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THE KOTEL CRIES by Rabbi Shawn Zell

Poet and songwriter Yossi Gamzu was prescient, when over half a century ago he wrote: "There are humans with hearts of stone and then there are stones with hearts of humans."

Mr. Gamzu was referring, of course, to the Kotel - the last remaining vestige of the holy Temple in Jerusalem.

If the stones of the Kotel possess human hearts as Mr. Gamzu writes, then there is every good reason to believe that over the ages, and during these last 52 years in particular, the Kotel has had many good reasons to shed a tear, as it observed the many who have visited it over the centuries, as well as the countless who have made a point to spend a meaningful moment with it since June of 1967.

The Kotel cries because it cannot believe that it is once again in Jewish hands on Jewish land. The Kotel cries because as much as its people longed to see the Kotel, the Kotel longed to see its people even more. After 1,700 long years of longing, the Kotel's prayers were finally answered. How ironic! "Our hope has yet to be lost," we remind ourselves each time we offer up Israel's national anthem. Neither has the Kotel's. Against all odds, it kept its hope alive that its people would flock to it in a rebuilt Jerusalem. The tears the Kotel has been shedding these last 52 years are tears of gratitude and tears of joy.

The Kotel cries because it is a paradox. It stands tall and proud on the very site of devastation and humiliation. However distressing and lugubrious the scenario depicted in Megillah Eichah or the Book of Lamentations is, that's how



animated and vibrant one now finds the plaza at the Kotel on any given day. Moreover, in addition to being a place for prayer, the Kotel has also become a site for ceremony and celebration. On a secular note, soldiers are inducted into the Israeli Defense Forces at the Kotel. On a religious note, any number of young men – both native Israeli as well as visitors from other countries – are called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah at the Kotel. On a personal note, G-d willing, Shirah and I will be at the Kotel later this month, watching our eldest grandson don tefillin for the first time. For me, it will be especially moving, in that when I donned tefillin for the first time, the Kotel being returned to Jewish soil was not even on the radar screen. The Kotel cries because any reference to it as the Wailing Wall has long been consigned to history. And because of this, the Kotel cries tears of joy.

The Kotel cries because it has assumed a new identity. For two thousand years it has served as a painful reminder of dispersion; for two thousand years the Kotel has wistfully recalled what once was. It wasn't only our matriarch Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, it was the Kotel, as well. It too wept for its children and refused to be comforted. The Kotel has long since wiped

away its tears of distress. Rather than being associated with dispersion, the Kotel is now association with assembly. As one who has been at the Kotel many times for the majority of my life, I would be less than honest if I were to claim to be able to recall each visit. One visit however stands out. I recall seeing a tourist group of Christian septuagenarians from Germany speaking in their native tongue as they were being escorted to the Kotel by their guide. The contrast was all too stark. I immediately envisioned a group of Jews touring Germany being escorted to Dachau, just outside of Munich, where the stench of death still pollutes the air and their German counterparts being brought to a site of holiness, tenacity and hope. Israel proudly defines itself as a country known for its ingathering of exiles. The Kotel has every right to see itself as a holy site known for its ingathering of visitors. Rachel cried for her children; the Kotel cries tears of joys as it welcomes its visitors from around the world.

For the last 52 years, come Tisha B'av, tears flow freely as the Kotel, together with the Jewish people, bemoans and mourns the tragedy and travesty of both Temples, along with the accompanying carnage. During the remainder of the year, the Kotel continues to cry. These tears however are because its prayers have been answered, because vibrancy has replaced despondency, because gathering of all nations has replaced the dispersal of one nation. The Kotel cries tears of joy!

Rabbi Zell

From the President - Stuart Roosth

Dear Members and Friends,

At the Board of Directors meeting Monday night, we discussed High Holiday seat prices, and suddenly I've come to realize the Holidays are right around the corner. As always I approach the holidays with the joyful anticipation of seeing family and friends I may not have seen during the course of the year, hearing favorite melodies, eating favorite foods, and having the opportunity for quite reflection. As in years past Tiferet Israel will hold services, host programs, and of course somewhere during the Holidays there's going to be food. We will be joined by Cantor Teron Cohen who joined us last year; we will have the pleasure of Rabbi Zell and our own lay leadership. All in all everything is falling into place. The only thing left is you. I'd love to see the sanctuary filled with Members and guests this High Holiday season.

When your High Holiday packet arrives please take the time to make reservations and buy seat tickets, check with your friends and if they need a place for the Holidays let them know they will be welcome. If you know of a College Student whose family lives out of town and if they are not able to get home for the Holidays please let them know that they are welcome at Tiferet, an underwriter has come forward and these out of town students can have tickets at no cost to them.

I sincerely look forward to seeing you this Holiday Season.



Stuart Roosth
President, Tiferet Israel Congregation.

