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Chukat

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Global Love

This article is presented here to mark the anniversary of Rabbi Yosef Y. Schneerson, the previous Lubavitcher Rebbe's liberation from prison, on 12 Tammuz. His crimes against Soviet Russia consisted of teaching Torah and Judaism.

On September 27, 1939 during the bombing of Warsaw, Rabbi Yosef Y. Schneerson, the previous Lubavitcher Rebbe, made the following entry into his diary.

"As the bombs fell we ran through the streets looking for shelter. An awesome site unfolded before our eyes, houses were transformed into cauldrons of flame and smoke. People, terrified and desperate, ran alongside sobbing bitter tears. The barrage of bombing intensified by the minute, transforming the street into a sea of fire. Ominous tongues of flame danced through the boulevards, as if threatening to consume the entire world. Clouds of smoke conspired to obscure the beauty and clarity of the bright sunny day.

We gathered in a temporary shelter and began to pray. Around us stood young, old and middle aged Jewish men and women from all walks of life. Some dressed as traditional Jews others as modern Poles, some bearded others not, some with head coverings others without.

The artificial calm was suddenly shattered as the ground shuddered beneath us; a bomb had exploded nearby. We found ourselves staring into the face of death as a river of flame raced through our shelter. At that very moment, simultaneously and spontaneously, all the assembled cried out, chanting the sacred words "Shema Yisrael Hashem Elokeinu Hashem Echad." As one person in one voice, it was the outcry of a Jew on the verge of death."

The rabbi closed the entry with the following observation. "Such a Shema Yisrael, such a deep hearted cry, I had never heard before in my life. I clearly witnessed the power of faith and how deeply rooted it is in the Jewish heart. This moment taught me an entirely new respect for all Jews. I pray to G-d that this moment be forever preserved in my memory."

This excerpt clearly demonstrates that all Jews, regardless of background or affiliation, belong to the same family and in the same camp. In the desert, our ancestors demonstrated this concept through the canopy of clouds that encompassed and defined their camp. All Jews lived in the same place, all Jews occupied the same space, all Jews walked the same ground, and every individual was included.

The "Clouds Of Glory" came to them in the merit of Aaron the high Priest. What was it about Aaron that merited the inclusiveness of these clouds? It was his all-accepting and embracing love for every single Jew.

This week we read of the passing of Aaron, so in a sense we commemorate his yahrtzeit (anniversary of passing). Let us walk in his footsteps and live up to his image. Let us accept and embrace all Jews of all kinds and at all times.

(by Rabbi Lazer Gurkow from <http://www.lchaimweekly.org/>)

Mysterious Ways

THIS IS A SMALL parsha with big events. Two of the most important people in all of history— Miriam and then Aharon — die in it, and the death of the third — Moshe Rabbeinu — is decreed in it as well. And what a turn of events it is from the end of Parashas Beha'alosecha, when Aharon and Miriam spoke loshon hara about their brother, and were taken to task for it by God Himself.

It all started with Eldad and Meidad, the "unwilling" prophets. After deciding on their own that they were unworthy of prophecy, G-d gave it to them anyhow. And what prophecy they had! One prophesied about the final war of Gog and Magog, and the other about Moshe Rabbeinu's "premature" death outside of Eretz Yisroel, leaving Yehoshua to lead the nation across the Jordan into the Promised Land.

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The truth is, Moshe's early death was foretold back at the end of Parashas Shemos, where it seems to have been in response to his question of G-d's handling of the redemption from Egypt. But according to the Midrash, Aharon and Miriam thought it was punishment for his treatment of his wife Tziporah. Moshe being on prophecy stand-by apparently left her somewhat like a widow.

According to the Arizal, G-d set them straight (Sha'ar Hapesukim, Beha'alosecha). He explained to them that He Himself sanctioned Moshe's decision, and that his Chutz L'Aretz death was not so much a punishment as a necessity. Moshe's soul came from a higher level than Eretz Yisroel was on at the time, thanks to the sin of the golden calf. Yehoshua could bring them in because his soul was on par with the land.

One of the reasons why Aharon and Miriam thought Moshe would be punished as prophesied was because they were prophets too, and they were going to enter Eretz Yisroel. They just hadn't known at the time that they too were destined to die in the desert, and that Moshe would actually outlive them. How easy it is to so completely misread a situation, as Moshe and Aharon did right after the death of Miriam.

(by Rabbi Pinchas Winston from Project Genesis at www.torah.org)

<p>Major Michael and Mrs. Lisette Young are co-sponsoring the Kiddush after davening this Shabbat in honor of their son Uriel graduating from Pennsylvania College of Optometry.</p> <p>Mr. Michael and Mrs. Terry Frank are co-sponsoring the Kiddush after davening this Shabbat in honor of Michael's 70th birthday.</p>	
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<p>We extend our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Kate Genut on the loss of her sister, Nadja Pats.</p> <p>המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים</p> <p>Shiva will be observed at 2110 Burdock Rd. through Wednesday morning July 13th.</p>
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<p>Yahrzeits This Week:</p>
<p>Rabbi Shmuel Kaplan 13 Tammuz - Mon night / Tues for father HoRav Moshe Binyomin ben HoRav Aryeh Laib</p>

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DAVENING AND SHIURIM SCHEDULE	
<p>Friday, 7/8 — 9 Tammuz Shacharit — 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Shabbat, 7/9 — 10 Tammuz Shacharit — 9:00 a.m. Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:27 a.m. Minchah — 8:05 p.m. Shiur: <i>Overcoming Folly</i> — after Mincha Ma'ariv — 9:19 p.m.</p> <p>Sunday, 7/10 — 11 Tammuz Shacharit — 8:00 a.m. Father and Son Learning — 6:00 p.m. Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m.</p> <p>Monday, 7/11 — 12 Tammuz Shacharit — 6:50 a.m, and 8:00 a.m. Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m.</p>	<p>Tuesday, 7/12 — 13 Tammuz Shacharit — 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday, 7/13 — 14 Tammuz Shacharit — 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, 7/14 — 15 Tammuz Shacharit — 6:50 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, 7/15 — 16 Tammuz Shacharit — 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Shabbat Candles — 8:14 p.m. Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:00 p.m.</p>