



## **TISHA B'AV SERVICE TIMES**

Shabbat Mincha will be at 1:35 PM. As nothing may be eaten after 7:59 PM, there will be no Seudah Shlishit at the Shul. Evening Services on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> will begin at 8:45 PM.

Morning services for Tisha B'av on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> will begin at 9:00 AM. No Tallit or Tefillin.

Evening services on Sunday will begin at 7:30 PM. We will be wearing Tallit and Tefillin.

All services will be held in Menchel Hall.

The fast ends at 8:32 PM.

## **This Summer at HHBJC**

July 15  
Sisterhood Planning Meeting

## **Upcoming In September & October**

September 14  
Simcha Shabbat

September 15  
Israel Bond Drive Breakfast

September 15  
Mah Jongg Club

September 22  
Sisterhood Paid-up  
Member Brunch

October 18  
Sisterhood Dinner  
in the Sukkah

October 26  
Simcha Shabbat

October 27  
Mah Jongg Club



**See Page 13 & 14 for  
removable monthly calendar  
of events and service times.**

## **Handicap Access**

We have an operating handicapped lift. This is available for all who may need access to any level of the building. Please contact the center of office to arrange for one of our staff to assist you in its operation. There is also a handicapped restroom located past the Menchel Social Hall.

*The House Committee*

## **From the Desk of Rabbi David Wise**

### **The Things They Carried**



Regular readers of this column know that I almost never read fiction. It's

not that I have anything against fiction; I just prefer non-fiction. It's not that I'm insistent on "facts," either, because I enjoy a good memoir, and we all know that events in a memoir are shaped by the storyteller's personal perspective—a kind of *midrash* on facts, if you will.

So when I began reading *The Things They Carried*, the nearly 30-year-old masterpiece by Tim O'Brien about the war in Viet Nam, I was certain that I was reading a memoir. After all, O'Brien dedicates the book to the men of Alpha Company, so they must have been real people! But something gnawed at me as I read, and simple internet research confirmed my suspicion that it is indeed a work of fiction. The characters did not exist by those names, and the events described did not happen. And yet, every word of the book is "true."

Norman Bowker, who laments the inability to rescue Kiowa from sinking into a cesspool and hangs himself years later, didn't exist, but his story is true. Same with Lieutenant Jimmy

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### **Shabbat Schedule**



Friday, July 5, 2019

Candle Lighting 8:11 PM  
Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, July 6, 2019

Korach 9:00 AM  
Mincha 7:55 PM  
Havdalah 9:14 PM

Friday, July 12, 2019

Candle Lighting 8:08 PM  
Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, July 13, 2019

Chukat 9:00 AM  
Mincha 7:55 PM  
Havdalah 9:11 PM

Friday, July 19, 2019

Candle Lighting 8:04 PM  
Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, July 20, 2019

Balak 9:00 AM  
Mincha 7:50 PM  
Havdalah 9:06 PM

Friday, July 26, 2019

Candle Lighting 7:58 PM  
Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, July 27, 2019

Pinchas 9:00 AM  
Mincha 7:45 PM  
Havdalah 9:00 PM

Friday, August 2, 2019

Candle Lighting 7:51 PM  
Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, August 3, 2019

Matot-Masei 9:00 AM  
Mincha 7:35 PM  
Havdalah 8:53 PM

Friday, August 9, 2019

Candle Lighting 7:42 PM  
Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, August 10, 2019

Devarim 9:00 AM  
Shabbat Chazon  
Erev Tish'a B'av  
Mincha 1:35 PM  
Havdalah 8:44 PM

Friday, August 16, 2019

Candle Lighting 7:33 PM  
Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, August 17, 2019

Vaetchanan 9:00 AM  
Shabbat Nachamu  
Mincha 7:20 PM  
Havdalah 8:34 PM

Friday, August 23, 2019

Candle Lighting 7:23 PM  
Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, August 24, 2019

Eikev 9:00 AM  
Mincha 7:10 PM  
Havdalah 8:24 PM

Friday, August 30, 2019

Candle Lighting 7:12 PM  
Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, August 31, 2019

