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WELL SEASONED PLANTING by Rabbi Shawn Zell

When it comes to planting trees, better you should ask somebody else. Maybe it was watching the (Tu B'Shvat) propaganda films at school during my formative years, showing Israelis planting trees during the day and dancing a hora beside a bonfire at night. And there I was living in a G-d forsaken city where the forecasted high that day in late January or early February was typically 15 below zero. Maybe it was that until the advent of modern Zionism, most Jews throughout the world didn't know what end of the shovel was up. Nevertheless, we Jews have every right to be so very proud when it comes to planting.

Throughout history, we Jews have planted ideas. Abraham was obviously the first when he planted the idea that there exists a moral ethical G-d that was both intangible as well as invisible. But once that moral ethical G-d was firmly planted within our hearts and souls, He did not hesitate to gnaw at our conscience when repugnant or even unacceptable behavior on our part reared its ugly head or when good, decent behavior on our part had yet to surface. Recently, I taught a three session mini course to a Christian group on Moses arguing with HaShem. Those in attendance were speechless, as I planted within them the Jewish concept of changing HaShem's mind. After all, isn't that part of Jewish prayer, especially during the Days of Awe?

Throughout history, we Jews have planted evidence. Over the centuries, we have shown how it is possible to



improve and perhaps even to perfect the world that HaShem deliberately left unfinished. Chemotherapy may not be a word that we like to hear, much less to discuss, especially around the dinner table, but the concept of Chemotherapy was introduced well over a hundred and twenty years ago by Paul Ehrlich, a Jewish scientist who also was a pioneer in the field of combatting diphtheria. Close to forty years after Ehrlich's death, on this side of the Atlantic two New York born Jewish doctors were successful in planting viruses – either dead or live into our bloodstreams, effectively conquering the much dreaded disease known as polio. The names of those doctors are Jonas Salk and Albert Sabin. Little do misinformed adults or brainwashed college students here in this country as well as elsewhere, realize the danger they are putting themselves into every time they undertake to boycott Israeli products. In their ignorance, they are dismissing evidence they greatly depend upon in their lives, planted in this world by Jews.

Throughout history, we Jews have had our feet firmly planted on the ground.

We may have moved around quite a bit over the centuries either voluntarily or involuntarily, but we have never disappeared from the face of this earth. Nor do we intend to. Whether we are aware of it or not, there is always something there to remind us that we Jews have a purpose in this world. Some explain our existence as being the moral conscience or compass to the world. On the other hand, we Jews seem to have a good measure of obstinacy in our DNA. As difficult as this may be to accept, we Jews seem to have done exceedingly well as far as meeting challenges. We excelled in colleges when quotas existed. We were true success stories when we adapted a “we'll show them attitude” when certain fields of industry and areas of business were not open to us. As much as our feet are firmly planted on the ground because of our obstinacy, by refusing to succumb to quotas and exclusionary behavior, let us also realize that our feet may very well be firmly planted on the ground despite all the obstacles that have been placed in our path.

The last day of January is Tu B'Shvat. There will be much “to-do” about planting trees in Israel as there should be. In addition to planting trees, let us be very much aware of our prowess when it comes to planting ideas, planting evidence and having our feet firmly planted on the ground.

Rabbi Zell

Chanukah Dinner on December



Challah Baking in Religious School!



January Torah Topics

- January 6: Shemot - Rattled by Cattle
- January 13: Va'era - Persuasion and Evasion
- January 20: Bo - Smear Tactic
- January 27: Beshalach - Mutter and Rebutter

Did you know?

Though Israel boasts many eucalyptus trees, they are not native – they were brought to Israel from Australia by the JNF.

