

PESACH

Welcoming everyone

SEDER

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The Gold Coast Hebrew Congregation invites you to experience the Holiday warmth, songs, lively atmosphere, and a delicious Passover Feast.



Gold Coast Hebrew Congregation Newsletter

First Seder:

Friday Evening, 30 March, at 6:30pm

Second Seder:

Saturday Evening, 31 March, at 6:30pm

At the Katranski Communal Hall,

34 Hamilton Ave. Surfers Paradise.

For more info & booking please contact our office

Tel. 5570 1851 or email: gchc@westnet.com.au

Prices are per person only:

\$80.00 members.
\$90.00 Non-Members
Students : \$60.00
Children: \$50.00

Please book early as seats are limited.

RSVP by 23 March, 2018

- Adar/Nissan, 5778 - March, 2018 -

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This past month has been filled with various events and functions. We had a special 'Friday Night Live' Bat Mitzvah event for Raya Enoch. It was wonderful to see many people in attendance and we wish the Enoch family a hearty Mazal Tov and much Naches.

Our Sunday School Cheder has resumed with new children enrolling. We are also gearing up for Purim. This year's theme will be 'Emoji Purim' so we look forward to seeing you all in your most original costume. There are other events and functions coming up, like our 'Friday Night Live #24', and other exciting functions that you will find in this newsletter.

We are also hosting in our Shule Doron Kornbluth who is an international guest speaker on the topic of Burial versus cremation. Checkout the flyer in our newsletter.

As Pesach is approaching, we are gearing up with prepping our famous communal Sedarim, so please book early to reserve your spot. As the GC 2018 Commonwealth Games are upon us, our shule is also gearing up to prepare and welcome any Jewish participants or spectators during the games, and we look forward to welcoming as many as we can.

Looking forward to seeing you all very soon.

Wishing you happy and kosher Pesach,

David Rebibou,
President GCHC

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SYNAGOGUE NOTICES

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday:
8:30am – 1:00pm

SHOP HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 9:30am –
1:00pm

SERVICE PRAYER TIMES

WEEKDAYS

Shacharit: Monday & Thursday - 6:30am
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 6:55am

SHABBAT

Kabbalat Shabbat: Friday at 5:45pm
Shacharit: 9:00am. Shiur-class at 8:40am
Mincha and Ma'ariv: 5:45pm

SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Shacharit: 8:00am
Mincha and Ma'ariv: 5:45pm

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THE GUIDE FOR JEWISH EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

Monday - weekly at 7:30pm - Assorted Topics
and Kabbalah @ the Shule's Katranski Hall

Thursday Talmud class - 7:00pm at the Rabbi's
home.

Shabbat afternoon Topical insights: @ 5:45pm

Personalised learning with the Rabbi - Please tel.
Rabbi Gurevitch 0419 392 818

**Women Learning Classes with Rebbetzin Dina
Gurevitch**- Please tel. 0405 100 149

Women Rosh Chodesh Group - takes place every
Jewish new month where women of all
backgrounds and affiliation come together to
learn, schmooze and enjoy a scrumptious supper
and interesting speaker. To join us please contact
our office on 5570 1851 or Rebbetzin Dina
Gurevitch on 0405 100 149

After School Cheder - Every Sunday during
school term from 9:30am - 11:30am. For ages
5-13

At Gold Coast Hebrew Congregation. 35 Markwell
Ave entrance, Surfers Paradise

During your school hours - We come to you

Surfers Paradise State School - Every Wednesday
@ 11:45am

Benowa State School - Every Friday @ 9:55am

Bellevue Park State School - Every Thursday @
1:55pm



The Gold Coast Hebrew Congregation presents..

