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SHMOOZE NEWS- Beshalach

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Dedicated in memory of Milton & Edith Gluck A"H

13:17- IT HAPPENED WHEN PHARAOH SENT OUT THE PEOPLE THAT G-D DID NOT LEAD THEM BY THE WAY OF THE PHILLISTINES, BECAUSE IT WAS NEAR, FOR G-D SAID "PERHAPS THE PEOPLE WILL RECONSIDER WHEN THEY SEE A WAR AND RETURN TO EGYPT". This verse is very difficult to understand. Why would the Jewish people who were just freed from Egyptian slavery where they experienced back breaking labor, torture and having their newborn sons thrown into the Nile River. And add to that the fact that Pharaoh had the Jewish babies killed so he could bathe in their blood. Yet the verse says that the Jewish people may consider going back to Egypt if they are faced with war. How could bnei yisroel contemplate such a thing, knowing what awaits them in Egypt? The answer to this question is a homological insight given by the Gerrer rebbe z"l. The verse says in Exodus 6:6 והוצאתי אתכם מבלות מצרים " I shall take you out from under the burdens of Egypt" explains the gerrer rebbe, the Hebrew word for burdens (Sivlos) also means "tolerance" (savlanut). The Jewish people had become tolerant of their enslavement in spite of its inhuman conditions. They had adjusted and accommodated themselves to what appears to us to be intolerable. The Torah is teaching us a profound lesson about the human condition. Let me illustrate this with the following story. Rav Nochum of Czernoble was once staying at an Inn, and as was his custom he got up at midnight to recite special lamentation over the destruction of the Temple. The innkeeper hearing his crying went to see what the trouble was, and could not understand why Rav Nochum was sitting on the ground crying. Rav Nochum explained how in the Diaspora we continually mourn the loss of Jerusalem and our temple. He explained to the Jewish innkeeper that we cry to G-D to hasten the redemption and bring Moshiach who will take us out of exile and lead us back to Jerusalem. The innkeeper asked, "Will we all go to Jerusalem, of course Rav Nochum said". "But what will be with my little farm, my cows and chickens?"

The innkeeper asked. Said Rav Nochum, why should you care about the farm? Here in the exile we are attacked by the tartars. They carry out pogroms, killing and pillaging our people. In Jerusalem with moshiach we will be free of such persecutions, The innkeeper was still not satisfied. "I still must consult my wife on this matter" he said. When the innkeeper told his wife about the redemption led by Moshiach, she said how can we leave our farm and the cows and chickens that we worked so hard to acquire? The innkeeper explained how we would then be free of the pogroms by the bands of tartars . The wife thought a bit and said, "Go tell the rabbi that when moshiach comes, he should take the tartars to Jerusalem, and we can live here in peace. Let's be honest we may be looking at ourselves in this story. We live in the exile in relative comfort. We enjoy our lifestyle and all the perks of American life. When we hear the sound of the shofar of moshiach will we drop everything behind and follow him to Jerusalem? Or will we be too accustomed to our life in the exile. It is amazing to what we can accommodate. Like Moshe, moshiach will lead us to a life of spiritual heights. We must be truthful with ourselves as to what our aspirations are. Will be ready to trade in our physical comforts in order to one day reside permanently in the holy land. May that day come speedily in our days. (Sefer- Rabbi Dr. Abraham Twerski on Chumash)

Have a great and inspring Shabbos,

Rabbi G

Erev Shabbos- Feb 3

Candle lighting: 5:47

Mincha: 5:50pm

Shabbos Feb 4

Shachris: 9:00am

Shiur: 4:30pm -men & women

Mincha: 5:10pm

Havdalah: 6:51pm

Kiddush is sponsored by George and Joni White

Mazal tov to Joe & Zohara Weiss on the engagement of their grandson Yisroel Meir Anton of Israel and Kansas City to Leah Belson of Kansas City, may they always see much nachas.

Mazal Tov to Alexander Abramson for running the ING Half Marathon for Team Friendship in 1:55:15. 2nd fastest time of any 13 yr old!

Father & Child learning program Sat night @ 7:30pm
sponsored by Dr. Larry & Bellinda Zaret.

Our Sisterhood Luncheon held this past week at Neiman Marcus was a resounding success. Our thanks go to our chairpersons, Susan Gluck and Susan Packer for arranging such a beautiful and truly enjoyable event.

Refuah Sheleima to:

- ~ Jay Farkas
- ~ Miriam Lisbon
- ~ Joe Weiss

Shachris for this week

- Sunday 8am
- Monday through Friday 7am

MINCHA FOR THE WEEK 5:55pm

Weekly Classes

Mondays:

- Ladies Tehillim Group at 10:30am
- Lunch n Learn Halacha class- will be at our Young Israel.
- Chavrusah one on one learning . If you are interested in a Chavrusah on the topic of your choice please contact Rabbi Blumberg.

Wednesdays:

- Womens class- Ahavas Yisroel @ 8:00pm
- Dr. Abramson's Lectures in Jewish History Series will resume Feb 15th.

Thursdays: Learning programs @ 8:00pm- If anyone wants to sponsor cholent and kugel, let us know!

Sponsorships available for Saturday night's father and child learning program and for Thursday night learning program.

Save the Dates !!!

February 17 & 18 – Shabbaton with Rabbi Meir Soloveitchik

Our Annual Dinner will be taking place on Feb 26th at the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center, please call the office to make your reservations and place your ads in the Journal, before the ad deadline of Feb 10th. We have wonderful and most deserving honorees, Dr. and Mrs. Hillel Abramson, and Ms. Freda Greenbaum, with a special tribute in memory of Paul Sterental Z'L

March 8- Purim Seudah @ The Aventura Turnberry Jewish center. More details to follow.

Dr. Abramson's Wednesday evenings Schedule of Lectures is as follows; all lectures begin promptly at 8:30 pm.

February 15:

Rabbi Moshe Hayim Luzzatto:

The Path of the Just

February 22:

Israel ben Eliezer:

The Ba'al Shem Tov

February 29:

Rahel Varnhagen:

The Salon Life

No class March 7

March 14:

Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch:

Architect of Modernity

March 21:

Khane-Rokhl Webermacher:

The Maiden of Lublin

March 28:

Theodor Herzl:

Visions of Israel

no classes April 4, 11

April 18:

Shalom Aleichem:

Di Yiddishe Velt

April 25:

Leon Trotsky:

Jews and the Left

May 2:

Sarah Bernhardt:

Jews on Stage and Screen

May 9:

Sarah Schenirer:

Revolution in Women's Education

May 16:

Hannah Szenes:

Warrior, Poet, Martyr