Re'eh 9:00 AM  
Rosh Chodesh Elul  
Mincha 7:00 PM  
Havdalah 8:13 PM

### **CENTER ADMINISTRATION**

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### Notices

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*If you are bringing pre packaged food into the Synagogue, please consult with Rabbi Wise.*

### **Bereavement Support**

**The Bereavement Support Group meets the First and Third Monday night of the month at 7:30 PM with compassionate, caring, warm and concerned friendly people. Refreshments are always served and are complimentary. All faiths are welcome. Led by Marty Kevelson and Malka Lesnik Belgrod.**



Cantor Sol Zim



Wow, what a beautiful and very full weekend we had at HHBJC. It all started on Wednesday evening, June 12<sup>th</sup> at our **YIDDISH CLUB** gathering. We had a blast! We learned, we laughed & we noshed together. Boy, did we laugh! Our Yiddish Club will resume following the High Holidays. Dates to be announced. Can't wait to see you all...remember, I don't want to hear any *kvetching*.

The next night, Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, our dear and beloved member, **LINDA LIEDERMAN**, was honored by *Women's League for Conservative Judaism* as our *Sisterhood's Woman of Achievement 2019*, which took place at the Shelter Rock Jewish Center in Roslyn. There were so many people who came to support and pay tribute to Linda. She is tremendously dedicated and devoted to our shul, to Yiddishkeit & to our community! As our Congregational Nurse, Linda is truly exceptional & always helps us learn more about health and wellness. She is always there for our shul. She can read from the *Torah* & do a *Haftarah* beautifully, which I am so proud of. Linda is a true *Eishet Chayil*, a Woman of Valor. Congratulations to you Linda, on this

### **Our Cantor's Voice**

**Spectacular Weekend of Celebrations for HHBJC**

beautiful honor that you so greatly deserve. We thank you for being such an integral and loving part of our HHBJC family.

The next day, Friday evening, June 14<sup>th</sup>, before Shabbat, we had our **PRE-SHABBAT FAMILY CELEBRATION**. Mothers, fathers, grandparents, kids, grandkids, neighbors & friends, all came. We had a small band, with music, dancing and singing, bonding and community. It started with **Rabbi Wise's** welcome, giving us an overview of the Pre-Shabbat Family Celebration. We experienced a preview of Shabbat Candle Lighting. It was my honor to sing and have all the parents & grandparents place their hands on their children's heads as everyone sang, together, the words and melody that I composed...**"A blessing my child, a blessing for you, a blessing we hope will come true..."**. Then we sang *Y'varechecha* with all arms linked, swaying side to side and we concluded that section of the program with *Shalom Aleichem*. The **CBT BAND** from the Wantagh Jewish Center, together with their Rabbi, Moshe Weisblum, a dear friend of mine, joined in playing & singing some very well known songs of love & hope...*"I'm a Believer"* by the Monkees...*"I'm Still Standing"* by Elton John...*"Love Will Keep Us Together"* by Captain and Tennille...*"Crazy Little Thing Called Love"* by Queen. It was fantastic!

*(Rabbi Wise Continued from page 1)*

Cross, who blames himself for the death of one of his soldiers because he was daydreaming about a girlfriend. And no tale is truer than O'Brien's "autobiographical" narrative about his inner conflict "On the Rainy River," as he struggles to decide whether to escape to Canada or heed his draft card. He sits in a small boat, 20 yards from the Canadian shore, and cries. "Now, perhaps, you can understand why I've never told this story before. It's not just the embarrassment of tears. That's part of it, no doubt, but what embarrasses me much more, and always will, is the paralysis that took my heart. A moral freeze: I couldn't decide, I couldn't act, I couldn't comport myself with even a pretense of moral human dignity. All I could do was cry" (p. 54). How many young men faced the same conflict? How many of us have been paralyzed by indecision? This is a tale of truth.

Novelist Leslie Pietrzyk wrote on the blog lithub.com that a literary conference she attended had an official t-shirt that said, "Just because something never happened doesn't mean it isn't true." (Hilariously, the quote is attributed to O'Brien, who then denied ever saying that). That phrase is the essence of fiction—for something to be moving, it doesn't have to be factual. It just has to convey "truth." I also believe that this phrase is the essence of religion, and can certainly be applied to Torah. Do the events

at the Sea of Reeds need to be factually accurate in order to be meaningful as part of our People's national consciousness? Does the story of Miriam being stricken with illness after gossiping have to have happened as described, or does it teach us a larger truth about the way evil speech can lead to being ostracized?