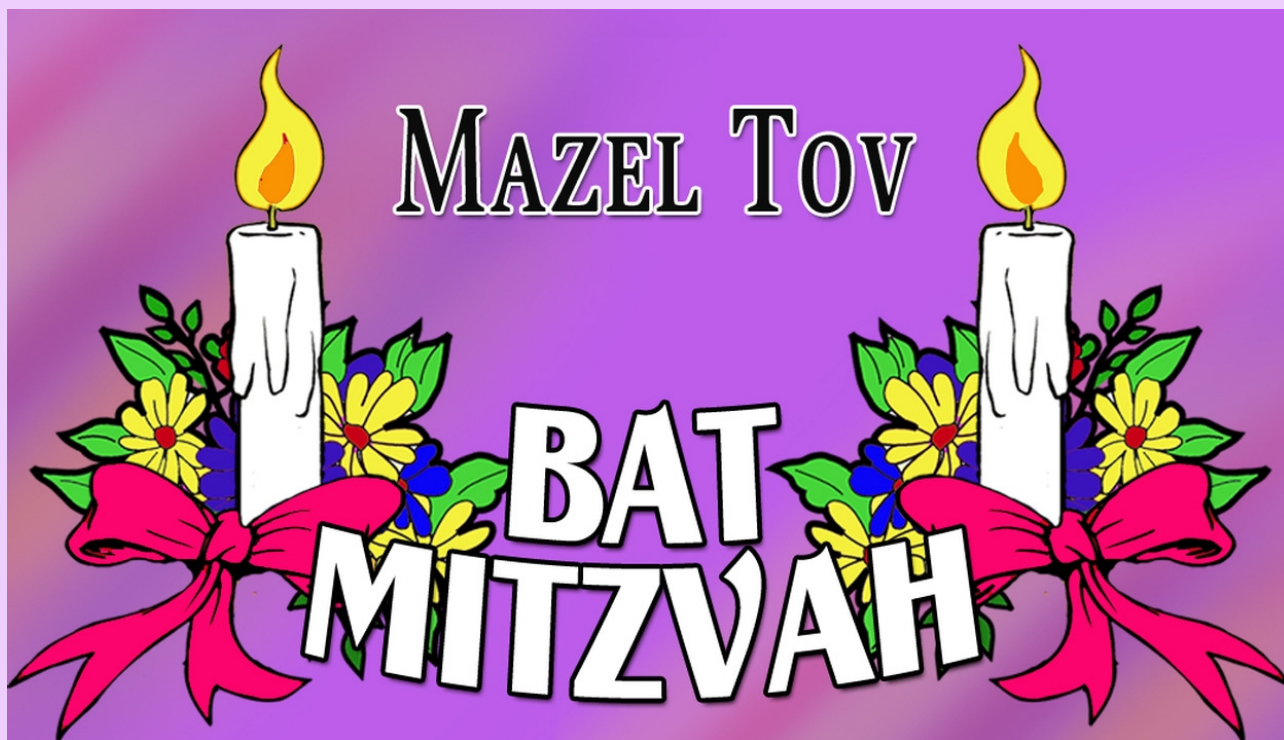
- FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE #24 -

~ Bat Mitzvah Edition Shabbat Cuisine ~

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL FRIDAY NIGHT NOT TO BE MISSED

9 March, 2018 @ 6:00pm

It is with great pleasure that we invite the community to celebrate a special 'Friday Night Live - Bat Mitzvah Edition' in honour of Cassandra Finckenberg-Broman, following the Friday night service at 6:00pm. Come along and book the date!!



Don't miss this exclusive opportunity to enjoy a unique gourmet experience featuring an exclusive Shabbat cuisine which will tantalize your palate. With great atmosphere, Kids program and special raffle prize for the kids.

34 Hamilton Ave, Surfers Paradise.

For more information please contact our office on 5570 1851

The Finckenberg Family invite everyone to join in their celebration

A word from our Rabbi

Remembering and Telling



Remembering and telling. Two different, but related activities. Perhaps we can distinguish them as follows: Remembering is something we do with ourselves, telling is something we do with others. When we say to someone, "Do you remember when...?" and they reply, "Yes" and that's the end of the interaction - they're remembering. But when they say, "Yes. We were in such-and-such a place and you wore such-and-such, etc.," they're telling. We start reliving the event together.

In addition, remembering can be general, even vague. "I remember we went to that historic site, but I don't remember much about it." Memories can lack detail. Stories, to be real stories, cannot. The telling is in the details. We will be satisfied with a generalized remembering; we insist on details in the telling.

This brings us to Passover. Regarding the Exodus from Egypt, we actually have two separate mitzvot (commandments). We have a mitzva to remember the Exodus every day and we have a mitzva to tell the story of the Exodus - in detail - on the night of Passover.

So we can ask, what's the difference here? Why do we have to tell the story of the Exodus specifically on the night it happened, but every other day, we only have to remember it? Why not retell the story every day, or be satisfied with just remembering it on Passover as well? After all, cleaning the house, having a festive meal - all the changes we make for Passover even without the special hagada should be reminder enough.

