

The Shul

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Behar

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What A Day!

January, Labor Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day. In the U.S. certain times of the year are traditionally the best time to find real bargains. If you're not desperate and your purchase can wait, you can save a bundle if you take advantage of the "sales."

Shopping for some is almost like a science, or at least a hobby. Once you get used to the routine, you know exactly when and where to shop for your needs, whether they are furniture, linens, clothing or even major appliances.

It may not be possible to avoid all the crowds of shoppers, long lines, barely helpful sales people, and high rate of returns, but at least the price is right.

Sales are great in shopping. In our lives as Jews, too, some days are more auspicious than others to acquire or solidify the various aspects of our commitment to the teachings of the Torah. Rosh Hashana is the time for introspection and return to G-d. Sukkot and Simchat Torah remind us that "Joy breaks all boundaries." Passover helps us with freedom and breaking out of our limited view of our own capabilities. Shavuot reinforces our commitment to study and to Jewish education.

Nevertheless we don't need to wait for a "sale day" to grow as Jews. Every day of our lives there are "bargains" to be found - treasures of personal growth which we can acquire as our own with a little skill and a good deal of commitment.

We don't have to wait for Rosh Hashana to be introspective or pray; King David tells us in Psalms: "G-d is close to all who call Him."

Joy and happiness are good any moment of the day and any day of the year. Just try smiling at someone on the street and you'll see how far "spreading a little joy" can get you!

Freedom is a state of mind which we can generate without leaning at the seder table. In fact, that is the message of the Shema, said daily in the morning and evening.

Torah study is likewise a daily requirement, and a wasted opportunity to learn something new is considered a grave failing.

Above all, the "price" is right. All we have to do is invest a little energy in the right direction and the return is immense. "Open for Me a space like the eye of a needle, and I will open for you the great doors of the entrance to the Temple sanctuary," says the Talmud. Now if that isn't a real bargain, what is?

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

It's the Thought That Counts!

On this day, the 20th of Iyar, in the second year after the Exodus, Bnei Yisrael journeyed away from Har Sinai. Midrash Yelamdenu criticizes Bnei Yisrael, saying that they left Har Sinai "like a child fleeing from school." How are we to understand this? Doesn't the Torah (Bemidbar 10:11) say that Hashem commanded Bnei Yisrael to travel? Indeed, at that point, before the sin of the Spies, they were destined to enter Eretz Yisrael almost immediately, which itself would have given them a great spiritual "lift"!

R' Nosson Zvi Finkel z"l (1849-1927; the Alter of Slobodka) explains that Hashem judges not only our actions, but the attitudes that accompany those actions. Our Sages' criticism of Bnei Yisrael is not for the act of traveling, but for the feelings with which they traveled. Though they left Har Sinai for the noblest of reasons—to travel to Eretz Yisrael—they still should have felt some regret over leaving Har Sinai. Apparently they did not; in some measure, however small, they were glad to leave the place where they had learned so much Torah.

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R' Yaakov Yisrael Baifus shlita add: Bnei Yisrael's experience is relevant to each of us. Granted, there are times when one must stop learning Torah to attend to other matters. However, the midrash is teaching, when one must close his Sefarim / Torah books, it should be done with regret, not like a child happily fleeing from school.

(by Rabbi Shlomo Katz from Project Genesis at www.torah.org)

Jewish History

Shabbat Commanded (1313 BCE)

Following the descent of the manna (the miraculous "Bread from Heaven" that sustained the Israelites in the desert), G-d commanded the Children of Israel to keep the Shabbat. This Shabbat was the 22nd of Iyar, of the year 2448 from Creation (1313 BCE) (see "Today in Jewish History" for Iyar 15).

On that Friday morning, enough manna fell for two days' worth of meals, as on the Shabbat it would be prohibited to gather the manna. The "Two Loaves" of challah bread (Lechem Mishneh) that form the foundation of our Shabbat meal are in commemoration of the double portion of manna.

(from www.chabad.org)

Dedication of plaques on the Shul board which is prominently located in the hall at the entrance to the Shul is an appropriate means of Tzedakah and support the Shul as well. Below is the list of items available. Please contact Howard Kaplon at hkaplon@towson.edu for more information.

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| 1. Top (large) Plaques \$5,400 | 2. Medium Plaques \$3,600 |
| 3. Small Plaques \$1,000 | 4. Simcha Leaf \$250 |



The Shul is looking to hire a (young) woman to assume responsibility to structure and supervise the children's groups. If you are interested or know of someone, please contact the Rav.

Yahrzeits This Week:

Aryela Rosenberg	22 Iyar - Sunday night / Monday	for father	Avrohom Zev ben Dovid HaLevy
Jeffrey London	23 Iyar - Monday night / Tuesday	for mother	Esther bas Moshe

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DAVENING AND SHIURIM SCHEDULE

Friday, 5/20 — 19 Iyar

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

Shabbat, 5/21 — 20 Iyar

Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.
Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:23 a.m.
Minchah — 7:45 p.m.
Ma'ariv— 9:02 p.m.

Sunday, 5/22 — 21 Iyar

Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.
Father and Son Learning — 6:00 p.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:05 p.m.

Monday, 5/23 — 22 Iyar

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:05 p.m.

Tuesday, 5/24 — 23 Iyar

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:05 p.m.

Wednesday, 5/25 — 24 Iyar

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:05 p.m.

Thursday, 5/26 — 25 Iyar

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:05 p.m.

Friday, 5/27 — 26 Iyar

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Shabbat Candles — 8:05 p.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:00 p.m.