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Kosher Thanksgiving by Rabbi Shawn Zell

For Thanksgiving to be kosher, it must extend beyond the hechsher (rabbinic certification) of the turkey and trimmings. A kosher Thanksgiving finds its origins in the Book of Psalms – Psalm 100 to be exact, a Psalm of Thanksgiving. In true biblical fashion, one finds four parallels within a total of five verses that constitute the Psalm of Thanksgiving. A cursory study of these four parallels provides us with much food for thought as we join friends and family and express our preference for either white or dark meat.

Happiness/Joy: the former is external; the latter is internal. True thanksgiving is when one expresses what one truly feels. For all the times we feign happiness when we receive a gift we either don't want or don't know what to do with, hopefully, there are other occasions where revealed happiness parallels concealed joy. Hopefully Thanksgiving is one of those occasions.

His people/the sheep of His pasture: the former connotes contention; the latter connotes submission. True thanksgiving is all-encompassing. Just as a variety of personalities sit around the Thanksgiving table in many a



home, so too do these personalities perceive the Thanksgiving Festival in a variety of ways. Those who fall into line, much like the submissive sheep of HaShem's pasture, express perfunctory gratitude because that's what is expected of them. Those who march to the beat of a different drum occasionally express gratitude as well, often to the surprise and bewilderment of others. Hopefully there will come a Thanksgiving when gratitude will be expressed by all.

Thanksgiving/Praise: the former is a reaction of recognition; the latter is an action of acclaim. In an ideal world, people praise HaShem for no other reason than that praise is due Him. In a less than ideal world, people hopefully thank HaShem for what they have received from Him. G-d forbid that in either situation people take that which they have for granted. At the very least, Thanksgiving should be a time for giving thanks; hopefully the time

will come when Thanksgiving will be accompanied by praise as well.

Divine kindness/Divine faithfulness: the former refers to a benevolent G-d; the latter refers to a believing G-d. Thanksgiving purports to be a festival free of religion. Poppycock! Thanksgiving may very well be the most religious holiday that exists! As much as we thank HaShem for His bounty, we also thank Him for His attitude toward us. We are alive and able to celebrate Thanksgiving thanks to divine kindness. Whether we are deserving of the Thanksgiving meal along with its concomitant message that awaits us is academic. We are alive and able to celebrate Thanksgiving thanks to HaShem's faith in us. Whether we are worthy of such faith is beside the point. Hopefully, Thanksgiving provides us with the opportunity to digest this message of divine kindness as well as divine faith, so that maybe the time will come when that kindness and faith is repaid in kind, not just while sitting at the Thanksgiving table, but throughout the year as well.

A happy and meaningful Thanksgiving to all!

Rabbi Zell

Making Miracles at Tiferet - Ed Jerome

I hope you found Tiferet's High Holy Day services meaningful and that you were spurred to think about how you might live a more spiritually enriched life in the next year. In that regard, consider a few of the thoughts I shared on Kol Nidre.

During Tisha B'Av, the Rabbi discussed what caused the destruction of the first and second temples. That discussion got me thinking: "What would destroy a synagogue today?" I decided destroying a synagogue today is easier than we might realize. **All it takes is indifference, assuming others will do the work and provide the funds necessary to keep the lights on.**

A recent week's parsha commentary sheet said: "Whoever depends on a miracle, the miracle is NOT done for them." The example given was when G-d commanded Israel to go to war and guaranteed them victory. Even though victory was guaranteed, Israel planned their battle strategy, armed themselves, and carried out every task as if victory was not assured. If you want a miracle, you have to do the work. As the saying goes: "G-d helps those who help themselves."

Tiferet Israel creates miracles every day for those who come here to find them. But it takes coming and giving for you to get the benefit. When you are active here, you see so much good being done.

We provide support for families and individuals in need and suffering.

We provide minyan for those needing one.

We educate and entertain adults and youth in the Tiferet community as well as the Dallas Jewish and non-Jewish community.

The Sunshine Group visits those who are ill or have ill family members. We provide a Shabbat dinner when a family has suffered a loss.

A group of volunteers prepare Kiddush every week. Volunteers prepare each of the Shabbat dinners and food for each of the programs. A group meets annually in January to bake over 1,000 hamantaschen for the Mishloach Manot baskets. I am told by those participating that working in the kitchen is a magical bonding experiences. What goes on in the kitchen stays in the kitchen!