I wrote above that a memoir is a kind of *midrash* on facts. So is fiction. *The Things They Carried* doesn't need to be factual in order to be true; it is an everlasting *midrash* on Viet Nam. Abraham Joshua Heschel famously wrote that "As a report about revelation the Torah itself is a *midrash*" (*God in Search of Man*, p. 185). Torah isn't fiction, but it is like fiction—it speaks truth that inspires meaning, and that's more important than whether it actually happened.

*Bivrahkah*—blessings for a safe and pleasant summer,

Rabbi David Wise

### Temple Family

*To my family of friends at HHBJC*

*Thank you so much for your support, kind words and generous donations in memory of Stevidon Cochran, Daniel's husband and my beloved son-in-law. Stevie loved our temple and got to participate in our services.*

*A special Thank You to Cantor Sol Zim.*

Mira Clivner and Daniel Clivner

*Thank you Rabbi Wise for providing loving words of comfort for my mother, Debra Gordon's, funeral. It helped ease the pain for her family and friends.*

The Gordon Family

### Daily Service Schedule

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7:00am & 7:30pm

Wednesday  
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Sunday & Legal Holiday  
9:00am & 7:30pm

Friday Morning 7:00am

Rosh Chodesh 6:30am

Shabbat Mornings 9:00am



## *Sisterhood*

Shalom! Summer has finally arrived. The Sisterhood has had a very active year, culminating with the Tallit classes. Thank you to Judy Green.

Please join us on Monday July 15<sup>th</sup> for a Sisterhood planning meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Long time members, new members and women of all ages belong to our Sisterhood. We blend knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm to create new programs and enhance annual activities. Your input will ensure that our events are interesting, entertaining, and enlightening.

Thank you to Maris Blechner for continuing to chair the Honey from the Heart project, which will go on again this summer.

We are looking forward to seeing you on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Teamwork is the best approach for a successful Sisterhood.

Have a great summer.

### **HBJC - Sisterhood Gift Shop**



**For all your Judaica needs!**



### *Trees for Israel*

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★ **time for many joyful occa-** ★  
★ **sions: weddings, engage-** ★  
★ **ments, B'nai Mitzvah, etc.** ★  
★ **It's just the right time to** ★  
★ **sponsor a Kiddush after** ★  
★ **Saturday services and** ★  
★ **share your simcha with the** ★  
★ **Temple family! Call the of-** ★  
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### IT'S THAT HONEY TIME AGAIN!

Once again our Sisterhood invites you to easily and inexpensively order honey for friends and family through ORT of Atlanta, which has been doing this honey fundraiser for twenty-nine years. Hundreds of Jewish organizations all across the US have benefitted financially, and in 2018 more than 30,000 jars of honey were distributed around the world.

All congregants should already have gotten a mailing with the easy instructions. If you can't find yours, call 917-941-8640, and we will send you another mailing.

Your support of Honey From The Heart benefits our Sisterhood and ORT America at the same time. Feel free to "spread the word" and start getting ready for a sweet New Year.





**Queens Village**  
**Chit Chat 'Bout This & That**  
**By Sue Heppenheimer**

Once again summer is here,  
 The sun is shining, the sky is clear,  
 Snow & ice have disappeared  
 for a while,  
 Now it's time for a face with a  
 big smile,  
 For those of you who will go on  
 vacation,  
 Have a great time overseas or  
 in our great nation,  
 Enjoy all the beautiful scenery  
 you will view,  
 And share your precious  
 memories when we next see  
 you!

For birthdays you will celebrate  
 in July, we wish a Happy Birth-  
 day to Eleanor Rosenberg &  
 Richard Shaw. Birthday Greet-  
 ings for August are for Rayna  
 Martin & Paul Cohen.

Anniversary congratulations for  
 July for Ronnie Gersten & her  
 husband. August anniversary  
 wishes for Dorothy & Robert  
 Perl. Mazal Tov to all!

