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Pesach Shabbos Chol Hamoed

19th of Nisan

April 27, 2024

Erev Shabbos

Mincha/lik ner 7:20 PM

Shabbos Day

Shacharis 9:00 AM

Latest Shema 9:13 AM

Latest Tefilla 10:23 AM

Ma'ariv 8:25/8:51 PM

NO SHABBOS SERVICES AT ETZ CHAIM

Shabbos Day at YI

Young Israel

Mincha 7:21 PM

Ma'ariv 8:26 PM

Shabbos at Chabad

Mincha 7:10 PM

Ma'ariv 8:25 PM

ETZ CHAIM SUNDAY

Shacharis 8:00 AM

Mincha 7:20 PM

Weekday community Mincha/Ma'ariv

Young Israel 7:21 PM

Chabad 7:25 PM

TORAH LEARNING

Rabbi Hartman's class will resume May 5, 2024.

The link Zoom ID: 903 917 1656

Password: 170 smain

SHAMIRAS HALASHON will resume May 6, 2024

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8709646716?pwd=QzY0MWVOWUFJZ1FtMWVJZlBpVzhNZz09>

DAF YOMI WEEKDAY ZOOM SCHEDULE

Via Zoom: Mon - Th 7:30 pm and Tu & Th 7:30 am

Meeting ID: 822 979 966

Password: 727190

DAF YOMI LIVE SCHEDULE:

Shabbos mornings at shul, 8:00 a.m., one hour before shacharis;

Sunday mornings at shul, 7:00 a.m., one hour before shacharis.

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PESACH TALK THANKS

An inspiring Pesach talk this past Sunday was given by Yoni Monat entitled, **“PESACH: LIGHT AS AN EAGLE”**, where our Pesach preparation and the entire seder, as challenging physically as they were, were actually as light and fluid as a flying eagle. Taken from Tehillim 35:10 **“All of my bones will Serve Hashem”** Yoni and his father, George, hoisted up heavy boxes and played a major role in getting the Monat home ready for Pesach!

YOM HASHOAH

Sunday, May 5 at 7pm, is the **Day of Remembering the Holocaust and the Bravery** and will be communally observed at Temple Sinai, 25 Canton St. Sharon. All are invited and encouraged to attend. This special service will include music, candle-lighting, testimonies and the reading of names of the those who perished in the Holocaust. If you have **loved ones whose lives were lost in the Holocaust and would like their names read** at the service please **contact Janis Monat, jbmonat@aol.com**.

This is a free event open to the entire community. It will also be **live streamed**. For questions or more information contact **Dina Rosenbaum: d.rosenbaum@comcast.net**. Never again and we should never forget!

ETZ CHAIM'S BOARD MEETING

Our next board will be Wednesday, **May 15 at 7:00 p.m.** on Zoom. If you wish to share any ideas please contact Janis Monat jbmonat@aol.com

ETZ CHAIM'S BOOK GROUP

Our next book is ***The Man Who Sold Air in the Holy Land*** by Omer Friedlander, a short story collection. We'll review it **Monday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m.** Please RSVP to Merilee Maeir melmaeir@gmail.com & the link will be sent out shortly before the book review.

REFUAH SHELAIMA

We pray for all the injured IDF soldiers and Israeli citizens maimed on 10/7 and since to this day. May Hashem help heal them and return them to a full life. May there be a successful outcome to this war.

Am Yisrael Chai

We continue to pray for the health of our own family of friends: Alan Pass, Asher Anshel ben Miriam; a friend's son, Ahron Yitzchak ben Berina ; Heidi Goldblatt, Rachel Chana bas Menucha; Esther Dell, Esther bas Raizel; Robert Dell, Chana Reuven ben Leah; George Monat's sister-in-law, Shayna Baila bas Rachel; the mother of a son's friend, Tzipporah Zlata bas Bluma Yehudis; a colleague of a congregant, Eyal ben Chaya; the sister of Janis Monat, Ann Denise, Chana Davida bas Rivka Petal; and Miriam Aidel bas Sara Malka, the 2-year-old niece of Yoni's chavrusa, R' Hershel Yaffe, who has been diagnosed with cancer/leukemia, along with any other friends and family who need our brachot for a speedy & complete healing.

RABBI REISMAN's shiur is this motzei shabbos **at 10:15 p.m.**

Thoughts on 5th day of Pesach/Shabbos Chol Hamoed and Israel

Ki Sisa ch. 33:12-34:26

By Janis Monat

The above portion is read on Pesach's Shabbos Chol Hamoed. An aspect of it was put into our Hagaddah at the end of the song, "**Echad Mi Yodea**", Who Knows One..., when we get to the last question "**Who Knows thirteen?**" With Moshe on top of Har Sinai asking Hashem to forgive the Jewish people for making the Golden Calf Adomye revealed the **13 Divine Attributes**: "Adomye, Adomye, El rachum v'chanun, erech, apayim, v'rav chesed v'emet..." G-d compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and faithfulness, extending kindness to the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin. Iniquity will be visited upon the 3rd and 4th generations." This passage is also said on Yom Kippur, Sukkos and Shavuos. For these chagim we brought sacrifices for forgiveness. It was on Yom Kippur that we received the second set of Tablets for the teshuva we did. We began again, strengthened by our mistakes, forgiven by Hashem. We try to emulate G-d's attributes of being more loving than judgmental, truly giving people the benefit of the doubt, and seeing others favorably.

But a point comes when "the other" mandates that we defend ourselves from them, such as the brutal attackers/murderers of 1200 Israeli citizens, 1100 maimed Israelis, and 248 abducted innocent civilians by Hamas, supported by Iran.

Then on April 13, 2024, 170 drones, over 30 cruise missiles, and more than 120 ballistic missiles were shot toward **Israel** in a concentrated small period of time. Baruch Hashem they were intercepted by Israel's Iron Dome, David's Sling and David's Arrow with assistance from the US, England, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia. No Israeli was killed with only one person, a ten year old Bedouin girl, being injured who is now recuperating. Soon after this attack our United States' legislators voted to send military assistance to Israel. Antisemitic chaos then erupted and spread to our college campuses even more than earlier in the year.

The media and these hate-filled students/professors perceive the IDF's response to the horrific Hamas attack as "apparent cruelty", notes Rabbi Moshe Hauer of the OU. "This perception is **an illusion brilliantly created by Hamas' evil designs.**" The violent rallies endanger the lives of Jewish students and professors and one result is Columbia U. telling their Jewish students to leave campus for their own safety and finish the semester's classes on line. My friend's granddaughter will not have an in-person graduation ceremony at Columbia. She'll have to receive her diploma in the mail.

It is from the above that I now understand the fourth blessing in the Birkat Hamazon, "**G-d is good, and does good**" in relation to the return of the Jewish dead fighters from the Bar-Kochba rebellion. Rome had massacred them at Beitar, the Jewish people's last stronghold in 135 CE. I didn't have the depth to understand that it was to give the deceased Jewish fighters an honorable Jewish burial that their return was **Hashem being good.**

Now I join in earnest prayer for our Israeli brethren to **return to us** whether alive, God willing, or dead, and the Jewish people's safety throughout the world.

Throughout the ages, Pesach has reminded us that even when we feel most remote and isolated, freedom may be very close at hand. "He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him", II Samuel 22:31. We are never alone.

A peaceful shabbos and a kosher v'sameach last days of Pesach with **Hashem's goodness!**