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Shavuot

5772

שבועות

סיון תשע"ב



FESTIVAL OF SHAVUOT

זמני תפילות בחג השבועות

Schedule of Services

ליל שבועות Leil Shavuot

תפילות בהנחיית הרויי בורדוביץ Harvey Bordowitz

מנחה בשבת 26/5 בשעה 19:30 Mincha Shabbat 26 May at 7:30 p.m.



תפילת שחרית בחג השבועות Shavuot Morning Services

יום א' 27 במאי בשעה 8:00 Sunday 27 May at 8:00

Shacharit & Musaf
(including YIZKOR)

שחרית ומוסף
(כולל יזכור)

ולאחר מכן : followed by

B>I>C>A> Shavuot Festive Luncheon:

סעודת שבועות

Luncheon catered by Rita Green

65 shekels (members) ₪ (לחבר)

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משרד: ימי א' עד ה'

The modern world's progress has been substantially based on "countdowns". I vividly remember those great moments when the first NASA rocket landed on the moon after an exciting period of countdowns. Every satellite propelled into space was preceded by tense moments and hours of count-downs.

In this respect too, we Jews are different. (A good goy would ask: Why do those darn Jews have to be different even in *this* respect?) We work with "count-ups". Let me offer you two examples, one from geography and one from history. A Jew coming from Denver, Colorado (referred to as the "mile-high city") makes ALIYAH to Israel, even if he settles on the beach of Tel Aviv, which is evidently way below mile-high and probably almost at sea level. Coming to Israel, no matter where you come from – the towering Himalayas, the formidable Alps, or the American Rockies – is always a count-up.

And in history: We have our splendid Festival of Freedom, we celebrate our Seder from generation to generation, and we are inclined to think that there could be no moment more sparkling and significant in the vast expanse of our People's history. Yet, what do we Jews do from the second day of Pesach on? We begin counting up. We count the period of Omer: "Sfirat Ha-Omer", One, two, three, and on. We count forward and upward forty-nine days, ostensibly the ripening of the wheat in the fields. In fact it is the ripening of our people-hood, as we reach upward and forward toward the very peak of Mount Sinai. We count upward and forward because we recognize that it is only by overcoming all the obstacles in the way scaling to the summit of Sinai that we become a significant unit in the family of nations.

At the end of forty-nine days the Festival of Shavuot turns us from an undisciplined mob into a social entity ready to submit itself to a regimen of law based on justice and equality, kindness and mercy. Freedom is meaningless if not circumscribed by a system of laws, just like the finest perfume would be meaningless if not contained in a flask or bottle.

The Festival of Shavuot reminds us that individuals who are not ready to define themselves by a specific regimen of laws are not at all free. They live in their own world of anarchy, *believing* themselves to be free, but in fact they are like driftwood floating on waves without direction, without a goal, without a defining commitment.

My dear friends, as Shavuot draws near, let us recognize that in this vast and beautiful universe everything that exists has a defining element to it. We don't have simply "animals". We have cats and dogs, lions and tigers, chimpanzees and orangutans. We don't have simply "flowers". We have roses and lilies, poppies and violets. We don't have simply "trees". We have oaks and cedars, poplars and eucalyptus. And we don't have simply "humans". We have a multiple variety of humans, defined by self-imposed systems of customs and laws. The Jewish People's system originates from Mount Sinai. Hence the vast significance of Shavuot, and the overriding need of identifying ourselves by elements of our religion and nationhood rooted in Sinai.

Our being human is meaningful only to the extent that within the human species we become identified by a defining element. Shavuot calls on us to identify by elements rooted in our Torah and our glorious tradition. Couldn't we try to do that, to thereby enrich our lives and safeguard our People?

Chag Shavuot Sameach to you and your loved ones.

Rabbi Ervin Birnbaum

לאן אני שייך?

ההתפתחות בעולם המודרני מבוססת במידה רבה על "ספירה לאחור". אני זוכר היטב את הרגעים הגדולים שבהם רכב החלל הראשון של NASA נחת על אדמת הירח, וזאת לאחר ספירה לאחור מרגשת. שיגור כל לוויין וכל טיל לחלל לוו גם הוא ע"י רגעי ספירה לאחור רוויים במתח רב.