We can answer the question, why make a distinction, thus: A unique day in our lives - a birthday or an anniversary, for example - helps define who we are and what our purpose is. The same is true of a nation. Passover is the day when the Jewish people became a free nation, became G-d's nation. So the yearly anniversary of that event draws forth the special nature of the day.

But still, every day we must remember who we are and why we're here. For that, the general remembrance suffices.

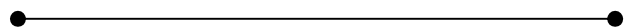
The difference goes deeper, of course. Every day of the year it's sufficient to remember that we are no longer enslaved, that we are not under the authority of a Pharaoh, then or now. On Passover itself, however, we must emphasize the "wonders and miracles." Telling the story emphasizes not just freedom in nature, but freedom from nature. As Jews we are not just free of temporal authority, we transcend it.

During the year we remember that we went out of Egypt - we stopped being slaves, left servitude behind. On Passover we tell the story of how we became free, how G-d separated us from the nations.

And really, that's the two-part process of Redemption. First, we leave behind - go out from - that which restrains us. First, there is the Exodus, the departure from hindrances to living a totally Jewish lifestyle. Then there is the Redemption itself, the becoming a free nation, becoming G-d's people, becoming, on an individual level, a Jew immersed in Judaism.

May we soon experience the culmination of the Exodus from Egypt, the final Redemption, about which we are promised, "Like in the days of your going forth from Egypt, I will show you wonders."

With blessings for Kosher and Happy Pesach,
Rabbi Nir Gurevitch



Gold Coast Hebrew Congregation

Sunday School Cheder

Give your child the gift of a fun Jewish education that
Will remain with them forever!

HighLights:

- Hebrew Reading and Writing program
- Holiday Celebrations
- Israel
- Jewish History and Values
- Traditional Songs
- Crafts & Activities!

Our Hebrew Sunday School runs every Sunday, except school holidays from 9:30-11:30am. Join other children attending our Cheder classes for an educational and stimulating time. We are located at 35 Markwell Ave, with ample parking under our Katranski Communal Hall.

Younger group ages 5-8
run by Dina Gurevitch

Older group age 9-13 run
by Rabbi Gurevitch

For more information and registration
contact our office on 5570 1851

Israel-

Eighth-Century Clay Seal With 'Signature of Prophet Isaiah' Found in Jerusalem

by JNS.org



A historic archaeological discovery near Jerusalem's Temple Mount may be proof of the life of the biblical prophet Isaiah, according to an article in the Biblical

Archaeology Review. A broken 8th-century BCE clay seal impression, or bulla, appears to be inscribed with the words "Belonging to Isaiah," as well as a partial word containing letters of the word "prophet."

"We appear to have discovered a seal impression, which may have belonged to the prophet Isaiah, in a scientific, archaeological excavation," said Dr. Eilat Mazar, a Hebrew University archeologist, whose team uncovered the find at the Temple Mount's southern wall Ophel excavation.

In addition to the words on the bulla, a grazing doe is impressed on the seal, "a motif of blessing and protection found in Judah, particularly in Jerusalem," according to the article.

Isaiah ministered to the Jewish people during the reigns of Judean kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah and prophesied that "out of Zion shall come forth Torah, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

The Isaiah bulla was found just ten feet from where Mazar's team found a groundbreaking, intact bulla bearing the inscription "of King Hezekiah of Judah" in 2015. Hezekiah, the 12th king of the Kingdom of Judah, ruled between 727 BCE to 698 BCE.

"The names of King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah are mentioned in one breath 14 of the 29 times the name of Isaiah is recalled [in the Bible] (2 Kings 19–20; Isaiah 37–39)," said Mazar. "No other figure was closer to King Hezekiah than the prophet Isaiah."

Family-

You Don't Want Your Child to Just be Happy In fact, almost every day you have to make children feel sad.

by Adina Soclof, MS. CCC-SLP

So many parents say, "I just want my child to be happy." But that is not the goal of parenting. In fact, the more you try to make your child happy, the less happy they will be.

Children need structure, limits and rules. They thrive on this; it ultimately makes them feel safe and secure. But they don't like them. They don't like being told to go to bed or to leave the park. Teens don't like not being allowed to stay out to wee morning hours partying with friends. Parents have to impose these rules multiple times a day and most kids don't take this lying down. Almost everyday you have to make children feel sad, (take a bath, don't eat that cake, turn off the computer) to help them feel safe, secure and ultimately happy, healthy and clean.

