

There will be a Shiur for women Shabbat afternoon, June 17th from 5 – 6 pm.
at the home of **Mathilde Benarrosch**, 7492 Briar

Shiur to be given by **Devora Alouf**,
Topic: Parshat Shelach Lecha.

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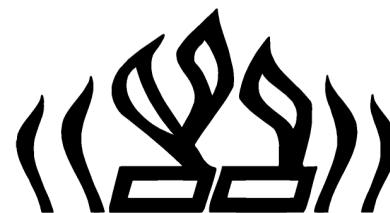
Please note we are renovating our Library

We have placed boxes of books in the hallway near the Smiley Auditorium
which are available at no charge.

Please feel free to come by
Sunday morning, June 18, 8 – 10 AM

History ◇ Israel ◇ Judaica ◇ Children's Books

English ◇ Hebrew



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23 - 29 Sivan 5777
Parshat Shelach Lecha

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MAZAL TOV TO:
Rena & Mervyn Gornitsky
65th wedding anniversary

Florence & Sheldon Miller
On the wedding of their daughter
Marissa to Adam
Son of **Elissa & John Kovac**
Grandmothers, **Perla Rozen and Leah Cohen**

Faigy & Rabbi Yitzchok Rosenberg
On the birth of their granddaughter
Shayna Bracha Rosenberg
Daughter of
Faiga Tzipporah & Rabbi Moshe Chaim Rosenberg
Grandparents, **Chaya Leah & Rabbi Yisroel Teitlbaum**
Great grandmother, **Gittel Rosenberg**

CONDOLENCES TO:
Eleanor Berenbaum and family
on the loss of her husband, **Ernie Berenbaum Z"L**

OUR APPRECIATION TO:
Steve Farkas for leading Shabbat services
and **Bobby Shaul** for leining

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Friday, June 16
Candle Lighting
8:27 pm



Mincha and
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 pm

Earliest Shema
Friday night 9:44 pm

Latest Shema
Shabbat morning 9:00 am

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Shabbat	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
June 17 23 Sivan	June 18 24 Sivan	June 19 25 Sivan	June 20 26 Sivan	June 21 27 Sivan	June 22 28 Sivan	June 23 29 Sivan
Mvarchim Tammuz Molad: Shabbat June 24 9:16 am and 13 chalakim 9:00 am Shacharit Main Sanctuary Sermon Rabbi Pertou 9:00 am Shacharit Smiley Auditorium 10:00 am Youth Groups	7:00 am Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi 8:00 am Shacharit 8:45 am Shacharit	6:15 am Shacharit Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi 8:00 am Shacharit	6:25 am Shacharit Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi 8:00 am Shacharit	6:25 am Shacharit Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi 8:00 am Shacharit	6:15 am Shacharit Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi 8:00 am Shacharit	6:25 am Shacharit Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi 8:00 am Shacharit
7:25 pm Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi 7:55 pm <i>Hilbot Tefillah</i> <i>Rabbi Michael Wolff</i> 8:25 pm Mincha <i>Sendab Shlishit</i> 9:34 pm Maariv 9:44 pm Shabbat ends  <i>This day is sponsored by:</i> Henriette & Marcel Korner <i>In memory of his parents</i> <i>Dvora and David Korner Z"l</i> <i>This day is sponsored by:</i> Paula & Morris Trefer <i>Happy Birthday to their grandson</i> <i>Max Isaac Heering</i>	8:30 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:40 pm <i>Gmara Shabbat Shiur</i> 8:30 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:20 pm Duplicate Bridge 7:40 pm <i>Gmara Shabbat Shiur</i> 8:30 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	8:30 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	8:00 pm Shiur <i>Rabbi Gimple</i> 8:30 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv <i>This day is sponsored by:</i> Thea & Stanley Yetnikoff <i>In honour of their anniversary</i>	8:30 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:00 pm Shiur <i>Rabbi Gimple</i> 8:30 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv <i>This day is sponsored by:</i> Sheila & Simon Jegher <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Josby Isaac</i> <i>Avraham Chaim Jegher</i>	7:00 pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat 8:29 pm Candle Lighting 