בהיבט זה אנחנו, היהודים – שונים. (גוי טוב היה שואל: למה היהודים האלה חייבים להיות שונים גם מבחינה זו?). אנחנו עובדים עם "ספירה קדימה" והרשו לי להדגים. יהודה המגיע לישראל מדובר קולורדו (שכינוייה הוא העיר בגובה מ"ל) – עולה לישראל, אפילו אם הוא מתיישב בתל אביב, שנמצאת כמעט בגובה פני הים ובוודאי שהרבה מתחת לגובה העיר ממנה הגיע. כשאתה מגיע לישראל, ולא משנה מהיכן (הרי ההימליה, האלפים או הרי הרוקי שבארה"ב) – אתה עולה, הספירה היא קדימה.

ובהיסטוריה: אנו חוגגים את חג החירות שלנו בליל הסדר מדורי דורות, ואנחנו נוטים לחשוב שלא יכול להיות רגע יותר נוצץ ומשמעותי בתולדות עמנו. ובכל זאת, מה אנחנו, היהודים, עושים מהיום השני של פסח? אנחנו מתחילים בספירה קדימה. אנו עסוקים בספירת העומר, אחד, שניים, שלושה ימים וכך הלאה. אנחנו ממשיכים בספירה במשך 49 יום, לכאורה בספירה של הדגן המבשיל בשדות. אבל למעשה מדובר בהבשלה של עמנו, כאשר אנחנו נעים קדימה ולמעלה לקראת השיא של הר סיני. אנחנו ממשיכים בספירה קדימה כי אנחנו מכירים בכך, שרק באמצעות התגברות על המכשולים בדרך לעלייה לקראת הר סיני אנחנו הופכים ליחידה משמעותית במשפחת העמים.

בסיומם של 49 יום, חג השבועות הופך אותנו מאספסוף והמון רב וחסר משמעת לקהילה מאורגנת, המוכנה לקבל על עצמה את מגבלות החוק, המבוסס על צדק ושיוויון, חסר ורחמים. החירות הינה חסרת משמעות אם אינה תחומה על ידי מערכת של חוקים, כפי שבושם מובחר יהיה חסר כל משמעות אם לא ימצא בתוך בקבוק.

חג השבועות מזכיר לנו שהיחידים שאינם מוכנים להגדיר את עצמם באמצעות משטר של חוקים – אינם חופשיים כלל. הם חיים בעולם משלהם שהוא עולם של אנרכיה, **מאמינים** שהם חופשיים, אבל למעשה הם כמו פיסות עץ שנישאות על פני המים, בלי כיוון, בלי יעד, בלי התחייבות שתגדיר אותם. חברים יקרים, כשחג השבועות מתקרב, בואו ונכיר בכך שביקום הזה, הרחב והמרהיב, לכל דבר שקיים יש יסוד מגדיר. אין לנו פשוט "בעלי חיים". יש לנו חתולים וכלבים, אריות ונמרים, שימפנזות ואוראנגוטנים. אין לנו "פרחים" סתם. יש לנו שושנים וחבצלות, פרגים וסגליות. אין לנו "עצים" סתם. יש לנו אלונים וארזים, צפצפות ואקליפטוסים. ואין "בני אדם" סתם. יש מגוון של אנשים, שמוגדרים על ידי מערכות של מנהגים וחוקים שהם בחרו לקבוע לעצמם. מערכת החוקים והמנהגים של האם היהודי מקורה בהר סיני. מכאן המשמעות והחשיבות של חג השבועות. והצורך הדוחק בנו להזדהות באמצעות יסודות הדת והעם שלנו, שמקורם בהר סיני.