And, then, there is the Dallas Kosher Chili Cook-off, a miracle we create for the Dallas Jewish com-

munity annually. People are amazed to hear that Tiferet has made the cook-off happen for 23 years with no professional event management help.

These involved in creating these miracles enhance their lives and the lives of those on the receiving end.

We have started several programs in the last year that have proven meaningful to different groups: the series Jews Around the World, the monthly Kulanu Service, the monthly Children's Shabbat celebration, the Mitzvah of the Month... **while maintaining our traditionally important programs and services:** daily and weekly services, Rabbi's adult education programs, Shabbat with Shirah, managing the cemeteries, the Chevra Kadisha, Dallas Kosher Chili Cook-off and the book club, which just celebrated its 10th anniversary. Each is a part that makes up Tiferet Israel. And it is our volunteers supported by our clergy and staff who bring this vibrant organization to life.

You are part of making the miracles at Tiferet happen and, if you don't do your part, no one else can replace you. There will be a hole in our fabric. We need you. Whatever you can do, we will appreciate.

Please look for ways to add to our Tiferet Israel community. Somehow, make a difference!

You might consider:

1. Helping in the kitchen.
2. Helping in the office.
3. Helping make events come to life.
4. Helping with marketing - writing articles, social media.
5. Serving on a committee (Marketing, Membership, Programming, Chili Cook-off)
6. Visiting or calling a member needing support.
7. Helping make a minyan.

Please call me or call the Tiferet office so we can get you signed up. You'll like how it feels.

Ed Jerome

November Torah Topics

November 5 - Noach - Tower leads to cower

November 12 - Lech Lecha - Promise or Momos

November 19 - Va Yera - Fire or Mire

November 26 - Chayei Sarah - Falling and falling in love

Did you Know?

Even though Mourner's Kaddish typically is said three times during the Shacharit service, it is the Kaddish of the Aleinu that is accorded the greatest importance.

November Birthdays

November 1

Abe Toobian
Dr. Steven Wolfson
Cara Tolmas

November 2

Joshua Abrams
Robin Bock

November 3

Naomi Herson
Robert Mason
Michael Cohen

November 7

Dr. Michael Blum
Leonard Broder
Haley Giller

November 9

Daniel Bernhardt

November 10

Mark Kreditor

Rene Teig

November 11

Andrew Burnet
Dr. Elliot Ginchansky

November 12

Carol Zimmerman
Gabriella Schultz

November 14

Helen Brown
Adam Gadol
Hayden Giller

November 15

Benjamin Bayles

November 19

Carmen Grinstein
Evie Dunsky

November 20

Tina Israel

Dr. Dan Schuller

November 21

Hanna Lambert

November 22

Kyle Cohen

November 23

Ed Jerome
Debbie Smith

November 24

Louis Rousseau

November 26

David Bock

November Anniversaries

November 1

Dr. Jaime & Ana Davidson
Steve & Dena Denn

November 2

Brian & Merle Rosenbloom

November 5

Harry & Rozann Hermann

November 21

Dr. Adam & Helaine Miner

November 23

Harlan & Ethel Holiner

Charles & Joanne Teichman

November 24

Kevin & Carla Libby

November 25

Rene' & Robin Teig

November 28

Richard & Sara Levine

November 29

Warren & Rose Abrams

November 30

Jerry & Diane Benjamin

November Yahrzeits:

