

YOUNG ISRAEL OF NORTH BELLMORE

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Rabbi's Message

In this week's parsha *Beshalach*, Paroh sends the Jewish people out of Egypt. Shortly thereafter Paroh and the Egyptians feel bad about what they did and have a change of heart. They decide to run after the Jewish people. The verse says *vayisu bnai yisrael es eineihem vihenai mitzrayim nosea achareihem*, the Jewish people raised their eyes and see the Egyptians run after them.

Rashi is bothered why the Torah uses the term "nosea" in the singular as run instead of the plural form *nosim achareihem*.

In next week's parsha, Rashi is bothered by a similar question. When the Jewish people camp in *Midbar Sinai*, the Torah says "vayichan sham yisrael neged hahar" and the Jews camped by the mountain. The Torah uses the singular *Vayichan* instead of *Vayachanu*, and they camped. Rashi gives a similar but very different answer.

By the Egyptians, Rashi says that they were "*bilev echad kiish echad*," with one heart like one person, but by the Jewish people, Rashi says what we are all familiar with - that they were *kiish echad bilev echad*" like one person with one heart.

What is the difference? The Egyptians all had one heart of their hatred for the Jewish people, but they were all individuals with their own agenda, not acting together as a united people.

The Jewish people, on the other hand, when they were ready to receive the Torah, had reached a level where they were united as one people with one heart, with no personal agendas and therefore ready to receive the Torah.

This is true for Klal Yisrael as a whole, this is true for a community to function and it is true for individual families as well. We need to know that the same singular word instead of plural transforms from *achdus*, unity, into the complete opposite.

Our goal as the Jewish people is to once again reach that level of *achdus*, unity, with our people, our community and our family.

We will then be ready for Hashem to shower his blessings upon us just as when he gave us the Torah.

Rabbi Dov E Schreier

CONDOLENCES

- Condolences to Rozanne Polansky on the passing of her dear husband Joe: Israel Joseph Myron, Yisrael Yosef Meir ben Yaakov Shlomo, Z"l. We express our condolences to Sari, Ninette, Motty and Dovid and to their spouses and children. May the family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Yerushalayim.

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MAZAL TOV

- Mazal tov to Vicki Mannis on the marriage of her granddaughter, Risa, daughter of Russ and Bonnie, to Benjamin Yeamans, both of Scarsdale. May the new couple be zocheh to build a bayit ne'eman b'yisrael and to give lots of nachas to their parents and grandparents!
- Mazal tov to Yehuda and Barbara Giloni on the bar mitzvah of their grandson Moshe, the son of Avi & Anya. Mazal tov to the siblings, aunt and uncle and the entire mishpacha. May Moshe continue to be a source of joy and nachas to the entire mishpacha..
- Mazal tov to Harold and Debbie Lepolstat on the bris of their grandson Levi Yosef (Yosef is named after Harold's brother a"h), born to their children Stephanie and Justin. May Levi Yosef be a source of great joy and nachas to the entire mishpacha.
- Congratulations to Sabrina and Andrew Slyper. Their daughter, Melissa, was one of the students named as a semifinalist in the IntelScience Talent Search, a program of the Society for Science & the Public and one of the most prestigious science research competitions for high school seniors. May they continue to have much nachas!
- Mazal tov to Bryan Rothman and his kallah Ms. Breindy Dreyfus. We wish the new couple much hatzlocha and hope they will build a bayis ne'eman biyisrael.

THANK YOU

- Thank you to
 - the Kammenobroder Voliner Progressive Association. This fraternal organization was represented by our member Shelly Wortzman when he sold the graves. Shelly is the only one left from the organization and he has made a very generous donation to the Shul on their behalf. Thank you to Shelly for his efforts and his donation.
 - Perrie Nordlicht who gave a wonderful, enlightening and exciting discussion entitled "Condensed Soup: A Potpourri of Poems with Perrie." Everyone had a wonderful time and brought warmth and delight to an otherwise cold evening. Perrie, an outstanding leader, took us through some thought provoking poems and kept us involved, interested and entertained. Thank you, Judy, for sharing your Mom with us, and thank you, Perrie, for another outstanding program! (This thank you was written by a member and sent to the newsletter for publication.)
 - Barbara and Yehuda Giloni for sponsoring Kiddush in honor of the bar mitzvah of their grandson Moshe, the son of Anya and Avi.
 - The Greenfield family for donating five new Artscroll siddurim in memory of Bruce F. Greenfield, Baruch Feivel ben Meir haLevi, z"l.