היותנו בני אדם משמעותית רק עד לנקודה בה אנחנו מזדהים בתוך הגזע האנושי באמצעות יסוד שמגדיר אותנו. חג שבועות הוא זרקור שמראה לנו את הדרך להזדהות באמצעות יסודות המושרשים בתורתנו ובמסורתנו המפוארת. האם נוכל לנסות ולעשות זאת, ובכך נעשיר את חיינו ונשמור על קיום עמנו? חג שבועות שמח לכם וליקיריכם.

הרב ארווין בירנבאום



From the President's Desk:

Dear Friends,

The time between Pessach and Shavuot is full of prayers and events - starting with Pessach itself, followed by Days of Remembrance and culminating with Yom Ha'atzma'ut. A heartfelt Thank you to all of you who participated in those prayers and activities.

You know the saying: "Today is tomorrow's yesterday", so let's move on and reflect on Shavuot.

Shavuot is one of the *shalosh regalim* - the three Holydays

during which we are ordered to appear in the Sanctuary. It is the shortest one of the three, but it has as many names as the others - if not more.

One of the names of Shavuot is - *Chag Habikurim*, which means the holyday of the first offering of the field and the tree. For me it means that this is the time for new fruit, new life and new beginnings.

So I wish for all of us to welcome each day and week and month as an opportunity for new beginnings and a fresh start.

Chag Savuot Sameach!!

Rachel R. Krupnik-Holman

חברים יקרים,

התקופה שבין פסח לשבועות מלאה בימים מרגשים, החל מחג הפסח בעצמו, ימים הזיכרון שלאחריו וכלה ביום העצמאות. ברצוני להודות לכל מי שעזר והשתתף בתפילות ובאירועים שהתקיימו בתקופה זו בבית ישראל. ואולם, כמו שאומרת המימרה, היום הוא האתמול של מחר, ועוד מעט נגיע לחג השבועות. אז בואו נעצור רגע ונחשוב ביחד על חג השבועות.

כידוע, שבועות הוא אחד משלושת הרגלים - החגים שבהם נצטוונו לעלות לירושלים. זהן החג הקצר מבין השלושה, אבל גם לו, כמו לשני חבריו, שמות רבים.

אחד משמות חג השבועות הוא "חג הביכורים" כלומר הפירות והדגן הראשונים שהבשילו ובימים עברו היה עלינו להביאם לבית המקדש. עבורי פירושו פירות חדשים, חיים חדשים והתחלות חדשות.

ברצוני לאחל לכולנו שנקבל כל יום חדש, שבוע חדש וחודש חדש כהזדמנות להתחלה חדשה.

חג שבועות שמחה!!!

רחל ר. קרופניק - הולמן



B.I.C.A. Bet Israel Community Activities

The following, which I gave as the B>I>C>A> report to the Annual General Meeting, is worth repeating, both for those who may not have been able to attend, and to remind us all of how dynamic a group we are and how variegated and stimulating our programming is.

At our monthly board meetings we have our reports, program planning, and current activities for the month and year. I wish to thank all the special women that I work with so closely.

This year has been eventful and changes have been made:

Due to sickness, we bade farewell to Stella Goldstein, who faithfully served as our most dedicated treasurer for many years. The books were handed over to Suzanne Goodman who has taken over this demanding job as a first class trouper.

Nancy Kronenberg , our longtime-membership chairman finally sent in her letter of resignation after doing a bang-up job. Now Sally Ross has taken over the reins and we know what an industrious worker she is.

Our kiddushim and Simchot Shabbat are overseen like clockwork by Joyce Frank who then gives Morrie Levin the weekly shopping list which he fills religiously every Thursday. On each and every Shabbat our kitchen crew, so efficiently headed by Eileen Cohen and assisted by Bella, Elana, Malvina, and Raya, sets up and decorates the food for the kiddushim. Hats off to you all! When there are special kiddushim, BICA members are always ready to help.

Edith Garfinkle, my "right hand" and Program Chairman has worked along with me and the rest of the board. Our programs for the year have been very successful.

