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DOG DAYS by Rabbi Shawn Zell

An astrologer, I'm not. It is during this time of year however, that the sun occupies the same region of the sky as Sirius, the brightest star visible from any part of Earth. Sirius is part of the constellation Canis Major, the Great Dog. It is for this reason that people refer to this part of summer as "Dog Days."

As Jews, there ought to be an additional reason for using this moniker. With the High Holy Days upon us sooner than many of us realize, there are three teachings with reference to dogs that might just turn out to our best friend.

While dogs never topped the charts in rabbinic literature, our sages felt neither constrained nor muzzled as far as invoking canine aphorisms. One rabbinic sage who remains nameless, handed down the following thought: Two dogs in a confined area, often snarl at each other. As soon as a wolf enters that space, the two dogs become allies, in that they suddenly become aware of a bigger picture. With the celestial Book of Life in the process of being dusted off, Jews, sincere and serious Jews, can ill afford to pussy-foot around. Perhaps it's time for us to look at the bigger picture.

A far more contemporary rabbinic great who lived in the twentieth century, also had something to say concerning dogs. It was Rabbi Israel Kagan, otherwise known as the Chofetz Chaim who reminded us that a dog



usually runs ahead of its master. By doing so, the Chofetz Chaim explained, we are led to believe that it is the dog who is leading the way. Quite the contrary, explained the Chofetz Chaim. The dog stops from time to time to look back and see which direction his master wishes to go. Jews do not look back at their master, because their master is not behind them. Looking back is reserved for recalling the many blessings that have been bestowed upon us. Looking back for Jews is reserved for teshuvah or repentance. Jews do not look back at their master. Jews look back to see from where they came, so that they can focus on where they are headed.

Please do not hold it against me, but I am not a dog person. There are reasons for this. Yet, I will be the first to tell you that the loyalty of a dog is second to none. If only humans had the loyalty of dogs! Most Jews might not realize this, but next month, we will be asking for HaShem's loyalty. When we do so, we would do well to

recall that loyalty is a two-way street. Just as we ask HaShem for His loyalty, so too does HaShem ask us for our loyalty. Presumably, there will be those (not at Tiferet, of course) who will show up at services with a sense of entitlement, a feeling that HaShem owes them. Others attending High Holy Day services may even go so far as to adopt an attitude of "what have I ever done to You HaShem that You should even equivocate as far as entering my name into the Book of Life." "A dog knows his maker", maintained the first century sage El-eazar ben Zadok. Are we humans lower than dogs, in that when it comes to knowing our maker, so many of us will be barking up the wrong tree?

I pray that the physical warmth of these "Dog Days" become transformed into spiritual warmth during the Days of Awe, so that we are able to look at the bigger picture and realize that looking back has its merits only under certain conditions. Most of all, I pray that we know our Maker because there is no doubt whatsoever that our Maker knows us.

Rabbi Zell

Words to live by - A Note by Stuart Roosth, President

Dear Members and Friends,

At the end of June we lost Margaret Smith. Mrs. Smith was a Member of Tiferet Israel for a very long time. She was special to me and was one of the first members to have introduced herself to me and Andrea when we became members. At the funeral and during the Shiva week many family members expressed their love and admiration for this remarkable woman, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Her daughter, Jenifer, offered some of Mrs. Smith's life lessons as a tribute to her mother. Many struck a chord with me and with Jenifer's permission and appreciation, I share them with you.

From Jenifer Smith Blum, GG's Words of Wisdom:

1. You don't have to like everybody but you have to be nice to everybody.
2. If you can't say something nice about a person, then say nothing.
3. When I was about 8, I remember commenting to mother that one of her friends was a little strange. Mother quickly retorted that while her friend might be a little different, I should think of her friend as "interesting".
4. If you aren't feeling well, get out of bed and get dressed anyway. Then go on with your day. You'll feel better after you leave the house.
5. With family, getting together is the most important thing, whether in a large house or small, and whether the food is fancy or simple. Family is the most important thing in the world. And remember, your friends are family too.

6. Be able to take care of yourself financially. That way you are never dependent on anyone and you don't have to ask for money.

7. Always look your best but remember, no one is looking at you.

8. Your teacher is always right. GG taught elementary school at Stonewall Jackson school before and after she married Grandpa Leon. Her philosophy was straight forward; the teacher is in charge in the classroom and deserves parental support telling their children to listen to and respect the teacher by behaving and sound their best at all times. Parental interference with the teacher's classroom is unproductive and disruptive.

9. Choose to be happy and adopt a happy attitude. No one wants to be around a grumpy person.

10. It's easy to have a positive attitude if you stay busy, keep active and try not to worry too much.

Thank you Jenifer and the rest of the Smith family, for sharing GG's lessons with the rest of us.

Stuart Roosth

Stuart Roosth
President Tiferet Israel Congregation

Friedel Marx would like to thank all of her wonderful friends who made donations to Tiferet Israel in honor of her 97th birthday! Toda Raba, Friedel Marx

August Torah Topics

August 4: Ekev - Obey or Decay

August 11: Re'eh - Foul Fowl

August 18: Shoftim - Losses Incurred by Prophets

August 25: Ki Tetze - Captivity and Activity

Did you know?

