



Parnas Hayom – Cheshvan

These Days of Learning have been dedicated to the memory of the following by members of their family.

2 Cheshvan

Isaac Silberman in memory of his father Moshe Silberman (Yisrael Moshe ben Yehoshua Isaac z'l)

7 Cheshvan

Drs. Bruce & Barbara Mazer in memory of brother & brother-in-law, Mark Samuel (Mordechai Aharon ben Michael z'l)

13 Cheshvan

Barbara Freedman in memory of her mother, Esther Lehrer (Esther bat Yitzchak Moshe z'l)

13 Cheshvan

Jeffrey Mandel in memory of his father, Aron Mandel (Aron ben Shlomo Yaacov z'l)

13 Cheshvan

Dr. Reuven Singer in memory of his grandfather Yitzchak Zvi ben Yisroel Dovid z'l

18 Cheshvan

Mireille Shostak in memory of her father Edouard Khaffif (Reuven ben Menachem, z'l)

18 Cheshvan

Efraim Kandelshein memory of his father-in-law, Hyman Busgang (Chaim ben Moshe z'l)

21 Cheshvan

Amos & Avi Sochaczewski in memory of their father, David Sochaczewski (Dovid ben Sendor Eliezer z'l)

24 Cheshvan

Kamal Gabbay in memory of his mother-in-law, Simcha Mashaal (Simcha bat Meyer z'l)

28 Cheshvan

Dr. Reuven Singer in memory of his grandfather Zvi Elimelech ben Dovid, z'l

For more information on the KTM Parnas Hayom Project, please call our office at 514 486 5718.

“Sacrifice”

This Shabbat marks the 73rd yahrzeit of Baron Edmond de Rothschild, philanthropist and supporter of Jewish settlement in Eretz Yisrael. Although he visited Eretz Yisrael numerous times, his home was in Paris. His generosity and interest in Jewish settlement in Eretz Yisrael completely changed the possibilities for Jews. He died in Paris in 1934. In 1954 his remains and those of his wife were brought to Ramat HaNadiv in Zikhron Ya'akov.

Edmond de Rothschild first became involved in Jewish affairs after the pogroms in Russia in the 1880s. Almost immediately, he also became interested in settlers in Eretz Yisrael. When early settlements faced financial ruin, Rothschild was approached by Rabbi Samuel Mohilever and the leaders of Rishon LeZion. He lent his assistance to both Rishon LeZion and Zikhron Ya'akov and then helped found Ekron. An early supporter of quiet settlement initiatives, after World War I, he joined the political activity of the Zionist Organization by aiding Chaim Weizmann and Nahum Sokolow and became known as the “Father of the Yishuv”.

This past week Kollel Torah MiTzion of Montreal was privileged to host the 2008 Annual Torah MiTzion International Shabbaton for Shlichim along with Scholar-in-Residence, HaRav Mordechai Elon, Shlit'a. This inspirational week of Torah culminated with a Melaveh Malka

honouring our Kollel's “founding father”, Avrum Drazin.

This week gave our community pause and allowed for internal reflection of our commitment to the Jewish people and the Land of Israel. We were witness to the multitude of dedicated men and women who have sacrificed so much to grace our communities with the light of Torat Yisrael. We, Diaspora Jews were challenged to look into ourselves and take an accounting of our own level of sacrifice for the Jewish people and the Land of Israel.

None of us living in the Diaspora are able to serve our people as shlichim (emissaries) of the Land of Israel, but each one of us look to our shlichim as models of sacrifice and serve our people through Torah learning, supporting Jewish institutions and supporting the State of Israel.

Men like Baron de Rothschild and our own Avrum Drazin, represent such men of selfless devotion to a vision of a greater future for the Jewish people, Israel and for the entire world. May we always make the most of the opportunities for sacrifice that are put before us.

Shabbat Shalom, Eddie Shostak, Executive Director, KTM Montreal.

This week's Daf is sponsored by:

From Ian, Tziporah, Aron and Yanek Widman in honour of the Yahrzeit of our beloved father and zeide, Yaakov (Yanek) Widman - Yaakov Arie ben Yitzchok, z"l

- November 22, 2008
- 24th of Cheshvan 5769
- Haftara: Kings I 1:1-31
- Shabbat begins 4:02pm
- Shabbat ends 5:06pm

Tale of the Week with Rav David Zviel

The Fox and the Fish

(Talmud, Berachot 61b)

Once, the wicked government [of Rome] decreed that the Jewish people were forbidden to study Torah. Pappus ben Judah saw Rabbi Akiva convening gatherings in public and studying Torah [with them]. Said he to him: "Akiva, are you not afraid of the government?"

Said [Rabbi Akiva] to him: "I'll give you a parable: A fox was walking along a river and saw fish rushing to and fro. Said he to them: 'Why are you fleeing?'"

Said they to him: 'The nets that the humans spread for us.'