Not only that, authentic, true happiness stems from feeling capable and competent. Life is tough and knowing that you are able to handle whatever life throws you makes you happy. We need to teach our children be problem solvers so that they feel more invested in their home and family and will be more likely to listen and cooperate. Helping children feel that they have it within them to manage life's big and little problems is the ultimate gift we can give them. That should be our parenting goal.

We need to change our focus from making kids feel happy to making them feel competent. We want to raise independent, responsible kids. Instead of telling yourself that you want your children to be happy in the here and now, look at it from a perspective of teaching him/her the skills she needs for long-term authentic happiness.

The latest research in raising emotionally healthy kids tells us that not only do children need to feel competent (or resilient), they need to learn self-control and to delay gratification. They also need to feel that they are living a life of meaning. Finally, they need to feel truly needed, that they have something unique to contribute to the world and they, as an individual human being, makes the world a better place.

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The Gold Coast Chevra Kadisha have pleasure in inviting the community to attend a special guest speaker on the topic:

CREMATION *or* BURIAL? A JEWISH PERSPECTIVE



Doron Kornbluth

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SUNDAY
MARCH 11,
2018
at 1:00PM

Doron Kornbluth is a bestselling author, internationally renowned speaker, and inspirational licensed Tour Guide in Israel.

Doron is the bestselling author of 'Why Be Jewish?', 'Raising Kids to LOVE Being Jewish', 'Why Marry Jewish?'. Doron speaks in over 50 cities a year to all types of audiences on many subjects.

At the Gold Coast Hebrew Congregation- Katranski Communal Hall, 35 Markwell Ave,
Surfers Paradise, following the Annual General Meeting.

For more info email: chevrakadishagoldcoast@gmail.com

Jewish World-

Aiding Nazis in Mass Killing of Jews

Father Desbois is on a mission to expose the Holocaust's hidden crimes.

by Dr. Yvette Alt Miller

Father Partick Desbois, a French priest, might be one of the greatest detectives of all time. In nearly a decade of work, he has uncovered the murder of 1.5 million Jews in Eastern Europe during World War II. His most recent book, *In Broad Daylight*, maps out the mass killings of Jews in Eastern Europe in exhaustive detail.



While the mass execution of Jews in countries like Poland, France and Germany in Nazi concentration camps and death camps is well documented, in the eastern countries including Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and other neighboring nations, the Nazis used a different method to murder Jews. Over a million and a half Jews in these regions were murdered by mobile Nazi military units called *Einsatzgruppen*. Jews were forced into fields and woods, shot, and buried, their mass graves left unmarked and forgotten. Father Desbois calls these massacres "The Holocaust by Bullets" and he's made it his life mission to uncover these crimes, case by case, and show the world what happened.

Father Desbois' grandfather had been a prisoner of war in Ukraine in a village called Rawa-Ruska, though he seldom spoke to his grandson about what he'd seen there. A visit to Poland and Ukraine made the Holocaust more real and upon his return to France, Father Desbois began to learn Hebrew and Jewish history. He wanted to see for himself what had become of the Jews near the Nazi camp in Rawa-Ruska.

It took years of visiting Rawa-Ruska to finally learn even a part of the truth. At first, Father Desbois was rebuffed. The town's mayor refused to say anything and villagers wouldn't speak. Researching the town's history, Father Desbois discovered that about 10,000 Jews had disappeared from the town during the Holocaust. He was flabbergasted. The murder of even one person in his small town would have been a huge event. Father Desbois couldn't understand how the murder of 10,000 went seemingly unnoticed, resolutely unremembered.

He started tracking down survivors of the Rawa-Rusk POW camp who'd been interred with his grandfather. He finally met one, Rene Chevalier, a nephew of the famous French singer Maurice Chevalier, who agreed to meet. "Did you ever see Jews being assassinated?" Father Desbois asked him.

Chevalier's eyes clouded over. "With a voice full of restrained emotion, he started to talk, with a fixed gaze that looked far into the distance," Father Desbois later related. "He had witnessed the requisition of Jewish women to do the harvesting as there were no more animals to pull the carts filled with hay. They came in the morning with their children. The German who was guarding them could not stand their crying and whenever it irritated him too much, he would get hold of a little child and bludgeon it to death against the cart. In the evening, all that remained were the women, carts and hay."