Jacob Beser, a member of the Jewish community of Baltimore, served as the radar specialist aboard both the *Enola Gay*, when it dropped the "Little Boy" atomic bomb on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, and aboard *Bock's Car*, when "Fat Man" was dropped on Nagasaki three days later?

August Birthdays:

August 1: David Prager	Rica Sonego Henri Hassouni	August 18: Ronald Romaner	August 26: Alfred Hassouni
August 3: David Blank	August 12: Connie Tolmas	August 19: Sunny Esquenazi	August 27: Melanie Skipper-Relyea
August 4: Solomon Israel	Dr. Debora Charles	August 20: Albert Lampert	Karen Hazan-Cohen
August 7: Hanna Gershoni	August 13: Marsha Ring	Haia Goldenberg	August 29: Brenda Dunn
Lily Marcus	Dr. Kenneth Bayles	Ina Weingarten	Jonathan Libby
Michael Esquenazi	August 14: Dr. Jeanie Tolmas	Sylvia Schepps	David Diamond
August 8: Chelsi Schwaber	August 15: Dr. Aviva Hopkovitz Dunskey	August 21: Rosalie Budnoff	August 30: Terye Dubner
August 9: Kerrie Wolfson	Mira Roosth	Robert Sylvia	Kevin Libby
August 11: Simon Post	August 17: Elandra Weinberg	August 23: Benjamin Blank	August 31: Alan Shlansky
		August 25: Erin Smith	

August Anniversaries:

August 6: William & Heddy Roth	August 17: Ulli & Gilit Mandelbaum	August 28: Chaim & Bina Domb
August 7: Stuart & Andrea Roosth	August 20: Albert & Tanya Lampert	August 29: Dr. Kenneth & Shirley Bayles
August 15: Donald & Adele Miller	August 26: Rabbi Shawn & Shirah Zell	August 31: Shirley & Erv Rovinsky
Garry & Debbie Smith		

August Yahrzeits:

August 1 - Av 20: Jente Zolondz	August 11 - Av 30: Dr. William R. Berk	Thomas Kleinman
August 2 - Av 21: Haskell Daiches	Rishe Rojel Gizunterman	August 22 - Elul 11: Saul Cohen
August 3 - Av 22: Rosalie Danburg	Laura Weiner	Jennie Cohn
Jerome Epstein	August 12 - Elul 1: Libby Goldberg	Rose Schwartz
August 5 - Av 24: Chana Kopel	August 13 - Elul 2: Toba Greenberg	August 23 - Elul 12: Charles Teitelbaum
Isaac Schwartz	August 14 - Elul 3: Ty Barron	August 24 - Elul 13: Irving Budnoff
August 6 - Av 25: Samuel Karten	Mollie Blashka	Carmen Hazan-Cohen
Elza Katz	Serena Grinpas	August 27 - Elul 16: Stephen Friedman
August 7 - Av 26: Joseph Feldman	August 16 - Elul 5: Birdie Kissner	Erna Jakubowicz
Armin Fruhlinger	August 17 - Elul 6: Cudek Davidson	Jennie Sugal
Larry Lampert	August 18 - Elul 7: Moishe Marcus	August 28 - Elul 17: David Greenberg
Sylvia Scolnic	August 19 - Elul 8: Charlotte Baum	Michael Paul Rothschild
August 8 - Av 27: Hannah Hirschberg	Lowell Maurice Rosenthal	August 29 - Elul 18: Minnie Reisberg
August 9 - Av 28: Ralph Candy	Dorothy Tolmas	August 30 - Elul 19: Hannah Bock
August 10 - Av 29: Anne Karten	August 20 - Elul 9: Irene Pokloff	August 31 - Elul 20: Minnie Goldstein
	August 21 - Elul 10: Louis Candy	Abraham Parness
		Charles Tolmas

August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 20 Av	2 21 Av	3 22 Av	4 23 Av
						Ekev
5 24 Av	6 25 Av	7 26 Av	8 27 Av	9 28 Av	10 29 Av	11 30 Av
Building Blocks of Tiferet Israel Brunch 11:00 AM				Rabbi Zell's Class "Awesome Psalms for Awe-Some Days" 7:00 PM		ROSH CHODESH Re'eh
12 1 Elul	13 2 Elul	14 3 Elul	15 4 Elul	16 5 Elul	17 6 Elul	18 7 Elul
ROSH CHODESH				Rabbi Zell's Class "Awesome Psalms for Awe-Some Days" 7:00 PM		Shoftim
19 8 Elul	20 9 Elul	21 10 Elul	22 11 Elul	23 12 Elul	24 13 Elul	25 14 Elul
	HIGH HOLY DAY TICKET ORDER DEADLINE!	Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 PM		Rabbi Zell's Class "Awesome Psalms for Awe-Some Days" 7:00 PM		Shabbat with Shirah Ki Tetze
26 15 Elul	27 16 Elul	28 17 Elul	29 18 Elul	30 19 Elul	31 20 Elul	
	Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM			Rabbi Zell's Class "Awesome Psalms for Awe-Some Days" 7:00 PM		

Mitzvah of the Month -August 2018

The Mitzvah of the Month is Jewish Family Services

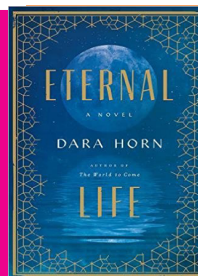
Items needed are: Travel Sized Toiletries

Small Individual sized Soap, Toothpaste, Shampoo,

Conditioner, Razors, Mouthwash, Deodorant, etc.