Said he to them: 'Why don't you come out onto the dry land? We'll live together, as my ancestors lived with your ancestors.'

Said they to him: 'Are you the one of whom it is said that you are the wisest of animals? You're not wise, but foolish! If, in our environment of life, we have cause for fear, how much more so in the environment of our death!'

"The same applies to us: if, now, when we sit and study the Torah, of which it is said (Deuteronomy 30:20), For it is your life and the lengthening of your days, such is our situation, how much more so if we neglect it...."

Halacha MiTzion - Rav Shlomo Aviner, Israel Prayer for the State of Israel

Q: Should we recite the Prayer for the State of Israel when the State is acting improperly, since it says, "And send Your light and truth to its leaders, ministers and counselor and provide them with good counsel before You" and they do not possess the light, truth or good counsel?

A: If the leader, ministers and counselors are following an improper path we should recite the Prayer of the State of Israel twice! They need more illumination and more good counsel, since they are currently the leaders of the State. If we do not recite the Prayer for the State of Israel it does not mean that there will be a change of leadership. It is similar to flying in an airplane and it is not flying well. The people check out what is wrong and it turns out that the pilot does not know how to fly. What do you suggest? Sitting next to him, insulting and cursing him. The plane will then almost certainly crash. On the contrary, we encourage him, "be careful here," "do you want tea?" etc... He is currently the pilot. There is no choice. Since we currently have certain leaders – whether they are suited to be the leaders or not – we need to pray that they perform their jobs the best way possible.

A Taste of Israel

with your tour guide, Ido Klein, KTM

The Dead Sea Crisis - Part 1

The lowest place in the world is getting lower and lower!

Israel's water problem is usually related to the drying up of the Kinneret, which provides 30 percent of Israel's drinking water. Most people lose sight of another serious problem, which is the drying up of the Dead Sea.

Illustration of the problem can be found in the data relating to the Dead Sea level. In 1950 the level was 395 meters below sea level. This past September the level was 421 meters under sea level. The level went down 26 meters (!!!) in just 58 years (have in mind that the Dead Sea is an 80 km long, 20 km wide lake). In the past few years the level is going down one meter per year.

Why is this happening?

There are 2 main reasons to the drying up. One, is the damming of the Kinneret –in order to keep the Kinneret's waters sweet, a certain amount of water in the lake is required. Evaporation and pumping are decreasing the levels of water in the Kinneret. To prevent losing too much water, the Kinneret's joint with the Jordan River has been dammed. This decreases the flow in the Jordan River, making the input of the Jordan River to the Dead Sea lower.

The second main reason is the salt mining. In the southern side of the Dead Sea there are huge evaporating pools, where salt is mined. A lot of water is pumped from the Sea to the pool, and this also makes the water levels lower.



2008 Annual Torah MiTzion International Conference of Shlichim



Rabbi Haim Druckman, Shlit'a

A Man for all Seasons

November 28-29, 2008



Born in 1933 in Poland, Haim Druckman made aliyah to pre-State Palestine in 1944 after being miraculously saved from the Holocaust. He studied in the Aliyah Institute in Petach Tikva, continuing in the Bnei Akiva Yeshiva in K'far Haroeh. He then transferred to Yeshivat Merkaz Harav in Jerusalem where he became a "talmid muvhak" (an outstanding student) of Rav Zvi Yehuda Kook, z"l. Rav Druckman served in the Israel Defense Forces in the Nacha"l framework, as part of a Bnei Akiva garin and has been both a member of the Bnei Akiva Movement's National Directorate and one of its mentors since 1952. Between 1955 and 1956 he served as a Bnei Akiva's shaliach [emissary] to the United States.

Rav Druckman was as a Member of Knesset (Israeli Parliament) from 1977 through 1989. Within this period he was a Deputy Minister of the Religious Affairs Ministry, a member of the Security and Foreign Affairs Committee, the Education Committee and the Immigration and Absorption Committee.

Rav Druckman's deep commitment to Torah and to the State of Israel were integral to his being a developer of the Hesder Yeshiva model – a five-year combined military service and advanced yeshiva studies program. Since 1964 he has been the Rosh Yeshiva of the Ohr Etzion B'nei Akiva Yeshiva Highschool, which he founded. In 1977 he founded the Ohr Etzion Yeshiva which for many years was the largest Hesder Yeshiva in the country. In 1995 Rav Druckman established the Ohr M'Ophir academy for highschool graduates of the Ethiopian community, the first post highschool educational framework for this population and the only one to be accredited to prepare students to complete matriculation and college entrance examinations. Since 1996 Rav Druckman has also been the head of the Center for B'nei Akiva Yeshivot and Ulpanot (religious girls highschools) in Israel.