January Birthdays:

January 1 Jaime Hazan Cohen	January 11 Shula Lifshitz-Lavie	Faye Giller Dr. Jeffrey Whitman	January 24 Nelya Kisin
January 3 Paul Golden Robin Teig	January 12 Leslie Schultz Maragret Smith	January 19 Bill Roth Gila Selis	January 26 Joanne Teichman Ari Robinson
January 5 Jacob Teichman	January 13 Barry Rothschild	January 20 Deborah Frishman Melissa Schachter	January 28 Sheldon Schepps
January 8 Alexandra Lavi	January 15 Dr. Jaime Davidson Chaim Domb Steven Israel	January 21 Diane Benjamin	January 29 Stephen Blend
January 9 Debra Polsky Allen Mason	January 16 Debra Ginchansky	January 22 Elaine Bock Joram Wolanow	January 31 Nancy Israel Jacob Goldfine
January 10 Dorothy Schwartz	January 18 Shirley Bayles	January 23 Jim Ayers	

January Anniversaries:

January 14 Stephanie & Jim Ayers Henri & Cecilia Hassouni	January 18 Warren & Kathrine Zahler
January 17 Barry & Debra Rothschild	January 24 Peter & Julie Lesser



January Yahrzeits:

January 1 - Tevet 14 Harry Cohen Bernard Gerson Scharja Kopel	January 11 - Tevet 24 Dr. Irving Brodsky Nick Freidberg Morris Rubin	January 20 - Shevat 4 Bina Becky Katz	Gershon Katz Ruth Natinsky Sol Prengler
January 2 - Tevet 15 Kurt Benjamin Harry J. Meyers	January 13 - Tevet 26 Bassja Benjamin Josephine Candy Eglit	January 21 - Shevat 5 Barbara Ines Borin Anita Glick Doris Schmidt	January 28 - Shevat 12 Roy Meyer Grossman
January 3 - Tevet 16 Abraham Kleinman Rose Wald	January 14 - Tevet 27 Irene Ferezy Sarah Soltes Harold Wolf	January 23 - Shevat 7 Eli Baker Marcos Hazan-Cohen Sr.	January 29 - Shevat 13 Nathan Goldman
January 4 - Tevet 17 Henry Fruchthandler	January 15 - Tevet 28 Lillian Skilbell Betty Stone Abe Weingarten	January 24 - Shevat 8 Nathan Baum Murry Kuntz Lee Mirowitz Fannie Rachel Summer	January 30 - Shevat 14 Bella Leah Goldberg Dr. A Ron Hoffman Julius Schepps Abraham Achar Toussie
January 5 - Tevet 18 Jennie Feiner	January 16 - Tevet 29 Kenneth Allen Golden Alfred E. Serber	January 25 - Shevat 9 Ray Kuntz Lenchner	January 31 - Shevat 15 Yitzhak Halevi
January 7 - Tevet 20 Abram Bock Ken Kless Morris Rosen	January 18 - Shevat 2 Sam Schwartz Abraham Tobolowsky	January 26 - Shevat 10 Mac Agress Cantor David Teig	
January 9 - Tevet 22 Masha Minor Mike Rovinsky Lillian Weiner	January 19 - Shevat 3 Estelle Sophie Hermann	January 27 - Shevat 11 Gertie Cohn Sylvan Goldstein Betty Greenberg	

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 14 Tevet	2 15 Tevet	3 16 Tevet	4 17 Tevet	5 18 Tevet	6 19 Tevet Rabbi Sabo joins Rabbi Zell for Shabbat Services Shemot
	OFFICE CLOSED New Year's Day			Melton Class with Laura Seymour 7:00 PM		
7 20 Tevet	8 21 Tevet	9 22 Tevet Book Club "The Weight of Ink" by Rachel Kadish 7:30 PM	10 23 Tevet	11 20 Cheshvan Melton Class with Laura Seymour 7:00 PM	12 24 Tevet	13 25 Tevet Shabbat with Shirah Jazz Night 8:00 - 10:00 PM \$20 per person Va'era
14 26 Tevet Baking with Debby 9:30 AM	15 27 Tevet Martin Luther King Day	16 28 Tevet	17 29 Tevet Rosh Chodesh Women's Program "Home Repairs for Women" 7:00 PM ROSH CHODESH	18 1 Shevat	19 2 Shevat	20 3 Shevat Children's Shabbat Celebration - 10:30 AM Pitzel Puppets - 11:30 AM Bo
21 4 Shevat Baking with Debby 9:30 AM	22 5 Shevat	23 6 Shevat Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 PM	24 7 Shevat	25 8 Shevat	26 9 Shevat	27 10 Shevat Beshalach
28 11 Shevat Jewish Life Around the World - featuring Republic of Texas 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM \$18 per person	29 12 Shevat Board of Directors Meeting 6:15 PM	30 13 Shevat	31 14 Shevat Tu B'Shevat			

Mitzvah of the Month - January 2018

The Mitzvah of the Month is the Anne Frank Elementary School Library.

