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**Rabbi's Corner**

**THE WELCOME TO WEST HARTFORD SHABBATON**  
*is finally here!*

After so many weeks of build up and planning we have made it. We are so excited to host our guest families and looking forward to getting to know each of them over Shabbat. This is an exciting time of growth and opportunity for our *shul*. I would like to thank those who are hosting our out of town families and for being their "guides" over this weekend. I would like to offer a huge thank you to Shayne Kesler for organizing this *shabbaton*. Shayne has done an amazing job and has thought of every detail. She has worked day and night making sure things came together for this event unprecedented within our community. **Yasher Koach! ENJOY!**

As many of you know, I was away this week at a rabbinic conference as part of the Yeshiva University Legacy Heritage Distinguished Rabbinic Fellowship. I spent time with twenty of my colleagues as well as with Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter, one of my teachers and mentors. I would like to tell you a little bit about what we did this week.

The days were very busy from morning until evening packed with learning, sharing, and growth. It is a real privilege to be able to participate in a wonderful program such as this. It is helpful to hear about how things are done in different *shuls* around the country and great to get new ideas for programs and classes from others.

Learning with Rabbi Schacter is a treat. He is a brilliant scholar and big *talmid chacham* who has been exposed both to the world of the rabbinate as well as academia. He has both a Phd. from Harvard as well as *Semicha* from Mesivta Torah V'Daas. The breadth of research that he has done about so many topics is remarkable; his kindness, sincerity, and his concern for each of his "fellows" is even more remarkable. To listen to his lectures given with such a passion for Jewish learning and for the Jewish people is inspiring every time.

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**ברוכים הבאים**

**to all our guests:**

- Beth & Yisroel Blumen
- Chava & Alex Cohen & Family
- Julie & Charles Fleischner & Family
- Ryen Freedman & Reuven Darvick
- Helen Gilliat
- Carla & Marc Lerman
- Becky & Omer Neumeier & Family
- Talya Sahler & Family
- Masha & Boris Stambler & Family

**DELUXE SEUDAH SHLISHIT**

Sponsored by Steven Luger & Eli Aroesty-Cohen who will be making a *Siyum* on the completion of *Masechet Taanit*; and  
 By Evelyn & Stan Rutstein in honor of Rabbi & Mrs. Weinberg in appreciation of all they do for our Community!

**מזל טוב**

to Rachel Luger on her engagement to Dave Levi, of Woodmere. מזל טוב to her happy parents Debbie & Steven; to her sisters, Rena & Judith; to her brother-in-law Eli Aroesty-Cohen; and מזל טוב to Florence and Menashe Levi!

**UPCOMING PESACH CLASSES**

**"Navigating Your Way Through Pesach Preparations"**

Wednesday, April 6th at 8:00 PM  
 Repeated on Shabbat, April 9th at 5:45 PM

**"Insights into the Haggadah"**  
 Monday, April 11th at 8:00 PM

**Shabbat HaGadol Drasha**  
 Shabbat Afternoon, April 16th at 5:45 PM

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SAVE THE DATESUPCOMING YIWH & COMMUNITY EVENTSHHNE SPRING HAT SHOW

MONDAY, April 4th at 6:00 PM

At the home of Fran Wittenberg, 36 Whetton Road  
 Hat Show To benefit HHNE

WOMEN'S ROSH CHODESH TEHILLIM GROUP

Will be held on Monday night, April 4th

At 8:00 PM

At the home of Evelyn Rutstein, 16 Miamis Road

ELISHA ROSENSWEIG'S CLASS

TUESDAY, April 5th at 8:00 PM

We are studying the Book of Daniel  
 at the home of Judy Brenner, 103 Steele Road

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 Shul to make money!

SODA BOTTLE COLLECTION

Eliza Katz is collecting bottles, cans, and glass to raise  
 money for the Rabbi's Fund. A good time to clean out  
 your bottles before Pesach! Please bring empties to her  
 address: 24 Miamis Road; 860-680-9847

GABBAI NOTICE

If anyone is observing a Yahrzeit in the month of  
 Nisan, Please take note that the following times are  
 available for the "Kel Molay" to be recited:  
 April 2nd - Shabbat Afternoon during Mincha  
 April 4th - Monday Morning during davening -  
 The Final Time

Please see the Gabaim if you need  
 to have a Kel Molay said.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Vera Schwarcz &amp; Jason Wolfe

In honor of Les &amp; Helen Loew's newest granddaughter

Judie &amp; Lal Patel

In honor of new granddaughters to:

Helen &amp; Les Loew

Evelyn &amp; Stan Rutstein

Shabbaton ItineraryFriday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

- Candle lighting at 6:57 pm
- *Mincha* and *Maariv* services at YIWH at 7:02 pm
- Dinner at your hosts' homes with other members of YIWH

Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Shacharit service at YIWH at 8:45 am
- Lunch at YIWH following services
- Rabbi Weinberg's *shiur* at 6:00 pm at YIWH
- *Mincha* at 6:40 pm at YIWH, followed by *seudah shlishit*
- *Maariv* and *Shabbat* ends at 7:58 pm
- Fun night out at Nomad's Adventure Quest at 8:45 pm

Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Rabbi Weinberg's *Gemara* Class 8:30am at HHNE
- Community Shacharit service at 9 am at Hebrew High School of New England
- Israeli-style breakfast made by the culinary arts club served after *Shacharit*
- Tour of HHNE building (approx. 10:30 am)
- Tour of Mandell JCC campus (approx. 11:15 am)
- Tour of Sigel Hebrew Academy, including Skype with Rabbi Mordechai Weiss, principal, currently on 8<sup>th</sup> grade Israel trip (approx. 12:15 pm)
- Send off (approx. 1:30 pm)

WELCOME TO WEST HARTFORD SHABBAT LUNCHEON

We are encouraging all children over the age of 3 to eat lunch after "*Ein kelokeynu*". It will be plated, ready and waiting for them when they come downstairs. Afterward, we are having babysitters watching the children upstairs, and, hopefully, outside, to allow the adults more space and a worry-free lunch experience.

**“Appreciation for Loyalty” by Rabbi Yissocher Frand [www.torah.org](http://www.torah.org)**

The beginning of Parshas Tazria deals with the laws of purity and impurity associated with childbirth. At the end of the 40 day period of impurity and purity following the birth of a male and at the end of the 80 day period of impurity and purity following the birth of a female, the mother is required to bring "a sheep within its first year for an olah-offering and a young dove or a turtle dove for a sin-offering" to complete her purification process [Vayikra 12:6].

Even though there are many kinds of kosher birds, the only kinds of birds that may be brought as sacrifices on the Altar are the young dove [ben-yonah] and the turtle dove [tor]. The Baal HaTurim makes the interesting observation that whenever the Torah provides the option of bringing a tor [turtle dove] or a ben-yonah [young dove] as a bird offering, the mention of the tor precedes the mention of the ben-yonah. The only exception is here in the case of the sin-offering following childbirth, where the Torah first mentions the ben-yonah and only afterward mentions the tor.

The Baal HaTurim explains that normally the tor or ben-yonah are brought in pairs. However, in this case, we only bring one. The tor [turtle dove] has a unique quality in that they mate for life. If its partner is taken away from it or killed, it will not seek out another mate, but will seemingly mourn – as it were – for the first mate for the rest of its life. Consequently, rather than cause the break-up of a pair of turtle doves by taking one of a pair for a bird offering, the Torah advises us to that it is preferable to seek out a ben-yonah (whose mate will presumably be able to find another mate if its first mate is offered as a sacrifice).

Rav Simcha Zissel Broide derives two insights from this Baal HaTurim. First, when we see how sensitive the Torah is to the feelings of pigeons and doves, we can imagine how sensitive we must be to the feelings of our fellow human beings. Second, we see that the Torah appreciates loyalty. The Torah in effect is rewarding the tor – urging us to seek the ben-yonah instead for our sacrifice – because it has that wonderful trait of loyalty to its mate.

The Ramban has a similar teaching in Parshas Vayikra. The Ramban writes that the Torah singled out torim as an appropriate species for karbanos, precisely because of their loyalty each other. This unique quality makes them the optimum choice for spiritual elevation sought by the one bringing a bird sacrifice. The Ramban adds that even though bnei-yonah do not share this quality, they have an alternate characteristic which makes them appropriate. The young dove (the only kind of "ben yonah" which may be brought) has the trait that they always return to their nest. Most birds will never return to their nest once a human being touches it. The bnei yonah are an exception. They have such loyalty to their nests that they will return despite the fact that human hands may have tampered with the nest. The Ramban writes "So too Israel will not switch from loyalty to their Creator and His Torah forever." Therefore, according to the Ramban, torim and bnei Yonah are the bird species used in the Bais HaMikdash because they share the quality of loyalty with the Jewish people....

It is our mission to discern the qualities that the Almighty likes. This Baal HaTurim and this Ramban are saying that the Torah appreciates loyalty. The message may be very subtle. We may have to delve into the reasons behind the commandments and figure out why specifically doves and turtledoves are required for the Divine Service (or why turtledoves are usually mentioned first and why by childbirth the ben-yonah is mentioned first). Our job is to read between the lines, pick up all the qualities that the Master of the World appreciates, and emulate those qualities in our lives.

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We also had a session with Rabbi Schacter's wife who is a Psychotherapist and, as a rabbi's wife, has also had a lot of "rabbinic" experience. Considering all the recent tragedies in the world, in Israel, and in various Jewish communities in the USA, Dr. Schacter gave a session on how to deal with tragedies both on a personal as well as rabbinic level.

Finally, we had a class about "Measuring Success" which is a new organization that has partnered with UJA Federation of New York to help synagogues learn to use data effectively to help them in their strategic planning. In many ways the language, the theories, and the practices spoken about complimented a lot of what Steven Bernstein and I learned a few months ago at our Seminar in Florida: Things we have already begun to implement within our shul.

*SHABBAT SHALOM—Rabbi Weinberg!*

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