Hope to get together again  
 soon.

We now have a list of mem-  
 bers who will help give rides to  
 doctor's appointments during  
 the week and to synagogue on  
 Saturday morning. If anyone  
 needs help please contact the  
 synagogue office. If anyone  
 else is interested in signing up  
 to help, please contact the  
 office.

**JUDITH LESNIK**  
**CHESED COMMITTEE**

Hello readers!

Welcome to the closing article  
 for the year as we head off into  
 the summer months.

Linda Liederman sponsored  
 some terrific workshops this  
 year, which I hope you were  
 able to attend.

In addition, we had a weekend  
 with Rabbi Steven Glazer, our  
 Scholar In Residence on May  
 31st and June 1st. His focus  
 was about being the Caregiver.  
 If you were not able to attend,  
 we emailed the packet of great  
 information to you. If you did  
 not receive this, please let me  
 know.

**Looking forward to the Fall:**  
 Linda and I are working on hav-  
 ing an information workshop on

Immunization: To Be An-  
 nounced.

In closing, I want to wish you all  
 a joyous summer and I hope  
 there are good things coming  
 your way.

Please see the bottom of page  
 8 for a photo from the L'Chaim  
 5K Run. This run, (I walked  
 quickly) was designed to raise  
 money for Israeli terror victims.  
 Not seen are Flo and Bob  
 Gropper, Neil and Beth Cohen  
 and their daughters.

Be well.

Laura Brodsky

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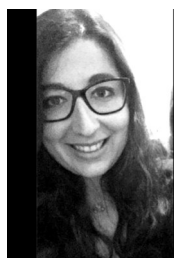
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**H2I Youth**  
**Director**  
**News**

Jennifer Gold

Dear Congregants,

It has been a FANTASTIC year for H2I! Our chapter board and members have created and participated in multiple meaningful programs both within the chapter, divisionally and regionally.

We just wanted to acknowledge and shed light on all of the chapter board members that helped make this year possible.

**Chapter Board Shout Outs:**

Marly Sobiecki, President of H2I USY  
Sivana Schulman, Social Actions/Tikkun Olam Vice President  
Emma Klagsbrun, Social Actions/Tikkun Olam Vice President  
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Also, a special thanks to our wonderful advisors as well for dedicating their time to helping make H2I the amazing youth group it continues to be!

Ricki Zimmerman  
Melissa Amster  
Ilan Kogan

This summer, we are excited to plan meaningful programs for our members. Check back in with us in August when we begin to send our program calendars out.

See you at Encampment on August 18-25! Check the METNY USY website for further info!

-H2I Youth Group

**We need your help with our daily Minyan.**

**Please join us mornings or evenings!**

**Monday & Thursday**  
**6:45am & 7:30pm**

**Tuesday**  
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**Wednesday**  
**8:00am & 7:30pm**

**Sunday & Legal Holidays**  
**9:00am & 7:30pm**

**Friday Morning 7:00am**  
**Rosh Chodesh 6:30am**

**L'CHAIM 5K RUN** (See Chesed Article on Page 7)







## Unorthodox Live Podcast Taping at HHBJC May 29, 2019



Unorthodox Hosts - Mark Oppenheimer, Stephanie Butnick and Liel Liebowitz



Guest - Leon Neyfakh - Host of the podcasts Slow Burn and FIASCO



Unorthodox Hosts - Mark Oppenheimer, Stephanie Butnick and Liel Liebowitz



Guest - Clare Malone - FiveThirtyEight Writer and podcaster with Unorthodox Hosts



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**Nichum Avelim**

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TO THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED  
A LOSS IN THE FOLLOWING  
FAMILIES:

Jerry Belopolsky, beloved  
husband of Nellie Belopolsky

Sabet Darwish, beloved  
husband of Violette Darwish

Debra Gordon, beloved wife of  
Norman Gordon

MAY THEY BE COMFORTED  
AMONG THE OTHER MOURNERS  
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*In memory of Rabbi Gary D.*  
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*In memory of Ruth Hersh*  
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*In honor of the birth of Marilyn*  
*& Stanley Seidenfeld's first*  
*grandson, Jack Judah to*  
*Jocelyn & Steven*  
Rita & Scott Zipper