Donations of children's hardback books are needed. Suggested books appropriate for ages 4-11 years old. Chapter books, Picture books, English and / Spanish titles, Classic Fairy Tales and Princess Books, Super Hero books and award winning books. See poster in hallway for more suggestions! Place donations in box in main hallway by multipurpose room by January 31. Thank you for supporting this important Mitzvah!

February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Children's Shabbat Celebration January 20 & February 17 at 10:30 AM The Children's Shabbat Celebration begins at 10:30 AM and features the Pitzel Puppet Players at 11:30 AM. Services for younger kids and school-aged kids. Led by Vicky Nicholson				1 16 Shevat	2 17 Shevat Tu B'Shevat Sedar Immediately following services \$20 per adult \$5 per child under 13 Under 3 no charge	3 18 Shevat Rabbi Sabo joins Rabbi Zell for Shabbat Services Yitro
4 19 Shevat	5 20 Shevat	6 21 Shevat	7 22 Shevat	8 23 Shevat	9 24 Shevat	10 25 Shevat Mishpatim SHABBAT SHEKALIM
11 26 Shevat CPR Class 9:00 AM \$50 per person	12 27 Shevat	13 28 Shevat	14 29 Shevat	15 30 Shevat Rosh Chodesh Women's Program "Home Repairs for Women" 7:00 PM ROSH CHODESH	16 1 Adar ROSH CHODESH	17 2 Adar Children's Shabbat Celebration - 10:30 AM Pitzel Puppets - 11:30 AM Jazz Night 8:00 - 10:00 PM \$20 per person Terumah
18 3 Adar	19 4 Adar PRESIDENTS DAY	20 5 Adar Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 PM	21 6 Adar Chevra Kadisha Dinner 7:00 PM \$30 per person	22 7 Adar	23 8 Adar	24 9 Adar Tetzaveh SHABBAT ZACHOR
25 10 Adar Sunday Brunch and Book Signing by Rabbi Zell "Passover Points to Ponder" 10 AM - 12 PM \$36 per person	26 11 Adar Board of Directors Meeting 6:00 PM	27 12 Adar	28 13 Adar Vashti's Lounge and Children's Carnival FAST OF ESTHER MEGILLAH READING			



Tu B'Shevat Sedar
February 2, 2018 at 6:45 PM (Immediately following services)
\$20 per adult, \$5 per child under 13,
Children under 3 are welcome to attend at no charge.
RSVP required by January 26.



Donations:

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 Diane Benjamin
 Alan & Gina Tolmas

In Memory:
 Susan Sikora
 Cantor Max Wider
 Howard & Leslie Schultz
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In Memory:
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Youth Programming Fund:

In Memory:
 Lillian Rose Rosenthal
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 The Chandler Family - daughter
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*Jazz
Night at
Tiferet
Israel*

**RSVP by
January 10**

January 13
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Live Jazz music featuring
the vocal talents of
Damon K Clark

\$20 per person

Pareve desserts, tea & coffee
will be served

Adult beverage tickets available for
additional purchase

Calendar of Events - January 2018

January 1: New Year's Day - OFFICE CLOSED. Morning Services at 8:00 AM. Mincha service at 5:15 PM.

January 6: Rabbi Sabo joins Rabbi Zell at morning services

January 9: Book Club - 7:30 PM. Discussing "The Weight of Ink" by Rachel Kadish.

January 13: Shabbat with Shirah - Immediately following Kiddush.

Jazz Night at Tiferet Israel - 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM. Featuring the vocal talents of Damon K. Clark. \$20 per person. Pareve desserts, tea, & coffee will be served. Beverage tickets available at additional cost. RSVP requested by January 10.