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NEWS and EVENTS

- Congregational meeting this Monday, February 6 after ma'ariv (about 8:30pm). It's important to have all members in attendance.
- Tuesday Nights - Save the Dates! The Young Israel of North Bellmore is pleased to announce a new weekly class entitled: "Introduction to Torah-based Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism", conducted by Jerry Duci.
This free six-week class, open to all, will meet at the shul every Tuesday evening at 8:30 pm beginning February 21st through March 27th. The class will provide an opportunity to learn about Kabbalistic concepts from a Torah perspective. It will include a survey of the Jewish mystical tradition from the Biblical era through the Talmudic era, to the classic texts published in the last thousand years and into the modern era.
Please note that an announcement for the class will also be appearing in Newsday's Faith Calendar the weekend prior to each class, so this will be an opportunity for kiruv/outreach into the broader community. Information regarding the class is already on Newsday's online event calendar, and is also prominent on our shul's home page. We are looking into other publications as well.
Feel free to invite your friends and relatives to these Tuesday evenings of coffee, cake and some very interesting learning.
- Keep an eye out for the emails announcing the shul's Purim festivities. Purim falls on Thursday, March 8, 2012.
- Please send your sisterhood dues, still \$36, to Judy Sigal. Though the sisterhood has not had any programs in the past few months, there are still events which are handled by the sisterhood like the wine sale, shalach manos, meals for people sick, sitting shiva or who just had a baby and more. We hope to sponsor additional programs in the coming year.
- If there is anyone in the shul who is graduating high school this June who is interested in applying for the annual Youth Service Award, please contact Andrea Lieberman.
- We encourage participation in reading the torah or reciting a haftorah for a special occasion, birthday, yahrtzeit or just because. If you are commemorating a yahrtzeit, celebrating a birthday, anniversary or any other occasion, we want to give you an aliyah. Please let our gabbai (sjkap2407@aol.com) know about all these matters in advance, so you can be properly scheduled for the appropriate honor. If you can read a haftorah with some advance notice, the gabbai will try to ask you in advance for such an assignment, please just let him know of your interest and availability.

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Message from the YINB board

We all take it for granted that our shul will be there for us and that it will be run smoothly and properly. The board is trying to reinvigorate the community hoping to add to the variety of classes and programs for adults and children and we're looking for other ideas too.

To that end, we encourage each and every member to take a few minutes and realize that his opinion matters and his ideas have worth. Once you realize that, we'd like you to call David Isler and volunteer to serve on the board. We meet at MOST once each month so it's not a very time consuming commitment. But you'll get a lot out of it in shul pride and sense of belonging, your family and children will be proud and learn the importance of participating and you can be proud of the changes and improvements we hope will be forthcoming.

Please call or email David to let him know that you'd consider serving on the board. We really need a few good men or women!

Hoping to hear from YOU -

The YINB board of trustees

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February 2012- Schedule - All Times EST			
Shacharis Minyanim			
Shabbos	9:00 am	Sunday & Legal Holidays	8:30 am
Monday and Thursday	6:00 am	Rosh Chodesh	6:00am
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	6:10 am		
Mincha Minyan- Sunday			
February 5	4:55 pm	February 12	5:05pm
February 19 & 20	5:15pm	February 26	5:20pm
Maariv Minyan Monday- Thursday			
8:00p.m.			
Shabbos Parshas Beshalach - February 3-4, 2012			
Mincha & Candlelighting	4:55pm	Shabbos Morning Shacharis	9:00am
Tefillah Shiur	4:15pm	Mincha & Seudah Shlishit	4:45pm
Maariv	6:57pm	Shabbos Ends	6:05pm
Wednesday February 8, 2012 Tu Bishevat			
Shabbos Parshas Yisro - February 10-11, 2012			
Mincha & Candlelighting	5:04pm	Shabbos Morning Shacharis	9:00am
Tefillah Shiur	4:25pm	Mincha & Seudah Shlishit	4:55pm
Maariv	6:06pm	Shabbos Ends	6:14pm
Monday February 20th President's Day Legal Holiday Schedule			
Shabbos Parshas Mishpatim – Shabbos Mevorchim – Parshas Shekalim Feb 20-21, 2012			
Mincha & Candlelighting	5:12pm	Shabbos Morning Shacharis	9:00am
Tefillah Shiur	4:35pm	Mincha & Seudah Shlishit	5:05pm
Maariv	6:14pm	Shabbos Ends	6:22pm
Rosh Chodesh Adar Thursday - Friday February 24-25, 2012			
Shacharis	6:00am	Maariv	8:00pm
Friday Mincha & Candlelighting			
Shabbos Parshas Terumah - February 27-28, 2012			
Mincha & Candlelighting	5:21pm	Shabbos Morning Shacharis	9:00am
Shiur Laws of Tefillah	4:40pm	Mincha & Seudah Shlishit	5:10pm
Maariv	6:22pm	Shabbos Ends	6:30pm