November 1 - Tishri 30

Rebecca Prengler

November 2 - Cheshvan 1

Renee Corn
Mollie Kissner

November 3 - Cheshvan 2

Jack Silverman

November 4 - Cheshvan 3

Ben Rosenthal
Natalie Yohay

November 5 - Cheshvan 4

Al Golden
Leon Rovinsky

November 6 - Cheshvan 5

Robert Stern
Dina Ternner

November 7 - Cheshvan 6

Jennie Glass

November 8 - Cheshvan 7

Irving Dunsky
Ted Steinberg

November 9 - Cheshvan 8

Esther Goren

November 10 - Cheshvan 9

Sonia Epstein
Esther Reisberg
Irving Selig Rosenthal
Jerome Wolfson

November 11 - Cheshvan 10

Joyce Ann Blend

November 12 - Cheshvan 11

Phillip Horowitz
Rose Kress
Ruth Lowengrub

November 13 - Cheshvan 12

Sadye Kriss
David Weingarten

November 16 - Cheshvan 15

Marcus Earl Stein

November 17 - Cheshvan 16

Isadore Blend
Nechama Geller

November 18 - Cheshvan 17

Cecile Teitelbaum

November 19 - Cheshvan 18

Ann Rovinsky

November 20 - Cheshvan 19

Edith Marcus

November 21 - Cheshvan 20

Abe Byers
Sophie Ginchansky
Rachel Schoichet

November 22 - Cheshvan 21

Seth Aaron Horwitz
Raymond Lambert

November 26 - Cheshvan 25

Sidney Denn
Beatrice Goldstein
Sadie Samuelsohn

November 27 - Cheshvan 26

Lena Schwartz

November 28 - Cheshvan 27

Gladys Lambert

November 29 - Cheshvan 28

Viola Mason
Helen Meltzer

November 30 - Cheshvan 29

Arnold Hermann
Harry Kleinman
Julius Schwartz
Bella Vile

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 30 Tishri Women's Rosh Chodesh Program: Movie Night <i>Best Exotic Marigold Hotel</i> 7:30 PM ROSH CHODESH	2 1 Cheshvan ROSH CHODESH	3 2 Cheshvan	4 3 Cheshvan	5 4 Cheshvan Noach
6 5 Cheshvan DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS Fall back one hour.	7 6 Cheshvan	8 7 Cheshvan Election Day Vote!	9 8 Cheshvan	10 9 Cheshvan Melton Class Jews in America 7:00 PM	11 10 Cheshvan Veteran's Day	12 11 Cheshvan Teen Minyan 10:30 AM Lech Lecha
13 12 Cheshvan Brotherhood & Sisterhood Program: Robert Steinfeld Fox Sports Emmy Award Winning Producer - 9:30 AM <i>Back by Popular Demand!</i>	14 13 Cheshvan	15 14 Cheshvan Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 PM	16 15 Cheshvan	17 16 Cheshvan Melton Class Jews in America 7:00 PM	18 17 Cheshvan	19 18 Cheshvan <u>Shabbat w/ Shirah</u> Shabbat Kulanu 9:00 AM Rabbi Zell, 10:00 AM Rabbi Sabo Children's Shabbat Vayera
20 19 Cheshvan Teen Israeli Breakfast Club 10:30 AM - Noon	21 20 Cheshvan	22 21 Cheshvan	23 22 Cheshvan	24 23 Cheshvan OFFICE CLOSED THANKSGIVING	25 24 Cheshvan OFFICE CLOSED	26 25 Cheshvan Chaye Sarah
27 26 Cheshvan	28 27 Cheshvan Board of Directors Meeting 6:00 PM	29 28 Cheshvan	30 29 Cheshvan	November Mitzvah of the Month: Food Bank collection for Jewish Family Services. Bring shelf-stable food items to Tiferet and drop off in the donation box located near the multipurpose room.		



Mannie Kisin will be called to the Torah as passion is basketball and soccer, she draws a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 12, beautifully, and she is a great family "advi-2016. Mannie is an 8th grader at Hudson Middle School. Mannie is a fierce reader, plays euphonium and soccer, is a computer whiz, great chef at home, and participates in pentathlon competitions at his school. His twin sister, Ollie Kisin, is also an 8th grader, and will have her Bat Mitzvah ceremony the evening of November 12. Ollie's

