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BUILDING A RELATIONSHIP by Rabbi Shawn Zell

It is entirely likely, that most American Jews with little or no knowledge of Hebrew are familiar with the following two words that find their origin in the Torah, no less: shalom and mitzvah. Of the two, “mitzvah” is used more frequently by our above-mentioned co-religionists. Ironically however, the word “mitzvah” does not, nor did it ever mean “good deed.” Mitzvah means commandment. To make matters even more complicated, the Ten Commandments are not referred to in the Torah as the Ten Mitzvot. They are called the Ten Dibrot, or “Speakings.” The question is why?

Although it’s fair to conclude that HaShem did not resort to the syntax of our Eastern European ancestors living in this country, our omniscient maker understood only too well, with the exodus from Egypt a mere seven weeks behind them, “now is not the time for commandments.” Very much aware that those who were taken out of Egypt had barely tasted freedom, much less digested its meaning and implications, HaShem knew that if there was one word the newly liberated nation did not need to hear, it was “commandment.” Having just been extricated from an existence where they were commanded by their Egyptian taskmasters from the moment they awoke, until the time came for them to get some desperately needed sleep, the Children of Israel did not need to hear any more commandments. Showing a great deal of under



standing and compassion, HaShem began His remarks to our ancestors at Sinai, by telling them, “there’s something I’d like to say.” Hence, the Ten Dibrot, or the Ten “Speakings.”

Moreover, the Children of Israel were about to learn that there were hundreds of commandments – 613 – to be exact, that were coming their way and that the Ten Dibrot were but the tip of the iceberg. As such, HaShem felt the best way to break the ice in the wilderness of Sinai was to introduce them to the Ten “Speakings,” rather than Ten Commandments. Proof of this can be found in HaShem’s opening words: “I am HaShem, your G-d, who has taken you out of the Land of Egypt, from the house of slavery.” In introducing Himself, HaShem does not demand nor command a thing from the Children of Israel. Furthermore, the subject matter contained in the Ten “Speakings” appears elsewhere in the Torah, so much so, that our commentators found it necessary to explain that “thou shalt not steal,” the sixth Dibrah or “speaking,” refers to stealing another human being, otherwise known as kidnapping.

Most important perhaps, is that HaShem wanted to set the tone for a relationship that would be unique in so many ways. When HaShem created the world, He soon learned that handing down a commandment (“but of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Bad, you must not eat thereof”) was not the best way to go, after all. Learning from the prototype, HaShem decided on a different approach, as He set about to create the Jewish world. If you can’t hurry love, HaShem realized that you can’t hurry commandments either. And so, once HaShem had the attention of the Children of Israel, He began the relationship with His people using a “let’s talk” approach. He correctly reasoned that there would be plenty of time for commandments afterwards.

If we are to properly celebrate Shavuot, it behooves us keep in mind two phrases that have come to us, courtesy of our American culture. The first is “lay down the law:” the second is “building a relationship.” HaShem knew that if there was any chance of laying down the law and having the commandments taken seriously, He had to focus on building a relationship first. He did so in a fashion that has shaped our belief in Him and our relationship with Him for all times.

Rabbi Zell

Security Update - David Bock head of Security Committee

Fellow congregants, Many of you have expressed concern over building safety at Tiferet. Allow me to share some of the ways we have increased security.

First, we have made it a policy to keep all building doors locked, unless there is an officer, Gabbai, or Greeter watching the door. During the day our office has a remote control to let in visitors and deliveries. All meetings will now have a security code to enter for events, so that the door will open for attendees. These codes will be created for individual events and will only work during the time of the time allotted.

For those of you who have attended a morning Shabbat service, you may have noticed an armed officer patrolling by the small chapel and in the parking lot. It is unfortunately necessary to now need this deterrent regularly. We have also adjusted when we hire the officers

for events, for example, now if we have an advertised children's program, there will always be an officer. We have reviewed and updated all our security systems and have begun making some upgrades. Various training opportunities are being pursued, as well. This all requires funding, so we are applying for grants and may be looking for some help from our members in the coming months.

We have tried to make the changes as unobtrusive as possible, so even though you may see a few changes, there are systems in place to help keep our members as secure as possible. We do ask you all to be mindful of your surroundings and if something doesn't seem right, please alert a Gabbi, staff member, or board member.