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*Marianne Malone*  
Sandi & Artie Lukin

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Marion & Marc Sternberg

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*Mazal Tov to Marcia & Naftali*  
*Tal and Adit on Adit graduating*  
*from her fellowship*  
The Sackett Family



*In memory of Sabet Darwish*  
Violette Darwish

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*In memory of Isidore Rutter*  
Linda Weinfeld

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*In honor of Jack Wasserman*  
*on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his*  
*Bar Mitzvah*  
Beate Axelrad

*In memory of Jerry Belopolsky*  
The Queens Village Jewish  
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Scott Gordon & Family

*Mazal Tov to Sharon & Amir*  
*Apelbaum on the twins*  
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*Bergman*  
Sheri Lesnik

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*Apelbaum on the twins*  
*graduation from High School*  
Flo & Bob Gropper

*In honor of Vicki & Joel*  
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*Anniversary*  
Beate Axelrad

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*In honor of Phyllis & Cal*  
*Braunstein's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding*  
*Anniversary*  
Lisa & Keith Levinson

*In memory of Ruth Hersh*  
Rosalie & Stephen Roseman

#### **MEANINGFUL GESTURES**

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Three terrific synagogues have come together to create one outstanding youth program! Where do you fit in?

Nitzanim-Students in grades 2 & 3  
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Thursday Recreation Hour, 6:30-7:00 PM

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-Meeting Sunday, 5:00-6:15 PM  
Thursday Recreation Hour, 6:30-7:30 PM

Kadima-Students in grades 6, 7 & 8  
-Meeting Sunday, 6:15-7:00 PM  
Thursday Recreation Hour, 6:30-7:30 PM

USY-Students in grades 9-12  
-Meeting Sunday, 7:30-9:00 PM  
Thursday Recreation Hour, 7:30-9:00 PM

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Rabbi Wise then shared his reflections and dancing continued to the **KAD'SHEINU**. We then slowed down the music as everyone linked arms and swayed together, softly singing the **MI'SHEBEIRACH**. It was an emotional time as we prayed to God to help heal those who are ill. We had a truly beautiful, spiritual and fun Pre-Shabbat Family Celebration. You could see the excitement and joy in everyone's eyes. It was a beautiful time we shared together! We will be having more Pre-Shabbat Family Celebrations coming up. Dates to be announced.

On Shabbat morning of this same weekend, we had a Special Guest join us in Shul, **JACK WASSERMAN**, whose father (HERB WASSERMAN) was a Past-President and one of the Founders of our Shul. Herb was known as the one who would always settle any important issue facing the Congregation, with everyone's best interest at heart and always in a fair and respectful manner. People would say..."Let's hear what Herb Wasserman thinks we should do". Jack's mother, Pearl Wasserman, was a wonderful woman and was very active in Sisterhood and Hadassah. Jack celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his BAR MITZVAH with us at HHBJC and hosted a beautiful Luncheon. Jack has a special place in his heart for our Synagogue, where he grew up, and we

have a special place in our heart for him and his family.

**SAVE THE DATE...S'LICHOT SERVICES** will be Saturday night, SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>.

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Let us keep praying, singing, sharing & celebrating together!