December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Children's Shabbat Celebration November 19 & December 17 10:30 AM For ages 18 months - 3 years 4 years - 7 years & school-age children				1 1 Kislev Melton Class Jews in America 7:00 PM Women's Rosh Chodesh Program - Decorate bags for Meals on Wheels - 7:00 PM Rosh Chodesh	2 2 Kislev Teen Minyan 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM at Rabbi Sabo's house	3 3 Kislev Toldot
4 4 Kislev Programming Committee Mtg. 9:30 AM	5 5 Kislev	6 6 Kislev	7 7 Kislev	8 8 Kislev Melton Class Jews in America 7:00 PM	9 9 Kislev	10 10 Kislev Teen Minyan 10:30 AM Vayetze
11 11 Kislev Jewish Life Around the World: India 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM	12 12 Kislev	13 13 Kislev	14 14 Kislev	15 15 Kislev Melton Class Jews in America 7:00 PM	16 16 Kislev	17 17 Kislev Shabbat Kulanu 9:00 AM Rabbi Zell, 10:00 AM Rabbi Sabo Children's Shabbat Vayishlach
18 18 Kislev	19 19 Kislev	20 20 Kislev Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 PM	21 21 Kislev	22 22 Kislev Melton Class Jews in America 7:00 PM	23 23 Kislev	24 24 Kislev Shabbat with Shirah Erev Chanukah Vayeshev
25 25 Kislev	26 26 Kislev	27 27 Kislev	28 28 Kislev Chanukah Dinner 6:00 PM	29 29 Kislev	30 1 Tevet	31 2 Tevet Chanukah Miketz
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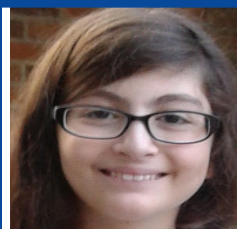
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Alexandra Miriam Cohen plans to conduct a Havdalah service for close friends and family to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah.

Ali is in the sixth grade at Spring Creek Elementary. She plays the viola. Ali is also a member of the Girl Scouts. Ali's passion is baking. In her free time, she likes to watch cooking shows, read, and make greeting cards. For a mitzvah project, Ali has helped at the Jewish Family Service food bank. Ali is the younger sister of Kyle and Michael Cohen. Proud mom is Naomi Cohen and grandparents are Sara and Richard Levine. Ali is looking forward to celebrate with relatives from the Metroplex and both coasts.

Calendar of Events - November 2016

November 1: Women's Rosh Chodesh Program - Movie Night, "Best Exotic Marigold Hotel." 7:00 PM. Bring a donation for the JFS Food Pantry.

November 6: Daylight Savings Time. Adjust your clocks back one hour.

November 10: Melton class - Jewish Life in America. 7:00 PM.

November 11: Veterans Day

November 12: Teen Minyan - 10:30 AM. Led by Rabbi Sabo.

November 13: Brotherhood and Sisterhood program - Robert Steinfeld - "Behind the Scenes of Network Sports Television: Stories from the NBA, MLB, and the Olym-

pics." 9:30 AM breakfast, 10:00 AM speaker. \$5 per person to attend, RSVP required.

November 15: Executive Committee meeting - 6:00 PM.

November 17: Melton class - Jewish Life in America. 7:00 PM.

November 19: Shabbat Kulanu - 9:00 AM Rabbi Zell, 10:00 AM Rabbi Sabo. Children's Celebration Shabbat 10:30 AM.

Shabbat with Shirah - Immediately following kiddush.

November 20: Teen Israeli Breakfast Club - 10:30 AM - Noon

November 24: Thanksgiving - OFFICE CLOSED

November 25: OFFICE CLOSED

November 28: Board of Directors meeting - 6:00 PM

Schedule of Services - November 2016

DAILY SERVICE TIMES

SHACHARIT

MINCHA/MA'ARIV

Days	Time	Latest Time for Shema	Week Of:	Time
Sunday	8:00 AM	10:44 AM	October 30 - November 3	6:20 PM
Monday-Friday	6:30 AM	9:50 AM	November 6 - 10	5:15 PM
Shabbat	9:00 AM	9:56 AM	November 13 - 17	5:10 PM
*Morning service on national holidays: 8:00 AM		10:02 AM	November 20 - 25	5:05 PM
		10:09 AM	November 27 - December 1	5:05 PM

FRIDAY & SHABBAT SERVICE TIMES

Shabbat Beginning	Parsha	Candle Lighting	Friday Night Mincha/Ma'ariv	Shabbat Mincha/Ma'ariv	Shabbat Ends
November 4	Noach	6:13 PM	5:55 PM	5:45 PM	7:14 PM
November 11	Lech Lecha	5:08 PM	5:00 PM	4:40 PM	6:09 PM
November 18	Vayera	5:04 PM	5:00 PM	4:35 PM	6:05 PM
November 25	Chaye Sarah	5:02 PM	5:00 PM	4:35 PM	6:03 PM
December 2	Toldot	5:01 PM	5:00 PM	4:30 PM	6:02 PM

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