

The Shul

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Ki Tavo

21 Elul, 5782

Report Card Time - Not!

The theme of the current Jewish month of Elul is to heighten and intensify our love relationship with G-d. It is a time to review our Divine service and through teshuva, sincere repentance, to correct any faults that might exist.

But that is only the surface dimension of the spiritual dynamic of Elul. Inside - within our hearts and within G-d's heart, as it were, a different motif is operating: an attempt to seek G-d and have G-d seek us in a very deep manner.

There are those who might focus on the mechanics of the month - what sins they must repent for and what degree of regret they must have. Others penetrate to the spiritual core of the month and focus on developing intimacy with G-d.

A person should never remain content with merely performing deeds. Judaism is not a grown-up version of grade-school where you get checks and x's and you have to make up for bad conduct. There is a deeper dimension to our relationship with G-d.

Conversely, it is not sufficient to focus on our inner dimension of G-d to the exclusion of performing the deeds He commanded us and refraining from the activities which He forbade. Could you imagine a husband or a wife protesting "I love you," and the spouse responding, "Then why do you always ignore the simple requests I make of you," and "Why do you always do things that you know upset me."

Which of the two would you believe? If you love someone, you do things for them. And you don't do what upsets them.

These two movements need not present a conflict. It's like the body and the soul; the two should function in harmony. Similarly, the inner dimension of our love relationship with G-d should breath energy and vitality into the day to day norms of our Torah observance and conversely, those daily norms should be mediums for the expression of our inner love.

By doing this, we prepare ourselves for a good and sweet year, a year when G-d will grant us both material and spiritual blessings, including the ultimate blessing - the coming of Moshiach.

Indeed, there is an intrinsic connection between the above concepts and the era of Moshiach. Firstly, it is in that era that the love relationship between G-d and the Jewish people will reach its peak.

But more particularly, it is in the era of Moshiach that the integration of the physical and spiritual will be complete. At present, our every day existence appears to run contrary to the spiritual truth that lies at the core of all existence. A commitment to the spiritual is looked on as strange by some. And it requires effort and energy to develop; it is not our natural framework of reference. In the Era of the Redemption, this will change. Just as today, we are naturally aware of material reality, then we will be conscious of the spiritual. It will be the ordinary way of looking at the world.

Our world and all the positive dimensions of material reality will continue to exist. They will, however, be imbued and permeated with spiritual light.

(from Highlights by Rabbi Eli Touger from <http://www.lchaimweekly.org/>)

Appreciate What You Have

"I can't believe that he asked you for \$20 and you just gave it to him. He's a faker. Aren't you upset with yourself?"

"No. But he's really upset that he didn't ask for more!!"

"And you shall rejoice with all the good that Hashem gave you." (Divorim 26:11) Rav Mordechai Gifter zt"l (and expounded by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin) says that it is human nature to want more than we presently have. Consequently, people aren't always happy when getting good things because they think that it could have been even better. Therefore Hashem commands us that we should rejoice 100% with the good that He gives us.

Appreciate what you have and you'll be happier!!

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

Aleph Learning Institute:

For Women: Three Jewish Learning Institute one-hour Classes via Zoom

Topics: Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Sukkos + Extras

Instructor: Director Rebbetzin R. Kaplan

Dates: September 20th at 8 p.m., September 29th at 8 p.m., and October 3rd at 8 p.m.

If you choose to attend any or all classes, please contact:
Gavi Frank at 443-956-9733, and she will add you to our WhatsApp Group.



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Sponsorships are available for two flower displays on the Bima during each of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Succot. Please consider sponsoring the flowers in honor or in memory of someone. Please email Allan Genut at agenut@gmail.com to make arrangements.

Mr. Eliyahu and Mrs. Leana Schwartz are sponsoring Kiddush this Shabbat in memory of Eliyahu's mother, **Chavah Basya bas R' Tzvi HaCohen a"h**, whose yearzeit is this Shabbat, כ"א אלול.



Yahrzeits This Week:

Eliyahu Schwartz	21 Elul - Friday night / Shabbat	for mother	Chava Basya bas R' Tzvi HaCohen
Leslie Silverberg	23 Elul - Sunday night / Monday	for father	Eugene Hettleman

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DAVENING AND SHIURIM SCHEDULE

Friday, 9/16 — 20 Elul
 Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
 Shabbat Candles — 6:55 p.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:55 p.m.

Shabbat, 9/17 — 21 Elul
 Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.
 Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:53 a.m.
 Minchah — 6:40 p.m.
 Shiur: *Overcoming Folly* — after Minchah
 Ma'ariv — 7:55 p.m.
 Selichot — 1:00 a.m.

Sunday, 9/18 — 22 Elul
 Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:50 p.m.

Monday, 9/19 — 23 Elul
 Selichot & Shacharit — 6:20 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:50 p.m.

Tuesday, 9/20 — 24 Elul
 Selichot & Shacharit — 6:30 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:50 p.m.

Wednesday, 9/21 — 25 Elul
 Selichot & Shacharit — 6:30 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:50 p.m.

Thursday, 9/22 — 26 Elul
 Selichot & Shacharit — 6:20 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:50 p.m.

Friday, 9/23 — 27 Elul
 Selichot & Shacharit — 6:30 a.m.
 Shabbat Candles — 6:43 p.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:45 p.m.