David Bock

Celebrating our Tiferet Graduates

Mollie Blashka



Graduate of:
Richardson High School
Will study at:
University of Texas at
Arlington
Majoring in:
Linguistics & TESOL
Daughter of:
Rebekkah and Michael
Blashka

Sarina Israel



Graduate of:
Ann & Nate Levine Academy
Will study at:
Booker T. Washington High School
for the Performing & Visual Arts
Majoring in: Visual Arts
Daughter of:
Solomon & Nancy Israel
Granddaughter of:
Barbara & Paul Bierbrier &
Pauline & Saul Israel

Also Graduating:

High School:
Adam Gadol
Son of Janet Gadol
Dr. Steven Gadol

David Alec Weingarten
Son of Robin & Kelli Ann Weingarten
Grandson of Hal & Ina Weingarten
Will Study at:
Richland College

8th Grade:
Lily Feinstein
Daughter of Ari and Dana Feinstein

Micah Sacher
Daughter of David and Sury Sacher



June Torah Topics

June 1 - Bechukotai: Fishing for Meat
June 8 - Bamidbar: The Beauty of the Duty
June 15 - Nasso: Anything but Tenuous Ten
June 22 - Beha'alotcha: Trumpeting the Cornet
June 29 - Sh'lach: Viewing and Spewing

Did you know?

That the numerical value of the Hebrew word **chalav** (milk) equals 40, the number of days Moshe was up on Mount Sinai. Yet another connection between dairy and Shavuot!

June Birthdays:

June 1: Jeffrey Schiller	June 12: Janet Baum	June 22: Andrew Schultz	June 27: Aaron Relyea
June 2: Dr. Adam Miner Bruce Schenkler	June 14: Gary Berman Courtney Strull	June 23: Friedel Marx Kathryn Schultz	June 28: Holly Whitman
June 3: Carolyn Zalta	June 16: Barbara Harris	June 25: Israel Mandelbaum	June 29: Ida Ross
June 5: Heidi Kravitz	June 17: Roy Levin Richard Levine	June 26: Larry Glick Zachary Schacter	June 30: Dr. Ruth Stern Michael Zalta
June 6: Laura Seymour	June 18: Allen Stern	June 27: Alana Zahler Zoe Zahler	
June 10: Helaine Miner			

June Anniversaries:

June 1: Dr. Steven & Sheila Fenyves	June 16: Jay Abrams & Janet Bubis Bill & Brenda Dunn	June 24: Robin & David Bock
June 8: Dr. Michael & Jenifer Blum Mark & Carol Kreditor	June 17: Jerry & Suzanne Candy Dr. Michael & Jeanette Pincus	June 25: Abe & Deborah Frishman Michael & Andrea Hopkovitz Ted & Mindy Tobolowsky
June 9: Carl & Leslie Schwanke	June 18: Daniel & Yana Rubin Roy & Helen Levin	June 26: Jaime & Esther Hazan-Cohen Eric & Margo Strull
June 14: Michael & Rebekkah Blashka		
June 15: Alan & Gina Tolmas		

June Yahrzeits:

June 2 - 28 Iyar: Jack Polsky Max Reisberg Freida Rubin Harriet Shulkin Etia Turner	June 11 - Sivan 8: Max Goldfarb Martin Michael Hirschberg Mrs. Ray Levin Leon Smith	Joel David Vile
June 3 - 29 Iyar: Joe Schuman	June 12 - Sivan 9: Boris Grinstein	June 25 - Sivan 22: Leo Hiken Harvey M. Millstone Anita Schenkler
June 4 - Sivan 1: Gwen G. Benjamin Margit Fruhlinger	June 14 - Sivan 10: Isaac Teichman	June 27 - Sivan 24: Yetta Schneider
June 5 - Sivan 2: Abram Kisin	June 15 - Sivan 12: Frieda Boris The family of Max Wider	June 28 - Sivan 25: Morris Goldblatt Malka Reiman
June 6 - Sivan 3: Murray Nemser Clara Weill	June 17 - Sivan 14: William Dubner	June 29 - Sivan 26: Esther Rome
June 7 - Sivan 4: Zelma Berk	June 19 - Sivan 16: Lillian Ellen Schwartz Dwortz	June 30 - Sivan 27: Bella Lipps
June 8 - Sivan 5: Fannie Byers Jan Pastor Idell Rovinsky	June 21 - Sivan 18: Harry Berman Gitman Domb Cy Seymour	
June 9 - Sivan 6: Efrim Schmidt	June 23 - Sivan 20: Frieda Leah Goldenberg	
	June 24 - Sivan 21: Charlotte Golding	

