

# The Shul

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## Feeling Free

Father's Day cards fall into a few categories. There are the sweet and sentimental ones with the soft-touch drawing on the front and then there are the humorous or tongue-in-cheek cards that seem to be written especially for your dad. Some cards talk about Dad always being there, making things right, listening and caring. Others extoll Dad's virtues and then ask for the car keys, or a few extra dollars.

G-d is often referred to in our prayers as Our Father. Just like your dad, G-d is interested and even involved in the most mundane and seemingly insignificant parts of your life. He can be approached by every Jew, no matter where, no matter when. And He can and should be approached for any of the things you might ask your flesh-and-blood father for: some money for a new car, extra assistance on the final exam, a listening ear, or forgiveness, to name a few.

"I can get by with a little help from my friends," some people say. "I don't believe in asking G-d for what I need." That sounds nice. Sort of like you don't want to bother G-d with your "trivialities." But did you know that it is a mitzva to ask G-d for our needs? To pray that the refrigerator doesn't break down because you can't afford a new one right now. To ask G-d to heal a sick friend. To request success on that presentation you have to make next week.

Asking your dad for something you need - and his being able to help out - gives him pleasure. Similarly, asking G-d for what we need - and His giving it to us - gives Him "pleasure."

There are times, too, that in order to get our dad's attention we have to respectfully demand that he put down the newspaper or turn off the T.V. and LISTEN. "Listen to our voice, merciful Father, have compassion on us, accept our prayers; do not turn us away empty-handed for You hear everyone's prayers."

G-d hears our prayers, He listens to our requests, He registers our complaints. But does that mean that things always go the way we want them to? Not necessarily! Did your father always give you the car keys, or let you go to every party you were invited to, or always lend you the money you asked him for? Sometimes yes, and sometimes no.

When you got a yes, you probably never asked him why. But the no always needed an explanation.

Why a no? Sometimes, what you were asking for wasn't right. You knew it and he knew it, but you had to ask anyway. Sometimes it wasn't right, but just Dad knew it; and later, looking back, you realized Dad had made the correct decision. And sometimes, for some inexplicable reason, Dad said no without explaining himself, and you just had to accept it. This is true, too, of our Heavenly Father. Sometimes, He accedes to our requests and at other times He denies them, for He truly knows what is best for us.

There is one request, however, which we know is correct and which we have a right to demand G-d listen to. It is the plea for Moshiach, who will help the world achieve the purpose for which it was created, an era of peace, prosperity and the pursuit of G-dliness.

Father, hear our prayer, we want Moshiach NOW!

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

We happily wish Mazel Tov to

**Rabbi Shmuel and Rebbitzin Rochelle Kaplan**  
on the **Birth of a Grandson**, born to their children  
**Rabbi Yaakov Yehudah Leib and Chana Kaplan.**



## Wonder of Wonders

One of the laws in this week's Parashah is that of the "Nazir." This section is introduced with the words: "Ish oh ishah ki yafli" / "A man or a woman who shall disassociate himself . . ." R' Avraham ibn Ezra z"l (1089-1164) observes that the word "Yafli" also can mean: "Who does wonders." He explains that a Nazir, who disassociates him or herself from wine, is doing something wondrous—unlike the typical person, who is controlled by the pursuit of pleasure.

R' Simcha Bunim Alter z"l (1898-1992; fifth Gerrer Rebbe) adds that the section of Nazir teaches us how G-d helps one who undertakes to improve himself. Becoming a Nazir is a wondrous thing—indeed, it is nearly impossible to be around people who are enjoying normal pleasures and to refrain from partaking. Nevertheless, because the Nazir undertakes sincerely to be different, Hashem helps him. The Gerrer Rebbe adds: The same thing is true of any person who wants to change himself. Once one makes a sincere commitment to change—even if change appears impossible—Hashem will help.

This week's Parashah is always read on either the Shabbat before or – more commonly – the Shabbat after Shavuot. The idea that Hashem desires our sincere commitments is closely tied to the holiday of the Giving of the Torah. How-so? The Tosafot to Avodah Zarah (3a) teach that, although our Sages say that the heavens and earth can exist only if we study Torah, in fact it is our sincere commitment to study, rather than the actual study, that keeps the world going. (Pardes Yosef)

*(by Rabbi Shlomo Katz from Project Genesis at [www.torah.org](http://www.torah.org))*



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### Yahrzeits This Week:

Kate Genut

16 Sivan - Tuesday night / Wednesday

for mother

Sarah bas Yaakov

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### DAVENING AND SHIURIM SCHEDULE

**Friday, 6/14 — 11 Sivan**

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:00 p.m.

**Shabbat, 6/15— 12 Sivan**

Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.  
 Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:20 a.m.  
 Beitzah Gemora Shiur —cancelled this week  
 Minchah & Seudah Shilishit — 8:05 p.m.  
 Ma'ariv — 9:18 p.m.

**Sunday, 6/16 — 13 Sivan**

Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.  
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m.

**Monday, 6/17— 14 Sivan**

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.  
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m.

**Tuesday, 6/18— 15 Sivan**

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m.

**Wednesday, 6/19 — 16 Sivan**

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m.

**Thursday, 6/20 – 17 Sivan**

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.  
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m.

**Friday, 6/21 — 18 Sivan**

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
 Candles — 8:18 p.m.  
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:00 p.m.