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The Exodus, Civil Rights, and our New/Old Marching Orders

Often when I mention the Civil Rights Movement, people (particularly Baby Boomers) begin to wax nostalgically for the heady days of the 1960's. Ah, Rosa Parks, John Lewis, and Dr. King. They will proudly recall the myriads of Jews who organized, protested, and even gave their lives to bring America's promise to all people. They will point to iconic photographs of Rabbi Prinz at the 1963 March on Washington and Rabbi Heschel arm in arm with Dr. King in Selma, Alabama. But, then it seems the Civil Rights Movement ended, period! Love had vanquished hate, peace triumphed over war, racial and gender inequality was outlawed, and all around the "better angels of our nature" defeated our sectarian segregated prejudices, politics, and divisions. Game Over! ... But, complacency, indifference, apathy, and cynicism have slowly chipped away at our "better angels." Today we are gripped by polarities - "Us vs. Them", the "true" America vs. those who are trying to steal or undermine it. In this tempest of absolutism, compassion for the "other" has been replaced by demonization and contempt. Hate has once again become fashionable, scapegoating and blame acceptable, and close-mindedness and willful ignorance a banner to be lofted.

Which brings me to some lessons we can glean from Shemot (Exodus) which we will begin to read this month. Beginning with a quick review of how the Jewish people ended up in Egypt, we learn quickly that things have gone terribly wrong. Somehow, a new Pharaoh arose who did not remember (or care to remember) Joseph and all he did to save Egypt from famine and death. Instead in a moment of revisionist history, poof! Joseph and rights of the Jewish people were gone. To be fair, the degradation, demonization, and eventual slavery was done in a methodical process, which took time. First, Pharaoh and his advisors demonized the Jews as being disloyal to Egypt, a 5th column if you will, that would side with Egypt's enemies. The oppression built, slavery the new norm. Then laws were passed to try to restrict the number of Jews. When dissenters among the midwives (Shifra & Puah) refused Pharaoh's orders, Pharaoh eventually had to take things into his own hands and order his soldiers to throw the Jewish baby boys into the Nile. It was a dark time for humanity and especially for us. Sadly, we have seen this play out over and over again. Closing our eyes to hate and injustice does not make it go away instead it emboldens it. It won't stop of its own accord but rather has to be continually confronted and mobilized against.

The story of the Exodus gives us a guiding hand on what we can do when faced with these challenges. First, we can never lose our dream of a better future. We know that God has made all human beings "little less than angels." We hold within us the Divine spark. Deep down we know what kind of world we wish to live in. "We know hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal..." If we have the dream, if we have the vision, then we know which way the moral compass points. Our people, slavery worn and battered, persisted in hope, in the belief that one day God would redeem us.

The next lesson Exodus teaches us is that God wants us to take the first step. God needed to find people willing to put it all on the line to stand up for what was right. Shira, Puah, Yocheved, Miriam, Batya, Aaron, and Moses to name a few. Each act of kindness and courage was critical and without them the story would have been very different. Today the same is true. Each of us has something to contribute to the story of now. We can fight ignorance with learning, listening, and respect. We can double down on kindness, especially to people and communities we don't normally come across in our daily lives. We can reach out a hand to the most vulnerable, to the most picked on, those who feel the least loved. We can cry out against the hate mongers, the scapegoaters, the narrow-minded purveyors of division and chaos who seek to make our world petty and cold. We each play an important part in this story everyday by the way we communicate and treat each other.

Finally, Exodus reminds us that passing this story down throughout the generations is a spiritual act vital to the future. As Jews, we constantly look to God for help in every age, and in an act of God's brilliance, God recognized that what we needed was to hold on to this story. God commands us to literally ingrain this story upon our souls and psyche. We tell it to steel ourselves, to remind ourselves of its ending and to recognize in it the continuing struggle for civil rights and freedom. Like so many of the words of Dr. King, we need to remind ourselves over and over again where we came from and where we are going. (Always forward) We are the next generation in this story adding our hearts, minds, and hands in the pursuit of a more just, caring, and loving world. May we merit God's grace in this pursuit.

Rabbi Michael Singer



Schedule of Services

SHABBAT

Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the beauty of the Shabbat Services and the Kiddush that follows.