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In 2003, Father Desbois returned to Rawa-Ruska and the new deputy mayor knew of his quest. He went to Father Desbois and said, "Patrick, we are waiting for you." He led Father Desbois to a desolate area outside of town where about a hundred elderly people were waiting. They took him to the mass grave where the Jews of Rawa-Ruska had been shot and buried. One by one, the elderly people spoke, recalling the day the Jews were massacred. The Jews were herded together, led out of town, and shot near a freshly dug mass grave. Finding that some people in the pit were still alive, the German soldiers threw grenades into the pit to kill yet more victims. Some locals recalled helping the Nazis in the bloodbath.

When the testimony was over, Father Desbois was stunned. As he prepared to leave, the deputy mayor said, "Patrick, this is what I could do for one village. I can do the same thing for a hundred villages." Father Desbois then realized that this was his mission and decided on the spot to document this and other long-forgotten massacres before it was too late.



At killing field site in Lithuania. Photo by Nancy Kennedy Barnett.

He started researching and visiting sites of massacres, and interviewing locals. In 2004, Father Desbois founded a group called Yachad-in Unum, a combination of the words for "together" in both Hebrew and Latin, to help with his work. The 29 full-time members of Yachad-In Unum, many of whom are young people working on their Ph.D.'s, provide him with support and companionship as he plumbs the depths of human evil.

That research has taken years and thousands upon thousands of hours. They have interviewed nearly 6,000 witnesses to the massacre of Jews and other minorities in Eastern Europe. Each investigation takes weeks to complete. "When they smile and welcome me into their homes," Father Desbois explains of the elderly locals whose stories he documents, "I don't know if they saved Jews or participated in the killing."

"We were very surprised at the amount of locals who remember the day the Jews were killed," Father Desbois recalls in an exclusive Aish.com interview. In each town where Jews were massacred, the children of the village were witnesses, and sometimes even participants. "The schools were closed, everyone went to watch the mass murder of their towns' Jews."

In the small town of Medzhybizh, the birthplace of the Baal Shem Tov, the founder of the Hassidic movement, Father Desbois and his team located 17 witnesses. "We wondered why there were so many witnesses." It turned out that the day of the killing was like a holiday. "The killing of the Jews was a public event, like a show."

A witness named Vladimir told Father Desbois about the day a Ukrainian policeman came to his school with a horse-drawn cart. The teacher pointed out each of the half-Jewish children, crying "Juden! Juden! Juden!" and the policeman took them away. Later, Vladimir described how he and his friends came to watch the Jews' murder: "I came through the cornfield to see," he explained. "For us children, it was interesting."

For many witnesses, the murder of their town's Jews was something to celebrate simply because it was fun, or because it allowed the belongings of murdered Jews to be seized by townspeople. Father Desbois has found there is very little regret and sorrow over the massacres. Some witnesses are even proud that they aided the Nazi killers.

In many cases, villagers were forced to watch Nazis murder. In other cases, some were eager participants. Typical was the testimony of one Ukrainian named Andrei, who was 15 when he helped Nazi troops massacre the Jews in his village. Andrei insisted in wearing his old Soviet medals to the interview with Father Desbois, and sat proudly, showing them off.

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He was among other men in the village requisitioned to build a temporary prison to hold his town's Jews. He recalled one old Jew begging through the barbed wire, telling him he was starving and asking Andrei for bread. Andrei traded him some bread for the Jew's watch and calmly recounted the entire episode to Father Desbois' team, seemingly undisturbed by his role in the suffering. "All their (the Jews') goods were pillaged by the villagers. People took everything..."

"The shooting of the Jews in the village was like a carnival," Father Desbois explains sadly. "Everyone wanted to watch, wanted to grab something."

In all his years interviewing witnesses, not one has ever asked Father Desbois for forgiveness, as a religious leader, for their role in massacring Jews.

An old woman named Olga recalled her town's Jews being rounded up and led to an execution point on September 21 and 22, 1943. "We lived not far from the paved path on which they took the Jews," Olga recalled. "People said it was Judgment Day."

It was a sentiment Father Desbois had heard before; the killing of Jews seemed to some witnesses to be a fulfillment of Christian doctrine. "Some people were thinking it had a religious element," Father Desbois explains. "The Jews were dying in the middle of the Christians. They thought it was something from God."