Place donations in box in main hallway by multipurpose room by September 29.

Thank you for supporting this important Mitzvah!



Tiferet Israel Book Club

September 4

7:30 PM

"Eternal Life"
by Dara Horn

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 21 Elul Ki Tavo Selichot
2 22 Elul	3 23 Elul	4 24 Elul Tiferet Book Club 7:30 PM "Eternal Life" by Dara Horn	5 25 Elul	6 26 Elul	7 27 Elul Shabbat Dinner Services 6:30 PM Dinner 7:30 PM	8 28 Elul Nitzavim
9 29 Elul EREV ROSH HASHANAH	10 1 Tishri ROSH HASHANAH	11 2 Tishri ROSH HASHANAH	12 3 Tishri FAST OF GEDALIAH	13 4 Tishri	14 5 Tishri	15 6 Tishri Vayelech SHABBAT SHUVA
16 7 Tishri	17 8 Tishri	18 9 Tishri KOL NIDRE	19 10 Tishri YIZKOR YOM KIPPUR	20 11 Tishri	21 12 Tishri	22 13 Tishri Ha'azinu
23 14 Tishri EREV SUKKOT TI Neighborhood Sukkah Cook-Out Noon HOSHANAH RABBAH	24 15 Tishri SUKKOT	25 16 Tishri SUKKOT	26 17 Tishri INTERMEDIATE DAY	27 18 Tishri INTERMEDIATE DAY	28 19 Tishri Sukkot Dinner 6:30 PM Services 7:30 PM Dinner \$25 per adult \$15 per child under 13 INTERMEDIATE DAY	29 20 Tishri INTERMEDIATE DAY
30 21 Tishri						

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Calendar of Events - August 2018

August 5: Building Blocks Brunch honoring David Bock, Tina Israel, and Ed Jerome - 11:00 AM. In celebration of their contributions to Tiferet Israel. Reservations required.

August 9: "Awesome Psalms for Awe-some days" with Rabbi Shawn Zell - 7:00 PM. A four week study into the four Psalms in connection with the High Holy Days. No charge to attend, reservations requested.

August 16: "Awesome Psalms for Awe-some days" with Rabbi Shawn Zell - 7:00 PM. A four week study into the four Psalms in connection with the High Holy Days. No charge to attend, reservations requested.

August 20: High Holy Day Ticket order deadline.

August 21: Executive Committee Meeting - 6:30 PM.

August 23: "Awesome Psalms for Awe-some days" with Rabbi Shawn Zell - 7:00 PM. A four week study into the four Psalms in connection with the High Holy Days. No charge to attend, reservations requested.

August 25: Shabbat with Shirah - immediately following kiddush.

August 27: Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 PM

August 30: "Awesome Psalms for Awe-some days" with Rabbi Shawn Zell - 7:00 PM. A four week study into the four Psalms in connection with the High Holy Days. No charge to attend, reservations requested.

Schedule of Services - August 2018

DAILY SERVICE TIMES

SHACHARIT		MINCHA/MA'ARIV		
Days	Time	Latest Time for Shema	Week Of:	Time
Sunday	8:00 AM	9:39 AM	July 29 - August 2	8:10 PM
Monday-Friday	6:30 AM	9:43 AM	August 5 - 9	8:05 PM
Shabbat	9:00 AM	9:48 AM	August 12 - 16	7:55 PM
*Morning service on national holidays: 8:00 AM		9:53 AM	August 19 - 23	7:50 PM
		9:58 AM	August 26 - 30	7:40 PM

FRIDAY & SHABBAT SERVICE TIMES

Shabbat Beginning	Parsha	Candle Lighting	Friday Night Mincha/Ma'ariv	Shabbat Mincha/Ma'ariv	Shabbat Ends
August 3	Ekev	8:03 PM	6:30 PM	7:35 PM	9:04 PM
August 10	Re'eh	7:57 PM	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	8:58 PM
August 17	Shoftim	7:49 PM	6:30 PM	7:20 PM	8:50 PM
August 24	Ki Tetze	7:41 PM	6:30 PM	7:15 PM	8:42 PM
August 31	Ki Tavo	7:34 PM	6:30 PM	7:05 PM	8:35 PM

Rosh Chodesh: August 11

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**Sukkot Dinner - Sept. 28
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**Tiferet Israel Neighborhood Cook-Out - Sept. 30
\$20 per adult, \$10 Children under 13
No charge for Children under 3**

**Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah - Oct. 1 & 2
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