Services begin Shabbat morning at 9:00 AM.

MINYAN—is held in the Chapel

Monday and Thursday mornings.....7:45 AM

Holiday mornings.....9:00 AM

SHABBAT SHEMOT

Friday, January 5 ~ Candle Lighting: 4:31 pm ~ **SATURDAY, January 6**

Torah Portion: Shemot ~ Exodus 1:1-6:1 ~ Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13;29:22-23 Havdalah: 5:57 pm

SHABBAT VAERA

Friday, January 12 ~ Candle Lighting: 4:38 pm ~ **SATURDAY, January 13**

Torah Portion: Vaera ~ Exodus 6:2-9:35 ~ Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25-29:21 ~ Havdalah: 6:04 pm

SHABBAT BO

Friday, January 19 ~ Candle Lighting: 4:46 pm ~ **SATURDAY, January 20**

Torah Portion: Bo ~ Exodus 10:1-13:16 ~ Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-28 ~ Havdalah: 6:12 pm

SHABBAT SHIRAH

Friday, January 26 ~ Candle Lighting: 4:54 pm ~ **SATURDAY, January 27**

Torah Portion: Beshalah ~ Exodus 13:17-17:16 ~ Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31 Havdalah: 6:20 pm



IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Mrs. Debbie Miller, Michael, David and the entire family on the recent passing of beloved husband, father, grandfather and past President, **Dr. Gary Miller**

May the All Merciful give the bereaved strength to endure their grief and may they be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Yahrzeit Plaques



These bronze plaques are permanent tributes to your loved ones. Unlike many of the other synagogues both here in the Valley and in other places, our Yahrzeit Memorial Wall has individual lights that are turned on during the week of the Yahrzeit. It does not matter how long ago a grandparent, parent or, G-d forbid, a child has died, the memory is still there.

Traditionally, we show respect and love for our departed family members by this annual demonstration of remembrance. We say Kaddish in shul. We hold them in the forefront of our hearts and minds, and, for many of us, by the public illumination of their names on the Memorial Wall.

The price for a plaque is \$300. The price to reserve a space is still \$25.

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Sandy Wruble (610-865-2474)



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Thank you All very much.**

Renee Gittler



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Bethlehem/Easton Hadassah Book and Film Club

Date: Thursday,
January 18 ~ 1:30 p.m.
Book: **Patriots** by Sana Krasikov

Place: Roberta Diamond
218 Georgia Avenue, Bethlehem

610.865.3357



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* note: there will be a processing fee of 3.1% for all credit card payment added to your donation/payment to cover our fees to process your transaction. The processing fee will be added to all credit card transactions January 1, 2018.

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Exciting New Class for Spring 2018

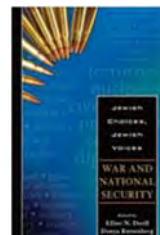
The Ethics of War, National Security, and Power

How do terrorist attacks alter the playing field of war and define the measures needed to protect citizens? Have the justifications for war changed with the threat of nuclear weapons? Is torture acceptable to save lives? What are the moral implications of using stealth bombers, drones, and long-range missiles, which make it easier to kill people at a distance?

Join Rabbi Singer as we delve into Jewish ethical texts which can shed light on these very complex and pressing issues. Then examine case studies which will open debate as we supplement from scholars and leaders from all sides on these dilemmas.

Required text: Jewish Choices, Jewish Voices - War and National Security, edited by Rabbi Elliot Dorff & Danya Ruttenberg

Dates: Monday evenings following our 7:15pm minyan
February 5th, February 12th, February 19th, February 26th
March 12th, March 19th, March 26th
April 9th, April 16th, April 23rd, April 30th



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JANUARY 19, 2018

Services 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 7:00 p.m.

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- When we listened to the ball game on our transistor radios and gyrated our hips to the sounds of "The Twist" and played with Mr. Potato Head.
- We tuned in to "The Mickey Mouse Club," watched our Slinky crawl down the stairs and souped-up our bicycles by wedging baseball cards into their spokes.
- We played outside with our Hula Hoops for hours on end and watched in awe as Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin landed on the moon.
- And when mom made us a home-cooked dinner...Meatloaf with mashed potatoes and gravy...the food made us feel secure, satisfied and loved.

