



Young Israelight

Torah Reader
Michael Robbins

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Friday, September 3
Shacharit 6:45am
Mincha 7:00pm
Candlelighting 7:06pm

Shabbat, September 4
Hashkama 8:00am
Main Shul 9:00am
Sephardic 9:00am
Latest Kriat Shema 9:36am
Youth Program 10:15am
Mincha 6:50pm
Shabbat Ends 8:05pm
Selichot 11:45pm

Sunday, September 5
Shacharit 6:45am/8:30am
Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:05pm

Monday, September 6
Shacharit 6:30am/8:00am
Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:05pm

Tuesday, September 7
Shacharit 6:30am
Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:05pm

Friday Morning Shiur Sponsors

Isaac & Melanie Piha commemorating the yahrzeit of: Isaac's father, Nissim ben Avraham Piha, Isaac's grandmother, Lea Israel bat David Capelluto

Dr. Arthur & Sandra Cotliar commemorating the yahrzeit of Arthur's sister Phyllis Schwartz

Nitzavim-Vayelech

This Shabbos, Parshas Nitzavim, marks the final Shabbos of the year 5770. As the last Shabbos of the year, it affords us the opportunity to both reflect on the quality of all the past year's Shabbatim and to elevate them through our observance this week. It also serves as a sacred moment of preparation for the Yemei HaDin that are fast upon us.

There is a common theme in both the Parshah and its Haftorah which bespeak of the level of preparedness we should be at this juncture. The Haftorah begins with the phrase "Sos asis b'HaShem," "I will rejoice in my salvation by HaShem"... "K'chatan cohen paer v'kallah tiada kalya," "as a groom adorned in his finery and as a bride bedecked in her jewelry." The level of joy at our return to HaShem is so great it can be compared to the joy of a bride and groom. HaShem responds in kind and states that "U'misos chatan al kallah yasis alaiyich elokaiyich," "He will rejoice over you the joy of a groom to his bride." HaShem's joy with Bnai Yisrael is reciprocal, yet there is a glaring difference - whereas Bnai Yisrael compare their joy to that of a bride and groom, HaShem's joy is literally that of a groom to his bride. Is there a significance to this difference and if so, what does it teach us?

The answer lies in a deep thought of the Sforno in the Parshah itself. The Parshah summarizes the pitfalls of both the individual and collective rejecting of "din v'cheshbon" and then proceeds to detail the process of teshuva and the rebuilding of the relationship between HaShem and Bnai Yisrael.

Moshe Rabbeinu explains that the apex of this rebuilding comes at the moment that "ki tashuv el HaShem elokecha bichal livavcha u'vichal nafshecha," "that we return to HaShem with a complete heart and soul." At that time HaShem will shower us with bounty, because: "Ki yashuv HaShem lasos alaiyich l'tov kaasher sas al avotecha," "because HaShem will return to rejoice over you as He rejoiced with your fathers." Again, a comparison joy with Bnai Yisrael like the joy with our forefathers. The Ibn Ezra explains that this refers to the generation that will eventually return to Eretz Yisrael and that HaShem will rejoice with them just as He did with the generation that Yehoshua brought into Eretz Yisrael many generations ago. The Sforno offers a radically different approach to this Pasuk, which will be prefaced with a definition of the Malbim on this Haftorah. The Malbim explains the difference between sosson and simcha. Simcha is the state of inner joy and contentment and sosson is the external manifestation of that simcha. It is possible to have simcha without sosson but there cannot be sosson without simcha. So, for example, in the tefilla of Yomim Noraim, when we say "simcha l'artzecha v'sosson l'irecha." it means

that the joy celebrated in Yerushalayim, through all the mitzvos, korbanos and avodah that take place there, is an external manifestation of the simcha that envelops all of Eretz Yisrael. The Sforno explains: "Ki yashuv HaShem lasos alaiyich," HaShem's sosson is a response to, and a consequence of, HaShem's satisfaction, HaShem's simcha, with our complete teshuva. Much of our bounty today, the Sforno elaborates, is a product of the merit of our Avos, as we pray daily, "vzocher chasdei avot u'maivee goel lifnei vinaihem."

Our Avos, themselves, were possessed of no zechus Avos and HaShem's sosson with our Avos was on their own merit alone. So too, says the Sforno, when our teshuva is complete and pure, HaShem's joy in us is direct, in our own merit - "kaasher sas al avotecha," just as HaShem rejoiced with our Avos Hakedoshim in their own merit.

This, too, is the message of our Haftorah. When Bnai Yisrael can truly feel that "sos asis baHaShem," that joy becomes the external barometer of our inner connection to HaShem, to the simcha that reflects the complete teshuva to HaShem. When we have truly reached that elevated stage, the parallel of the Sforno is complete and HaShem's joy is now direct. No longer with a "khof hadimyon," (the Khof of comparison), no longer like a chosen to his kallah- but rather a true direct simcha and sosson of HaShem to Bnai Yisrael. This, then, should be the goal of our Elul and Yomim Noraim, not merely to ask for forgiveness for our trespasses but rather to elevate ourselves and purify ourselves to the point that we can truly say "sos asis baHaShem" and merit "yasis alecha elokecha."

