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We at the Young Israel have enjoyed having guest Chazanim on various occasions- Shabbos Mevarchim, Yom Tovim and Yom Ha'Atzmaut. This is only made possible by members like you through your financial support. The Choir Fund needs replenishment and soon will be depleted. In order to continue this program we need your support, so please call the office or mail in your checks earmarked "Choir Fund".
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SECURITY UPDATE

The Administration in coordination with the Security team has taken several new measures, in addition to our existing protocols, to ensure your safety while attending our shul. Previously we have advised you of the *Emergency Evacuation Plan* in the event that we need a rapid evacuation, such as in a fire. Women's rows AA-KK and Men's rows A-L leave the shul via the front door, continue to exit to Coney Island Avenue and walk toward the Post Office. Everyone else (LL-ZZ and M-Z) exits through the rear doors and proceeds toward East 10th Street. We have recently installed hardware on the doors in the shul enabling us to *lockdown* should the need arise.

Although we pray the need to resort to either situation never arises, it is our belief that it is wise to be proactive in regards to our security. We ask two things of all members: should the need arise, *remain calm* and to *follow the directions of the Security Team*.

Mazal Tov to **Michele & Alan Mond** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter **Dahlia Miryam**, daughter of **Shani & Yehudah Block** of Modiin. Mazal Tov to the other grandparents, **Tzippy & Ken Block** of Yad Binyamin, to great-grandmother **Suzanne Cohen**, to siblings **Eliana & Jamie**, and to the entire family.

THE YIF EDUCATION PROGRAM--5779

The Shiurei HaShanah for 5779 are sponsored by
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Great Controversies in Jewish History

Each week we will study a different event or issue that created a major division in the Jewish Nation

The classes will meet at 10:00 AM in the Beth Hamedrash.

Open to both men and women.

Monday, January 28, 2019
 The Modern State of Israel and the Heter Mechira

Shiurei Hayom, January 27, 2019, 21 Shevat, are being sponsored by Milton Farkas, in memory of his sister
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Reminder

As you exit the shul, besides placing your *siddurim* and *chumashim* at the aisle end of your row, please place all litter in the garbage receptacles placed throughout the shul.

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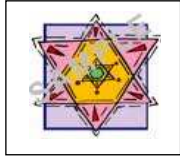
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**PARSHAT YITRO
 HAFTORAH: BISHNAT MOT**



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January 26-February 1, 2019

20 Shevat, 5779

SHABBAT

Candle Lighting 4:47 PM
 Mincha 4:52 PM
 Shacharit 7:45 AM, 8:45 AM
 (Latest Kriat Shma) 9:39 AM
 Torah: Shmot 18:1 Artscroll Page 394
 Haftorah: for Yitro Artscroll Page 1154
 Rabbi's Talmud Class 3:45 PM
 Mincha 4:45 PM
 Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Ben Goldstein
 Maariv 5:49 PM
 Shabbat ends 5:54 PM

WEEKDAY

Sunday 6:45, 8:00 AM
 Monday 6:35, 8:00 AM
 Tuesday 6:45, 8:00 AM
 Wednesday 6:45, 8:00 AM
 Thursday 6:35, 8:00 AM
 Friday 6:45, 8:00 AM
 Candle Lighting next Friday 4:56 PM
 Mincha Next Friday 5:01 PM
 Mishnayot Class: 15 minutes before 1st minyan Monday - Friday
 Daf Yomi 7:20 am Sunday - Friday
 Daily Mincha this week: 4:55 PM
 Maariv following Mincha

Join us prior to Shacharit at 8:35 AM in the Main Shul Shabbat morning for a short shiur on the Haftorah of the week

FEBRUARY 9, 2019 8:15 PM SHUL AUDITORIUM

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The Ten Commandments: by Rabbi Ari Kahn

In this week's Torah, the greatest moment in the history of the world transpires -- the Revelation of God on Mount Sinai. Despite the obvious importance of the event, the nature and content of the revelation remain somewhat obscure. What was revealed? And when? There is also confusion regarding the response of the Israelites to the revelation. Rashi, citing Michilta, explains that all of the Ten Commandments were revealed simultaneously. To use the language of the Midrash, "that which a mouth could not say, nor could ears hear, is what was revealed." If God spoke all Ten Commandments at once, no one could have understood, what could have been the purpose of a revelation that the people could not understand? And, why should God speak in a manner that they couldn't hear?