SHELACH LECHA

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The theme of vision is paramount in SHELACH LECHA. The parshah begins with G-d telling Moses to send men who "will SPY OUT the Land of Canaan which I am giving to the Children of Israel". The parshah ends with the passage recited by every Israelite in the SHEMA morning and evening: "They will make for themselves TZITZIS on the fringes of their garments. and you shall LOOK at it and remember all the commandments of HaShem and you shall do them, AND YOU SHALL NOT GO SPYING AFTER YOUR HEARTS AND AFTER YOUR EYES that you went astray after them." (Numbers 15:38-39). The same word for spying occurs in the opening and closing verses of the parshah, highlighting the importance of the theme of vision throughout the parshah. The Tzitzis are the remedy for faulty and sinful vision. In the words of Rashi's comment on the latter verse (Numbers 15:39): The heart and the eyes are spies for the body, and they act as the body's agents in sinning. The eye sees, the heart desires and the body carries out the sins." The fringes of the Tzitzis surrounding us on all four sides, are a visual reminder of G-d's presence everywhere. The blue TECHEILES thread in the Tzitzis is the color of the sea, which is a reflection of the color of the heavens, the seat of G-d's glory. Rabbi Avraham Greenbaum explores the spies' actions: ' On their tour of the land, the spies saw exactly what they wanted to see. With the exception of Joshua and Kalev, they rejected the vision of the forefathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They did not want to accept the traditional report that their ears alone had heard: that G-d promised to take them to a land "flowing with milk and honey". They could not take it on trust. They wanted to check it out with their own eyes and decide for themselves. And they saw what they wanted to see: a real place, a land governed by natural laws, where people live and die. A beautiful land, but one which it was against all the laws of nature that the puny ex-slave Israelites could conquer in the face of a sea of entrenched Amalekites and Canaanites. "And we were in our own eyes as grasshoppers, and so we were in their eyes" (Numbers 13:33). The sin of the spies was a failure of faith. They allowed themselves to be misled by the external appearance of the natural world into a colossal failure of nerve, despite all the promises given by G-d that He would bring them to the land. The faith of Israel does not depend upon what the eyes see. On the contrary, we declare our faith wrapped in the Tallis, clutching the Tzitzis by our hearts, closing our eyes to the visual world around us and covering them with our hand: "Sh'ma Yisrael, HaShem is our G-d.!" Only Joshua and Kalev closed their eyes to external appearances, knowing that with G-d's help, it is possible to "bend" nature. "We will go up and take possession of it, for He can -- we can -- (conquer) it." Perhaps the spies feared the people could not live up to the level of the law of the land, and they preferred an easier, more natural way of life outside of Israel. As leaders of their tribes, the spies conducted an ingenious operation of public opinion manipulation, using skillfully chosen words to implant in the people's minds a vision of the impossibility of achieving their natural destiny that led them all to tears. (This the spies achieved with words alone, even without the use of television, which is the Satan's ultimate deceiver of eyes.) "And all the community cried out, and the people WEPT on that night." Tears come from the eyes, the organs of vision. With our tears we try to wash away the bad that our eyes have seen. The people should have focussed their vision on that which is beyond nature -- the miracles that had been performed for them. This should have given them the faith that G-d has the power to fulfill His promises. (See Rashi on Numbers 14:11). Those who had seen the miracles and still did not believe in G-d would not see the land. "All the men who see My glory and My signs that I did in Egypt and in the Wilderness yet have tested Me in this ten times, and have not listened to My voice -- They shall not see the land that I have sworn to their fathers, and all who despise Me shall not see it" (Numbers 14:22-3). Yet immediately after the imposition of the decree, the Torah continues with a series of commandments that can only be fulfilled in the Land of Israel, including the laws of the wheat, oil and wine libations that accompany animal offerings in the Temple, and CHALLAH, the gift of the first portion of one's bread to the priest (Numbers Ch. 15). The positioning of these commandments directly after the narrative of the spies is a reminder that even though the exile may be lengthy, eventually Israel will inherit the entire land and have the merit of offering its choicest produce in the Temple and on the table of the priests.'

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