Shabbat Shalom. (NCYI)

KOL NIDRE APPEAL

The Shul needs you!! Please make your Kol Nidre pledge as soon as possible by: (1) using the pledge form enclosed with the mailing that you received, (2) accessing the shul website at "www.yisny.org" or (3) contacting any of the committee members: Steven Feldman, Steven Halper, David Kauvar, Michael Mandel, Michael Nachmani and Jules Reich.

Thanks for your support.

ACADEMY FOR JEWISH STUDIES 2010/5771

Women's Tehillim Group at the home of Esther Trencher – Monday – 9:30am

Talmud Themes for Beginners & Intermediate – Rabbi Sol Froimowitz – Monday 9pm

Sugyot B'Halacha: Halachic Analysis w/ Steve Gelles – Tuesday following services

Practical Judaism: Mishnah Berura "Laws of Blessings" – Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern - Wednesday following services

Rabbi Frand "On the Torah" – The Rabbi Dr. Walter Wurtzberger Memorial Lecture Series - Thursday 9pm

Parsha Principles: Torah Temimah – Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern - Friday following services

Mishnah B'rurah - Shabbat following Hashkama Minyan

Pirkei Avot - Richard Bienenfeld - 40 minutes before Shabbat mincha.

Daf Hashavua Im Talmidei D'Scarsdale w/ Rabbi Joshua Rosenfeld - Sunday 7:30am – 8:30am

Condolence

Tom Apple on the death of his father, Marvin Apple

If you haven't received/ordered tickets email sharon@yisny.org or call Sharon: 636.8686 x100

JCC SEATS NO LONGER AVAILABLE.

The Sisterhood of YIS invites you to attend the
Annual Sukkah Tea
With

Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern

Topic: "What will the Rabbis think of Next?": An in-depth look at the role of the Rabbinic Tradition in Modern Jewish Life. This textual study will be based on Maimonides' introduction to Rabbinic Law in his Mishnah Torah.

Friday, September 24, 2010 - 4-6pm

Dessert will be served.

For more information contact Miriam Pauker:723.0129,
Galina Neumeier:725.0945 or Elaine Schnall:723.1049

Torah Questions

1. Which nation came to Yehoshua to convert?
2. When did the Areivut (responsibility) of one Jew for another begin?
3. What did the Jewish people do with the Sefer Torah that Moshe gave to the Leviim?
4. What was Moshe permitted to use that was not accessible to Yehoshua?
5. What is the last Mitzvah commanded in the Torah?

Torah Answers

1. The Givonim.
2. When they accepted the oath on Har Gerizim and Har Eival.
3. Either it was placed inside the Ark or it was placed on a board that was attached to the Ark.
4. The Chatzatzrot (trumpets)
5. The Mitzva to write a Sefer Torah.

Halachic Question

What is the accepted practice if someone missed the sounding of the Shofar in Shul?

Halachic Answer

If someone missed Shofar blowing for whatever reason, he/she should have someone who knows how to blow the shofar blow for him. The one who is listening to the Shofar should say the appropriate berachot (Lishmoa Kol Shofar and Shehechyanu); however, if for some reason the listener cannot say the berachot or is uncomfortable doing so, the one blowing the Shofar may recite the Berachot on his behalf even if he had absolved his obligation of hearing the Shofar already.

He should proceed in blowing 30 blasts (3 Tekiyah-Shevarim, Tekiyah, 3 Tekiyah-Teruah-Tekiyah, 3 Tekiyah-Shevarim-Teruah-Tekiyah), this is the minimum Rabbinic requirement as to how many Shofar blasts one must hear. Though throughout the day of Rosh Hashana in the Synagogue we blow 100 blasts; we do this in order to "confuse the Satan," which is only applicable B'Tzibbur (as part of an assembly), and not for an individual in his home. (Shulchan Aruch - Mishna Berura 585:5)

Mazel Tov

*Rise & Marc Robbins on the Bar Mitzvah of their son,
Michael*

*Eva & Arthur Bodek on the Bar Mitzvah of their son,
Michael*

*Dr. Ruth Tessler & Sue Zisholtz on the Bat Mitzvah of
their daughter, Shira*

The Honorable Joan Lefkowitz on the birth of her grandson

Pre-Selichot Ruach 2010

An evening of Song, Stories, Food
Torah, Inspiration, and Camaraderie

with

Rabbi Morgenstern, Rabbi Willig, And Friends

Saturday Night, September 4th

Program Begins at 10:45pm in the Greene Gallery
Immediately Followed by Selichot: 11:45 PM

YIS Annual High Holiday Lecture Series

3 Lailot - 3 Tefilot

Tuesday, September 7 - Rosh Hashanah Service—with Steve Gelles
Wednesday, September 15 - Yom Kippur Service —with Rabbi Simcha Willig

Tuesday, September 21 - Highlights of Hallel— with Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern

All sessions will take place at 8:00pm in the Greene Gallery

Looking for more inspiration in your prayers this year? Do you want to find meaning in ancient texts that usually don't mean enough to you? Then join us for our High Holiday Tefilah seminar series. In 3 nights over the course of 3 weeks we will highlight and elucidate selected chapters of the Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot holiday liturgies. These seminars are open to the entire YIS community. Make time to come to 1, 2, or all 3...Make this the year that you finally say what you mean and mean what you say!

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Mehudar \$52 – Cases \$6**

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