- We began the year with our Membership Brunch: Carl Perkel, our guest speaker, gave a wonderful presentation on "Hidden Jews in Italy".
- Our Succot party, hosted by Orah Aharoni, who led us in songs and games which delighted our big crowd of both children and adults.
- Later in the month we had a high tea with Joyce Frank's son-in-law, Richard Levinson who spoke on latest the latest innovations in the medical field.
- In November we had the first Kabbalat Shabbat of the season. Catered by Julia and with singing led by Batya, it was a great success.
- In December we all enjoyed seeing the movie Casablan.
- Later in December we celebrated Chanukah with a party on the night of the 6th candle. The dancers were both youngsters and teenagers from the Kavkaz community, who rehearse here every week. They were fabulous!
- In January, the second Kabbalat Shabbat, again catered by Julia, was very "haimishdik" and a lot of fun. The Goodman's cantor from the States was the speaker and special guest. The turnout was very good and Suzanne introduced name cards for all attendees.
- At the beginning of February Batya Fonda presented her first lecture: Jewish weddings –from the aspects of the bride, groom, mother-in-law, mother-in-law, matchmaker, etc.
- This was followed the next week by the Tu B'Shvat Seder, composed and led by Lenore Levin who had Batya's help with the songs and volunteers distribute the fruits, nuts and wine to the guests.
- The month of March was full of activity: For Purim, Shearim and the Reform congregation were invited to join in for singing and dancing after the Megilla – a raffle of Soda Stream and perfume brought in a very nice profit even though we didn't charge for entry.
- After Purim Batya had us all laughing for her second lecture. A new overhead projector purchased by BICA contributed greatly to the performance since all of the songs were illustrated with pictures and/or cartoons.
- An early pre-Pesach Kabbalat Shabbat was held more than a week before Pesach. Julia once again catered and again the attendees enjoyed a sumptuous meal and a fun evening.
- Our annual bazaar, which brought in over 5000NIS was held the end of March. Freda Sacharen and her crew did a bang-up job; and the volunteers all worked very hard selling and Millie and her kitchen crew fed us sandwiches and at a profit as well. Unfortunately there was a great deal of merchandise left over that was loaded into many cartons on our patio, which must be removed before the rains come.
- In April we celebrate the annual Bat Mitzvah and Yom Atzmaut service and we look forward to the yearly Shavuot luncheon following services that Rita Green has agreed to cater on her safe return from the States.

Good and Welfare projects have been many. Harriet Kessler is the official poster lady and correspondent for congrats, get well cards, etc. Last year Hadassa Birnbaum introduced the English teaching project at the Tali School, which she and a group of volunteers have continued working this year with the students once a week, enjoyed by students & teachers as well.

I must say thank you to several who contribute to my good and welfare: Joyce Frank, my co-chair, volunteer corresponding secretaries; and last but not least – Sara Bordowitz! Thank you all.

Chag Shavuot Sameach
Helen Brawer

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A Very Special Bar and Bat Mitzva Ceremony

On Sunday 22 May, as has become our annual custom, we once again welcomed the children and teachers of the Tushiyya-Gvanim Special Education School for a joint Bar and Bat Mitzva ceremony and *aliyah laTorah*.

The children have spent the entire year, with the help and education coming from the Masorti Special Bar-Bat Mitzva program headed by Ziva Nativ, preparing for this great day. Four boys and girls – Tal, Alon, Adi and Avigail were to take part this year. Unfortunately Avigail was taken sick and was unable to take part, so we all sent our wishes to her for a *refuah shelema*.

The two hour celebration, with singing and dancing, culminated in the *aliyot* and with blessings to each child and his or her parents by Rabbi Birnbaum, while Nurit Graff, the head-mistress, and her staff looked on with pride and gratification to see the hard-won progress of their young charges.

We have a lot to be thankful for, and also to be proud of: It takes an enlightened society to recognize and supply the needs of those members with special needs. And we “came up trumps” – in spades!!

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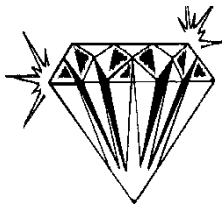
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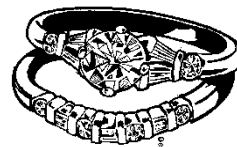
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