June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 27 Iyar Rabbi Sabo joins Rabbi Zell for Shabbat Services Bechukotai
2 28 Iyar YOM YERUSHALAYIM program at 3:00 PM "6 Days in June - The War that Redefined the Middle East"	3 29 Iyar	4 1 Sivan DMA: Dior - From Paris to the World Exhibit \$20 Meet at Tiferet ROSH CHODESH	5 2 Sivan Rabbi's Class Skittish about Yiddish? 2:00 PM	6 3 Sivan	7 4 Sivan	8 5 Sivan Tikkun Leil Shavuot 9:45 PM Special Speakers Bill & Mollie Capener No charge to attend Light Dairy Breakfast Bamidbar EREV SHAVUOT
9 6 Sivan SHAVUOT	10 7 Sivan OFFICE CLOSED YIZKOR SHAVUOT	11 8 Sivan	12 9 Sivan Rabbi's Class Skittish about Yiddish? 2:00 PM	13 10 Sivan	14 11 Sivan	15 12 Sivan Nasso
16 13 Sivan Father's Day	17 14 Sivan	18 15 Sivan Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 PM	19 16 Sivan Rabbi's Class Skittish about Yiddish? 2:00 PM	20 17 Sivan Mitzvah of the Month Gathering Gina Tolmas' House Meals on Wheels Cards 7:00 PM	21 18 Sivan	22 19 Sivan Beha'alotcha
23 20 Sivan Summer Music Series: Kent Ellingson 7:00 PM \$20 per person Cash bar	24 21 Sivan Board of Directors Mtg. 6:00 PM	25 22 Sivan	26 23 Sivan Rabbi's Class Skittish about Yiddish? 2:00 PM	27 24 Sivan	28 25 Sivan	29 26 Sivan Shabbat with Shirah Sh'lach
30 27 Sivan						



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June 23 at 7:00 PM
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Hits of the 50s, 60s, 70s and more!

\$20 per person, cash bar & Light snacks available
RSVP by June 20 - Sponsorships are available!
See back page for details!



Mitzvah of the Month - June 2019

The Mitzvah of the Month is Jewish Family Service

Please donate Full Size Toiletries
(Shampoo, Soap, etc.)

Please bring the items to Tiferet by June 28.

Thank you for supporting this important Mitzvah!

July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 28 Sivan	2 29 Sivan	3 30 Sivan	4 1 Tamuz	5 2 Tamuz	6 3 Tamuz
			ROSH CHODESH	OFFICE CLOSED Independence Day ROSH CHODESH	OFFICE CLOSED	Korach
7 4 Tamuz	8 5 Tamuz	9 6 Tamuz	10 7 Tamuz	11 8 Tamuz	12 9 Tamuz	13 10 Tamuz
Programming Committee Mtg - 9:30 AM Membership Committee Mtg. 11:00 AM		Tiferet Book Club 7:30 PM "The Fixer" by Bernard Malamud	Rabbi's Class Skittish about Yiddish? 2:00 PM			Chukat
14 11 Tamuz	15 12 Tamuz	16 13 Tamuz	17 14 Tamuz	18 15 Tamuz	19 16 Tamuz	20 17 Tamuz
		Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	Rabbi's Class Skittish about Yiddish? 2:00 PM			Balak
21 18 Tamuz	22 19 Tamuz	23 20 Tamuz	24 21 Tamuz	25 22 Tamuz	26 23 Tamuz	27 24 Tamuz
FAST OF TAMUZ	Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 PM		Rabbi's Class Skittish about Yiddish? 2:00 PM			Shabbat with Shirah Pinchas
28 25 Tamuz	29 26 Tamuz	30 27 Tamuz	31 28 Tamuz			
			Rabbi's Class Skittish about Yiddish? 2:00 PM			

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Join Rabbi Zell for Late Night Learning
in observation of Tikkun Leil Shavuot

June 8
9:45 PM

Special Guest Speakers
Bill and Mollie Capener
who will share their family's journey to Judaism
Light Dairy breakfast will be served
No charge to attend
RSVP requested.

Women's Mitzvah Project

Meals on Wheels July 4th cards
Help decorate cards for Meals on Wheels
Program recipients.

Hosted at Gina Tolmas' House
Thursday, June 20
7:00 PM
RSVP requested

Schedule of Services - June 2019

DAILY SERVICE TIMES

SHACHARIT

MINCHA/MA'ARIV

Days	Time	Latest Time for Shema	Week Of:	Time
Sunday	8:00 AM	9:19 AM	June 2 - 6	8:10 PM
Monday-Friday	6:30 AM	9:36 AM	June 9 - 13	8:15 PM
Shabbat	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	June 16 - 20	8:20 PM
*Morning service on national holidays: 8:00 AM		9:25 AM	June 23 - 27	8:20 PM
		9:22 AM	June 30 - July 4	8:20 PM

FRIDAY & SHABBAT SERVICE TIMES

Shabbat Beginning	Parsha	Candle Lighting	Friday Night Mincha/Ma'ariv	Shabbat Mincha/Ma'ariv	Shabbat Ends
May 31	Bechukotai	8:09 PM	6:30 PM	7:40 PM	9:10 PM
June 7	Bamidbar	8:13 PM	6:30 PM	7:45 PM	9:14 PM
June 14	Nasso	8:16 PM	6:30 PM	7:45 PM	9:17 PM
June 21	Beha'alotcha	8:18 PM	6:30 PM	7:50 PM	9:19 PM
June 28	Sh'lach	8:19 PM	6:30 PM	7:50 PM	9:20 PM

Rosh Chodesh: June 4

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