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KOLLEL TORAH MITZION
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Parashat Ki Tisa

Parnas Hayom

Adar

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

2 Adar

Avrum Drazin in memory of mother-in-law, Gertrude Fried (Gittel bat reb Elimelech z'l)

4 Adar

Samuel Gewurz in memory of father, Judah Leib Gewurz (Yehuda Leib ben Chaim Yaacov z'l)

12 Adar

Barbara Freedman in memory of husband, Dr. Benjamin Freedman (Binyamin ben Menachem Mendel z'l)

19 Adar

Rabbi Sidney Shoham in memory of mother, Rebbetzin Ethel Shoham (Itel bat Harav Yossef Yaakov z'l)

21 Adar

Samuel Gewurz in memory of mother, Rachel Gewurz (Rochel bat Yosef z'l)

22 Adar

Jewel Shoham in memory of mother, Molly Naimer (Malka Brina bat Ben Zion HaLevi, z'l)

23 Adar

Moti Yunger in memory of mother, Sara Yunger (Sara bat Eliahu z'l)

25 Adar

Mark Wainberg in memory of mother, Fay Wainberg (Fayga bat Moshe z'l)

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



"How Could This Happen?"

After all of the commentaries and explanations regarding the event of the Golden Calf that is the centerpiece of this week's parasha, one is still left, somehow, with an empty feeling of not understanding

how such an event could have in fact occurred.

After all, did not the splitting of the sea, the war against Amalek, the manna and the miraculous wells of water, the revelation at Sinai, make an impression upon the Jewish people? It is often frustrating for a parent or teacher who invest time, energy and money in their children and students only to not have their expectation met, leaving the parent or teacher perplexed at these results. Looking back at the event of the Golden calf, we too are left perplexed.

One very simple explanation to this puzzling event is that such an event, though not understandable or rational, simply can and does occur. It is natural for humans to act irrationally, it is natural for nations to act irrationally and it is natural for political leaders to act irrationally. This reality must move us the readjust our expectations of human behaviour and to know that nothing in human affairs is unlikely or impossible.

The possibility of a Golden calf incident is always with us. If we discount the possibility of inconsistent and irrational human nature we expose ourselves to such sad incidents. Moshe never imagines that such an event can

occur amongst the people of Israel and so he ascends the mountain to bring the Torah down to the Jewish people. Aharon also never thinks that a Golden calf in idea can turn to reality as he makes a futile attempt to quiet the mob that now surrounds him. Regardless, the Golden Calf arrives, alive and well. And that is life's lesson – that the unexpected and impossible is itself always present in our lives and society.

Anyone who reviews the events of the twentieth and twenty first centuries will stand amazed at the events, wars, changes and profound diplomatic and political errors that shaped its story. Little that happened seemed to be rational or predictable.

Who could have thought that the great empires of Germany, Russia, France, England, Austria and the Ottomans would never survive that century? And who could have imagined the State of Israel arising and the destruction of European Jewry?

How could anyone have envisioned the catastrophe of the Holocaust? As Rabbi Berel Wein of Jerusalem put it, "since prophecy is no longer present amongst us, the future is always murky and undecipherable. Therefore the only thing certain in our lives, both personal and national, is uncertainty."

The events of the Golden Calf constantly repeat themselves in our life story. Whether in family, war, politics or the economy, one must be able to accept the predictability of unpredictability.

Shabbat Shalom, Eddie Shostak.

This week's Daf is sponsored by:

Ian, Tziporah, Aron and Yanek Widman in honour of the Yarhzeit of our beloved father and zeide, Aron Honigsblum - Aharon ben Mordechai Yosef Ha-Levi, z"l

- March 14, 2009
- 18th of Adar 5769
- Hafatara: Parah Ezekiel 36:16-38
- Shabbat Begins: 6:41pm
- Shabbat Ends: 7:42pm

**KTM WEEKLY SCHEDULE
PREPARATION FOR PASSOVER
March 16 — April 2, 2009**

“Pesach: An Inside Look” – Rav Ido Tauber

This class will focus on philosophical ideas relating to the holiday of Passover. What is the uniqueness of Pesach? Why do we have so many mitzvot that recall the Exodus from Egypt? What is the role of Eliyahu HaNavi in the Haggadah? And more...

MONDAY– 8-9pm • March 16, 23 & 30

“Laws of the Seder” – Rav Yishai Lisner

In is a Positive Biblical Commandment to retell the Passover story on the 15th of Nissan. The Seder itself is filled with a myriad of details and Halachot in order for us to fulfill our obligations of the night. This class will delve into these laws connected to the Seder Night.

MONDAY– 8-9pm • March 16, 23 & 30

“Haggadah Shel Pesach” – Rav David Zviel

Come and explore the Passover Haggadah like never before. This class will explore classic commentaries to the Haggadah helping you to prepare for the seder night.

MONDAY– 9:15-10pm • March 16, 23 & 30

“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 • March 17, 24 & 31

“Rav Kook’s on the Haggadah” – Rav Ido Tauber

This class will deal with Rav Kook’s unique approach to the Haggadah, emphasizing topics such as the redemption from Egypt, the redemption of our generation and various other topics relating to Pesach.

TUESDAY– 9:15-10pm • March 17, 24 & 31

Pur Hu Hagoral – Ido Klein

This not widely known book by Rav Shagar z”l, A modern Admo”r, deals with different aspects of purim. The article that this lesson will deal with tries to bring different approaches to read the Megila, using the Rambam classification about Hashgacha.

WEDNESDAY– 8-9pm • March 18, 25 & April 1

“Sefer Shmuel” – 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 • March 19, 26 & April 2

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.

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WOMEN’S BEIT MIDRASH

“Timely Torah” – Rabbi Michael Whitman

Explore Megillat Esther, Bichat Hachama and the Passover Haggadah.

TUESDAY– 9:30-10:30am • Mar. 3, 17, 24 & 31

Ulpan MiTzion Returns!

Learn to read and understand Hebrew. Classes of Beginner and Intermediate levels offered. For more information, please call or email our office our office.

WEDNESDAYS—8-9PM • January 28—March 4

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

SAVE THE DATE!!!

PESACH YOM IYUN

**JOIN US FOR A DAY OF LEARNING IN
PREPARATION FOR PASSOVER
LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS
LED BY KTM STAFF,
LOCAL RABBIS AND EDUCATORS**

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2009

AN URGENT CALL TO PRAYER

Tamar Amar, daughter of Rav Itzik and Smadar Amar, former KTM Montreal Shlichim, is a regular, happy, joyful six year old girl. On the first day of Chanukah 5769, Tamar was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Right now the doctors are trying to reduce the size of the tumor and will be doing their best to help Tamar in the upcoming months. Please pray for her full recovery.

TAMAR DINA BAT SMADAR

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