SEEING THE VOICES

The verse immediately following the Ten Commandments states:

And the entire nation saw the voices and the thunder, and the sound of the shofar, and the mountain was consumed with smoke. The people saw and were frightened; therefore they stood at a distance. They said to Moses, 'You speak to us and we will hear, but the Lord shall not speak to us lest we die.' [Exodus 20:15-16]

The Torah is telling us that the people saw the sounds, are frightened, and ask Moses to speak, in order that they might hear. Moses counters, and tells the people: 'Do not be frightened, the Lord desires to uplift you, that the fear (awe) of God will be upon you, that you will be unable to sin.' The people stood from afar, and Moses approached the mist from where the Lord (communicated). [Exodus 20:17,18]

The people *saw*, rather than *heard* the sounds. And by the words of Rashi: They saw the sounds; they saw that which is usually heard, that which was impossible to see under different circumstances. [Rashi 20:15], We get a picture of God speaking in a miraculous way, and when God invites them to listen, they were awestruck, recoil and miss that opportunity.

SUPERNATURAL COMMUNICATION

Thus far our understanding is that the revelation was completely supernatural. No one could doubt that the sounds -- which they "saw" -- emanated from God. However, the people still did not know what God had said, because they could not hear. Therefore, God began to repeat the commandments in a manner, which the people could hear. It was at that point the people missed their historic opportunity, failed to seize the moment, and asked that Moses speak instead. Our Sages teach that the first two commandments were given by God prior to the people making the plea to Moses. [See Rashi 19:19 based on Makot 24a.] To make matters even more complicated, we are taught, in next week's Torah portion: God said to Moses, 'Ascend to me to the mountain, and be there, and I will give you the tablets of stone, the Torah, and the commandments...' [Exodus 24:12] This verse seems to indicate that the Torah which Moses received at Sinai was more than the Ten Commandments. Rashi explains: All 613 commandments are subsumed in the Ten Commandments. [Rashi 24:12]. Did God communicate all 613 Commandments at Sinai, despite the fact that the people could not hear even one word?

10 OR 613?

That the communication at Sinai consisted of -- or was to have consisted of all 613 commandments -- is a theme which is well-developed in Midrashic, Kabbalistic, and Chassidic thought. If the Torah which Moses received at Sinai contained all 613 commandments and this is what we mean by "Torah from Sinai," then perhaps this may also explain the nature of the revelation per se. The Sages explain that Moses received the totality of Torah at Sinai -- everything from the Ten Commandments through the question raised by the "precocious student" millennia in the future, and this was more information than the people could possibly have assimilated at one time. In that case what was the purpose of a revelation of Torah which the people could not have heard?

SEEING VS. HEARING

The fundamental difference between seeing and hearing -- a person can see an incredible amount of material at once, but may only hear and comprehend one sound at a time. The nature of the revelation at Sinai should be understood in this context: God was communicating with man, so the nature of the communication had to be fundamentally different. The reversal of the senses established this as a supernatural experience. The second aspect of the revelation was the presentation of the entire Torah as one organic whole. This required that vision be employed instead of normal hearing. Only if the people saw what would otherwise have been heard could they take in the entire Torah in the way God wanted it presented. The third aspect was that God wanted the people to hear all the details. After the entire Torah was presented at one time, God began to enumerate the commandments one by one.

MULTIPLE OBJECTIVES

The first objective was clearly accomplished, that the revelation at Sinai was so powerful that it has served as the basis of faith for millennia. The second objective was accomplished as well, and the people received a complete, organic vision, without the details -- which constituted the next step. The difference between seeing the beauty of Judaism, versus listening to the details, is ultimately the difference between an appreciation of Judaism versus observance. Perhaps we can make a leap, and say that, had the Jews been willing to listen to the details they would never have been able to worship a golden calf. Once the details break down, the whole flinched, as it were, and were not prepared to accept the Torah that God wanted to give at Sinai.

