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Sept 8-9, 2017 ■ 18 Elul, 5777 ■ Shabbos Ki Savo
Mincha: 7P / Candlelighting: 7:24P ■ Shabbos Ends 8:31P

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■ WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

- » Sunday Shacharis–8A
- » Weekday Shacharis–6:40A
- » Weekday Mincha/Maariv–7:20P

■ REFUAH SHELAIMA

Men

- » Dovid Chaim ben Tzippora (Brother-In-Law to Tami Ellis)
- » Aryeh Yisroel ben Chantza Rochel (Rabbi Aryeh Feigenbaum)
- » Menachem Mendel ben Sorah (Travis Katz)
- » Zoosav ben Lipke (Father of Suzanne Luftig)
- » Itai ben Shoshana (Son of Ehoud & Shoshana Wilson)

Women

- » Shoshana Elka bas Ettel Dina (Shoshana Strassman)
- » Fanna Leah bas Shulamis (Mother of Wes Sutkin)
- » Leah Esther bas Yenta Leah (Lori Jarmel)
- » Yenta Leah bas Shayna (Mother of Lori Jarmel)

■ WHAT'S NU

- » **Welcome to Rabbi & Mrs Eliyahu Heller** to Congregation Toras Chaim for Shabbos. We are looking forward to an inspiring experience.
- » **Arba Minim for Succos:** Congregation Toras Chaim is proud to offer the best quality Arba Minim (Lulav & Esrog Sets) at very cheap prices. All qualities listed in the PDF Order Form are 100% kosher for use for all ages, including the Chinuch/Basic set. Every set is checked by a leading American poseik. Questions? Call Rabbi Yaakov Rich at (972) 835-6016 or email yrich@toraschaimdallas.org. Please attach check to the PDF form. Unfortunately orders cannot be accepted without full payment. Please

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- » **High Holiday Seats:** Dear Members and Friends of Congregation Toras Chaim: As we prepare individually for the High Holidays we also prepare as a community. Bringing accounts current with the shul and reserving High Holiday tickets are a part of that communal preparation. In order to offset the challenging financial landscape that affects us all, we are keeping the High Holiday ticket prices as low as possible. Tickets for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for 5777/2016 are as follows: >> **Member (Dues & Pledges Paid in Full):** Tickets are bundled into the \$1,200 annual membership fee for all immediate members of the family. >> **Non-Member or Member (Dues & Pledges Not Paid in Full):** \$150 per ticket for an individual or \$400 family max. Should you have difficulty meeting your financial obligations to Congregation Toras Chaim, special accommodations may be made for High Holiday tickets on a case by case basis. To make such accommodations, please speak with Ben Nise, President of CTC. Ben Nise may be reached at 972.898.4237 or benjamin.nise@gmail.com Please be aware of the following information: Reservations will not be accepted without payment. If you are unsure of your membership status, please contact Ben Nise at 972.898.4237 or benjamin.nise@gmail.com. We are unable to split reservations between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. **Sponsorships** If you would like to help sponsor a High Holiday seat for a Member or Friend, please contact Rabbi Rich or Ben Nise. **Payment Options** Please go to <https://www.fidelipay.com/toraschaim> to pay for your reservation or you may send a check to: Congregation Toras Chaim 7103 Mumford Ct., Dallas, TX 75252.
- » **Amud Cover Dedication Opportunity:** Dear CTC Members & Friends: We have two beautiful Amudim (wooden podiums) in front of the shul (one for the Shaliach Tzibbur and one for the Rabbi) which remain uncovered. Here is an opportunity for someone to memorialize the names of loved ones on the two new velvet covers we will order for the Amudim, in time for the High Holidays. The cost is just \$3000 each. Pennies really considering the amount of merit received for supporting the shul. There is no more fitting and honorable way to give the neshama an aliyah than by embroidering their names on the Amud cover to be seen and read by all. Please contact Rabbi Yaakov Rich rabb@toraschaimdallas.org if interested.

■ HEALTHY & PRODUCTIVE LIVING: RABBI LABEL LAM

Could a Shofar be blown in a city and the people not tremble in fright?! (Amos 3:6)

Rav Sadiah Gaon offered ten different messages of the Shofar. Amongst them is included, 1- A reminder of the Yom HaDin, the day of ultimate judgment. 2- The sound of the Shofar signals the day when the Jewish People will be gathered in again from various lands of exile. 3- The Shofar is portends the time of the revival of the dead. 4- The Shofar is also a haunting reminder of the destruction of the Temple, and when our enemies triumphantly blew Shofar. 5- The Shofar is connected with the near sacrifice of Yitzchok and the ram that was as his replacement. 6- The Shofar reminds us of the corrective words of the Prophets. 7- The Shofar hearkens back to the sounds surrounding the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai. 8- The Shofar alerts us that The King is making a decree and this is His warning. 9- The Shofar heralds the presence of the King in the Midst of His coronation. The King is being inaugurated. 10 – The Shofar is meant to inspire fear. About this the Prophet Amos said, "Could a Shofar be blown

in a city and the people not tremble in fright?!”