**COME JOIN IN THE FEELING ON JANUARY 19th
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1190 W. Macada Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017

Phone: (610) 866-8009 e-mail; tammy@brithsholom.net

COST: \$15.00 by January 12, 2018

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Children 5-13: \$5.00

Family Maximum: \$45.00



Name: _____ Number Attending _____



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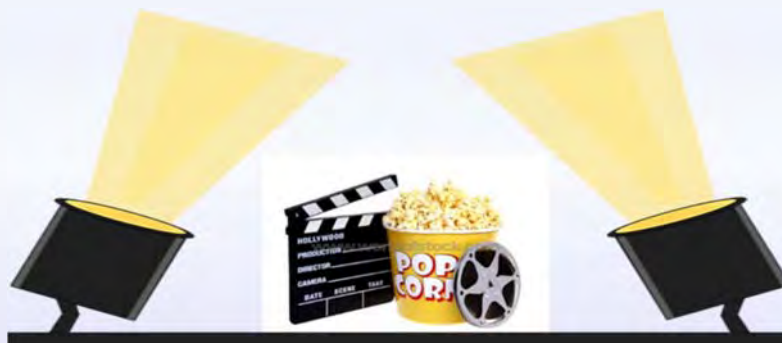
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WEEK OF JANUARY 6, 2018

* Jeanette Goldblat	19 Tevet	Jan. 6	* Martin Schwalb	22 Tevet	Jan. 9
Sarah Silverberg	19 Tevet	Jan. 6	Joseph Milestone	23 Tevet	Jan. 10
* Jennie Lazarowitz	19 Tevet	Jan. 6	Elliott Goodman	23 Tevet	Jan. 10
Folkert Strikwerda	19 Tevet	Jan. 6	Benjamin Kaplan	23 Tevet	Jan. 10
Benjamin Carroll	20 Tevet	Jan. 7	* Kenneth Moss	23 Tevet	Jan. 10
Betty Geftic	20 Tevet	Jan. 7	* Minnie Mahler	24 Tevet	Jan. 11
* Lillian Schnitzler	20 Tevet	Jan. 7	* Norman A. Shane	24 Tevet	Jan. 11
* Sidney P. Goodman	21 Tevet	Jan. 8	* Julie Arnold	24 Tevet	Jan. 11
* Dora Cook	22 Tevet	Jan. 9	Alan Ain	25 Tevet	Jan. 12
* Frank Herzon	22 Tevet	Jan. 9	Harold Cohn	25 Tevet	Jan. 12
* Benjamin Kaplan	22 Tevet	Jan. 9	* Isadore Mindlin	25 Tevet	Jan. 12
* Lillian Moskowitz	22 Tevet	Jan. 9	Louis Warshavsky	25 Tevet	Jan. 12

WEEK OF JANUARY 13, 2018

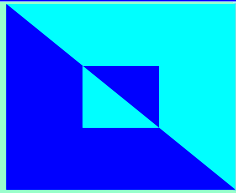
Sandy Herzfeld	26 Tevet	Jan. 13	Norman Belonofsky	29 Tevet	Jan. 16
* Iris Hirshberg	26 Tevet	Jan. 13	Seymour Bogdonoff	29 Tevet	Jan. 16
* Bertha Gross	27 Tevet	Jan. 14	* Sadie Hoffman	29 Tevet	Jan. 16
Adolph Kaufmann	27 Tevet	Jan. 14	* Mollie Lutz	29 Tevet	Jan. 16
* Isadore Schiff	27 Tevet	Jan. 14	Victoria M. Howitz	1 Shevat	Jan. 17
Ralph Schiffer	27 Tevet	Jan. 14	* Israel Feigenblatt	2 Shevat	Jan. 18
* Abe Green	28 Tevet	Jan. 15	* Lillian Levitz	2 Shevat	Jan. 18
* Joseph Spitz	28 Tevet	Jan. 15	* Harry Schiffer	2 Shevat	Jan. 18
Edward Sitver	28 Tevet	Jan. 15	* Hyman A. Cook	3 Shevat	Jan. 19
Catherine Brams	28 Tevet	Jan. 15	* Beverly Schachter	3 Shevat	Jan. 19

