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Purim is coming so it's time to start thinking about Purim and Shalach Manot. If you have time or talent to volunteer for our Shaloch Manot project, please speak to Barbara Mazor.
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The Choir Fund helps support guest Chazzanim which enhance our Shabbos davening. Thank you for your generous donations. We, of course, will still accept donations at any time.

Mazal Tov to Beverly & Sheldon Kier upon the birth of a granddaughter RAIZEL KRAINCHA to their children Rabbi Ezra & Hadassah Kier of Henderson NV
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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, February 3, 2020
 Topic: The Broken Promise: The Controversy over a 17th Century Get.

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PARSHAT BESHALACH
HAFTARAH: U'DVORAH



Dedicated for the commemoration of
 the fortieth yearzeit of our beloved grandfather
ISSIE COHEN z'l
YITZCHAK ben AVRAHAM YOSEF z'l
 By Bruce and Steve Weinberg



February 8-14, 2020

BESHALACH

13 Shevat. 5780

SHABBAT

Candle Lighting 5:03 PM
 Mincha 5:08 PM
 Shacharit 7:45 AM, 8:45 AM
 (Latest Kriat Shma) 9:34 AM
 Torah: Shmot 13:17 Artscroll Page 366
 Haftorah: for Beshalach Artscroll Page 1152
 Rabbi's Talmud Class 4:00 PM
 Mincha 5:00 PM
 Shalosh Seudos Speaker:
 Maariv 6:05 PM
 Shabbat ends 6:10 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

Mishnayot Class: 15 minutes before 1st
 Minyan Monday - Friday
 Daf Yomi 7:20 am Sunday - Friday
 Daily Mincha this week: 5:10 PM
 Maariv following Mincha

Candle Lighting next Friday 5:11 PM
 Mincha Next Friday 5:16 PM

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

Last Shabbat we began our "Children's' Hour" starting between 10:15 and 10:30 on our second floor. We invite and encourage all of our youngest members to come down and join Rachel and Sheila in Room #3. There will be toys and games, and refreshments will be served. We only ask that parents bring their child(ren) down and pick them up immediately at the end of davening.

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Tu B'Shvat

An ancient custom in Israel when a baby was born, the parents planted a tree in its honor. The tree was planted on Tu B'Shvat following the child's birth. If the baby was a boy, a cedar was planted. If the baby was a girl, a cypress was planted. As the children grew so did the trees. When children got married the wood from the trees built their chupah (wedding canopy). As the wood from the two trees were joined in the chupah so were the bride and groom in their marriage.

Many hundreds of years Tu B'Shvat has been celebrated throughout the world. Even when we had no homeland we still remembered and celebrated Tu B'Shvat. Although many could not plant trees because it was not spring during the fifteenth of Shevat where they lived, they ate the "fruit of the trees" and remembered. The fruits of the trees they ate were like those in Israel: almonds, dates, figs, raisins, and carob. It was considered a mitzva to eat these fruits during Tu B'Shvat and recite the blessings.

The Good Deeds in Leaving Egypt by Rabbi Yehonasan Gefen

The Torah states that the Jewish people left the land of Egypt 'chamushim'. The Sages offer three, seemingly unrelated interpretations of what this means. Rashi, in his second explanation, based on the Mechilta and the Midrash Tanchuma, says that it is related to the Hebrew word for five, 'chamesh' and it means that one fifth of the Jewish people left Egypt, as the other four fifths died during the plague of darkness. The Targum Yonatan also connects the word to the number five but records that the meaning of chamushim is that each family left with five children. Finally, the Targum Yerushalmi explains the word chamushim to mean 'armed', but not literally that the people were armed with weapons,[1] rather it means that they were armed with good deeds.

There are a number of questions on these various explanations: The first is that it seems difficult that such seemingly disparate interpretations are made for a single word. Secondly, the Be'er Yosef, written by Rabbi Yosef of Salant, questions the explanation of the Targum Yonatan that each family went out with five children. He notes that the simple understanding of the Targum is that each family had no more or less than five children - it is very hard to accept that each family had the same number of children. The Be'er Yosef also questions the Targum Yerushalmi that they left armed with good deeds. What good deeds does this refer to? The Sages tell us that when the Jewish people left Egypt, they did not have any mitzvot in their merit, therefore, God gave them the mitzvot of circumcision and the Paschal lamb. Accordingly, what 'good deed' does the Targum Yerushalmi refer to?

The Be'er Yosef explains that the three explanations are closely linked. He first focuses on Rashi's explanation that four fifths died; he suggests that only adults died, but their children were innocent and were therefore left alive. Consequently, four fifths of all the children were orphans. This leads to the Targum Yonatan's interpretation that they each left with five children: The Be'er Yosef explains that the Targum Yonatan does not literally mean that each couple had five children but that they left with five sets of children. The surviving adults adopted four sets of children who were left without parents, hence, in addition to their own children, each couple left with five sets of children.

