Adar
Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday, 2/21 – 6 Adar
Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

Thursday, 2/22 – 7 Adar
Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

Friday, 2/23 – 8 Adar
Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Candles — 5:34 p.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:35 p.m.