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VaYakhel—Pekudei — Parshat Parah — Shabbat M'vorchim

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Reunions

Ah, family reunions! Those gala gathering of the clan events. They can be held for special reasons - a mother's 75th birthday, the parents' 50th wedding anniversary, a Bar Mitzvah. They can be held for no reason at all other than a celebration of the generations.

They can extend across a wide range of cousins - go back three or four generations. Some families have a yearly event. It starts with parents, children and spouses, and grandchildren. The reunions can have a theme, have special commemorative sweatshirts, occur around a holiday. Grandma can make some special recipes (a thousand chocolate chip cookies, anyone?), cousins play games (all night sessions of Chess, Monopoly or Risk), and the siblings catch up with each others' lives (how's the new job working out? you got a new car? which team's going to win?).

Around the dinner table, a recounting of family history. Stories of old frictions now produce laughs and a sense of togetherness, of battling through together rather than against each other.

Stepping back for a moment, though, or looking on as an outsider, we must be struck by two observations, apparent contradictions. We see an intensity of affection that, in many ways, has no parallel for breadth and depth. Oh, sure, there will sometimes be tense moments (fewer the older we get, the more reunions we have), conflicts, a flaring up here and there, on rare occasions, of unsettled issues. But over all, by and large - overwhelmingly so - consider the months of planning! - everyone focuses outward from themselves and inward to the family - the family as a whole, as an indivisible unit. One sees a clear and present pride, an exclusionary pride, that extends to and includes all - those born into and those adopted in.

And the second thing we see is the diversity. This one barely speaks English, that one can barely read Hebrew. This one wears a kipa, studied in a yeshiva and his wife covers her hair; that one is always on the go, hasn't settled down yet, has a high profile job; the other one is strictly "middle class" - two cars in the garage, suburbs, soccer and piano. They look different, they live differently and yet - they're family. Here, we don't measure lifestyles and we don't count mitzvot (commandment). Rather, we count souls to make sure everyone's here. At reunions, we measure the limitless responsibility and love we have for each other. Each guarantees the other. Each is bound to, part of, every member of the family.

The family reunion - a microcosm of the Jewish people. For all our diversity, we "camp at Sinai" as one people. Near or far, does not our family - our extended family, our fellow Jews - remain always in our minds and hearts? Do we not rejoice at the reunion, even with a "distant" cousin?

And of a certainty we look forward to the ultimate family reunion, when all Jews, living and dead, will be reunited in our ancestral home, in Israel, as we gather for the family feast, so to speak, at the rebuilt Temple, with the coming of Moshiach.

(by Dr. David YB Kaufmann obm from <http://www.lchaimweekly.org/>)

This past week we noted the Shloshim of the passing of our dear fellow mispallel and friend Yaakov (Eugene) Fischer. In the last months of his life Yaakov expressed a special interest in stimulating the dedication of plaques on the Shul board which is prominently located in the hall at the entrance to the Shul. I believe this would be a most appropriate way for us to honor him and support the Shul as well. Below is the list of items available. Please contact Rabbi Kaplan for more information.

1. Top (large) Plaques \$5,400
2. Medium Plaques \$3,600
3. Small Plaques \$1,000
4. Simcha leaf \$150

Correcting Teachers

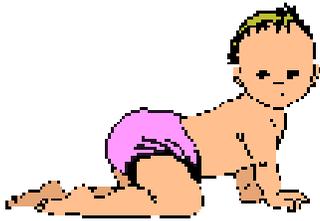
“Wow Professor Smith, you really blew that one. Are you sure you didn’t get a fake Ph.D. online?”

In our Parsha (37: 1 and from 31: 7 in Ki Sisa) our sages tell us that Betzalel corrected Moshe on an instruction from Hashem !! Betzalel figured it out on his own !!! Yet the Medrash Rabbah, 50:5, says that Betzalel introduced his comment by saying “Our teacher (and master) Moshe...”.

Respect the honor of others even in their moment of error.

(by Rabbi Chaim Flom from Project Genesis at www.torah.org)

Sale of Chometz forms are both online at www.chabadshul.org and in the bins in the Shul lobby. Deadline for giving these filled-in forms to Rabbi Kaplan is Wednesday, March 28, 2018.



We happily wish Mazel Tov to
Mr. Aaron and Mrs. Laurie Margolies and Family
 on the **Birth of a Granddaughter,**
Shoshana Ronit,
 born to their children
Shira and Jon Waldstreicher
 of West Orange, New Jersey.

Mazel Tov also to the grandparents
Sandi and Stu Waldstreicher of Stamford, CT,
 and great-grandmothers
Audrey Waldstreicher and Helene Ehrlich.

Remember to set your clocks **AHEAD 1 hour** before going to sleep Saturday night.



Starting this Monday, we have a **daily Minchah / Ma'ariv minyan**. This week will be at 6:55 p.m.

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Davening and Shiurim Schedule

Friday 3/9 — 22 Adar
 Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
 Candles — 5:49 p.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:50 p.m.

Shabbat, 3/10 — 23 Adar
 Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.
 Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:19 a.m.
 Berachot Gemora Shiur — 5:05 p.m.
 Minchah & Seudah Shilishit — 5:35 p.m.
 Ma'ariv — 6:50 p.m.

Sunday, 3/11 — 24 Adar
 Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:55 p.m.



Monday, 3/12— 25 Adar
 Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:55 p.m.

Tuesday, 3/13— 26 Adar
 Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:55 p.m.

Wednesday, 3/14 — 27 Adar
 Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:55 p.m.

Thursday, 3/15 — 28 Adar
 Shacharit — 6:50
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:55 p.m.

Friday, 3/16 — 29 Adar
 Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
 Candles — 6:56 p.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:00 p.m.