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~ July 2019 ~ Sivan - Tamuz 5779 ~						
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	<b>1</b> Sivan 28 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>2</b> Sivan 29 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>3</b> Sivan 30 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM <b>Rosh Chodesh Tamuz</b>	<b>4</b> Tamuz 1 Minyan Times 8:30 AM and 7:30 PM <b>Rosh Chodesh Tamuz</b>  <b>Independence Day</b>	<b>5</b> Tamuz 2 Morning Services 7 AM Candle Lighting 8:11 PM Mincha 7:00 PM	<b>6</b> Tamuz 3 Korach 9 AM Mincha 7:55 PM Havdalah 9:14 PM
<b>7</b> Tamuz 4 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>8</b> Tamuz 5 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>9</b> Tamuz 6 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>10</b> Tamuz 7 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>11</b> Tamuz 8 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>12</b> Tamuz 9 Morning Services 7 AM Candle Lighting 8:08 PM Mincha 7:00 PM	<b>13</b> Tamuz 10 Chukat 9 AM Mincha 7:55 PM Havdalah 9:11 PM
<b>14</b> Tamuz 11 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>15</b> Tamuz 12 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM  <b>Sisterhood Planning Meeting - 8 PM</b>	<b>16</b> Tamuz 13 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>17</b> Tamuz 14 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>18</b> Tamuz 15 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>19</b> Tamuz 16 Morning Services 7 AM Candle Lighting 8:04 PM Mincha 7:00 PM	<b>20</b> Tamuz 17 Balak 9 AM Mincha 7:50 PM Havdalah 9:06 PM
<b>21</b> Tamuz 18 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>22</b> Tamuz 19 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>23</b> Tamuz 20 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>24</b> Tamuz 21 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>25</b> Tamuz 22 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>26</b> Tamuz 23 Morning Services 7 AM Candle Lighting 7:58 PM Mincha 7:00 PM	<b>27</b> Tamuz 24 Pinchas 9 AM Mincha 7:45 PM Havdalah 9:00 PM
<b>28</b> Tamuz 25 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>29</b> Tamuz 26 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>30</b> Tamuz 27 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>31</b> Tamuz 28 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM			



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~ August 2019 ~ Tamuz - Av 5779 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> Tamuz 29 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>2</b> Av 1 Morning Services 6:30 AM Candle Lighting 7:51 PM Mincha 7:00 PM <b>Rosh Chodesh            Av</b>	<b>3</b> Av 2 Matot-Masei 9 AM Mincha 7:35 PM Havdalah 8:53 PM
<b>4</b> Av 3 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>5</b> Av 4 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>6</b> Av 5 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>7</b> Av 6 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>8</b> Av 7 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>9</b> Av 8 Morning Services 7 AM Candle Lighting 7:42 PM Mincha 7:00 PM	<b>10</b> Av 9 Pinchas 9 AM Mincha 1:35 PM Havdalah 8:44 PM  <b>Erev Tish'a B'av            - Evening            Services 8:45 PM</b>
<b>11</b> Av 10 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM  <b>Tish'a B'av</b>	<b>12</b> Av 11 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>13</b> Av 12 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>14</b> Av 13 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>15</b> Av 14 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>16</b> Av 15 Morning Services 7 AM Candle Lighting 7:33 PM Mincha 7:00 PM	<b>17</b> Av 16 Vaetchanan 9 AM Shabbat Nachamu Mincha 7:20 PM Havdalah 8:34 PM
<b>18</b> Av 17 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>19</b> Av 18 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>20</b> Av 19 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>21</b> Av 20 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>22</b> Av 21 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>23</b> Av 22 Morning Services 7 AM Candle Lighting 7:23 PM Mincha 7:00 PM	<b>24</b> Av 23 Eikev 9 AM Mincha 7:10 PM Havdalah 8:24 PM
<b>25</b> Av 24 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>26</b> Av 25 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>27</b> Av 26 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>28</b> Av 27 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>29</b> Av 28 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>30</b> Av 29 Morning Services 7 AM Candle Lighting 7:12 PM Mincha 7:00 PM	<b>31</b> Av 30 Re'eh 9 AM Mincha 7:00 PM Havdalah 8:13 PM <b>Rosh Chodesh            Elul</b>





**Rabbi Dr. H. Joseph Simckes**  
**Life After Retirement**

**Where There Are Fireworks**  
**There Is An Explosion of**  
**Deep, Ineffable Shared Joy**  
**Or...There Should Be!**

This past June 2<sup>nd</sup>, on *Yom Yerushalayim* (the Anniversary of the historic *Unification of Jerusalem* in 1967), I was privileged to witness a glorious fireworks display in *Bet Shemesh, Israel*. It rivaled the fantabulous fireworks over New York Harbor-July 4<sup>th</sup>! It even outdid the magnificent fireworks that used to light up the evening skies on summer nights at Coney Island when I was a very young boy, staring in wonder at the flashing, multicolored rockets exploding in the heavens above the Atlantic ocean as I stood with my siblings on the crowded boardwalk in Brooklyn. I can still taste the kosher hot dogs we ate there afterward. What a treat! Ah, those were the days! The Dodgers ruled the summer skies over Ebbets Field by day and the amazing fireworks of Coney Island ruled the summer nights!