Rav Haim Druckman has always worked tirelessly and selflessly to unite the Jewish People, and in 1990 he was appointed Chief Dayan (religious judge) for the Special Court for Conversions in the wake of the mass immigration from the Former Soviet Union. Among the over 1,300,000 Russian-speaking new immigrants to settle in Israel since the fall of the communist block, an estimated 300,000 non-Jews who are partners, children or grandchildren of Jews, have been recognized as Israeli citizens. Rabbi Druckman, and other halachic authorities from the Religious Zionist constituency, believe the State of Israel has an obligation to these people with Jewish roots, to "continue to reach out to our brothers and bring them back to the Jewish people after generations during which they have drifted away." This halachic stance and philosophical/ethical outlook guided his decisions and actions as the chief authority of the Court for Conversions during his 18 years in this position.

Rav Haim Druckman's immeasurable contribution to religious education, both formal and informal, his long service to the public, his championing of Zionist ideals, and his commitment to uniting the Jewish People and love for his fellow Jew, including those 'in transit' to full membership in the Nation of Israel, all make him a Man for All Seasons, Israel's Ultimate Man of Conscience.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Friday Night, November 28 - 7pm

Community Lecture

"Parents' Role in Jewish Education"

Congregation TBDJ (6519 Baily Rd.)

Saturday, November 29 - 8:45am

Shacharit - Drasha: Rav Druckman

Followed by Kiddush

Congregation TBDJ (6519 Baily Rd.)

Saturday Night, November 29, 8pm

Community Lecture

"Conversion as a Challenge in the

Path of Religious Zionism"

Kollel Torah MiTzion

Lieberman Beit Midrash of the Hebrew Academy

5700 Kellert Ave., CSL



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מדרשה עברית



KTM Weekly Schedule

NEW Fall Session 2

Sefer Kohelet - Eddie Shostak

Analysis of the wisdom of King Solomon in relation to: happiness, wealth, family, longevity, power, knowledge and wisdom.

MONDAY– 11am-12pm • Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15
(At the Shaar Hashomayim)

“Maamar HaDor” – Rav Ido Tauber

This important discourse of Rav Kook discusses the meaning and essence of the generation of the “Ultimate Redemption” and gives insights into how to deal with the people of this great generation.

MONDAY– 8-9pm • Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15

Laws of the State – Rav Yishai Lisner

For centuries Jews dreamed of a Jewish State based on the Torah. This class will deal with different issues that a State faces from a halachic point of view, including army, police, and government.

MONDAY– 8-9pm • Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15

Sefer HaKuzari – Rav David Zviel

Rabbi Yehuda HaLevi's Kuzari is one of the most foundational Jewish books of philosophy. It deals with the foundations of Jewish faith and essential questions of Jewish belief.

MONDAY– 9:15-10pm • Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15

Parashat Hashavua - Rav Yishai Lisner

An in depth look at the weekly parasha using the commentaries of our sages and other Torah commentaries with a special focus on relating these teaching to our daily lives.

TUESDAY– 8-9pm • Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16

The Rambam's Introduction to “Perek Chelek” – Rav Ido Tauber

Maimonides' discussion of reward and punishment, the World to Come, and the Rambam's 13 principles of fate.

TUESDAY– 9:15-10pm • Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16

Sefer Shmuel I – Rav David Zviel

The first Book of Shmuel features the biographies of four great Jewish leaders - the prophet Shmuel, his mentor Eli Ha Kohen, Shaul Ha Melech, and David Ha Melech.

THURSDAY– 8-9pm • Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 11, 18

Kollel Torah Mitzion has a core faculty of graduates from Hesder Yeshivot in Israel who come here to serve as teachers and role models in our community. The core of the Kollel is the Beit Midrash which features a full schedule of classes as well as a drop-in center with a warm atmosphere where all, regardless of background, feel comfortable.

Rosh Kollel: Rav Yishai Lisner
President: Rafi Faust
Executive Director: Eddie Shostak
Daf Parasha Co-Editors: Shira Tauber & Eddie Shostak
Daf Parasha Contributors: Rav Yishai Lisner, Rav David Zviel, Rav Ido Tauber, Akiva Brauner, Matti Gottlieb, Ido Klein, Dan Illouz, Nathan Light, Jacob Aspler.

Family Melaveh Malka Learning Program

5 Sessions

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KTM Women's Beit Midrash

Songs of the Tannach – Eddie Shostak

The Jewish Bible contains ten songs, or “Shirot”. Their study and analysis will help us understand pivotal moments in Jewish history and will help us understand and deal with parallel events in our lives. In this series we will delve into 4 of these songs, including “The Song of the Sea”, “Haazinu”, “The Song of Devorah”, and “The Song of Chana”.

TUESDAY– 9:30-10:30am • Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16

Tehilim Group

Completion of the entire Book of Tehilim and prayer for those who are ill. If you would like to add the name of someone in need of prayer, please email us at info@ktmmtl.org

TUESDAYS - 10:30am • WEDNESDAYS 4:00pm

Women's Ulpan MiTzion

Learn to read and to speak Hebrew.

Fall Session - Nov. 5,12,19,26, Dec. 3,10,17-8-9pm

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