Debby baking for Jewish Life Around the World - Republic of Texas! 9:30 AM. Please RSVP if you are able to assist.

January 15: Martin Luther King day

January 17: Rosh Chodesh Women's Program - 7:00 PM
 "Home Repair for Women" with Irving Napert, a local Dallas Building contractor. Dessert will be served. RSVP Requested.

January 20: Children's Shabbat Celebration - 10:30 AM.
 Pitzel Pupper Players perform at 11:30 AM.

January 21: Debby baking for Jewish Life Around the World - Republic of Texas! 9:30 AM. Please RSVP if you are able to assist.

January 28: Jewish Life around the World - Republic of Texas! 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. In celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Dallas Kosher Chili Cook-Off, special feature movie "West of Hestor Street" by Allen Mondell and Cynthia Salzman Mondell, share the story of Jewish immigrants who came to the United States through Galveston, TX in 1907-1912. A brunch featuring foods from the region with a Jewish flair will be served. \$18 per person. RSVP deadline by January 22.

January 31: Tu B'Shevat

Schedule of Services - January 2018

DAILY SERVICE TIMES				
SHACHARIT	MINCHA/MA'ARIV		MINCHA/MA'ARIV	
Days	Time	Latest Time for Shema	Week Of:	Time
Sunday	8:00 AM	10:29 AM	Dec. 31 - January 4	5:15 PM
Monday-Friday	6:30 AM	10:30 AM	January 7 - 11	5:20 PM
Shabbat	9:00 AM	10:29 AM	January 14 - 18	5:25 PM
*Morning service on national holidays: 8:00 AM		10:27 AM	January 21 - 25	5:30 PM
		10:24 AM	Jan. 28 - February 1	5:40 PM

FRIDAY & SHABBAT SERVICE TIMES					
Shabbat Beginning	Parsha	Candle Lighting	Friday Night Mincha/Ma'ariv	Shabbat Mincha/Ma'ariv	Shabbat Ends
January 5	Shemot	5:15 PM	5:00 PM	4:45 PM	6:16 PM
January 12	Va'era	5:21 PM	5:05 PM	4:50 PM	6:22 PM
January 19	Bo	5:27 PM	5:10 PM	5:00 PM	6:28 PM
January 26	Beshalach	5:34 PM	5:15 PM	5:05 PM	6:35 PM

**Rosh Chodesh:
January 17**

Donations accepted online at tiferetisrael.org/donate, via phone at 214-691-3611, by mail at 10909 Hillcrest Road, Dallas, TX 75230, or in the Tiferet office Mon. - Fri. 9 am - 4pm

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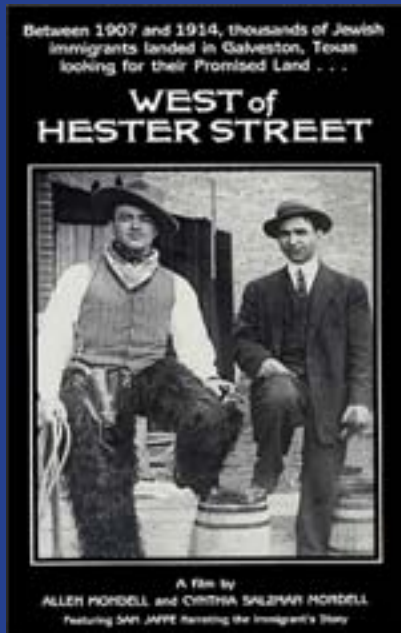
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The Republic of Texas



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In celebration of the
25th Anniversary of the Dallas Kosher Chili Cook-Off,
featuring "West of Hester Street"
a feature film about Jewish immigrants landing in
Galveston, Texas looking for a promised land!
A film by Allen Mondell and Cynthia Salzman Mondell

Sunday, January 28 - Republic of Texas

The program will be held from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
Brunch will be served featuring foods from the area with a Jewish flair!

Tiferet Israel - 10909 Hillcrest Road, Dallas, Texas 75230

Tickets available - \$18.00 per person

Limited space available. RSVP required - 214-691-3611 or jennifer@tiferetisrael.org

For more information and to purchase tickets online:

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