



THE ETZ CHAIM BULLETIN

MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

One of the fixtures of modern Jewish life that has caused us fatigue is fundraisers. Every Jewish not-for-profit organization is inherently operating at a deficit, so the solution seems to be a fundraiser. There are so many worthy causes both locally and abroad and we get solicited all the time and that it results in donor fatigue. Someone commented that one of the benefits of COVID was that he and his spouse didn't feel compelled to go to so many charity events. Those comments particularly saddened me. With the advent of the matching campaigns that are now quite popular, several of these campaigns reach out to me several times a month, and I understand the challenge of trying to stay motivated and financially afloat to participate in all these mitzvah opportunities.

The truth is that we can learn an important lesson from the first fundraising campaign in Jewish history, and that is the construction of the Mishkan/Tabernacle. G-d in communicating the directive to Moshe says *וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה תְּרִזֵּב*

This is literally translated as you shall take for Me a donation. This sounds like a strange way of articulating a solicitation. Wouldn't it be much more straight forward to say *וַיֹּאמֶר לְךָ תְּרִזֵּב* or you shall give Me? The Rabbis throughout the millennia, have suggested a simple yet profound message. When we are presented with an opportunity to share our material resources for a good cause we ultimately are the beneficiary. Although it may appear that we are

the benefactors, the opposite is true. The truth is that all the material wealth that we possess in this world is not truly ours, we are merely the stewards over that. Every once in a while there is an economic crisis in which we are rudely reminded of this truth (Can anyone say COVID?). G-d in His infinite wisdom gives us many opportunities to be givers and share our material resources with others. The Talmud in the Tractate of Bava Basra states that someone challenged Rabbi Akiva and asked him if G-d really loves the poor, why does He not directly provide them sustenance? His response was to allow us to do this Mitzvah. I think of this question in the modern language. If G-d loved the shuls, yeshivas, day schools, Bais Yaakovs, Mikvaos, etc., why is there always such a dearth of funds available? Why are there so many fundraising campaigns? The answer in 2021 is just the same as it was during the time of the Mishkan and during the time of Rabbi Akiva -- to allow us the opportunity to give.

Have a Peaceful Shabbos,

Rabbi Yaakov Fisch

PARSHAS TERUMAH SHABBOS ZACHOR

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Mincha 6:00PM
Candle Lighting 6:00PM

SHABBOS, FEBRUARY 20

Sephardic Minyan 9:00AM
Shacharis 9:00AM
Latest Shema 9:51AM
Second Reading of Zachor 12:15PM
Mincha 5:50PM

Rabbi Sammy Kahn will give a class between Mincha and Maariv on the topic of Look Up At The Heavens.

Maariv & Havdallah 7:02PM

Services This Week: Shacharis

Sunday 8:30AM
Monday- Wednesday 6:45AM
Thursday-Friday: Please refer to Purim Schedule

MINCHA

Sunday- Wednesday 6:00PM

Daf Yomi

Monday-Wednesday 5:45AM
Sunday 7:30AM
Shabbos 8:15AM

TORAH READING

Parshas Terumah Page: 444
Haftorah Zachor Page: 1214



PURIM EXTRAVAGANZA!

COME ONE. COME ALL!

Friday February 26

Outdoor In The Parking Lot - With Social Distancing Guidelines

Kids Program 11:00AM

Purim Tish With the Kollel 12:00PM

Purim Meal 12:30PM



Bounce Basketball

Soccer Dart • Live Music



THE PERFECT WAY TO

START
YOUR DAY

Now's the time to join

DAF YOMI

Daf Yomi is
held in the
Mirkin Chapel.

Rabbi Flisch
will teach the
Daf Yomi
class

Monday-Friday 5:45am
Sunday & Legal Holiday 7:30am

A Multimedia Presentation by Rabbi Ken Spiro



Rabbi Ken Spiro's quick-paced, humorous style catches and keeps an audience's interest. He is a Senior Lecturer and Researcher for Aish HaTorah Jerusalem and a licensed tour guide from the Israel Ministry of Tourism. Rabbi Spiro graduated from Vassar College with a BA in Russian Language and Literature. He has an MA in History from The Vermont College of Norwich University and Rabbinic Ordination from Yeshiva Aish HaTorah. He has appeared on numerous radio and television and is the author of *WorldPerfect* and the *Crash Course in Jewish History*.

A NATION THAT DWELLS ALONE



Sunday February 7, 14 March 7, 14 @ 10:15AM

A four part series of the complex and confrontational relationship Judaism and the Jewish people had with the great civilizations of Antiquity

- 1-Babylon and the destruction of the First Temple
- 2- Persia and Purim
- 3- Greece and Hanukah
- 4- Rome versus Israel - Pompeii to Hadrian

Zoom Link with Registration @ Etzchaim.org
For Information contact Rabbifeigenbaum@etzchaim.org



Java For The Soul

In Person With Social Distancing Guidelines & Zoom

With Rabbi Feigenbaum

The "Peh" (mouth)
Is Mightier Than The Sword



Sticks and Stones will break my bones - but in Jewish Law and Morality, words kill. We will be studying the works of the Chofetz Chaim to better understand the complexity and thought process of Jewish Law & in regards to the incredible power our words have to affect our families and communities.

Zoom ID: 843 906 8742
Password - Etz
Dial by your location
929-205-6099 312-626-6799

Located in the Etz Chaim Chapel
Wednesdays @ 8:45am



EMTZA NCSY



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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SHLOMO RABINOWITZ
STEVEN SAPERSTEIN
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ROD ZIMMERMAN

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MAZEL TOV



Bar Mitzvah of
Elishama Gross

Mazel Tov to the Gross family on the Bar Mitzvah celebration of their son Elishama Gross.
Please join Chai & Jonathan Gross on Zoom
Feb 21, 2021 at 11:00 AM
Meeting ID: 769 7943 3081
Passcode: sMb0RW

Mazel Tov to Ernie & Harriet Brodsky on the birth of a great-grandson. Parents are Allie & Lidor Hayun. Grandparents are Melissa & Chad Miller.