WEEK OF JANUARY 20, 2018

* Oscar W. Brisker	4 Shevat	Jan. 20	* Sarah Bugen	8 Shevat	Jan. 24
Charles R. Bryen	4 Shevat	Jan. 20	* Jennie Nathanson	8 Shevat	Jan. 24
Barry Margolin	4 Shevat	Jan. 20	* Betty Cornfeld	9 Shevat	Jan. 25
* Shimeon Berenson	5 Shevat	Jan. 21	* Joseph Friedman	9 Shevat	Jan. 25
Lena Gruber	5 Shevat	Jan. 21	Ernest Adams	10 Shevat	Jan. 26
* Mary Miller	5 Shevat	Jan. 21	* Mildred Adler	10 Shevat	Jan. 26
* William Subkow	5 Shevat	Jan. 21	Helen Parker	10 Shevat	Jan. 26
* Abraham Warshaw	5 Shevat	Jan. 21	* Martin Snyder	10 Shevat	Jan. 26
Dorothy Holstein	6 Shevat	Jan. 22	Evelyn Starr	10 Shevat	Jan. 26
Charles Wolfe, Jr.	6 Shevat	Jan. 22			

WEEK OF JANUARY 27, 2018

Bella Fisher	11 Shevat	Jan. 27	* Louis R. Swortz	15 Shevat	Jan. 31
Jessica A. Michel	11 Shevat	Jan. 27	* Anna Weiss	15 Shevat	Jan. 31
* Harry M. Goodman	12 Shevat	Jan. 28	Joseph Harris	16 Shevat	Feb. 1
Kenneth Ross	12 Shevat	Jan. 28	* Louis Miller	16 Shevat	Feb. 1
* Jack J. Laub	12 Shevat	Jan. 28	* Aaron Salzman	16 Shevat	Feb. 1
* Barnett Kaufman	12 Shevat	Jan. 28	* Jacob Schobel	16 Shevat	Feb. 1
* Ruth Fink	13 Shevat	Jan. 29	Pinchas Zola	16 Shevat	Feb. 1
* Max Levitz	13 Shevat	Jan. 29	* Samuel Black	17 Shevat	Feb. 2
Gustav Levin	14 Shevat	Jan. 30	Berta Cariski	17 Shevat	Feb. 2
Pauline Sitver	14 Shevat	Jan. 30	* Natalie Merkin	17 Shevat	Feb. 2
* Bernard Alshutz	15 Shevat	Jan. 31	Audrey G. Sanders	17 Shevat	Feb. 2
Adolf Feder	15 Shevat	Jan. 31	Edith Siegel	17 Shevat	Feb. 2
* Molly Harris	15 Shevat	Jan. 31	* Jacob Silbert	17 Shevat	Feb. 2



January 2018

14 Tevet, 5778

15 Shevat, 5778

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 14th of Tevet, 5778	2 15th of Tevet, 5778	3 16th of Tevet, 5778	4 17th of Tevet, 5778	5 18th of Tevet, 5778  4:31p	6 19th of Tevet, 5778 Parashat Shemot  5:57p
7 20th of Tevet, 5778	8 21st of Tevet, 5778	9 22nd of Tevet, 5778	10 23rd of Tevet, 5778	11 24th of Tevet, 5778	12 25th of Tevet, 5778  4:38p	13 26th of Tevet, 5778 Parashat Vaera  6:04p
14 27th of Tevet, 5778	15 28th of Tevet, 5778	16 29th of Tevet, 5778	17 1st of Sh'vat, 5778 Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat	18 2nd of Sh'vat, 5778	19  Comfort Food Shabbat Dinner 6 PM  4:46p	20 4th of Sh'vat, 5778 Parashat Bo  6:12p
21 5th of Sh'vat, 5778	22 6th of Sh'vat, 5778	23 7th of Sh'vat, 5778	24 8th of Sh'vat, 5778	25 9th of Sh'vat, 5778	26 10th of Sh'vat, 5778  4:54p	27 11th of Sh'vat, 5778 Parashat Beshalach  6:20p
28 12th of Sh'vat, 5778	29 13th of Sh'vat, 5778	30 14th of Sh'vat, 5778	31 15th of Sh'vat, 5778 Tu BiShvat			

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