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Join Rabbi Zell for four weeks of enlightening study in preparation for the High Holy Days. Enjoy an in depth look at the parts of the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services you might never have considered previously. Reservations are requested for this educational opportunity.



Thursdays in September

5, 12, 19, & 26

7:00 - 8:00 pm

For More Information: 214-691-3611 or email jennifer@tiferetisrael.org

August Torah Topics

August 3: Matot-Masei - A City with Pity

August 10: Devarim - An Opportunity for Community

**August 17: Vaetchanan - No remand for the Divine
Command**

August 24: Ekev - Guest Rabbi

August 31: Re'eh - Mounts and Founts

Did you know?

The meal preceding the fast of

**Tisha B'av is one that
is symbolic of sadness.**

**The meal preceding the fast
of Yom Kippur is one of
a festive nature.**

August Birthdays:

August 1: David Prager	August 11: Henri Hassouni	August 17: Elandra Weinberg	August 26: Alfred Hassouni
August 4: Solomon Israel	August 12: Simon Post	August 18: Rica Sonogo	August 27: Karen Hazan-Cohen
August 6: Linda Blasnik	August 13: Dr. Deborah Charles	August 19: Sunny Esquenazi	August 29: Melanie Skipper-Relyea
August 7: Michael Esquenazi	August 14: Dr. Kenneth Bayles	August 20: Haia Goldenberg	August 30: Brenda Dunn
August 8: Hanna Gershoni	August 15: Marsha Ring	August 21: Albert Lampert	August 31: David Diamond
August 9: Lily Marcus	August 16: Dr. Jeanie Tolmas	August 22: Ina Weinberg	August 32: Terye Dubner
August 10: Chelsi Schwaber	August 17: Dr. Aviva Hopkovitz-	August 23: Sylvia Schepps	August 33: Alan Shlansky
August 11: Kerrie Wolfson	August 18: Dunsky	August 24: Robert Sylvia	
	August 19: Mira Roosth	August 25: Erin Smith	

August Anniversaries:

August 6: Bill & Heddy Roth	August 17: Israel & Gilit Mandelbaum	August 29: Dr. Kenneth & Shirley Bayles
August 7: Stuart & Andrea Roosth	August 20: Albert & Tanya Lampert	August 31: Erv & Shirley Rovinsky
August 15: Steven & Tina Israel	August 26: Rabbi Shawn & Shirah Zell	
August 16: Donald & Adele Miller	August 28: Chaim & Bina Domb	
August 17: Garry & Debbie Smith		

August Yahrzeits:

August 1 - Tamuz 29: Meyer Millstone	August 15 - Av 14: Ann Gadol	August 25 - Av 24: Chana Kopel
August 2 - Av 1: Harry Bock	August 16 - Av 15: Katie Weingarten	August 26 - Av 25: Isaac Schwartz
August 3 - Av 2: Bernard Cohen	August 17 - Av 16: Annie Lesser	August 27 - Av 26: Samuel Karten
August 4 - Av 3: Amram Sonogo	August 18 - Av 17: Benjamin Prengler	August 28 - Av 27: Elza Katz
August 5 - Av 4: Helen Friedman	August 19 - Av 18: Cecile Tolmas	August 29 - Av 28: Armin Fruhlinger
August 6 - Av 5: Berthold Hess	August 20 - Av 19: Lilli Anderson	August 30 - Av 29: Larry Lampert
August 7 - Av 6: Adeline Robinson	August 21 - Av 20: Nathan Yohay	August 31 - Av 30: Sylvia Scolnic
August 8 - Av 7: Pauline Cohen Israel	August 22 - Av 21: Linda Friedman	August 1 - Av 31: Hannah Hirschberg
August 9 - Av 8: Meyer Tobolowsky	August 23 - Av 22: Rubin "Ruby" Kretchman	August 2 - Av 32: Ralph Candy
August 10 - Av 9: Eddie Ferber	August 24 - Av 23: Mary Simon Levin	August 3 - Av 33: Anne Karten
August 11 - Av 10: Shirley Joseph	August 25 - Av 24: Erven Michaelson	August 4 - Av 34: Dr. William R. Berk
August 12 - Av 11: Reb Ytzhak Malka	August 26 - Av 25: Jente Zolondz	August 5 - Av 35: Rishe Rohel Gizunterman
August 13 - Av 12: Morris Stillman	August 27 - Av 26: Isidoro Hazan-Cohen	August 6 - Av 36: Laura Weiner
August 14 - Av 13: Sadie Cohen	August 28 - Av 27: Rosalie Danburg	
August 15 - Av 14: Fred Gross	August 29 - Av 28: Jerome Epstein	