BITS OF INFO

Synopsis of Current Events from Various News Sources Gleaned and Edited by Sherine Levine

✧ US Speaker Nancy Pelosi has appointed newly-elected legislator Representative Ilhan Omar to the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Omar is a well-known anti-Semite who holds no particular expertise or competence on foreign affairs. She has a horrific record of virulent anti-Israel actions. Omar's open hatred of Israel renders her hopelessly biased against Israel, making it impossible for her to make a reasonable, rational decision on any issue concerning Israel and the Arab/Islamic world. After she was elected, Omar confirmed to the website, "Muslim Girl" that she supports the BDS movement. She tweeted on November 2012, "Israel has hypnotized the world. May Allah awaken the people and see the evil doings of Israel." In May 2018 she tweeted, "Drawing attention to the apartheid Israel regime is far from hating Jews," [AFSI]

✧ Rabbi Yehiel Kalish will be the first Orthodox Rabbi to join the Illinois House of Representatives. He was chosen by a 3-person committee from a field of 20 other candidates to replace 32-year veteran State Rep. Lou Lang who resigned. Rabbi Kalish spent 12 years at Agudath Israel of America as its vice president for development. He received his rabbinic ordination from the Hebrew Theological College in Skokie. He will represent residents in the Chicago area of Rogers Park, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove and parts of Skokie, a district where Orthodox Jews comprise about 30 percent of the population. [The Jewish Voice]

✧ More than a dozen state lawmakers from the Alternative for Germany, a far-right party, walked out of the Bavarian parliament during a tribute to Holocaust victims Wednesday after a Jewish leader accused the party of playing down the crimes of Nazis. The state lawmakers stood up and walked out after Holocaust survivor Charlotte Knobloch, the former head of Germany's Central Council of Jews, called the party out by name, saying "this so-called Alternative for Germany bases its politics on hate and marginalization." Speaking ahead of Sunday's observance of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, Knobloch said Alternative for Germany "has downplayed the crimes of the Nazis and has close connections to the extreme right." Lawmakers from other parties rose to their feet and gave her a standing ovation. [Vosizneias]

✧ Israel saw a record number of organ transplants in 2018. A total of 592 transplants were performed in 2018 using organs from both live and deceased donors, representing a 13 percent increase over 2017. The most significant rise was seen in hearts donations when 26 patients received a new heart - a 44 percent increase over 2017. Kidney donations represented the majority of transplants from live donors. [World Israel News]

✧ Hundreds of Israelis on Monday evening convened at the Western Wall for a special prayer session to give thanks to the Creator for the bountiful rain with which Israel has been blessed. The thanksgiving prayer session was initiated by Agriculture Minister Uri Ariel and was attended by Rabbi Shmuel Rabinowitz, the Kotel's rabbi, and Rabbi Shmuel Eliyahu, Chief Rabbi of Tsfat. Included at the prayer session were chapters from Psalms and joyful dancing. [United With Israel]

RECIPE

Although this recipe has several steps it is quick and simple to put together. It is a perfect main course on Shabbos or Yom Tov. Enjoy!

Remember to send your favorite recipes to leahlieb@aol.com

Cuban Style Braised Chicken (Joy of Kosher.com)

Ingredients:

8-9 chicken drumsticks (about 3 pounds)
3/4 tsp salt
1/4 tsp black pepper
1 tsp dried oregano
1 tsp ground cumin
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 cup orange juice
1/4 cup lime juice
1 onion, medium-sized, thinly sliced
1 tbsp olive oil

In a large resealable plastic bag, combine salt, pepper, oregano, cumin, garlic, orange juice, lime juice, and onion slices. Seal bag and shake to mix well. Add chicken, seal bag, shake well and refrigerate at least 2 hours and up to 24 hours.

Remove chicken from marinade and pat dry. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, warm olive oil. Add chicken and brown on all sides, turning frequently, about 10 minutes total.

Reduce heat to medium-low, cover skillet and let chicken cook 10 minutes more. Remove chicken and set aside on plate.

Pour marinade with onions into same skillet and increase heat to medium.

When sauce simmers, return chicken to pan, along with any juices that have collected on the plate. Cover skillet, reduce heat to very low and simmer for 20 minutes.

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