If the Shofar is meant to create an experience of fear, then the question is about how we spend our on this day of awe. We are happily eating and drinking and rejoicing. How can we afford to be so relaxed when there is so much to be serious, real serious about?!

Here are few approaches and I am certain there are many more. In order to have fulfilled our requirement of listening to the Shofar on Rosh HaShana it is necessary that one hears a combination of three sounds. There is a straight sound- Tekiah that is followed by some combination of two or one of a sobbing sound -Shvarim and a staccato –Truah sound followed once again by the straight Tekiah. The pattern is straight and then broken and then straight.

One hint here, one implied message is that while on the inside a person is shattered and trembling with awe he must still conduct himself outwardly with joy and calmness. This is part of the art of living a normal life with HASHEM deep in hearts while conversing with the world.

I remember that when I was in Yeshiva, one day during the month of Elul I was walking past a Rabbi who noticed my dour and ultra-serious expression. He asked me, “What’s wrong?” I answered in one word, “Elul!” He told me, “Elul is for the Rishus HaYachid –the private domain, inside your heart. Your face, however, is the Rishus HaRabbim- the public domain.”

I was at a principals’ convention and we had the honor of hearing Rabbi Michel Twerski from Milwaukee. I was overawed by his presentation. There was one thing he said just as the lecture was beginning which was like a throwaway line and not his main topic at all. I’m certain it slipped unnoticed beneath the radar but this chunk of wisdom caught my attention big time.

There was so much depth and poetic wisdom in this one subtle phrase. He said in a slow and thoughtful almost hypnotic tone, “People ask me if I get scared before I speak. I have been doing this for more than 50 years. I still get butterflies, but by now the butterflies are flying in formation.”

Fear is good. Before speaking I am only afraid if I’m not afraid. That fear cannot be a paralyzing or debilitating fear but rather a fear that is sublimated and channeled into healthy and productive living.

■ A JEWISH MONUMENT: ABARBANEL ON THE PARSHA

In Devarim, chapter 27, Moshe tells the people to set up large stones immediately after having crossed the Jordan River into the Land of Israel. When other nations, such as the Romans, conquered foreign territory, they established physical signs of their presence, such as monuments, and renamed streets and cities to glorify their power and domination. The Jewish People, on the other hand, are instructed to erect a monument to the glory and honor of G-d who gave them the Land. Moshe tells them not to make a simple list of the mitzvot on the stones, but rather to inscribe a recounting of how G-d took them out of Egypt, and how G-d sustained them in the wilderness and defeated their enemies in order to bring them into the Land of Israel. The people would have naturally erected such a monument: Moshe is simply instructing them to emphasize the true meaning of their conquest.

Moshe then instructs the people to bring the stones to Mount Eval. They were to use them to build an altar for sacrificial offerings. The altar was then to be dismantled and given a new inscription. Some commentators say that the entire Torah was to be inscribed, while others say only the Book of Devarim was inscribed.

■ PARSHA Q&A: KI SAVO

1. When did the obligation to bring bikkurim begin? 26:1 - After the Land was conquered and divided.
2. Bikkurim are from which crops? 26:2 - The seven species for which Eretz Yisrael is praised.
3. How does one designate bikkurim? 26:2 - When he sees the first fruit ripen on a tree, he binds a piece of straw around it to mark it as bikkurim.
4. Who shakes the basket containing the bikkurim? 26:4 - The kohen places his hands under the hands of the one bringing it, and they wave the basket together.
5. What does “v’anita v’amarta” mean? 26:5 - Speak loudly.
6. Which Arami “tried to destroy my father?” 26:5 - Lavan.
7. When during the year may bikkurim be brought? Until when are the special verses recited? 26:11 - Bikkurim are brought from Shavuot until Chanukah. The verses are recited only until Succot.
8. Someone declaring that he separated terumah and ma’aser says: “And I didn’t forget.” What didn’t he forget? 26:13 - To bless G-d.
9. What were the Jewish People to do with the 12 stones on Mount Eval? 27:2 - Build an altar.
10. Six tribes stood on Mount Eval and six on Mount Gerizim. Who and what were in the middle? 27:12 - Kohanim, levi’im and the Holy Ark.
11. Who “causes the blind to go astray”? 27:18 - Any person who intentionally gives bad advice.
12. How does one “strike another secretly”? 27:24 - By slandering him.
13. Eleven curses were spoken on Mount Eval. What is the significance of this number? 27:24 - Each curse corresponds to one of the tribes, except for the tribe of Shimon. Since Moshe didn’t intend to bless the tribe of Shimon before his death, he did not want to curse them either.
14. Why are sheep called “ashterot”? 28:4 - Because they “enrich” (m’ashiro) their owners.
15. How is the manner of expressing the curses in Parshat Bechukotai more severe than in this week’s parsha? 28:23 - In Bechukotai the Torah speaks in the plural, whereas in this week’s Parsha the curses are mentioned in the singular.

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