August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 29 Tamuz	2 1 Av	3 2 Av
					ROSH CHODESH	Matot-Masei
4 3 Av	5 4 Av	6 5 Av	7 6 Av	8 7 Av	9 8 Av	10 9 Av
Annual Meeting 9:30 AM			Rabbi's Class Skittish about Yiddish? 2:00 PM			Devarim SHABBAT CHAZON EREV TISHA B'AV
11 10 Av	12 11 Av	13 12 Av	14 13 Av	15 14 Av	16 14 Av	17 16 Av
TISHA B'AV			Rabbi's Class Skittish about Yiddish? 2:00 PM		Hebrew School Registration Deadline!	Vaetchanan SHABBAT NACHAMU
18 17 Av	19 18 Av	20 19 Av	21 20 Av	22 21 Av	23 22 Av	24 23 Av
		Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 PM				Ekev
25 24 Av	26 25 Av	27 26 Av	28 27 Av	29 28 Av	30 29 Av	31 30 Av
First day of Hebrew School Summer Music Series: Windy City - Chicago Tribute Band 7:00 PM \$20 per person Cash bar	Board of Directors Mtg. 6:30 PM					Re'eh ROSH CHODESH



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Windy City

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Mitzvah of the Month - August 2019

The Mitzvah of the Month is Attitudes and Attire.
Supporting women returning to the workforce.
Please bring gently used dresses, blouses, slacks, etc.
that are work appropriate. All sizes needed.

Please bring the items to Tiferet by August 31.
Thank you for supporting this important Mitzvah!

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1 Elul ROSH CHODESH	2 2 Elul OFFICE CLOSED Labor Day	3 3 Elul	4 4 Elul Rabbi's Class Skittish about Yiddish? 2:00 PM	5 5 Elul Rabbi's High Holy Day Class "The Fine Print" 7:00 PM	6 6 Elul	7 7 Elul Shoftim
8 8 Elul Programming Committee Mtg - 9:30 AM Membership Committee Mtg. 11:00 AM	9 9 Elul	10 10 Elul Tiferet Book Club 7:30 PM "My Enemy's Cradle" by Sara Young	11 11 Elul Rabbi's Class Skittish about Yiddish? 2:00 PM	12 12 Elul Rabbi's High Holy Day Class "The Fine Print" 7:00 PM	13 13 Elul	14 14 Elul Shabbat with Shirah - Immediately following Kiddush Ki Teitzei
15 15 Elul Sisterhood Guest Speaker Dave Liber "Ready to Laugh? When Dallas Morn- ing News Watchdog Dave Lieber Moved to Texas, It Didn't Go Well." 10 AM	16 16 Elul	17 17 Elul Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	18 18 Elul Rabbi's Class Skittish about Yiddish? 2:00 PM	19 19 Elul Rabbi's High Holy Day Class "The Fine Print" 7:00 PM	20 20 Elul	21 21 Elul Selichot Program & Service - 9:30 PM SELICHOT Ki Tavo
22 22 Elul Kever Avot Agudas Achim - 10:00 AM Tiferet Israel - 11:00 AM Sparkman Hillcrest 12:30 PM	23 23 Elul Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 PM	24 24 Elul	25 25 Elul Rabbi's Class Skittish about Yiddish? 2:00 PM	26 26 Elul Rabbi's High Holy Day Class "The Fine Print" 7:00 PM	27 27 Elul	28 28 Elul Nitzavim
29 29 Elul Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 6:55 PM EREV ROSH HASHANAH	30 1 Tishri High Holy Days Rosh Hashana Day 1 - 8:00 AM 10:30 AM - Children's Service ROSH HASHANAH					

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will be arriving soon!

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MINCHA/MA'ARIV

Days	Time	Latest Time for Shema	Week Of:	Time
Sunday	8:00 AM	9:38 AM	July 28 - Aug 1	8:10 PM
Monday-Friday	6:30 AM	9:43 AM	August 4 - 8	8:05 PM
Shabbat	9:00 AM	9:47 AM	August 11 - 15	8:00 PM
*Morning service on national holidays: 8:00 AM		9:52 AM	August 18 - 22	7:50 PM
		9:57 AM	August 25 - 29	7:40 PM

FRIDAY & SHABBAT SERVICE TIMES

Shabbat Beginning	Parsha	Candle Lighting	Friday Night Mincha/Ma'ariv	Shabbat Mincha/Ma'ariv	Shabbat Ends
August 2	Matot-Masei	8:04 PM	6:30 PM	7:35 PM	9:05 PM
August 9	Devarim	7:58 PM	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	8:59 PM
August 16	Vaetchanan	7:51 PM	6:30 PM	7:20 PM	8:52 PM
August 23	Ekev	7:43 PM	6:30 PM	7:15 PM	8:44 PM
August 30	Re'eh	7:34 PM	6:30 PM	7:05 PM	8:35 PM

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