



Ohr Yerushalayim News

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מזל טוב

Mazel Tov to Mr & Mrs Yehuda Kahan on the birth of a son. There will be a Sholom Zochor at the home of Rabbi & Mrs Wolberg, 92 Park Street.

Mazel Tov to Mr & Mrs Rafael Sacho on the birth of a daughter.

Additional מנחה & מעריב At BBQ

There will be an additional minyan for Mincha and Maariv at the BBQ on Lag B'Omer. Mincha at approximately 7pm, Maariv will be at the end of the evening.

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Mitzvah Vigilante

Rabbi Mordechai Kamenetzky (Torah.org)

The Torah tells us in this week's parsha, "u'shmartem es mitzvosai, v'aseesem osum -- watch the mitzvos and do them" (Vayikra 22:31). What does watch mitzvos mean. If one does a mitzvah he is surely doing more than watching them. Watching mitzvos seems quite passive. Observant Jew is a term used for those who actually perform the and adhere to the laws, and the curious word observant, perhaps, indeed comes from the Hebrew word u'shmartem. But doesn't Hashem want us to be more than just watchers. If He tells us to do mitzvos, then surely we watch them! Why the double, if not redundant, expression?

This past Thursday evening I went to be Menachem Avel (in the vernacular - pay a shiva call) a friend, Rabbi Zissel Zelman, who was sitting shiva for his father. He is a Chicago native whose father, Rabbi Zelman, grew up in Chicago way before Torah Judaism had flourished there. Reb Zissel related that as a young man, his father would pass the newsstand every Saturday night after shul to pick up a paper. As he did not carry money with him, he had made an arrangement with the vendors to return on Sunday morning to pay the vendor.

Rabbi Zelman was not interested in the sports pages nor was he interested in the headlines. In fact he was not interested in the paper altogether. Rabbi Zelman bought the paper for his mother. She also was not interested in the sports or the news. She was interested in the dead. Every Saturday night she would comb the paper looking for announcements of tombstone unveilings that were to take place on Sunday at the Jewish Cemeteries.

An unveiling is a time when people are charitable, and the elderly Mrs. Zelman would go to the cemeteries and raise funds from the gathered for Yeshivos in Europe in Israel. She would eventually turn the coins into bills and send the money overseas. A plaque hangs today in the Slobodka Yeshiva in Israel commemorating her efforts.

Perhaps the Torah is telling us more than just doing mitzvos. It is telling us to watch for mitzvos. Be on guard.

Brain teasers

Here is this week's brainteaser based on the sedra:

What connection do the following three numbers have with the dates of Sefiras Haomer: 15, 15, 44 ?

Answers Next Week ...

Last Week's Answer:

Acharei Mos

Three Perokim: ז"ט, י"ז, ח"ט - which is the odd one out and why

Answer: Perek ז"ט, is the only of the three not leined on יום כפור

Kedoshim

Which two-word phrase is complimentary when used in the Torah but insulting from the time of the Mishna and onwards

Answer: The phrase is עם הארץ

There are hundreds of opportunities to find mitzvos and to do them. But we must be observant and vigilant. There are hundreds of mitzvos that pass by our very eyes. Scores of Good Mornings.

Hundreds of packages we can help lift, as well as spirits. There are hundreds of hearts we can help heal as well as small acts of charity we can fulfill. Perhaps the Torah is telling us more than watch the mitzvos that come our way. Perhaps it may be telling us to be on the lookout for those that are out there waiting for us to observe them!

The Week Ahead

שבת פרשת אמור

Candle Lighting	No later than 7.55pm
Mincha	7.30pm
Seder HaLimud	8.40am
Shacharis	9.00am
סוף זמן ק"ט	9.11am
Mincha 1st / 2nd Minyan	6.00pm / 8.50pm
Rov's Mishnayos Shiur	9.20pm
Maariv & Motzei Shabbos	9.55pm
Morning Chaburah	30mins before Shacharis
Sunday 1 st / 2 nd Minyan	7.20am / 8.20am
Monday / Thursday	7.10am
Tuesday / Wednesday / Friday	7.20am
Mincha & Maariv All Week	7.45pm
Shabbos Next Week	7.30pm (Candle Lighting 7.55pm)

Don't Miss Out!

Following the phenomenal Achdus felt amongst the Kehilla at the recent 10th anniversary Shabbaton, Ohr Yerushalayim is delighted to once again host a Shul family event, this time in the form of a Lag B'Omer barbecue evening.

Preparations are in full swing for this entertaining outdoor (weather permitting) evening with activities for men, women and children.

In Eretz Yisroel, people flock to the Kever of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai in the city of Meron with dancing and singing. Bonfires are lit and children run wild with bows and arrows.

Whilst we can't emulate the atmosphere of Meron, with your help we can create something exhilarating.

So come and bring your family to what we hope will be a joyous and memorable Ohr Yerushalayim evening and be entertained, inspired and part of our Kehilla!

In conjunction with the barbecue we will be holding a L'Chayim on Tuesday evening to celebrate the long awaited commencement of building works to the new Shul building.

We are delighted to advise that demolition of the



existing site is due to commence this Monday, taking us one step closer to making our dream a reality.

We intend to give regular pictorial updates to keep everyone informed on progress. The committee is constantly open to suggestions on this and other matters.

May we take this opportunity to remind any member who has not yet started paying their donation to contact one of the committee.

There are still a handful of sections of Shas available for the Siyum to coincide with the dedication of the new building. May we encourage anyone able to take on extra, to please fill in the form hanging up in shul.

Tuesday 12th May - 7-10pm - 24 New Hall Road

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