However, it wasn't just the physical splendor of the exploding rockets that created the magic of those long ago days and nights. It was something far more wondrous: it was the massive, unplanned, unrehearsed explosion of human joy, exuberance, inner pride, love of life & shared belief in the existence of a divine guiding cosmic force, powerful far beyond our human control or mortal understanding...a mysterious force that meant us no

harm but instead provided us with a colorful protective umbrella. We were not struck down with fire and brimstone but instead we were illuminated and energized by a wondrous canopy of lights!

We felt united as if we all were members of one big family. Every one of us; man, woman and child, teenager and Sr. citizen alike, sensed that we all shared a common bond. Each one of us was different yet we all felt that we were all equally precious. Our races & religions, cultures & belief systems were diverse: Jews, Italians, Irishmen, Negroes, Puerto Ricans, Protestants, Catholics, free thinkers - yet all of us, each with his or her own set of customs and ceremonies, we all knew that we were still all part of one great mutually caring, sharing "mishpachah", "*Una Familia!*"

That's how we truly felt in *Bet Shemesh* on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, "*Yom Yerushalayim* too! We were all brothers and sisters, descendants of one amazing Jewish family, reunited after 2000 years in our ancient homeland, MEDINAT YISRAEL! Free and independent, responsible for our own unique destiny, not as a tolerated minority but as a mature, multifaceted majority!

Some of us were Ashkenazim, others were Sephardim, some rich, others poor, some sophisticated, scientifically oriented westerners, others old-world Chassidim with flowing, curled peyot, some on motor bikes,

others in sparkling Mercedes sedans, most of us on foot...no matter, we all shared one common bond: An Overwhelming, Enrapturing joy! There were some of us who could even see amid the clusters of exploding fireworks the shining wings of the angel Gabriel, bringing news of an approaching messianic era.

Others claimed they heard amid the bursting fireworks exploding overhead the distinct sounds of swords slashing & smashing metallic shields, no doubt, echoes of the shields of Syrian-Greek mercenaries shattering before the relentless advance of determined Maccabean revolutionaries, sounds still bouncing off the hills of Judea! No matter, whatever the source, they all triggered one massive response: exuberant shared joy!

Former officers in the IDF swore they heard echoes of the actual triumphant message of the miraculous victory of the 1967 war, "*HAR HABAYIT B'YADEINU!*" i.e. "*The holy mountain upon which our ancient two temples in Jerusalem once stood is once again in our hands hopefully forever!*"

Its impact upon us was for us to exult in indescribable happiness. The essence is not what we see. i.e. what our retina records in our brain, but what our brain does with that ocular message. For example, during WWII years the NYT often put Nazi atrocities against European Jewry not on the front

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page but on the back pages or in some instances as distorted news. The NYT often reported about Israel or about Zionist affairs in a manner that encouraged disparagement or defamation of the Jewish state rather than respect and support for that beleaguered, smeared, besmirched, outnumbered, ambushed \_nation in the Middle East. During those challenging years of WWII, folks like me saw horror and evil while the NYT and others translated the same ocularly transmitted portraits of Nazi bestiality in Sobibor & Treblinka as something different, something less brutal,

less morally ugly. What a distortion of the facts!

For that reason, I suggest, our Torah wisely commands us: "Shmah Yisrael! i.e. listen, think carefully before you speak, decide or act. Analyze, pay attention to the details that you do not see; do not be seduced by any deliberately shocking appearances of the external, visual or audial field before you since it might have been put there to fool, confuse or hurt you; use, therefore, your g-d given mind!

Question, evaluate, consider the many possible meanings or explanations of what confronts you & ask yourself what are the

possible negative consequences of any of your too hasty reactions. In short, be smart. Before you act, proact. Interpret in depth rather than rely on shallow levels of cognition.

What counts is not what our eyes see or our ears hear but what our minds understand and translate into verified truth. Thus "the fireworks" themselves that we saw and heard were not the critical reality; our response was. We, with Hashem's blessing, supply the ultimate meaning and value of "the fireworks" of our lives!

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