With this, the Be'er Yosef connects the Targum Yerushalmi that they left with good deeds - their good deeds were the fact that each surviving adult voluntarily adopted four sets of orphans, despite their own difficult situation. It is hard enough to bring along one child on a normal journey, but in this case, the people were in a highly uncertain situation, about to leave for a difficult journey through the desert, and yet they gladly brought along many helpless children. Thus, the Torah is alluding to the great kindness that the people did as they left Egypt.

The Be'er Yosef then cites a Torah scholar who suggests that this good deed is alluded to in the verse in Jeremiah when God says, "I remembered for you the kindness of your youth...going after me in the desert in an unsown land".[2] The kindness here may allude to the kindness of bringing out the orphans, even though they were about to go into a barren desert.

There are many lessons that can be derived from the Be'er Yosef's explanation. One is that there are times when a person is undergoing his own tribulations and may feel 'exempt' from helping other people in their suffering, while he is so burdened with his own troubles. While this may be understandable in a certain sense, the example of the kindness that the Jewish people did as they left Egypt teaches that doing kindness when a person is in his own difficult situation, is considered a very great attribute, to the extent where the Prophet alludes to it in referring to the people's kindness as they set out into the perilous desert.

BITS of INFO

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

✧ A JEWISH PROTESTER was removed from a Trump campaign rally in Des Moines, Iowa after he interrupted the event by accusing the president of provoking anti-Semitism. While the president's son, Donald Trump Jr., was addressing the crowd, Elon Glickman, an organizer for the group *IfNotNow*, shouted "I'm an American Jew and ever since your father was elected president, more and more Jews are being gunned down every year," The audience drowned him out by chanting "USA, USA!" As he was being dragged away, Glickman shouted, "All of you here are killing Jews!" [Vosiznaias]

✧ FACEBOOK HAS REMOVED a page that opposes the expansion of the Orthodox population around Lakewood, NJ. Called *Rise Up Ocean County*, the page has been proclaimed anti-Semitic by local leaders. The group said its purpose was to mobilize locals to oppose overdevelopment around Lakewood that has seen a boom in its Orthodox population. It encouraged members to speak out at town meetings and said it was producing a documentary. Local leaders - Jewish and non-Jewish - said its activism crossed the line into Jew hatred. A video posted early last year used a famous poem about Nazi Germany to warn about the dangers of Orthodox population expansion. It showed photos of crowds of Orthodox Jews set to ominous music. [Aruz Sheva]

✧ FIVE ISRAELI CITIZENS WERE DETAINED for 6 hours after landing at Moscow's airport before being shipped back to Israel on Wednesday. Russian authorities held the Israelis in a locked room for hours after confiscating their passports and denying them water or access to a bathroom. A complaint to airport personnel won them a small bottle of water for all to share. It was the second such incident in less than a week. Last Friday, 10 Israelis were detained just a day after backpacker Naama Issacher was released from prison in a pardon from Russian President Putin, after months of high-level lobbying on her behalf. [Hamodia]

✧ KIRK DOUGLAS, who rose through the ranks to become one of Hollywood's biggest stars in dozens of films, died Wednesday at age 103. He was born Issur Danielovitch to Jewish Russian immigrants in Amsterdam, NY. Benjamin Netanyahu stated, "Israel mourns the loss of Kirk Douglas, a legendary actor, a proud Jew, and a great friend of the Jewish state." [The Times of Israel]

✧ DURING LAST SUNDAY'S SUPER BOWL HALFTIME, the leaders of Israeli social music initiative Koolulam were eager to watch headliner Jennifer Lopez using its arrangement for her performance of "Let's Get Loud" before millions of fans. Lopez had seen a video of the Koolulam group singing project last October to mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month when about 2,000 people gathered in Tel Aviv to belt out the song. She asked her reps to request permission from Koolulam to use part of its original arrangement. JLo and her fiancé Alex Rodriguez with their children visited Israel last summer. [Israel21c]

RECIPE

This goulash is easy to make, sugar and gluten free. It is a healthy balanced dinner that only requires 10 minutes of prep. Please remember to send your favorite recipes to Leah Lieberman at Leahlieb@aol.com.

Crockpot Sweet Potato Goulash (Kosher.com/Rorie Weisberg)

Ingredients:

4 potatoes of your choice (she uses 1 large Japanese sweet potato, 1 yam and 2 Yukon Gold)
1 ½ tbsp paprika
1 tbsp sea salt (or kosher salt)
1/2tsp pepper
2 onions, finely diced
2 cubes frozen garlic
1-2 tbsp oil
2 pounds beef stew chunks
1 ½ cup water or half water/half chicken soup broth

Heat a frying pan and saute onions in oil until soft and opaque. Add garlic cubes and cook for about one minute until just fragrant.

In your crockpot, combine the onions and garlic with potatoes, paprika, salt and pepper. Add the beef stew and water or broth. Cook on high for 8 hours or on low for 20 hours.

Alternatively, you can make this dish in a pot and cook on low for 5-6 hours. You may need a little more liquid if making this goulash in a pot.

Serves: 6