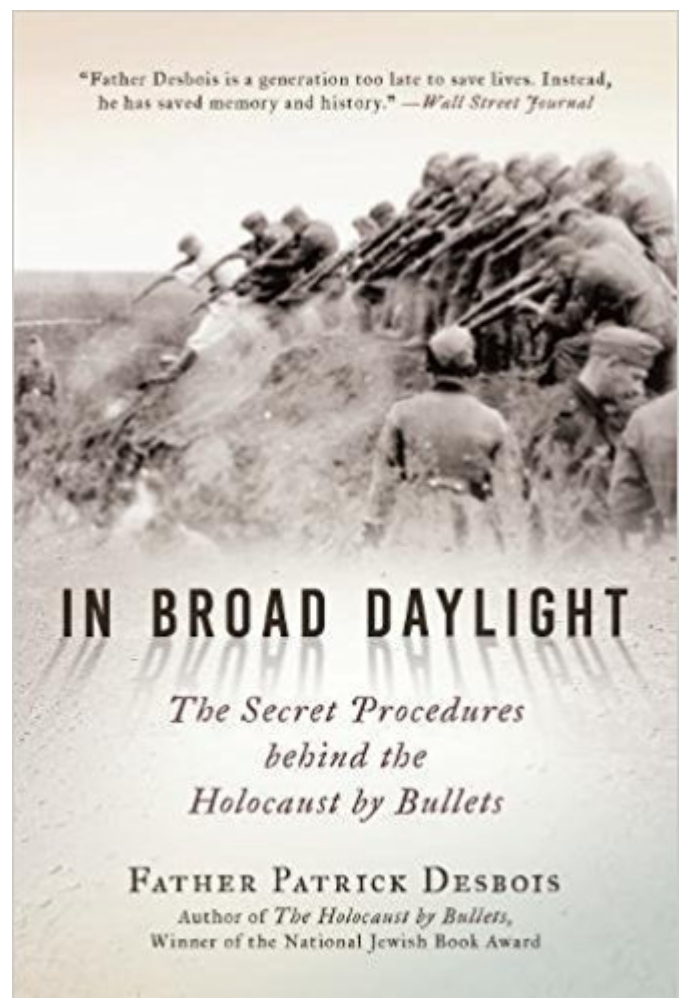
As a refutation to the Jew-hatred he has uncovered and to counter the growing number of people who deny the Holocaust, Father Desbois wrote *In Broad Daylight: The Secret Procedures behind the Holocaust by Bullets*, a painstaking account of the mechanics of killing whole communities of Jewish men, women, and children.

The book chronologically describes the process of arriving in town, selecting townspeople to help, rounding up and killing Jews and then burying them in mass graves and removing all trace of the crime, providing a horrific account of the template Nazi troops used to kill over one and a half million Jews, and the role that bystanders often played in helping them.

When he teaches about the Holocaust, Father Desbois stresses that it was a crime on a massive scale. Ideology played a part, but the desire to steal, to rape, to pillage, and to kill were what motivated most of the people he has interviewed. This year Father Desbois has been teaching at Georgetown University in Washington DC and is training students and professors alike to be meticulous in their research about the Holocaust, to be able to prove to a new generation that it did indeed take place.

In recent years, Father Desbois and his team have made numerous trips to Iraq, documenting mass killings by ISIS. He's written a book on the subject which is due out in July 2018. He has continued his grueling pace in Eastern Europe, racing to document yet more mass graves and evidence of genocide against Jews and others. Father Desbois estimates he has about four more years in which he can work because witnesses to the Holocaust are aging and dying. That means only four more years in which "to give back the dead to their family, to the community and to fight strongly against the deniers."

More information about Father Patrick Desbois' organization, *Yachad-in Unim*, visit <https://www.yahadinunum.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/yahadinunum/>



Passover Guide

A quick overview of the Passover process

A month before Passover

- **Begin learning about Passover** and studying its laws.
- **Begin the house cleaning process.** Methodically inspect and rid every part of your home of any traces of chametz. Be on the lookout for crumbs of all sorts, hidden stashes of crunchy chocolate, fermented drinks (nearly all are made with grain), etc. Make a list of all the rooms in your house, and cross off each one as you complete it. Enforce the pre-Passover house rules: No food may leave the kitchen. After eating, clothes must be brushed off and hands thoroughly washed.
- **Set aside a special space** or spaces to stash the chametz you will be selling for the duration of Passover (*see next item*). This can be a closet, a cabinet in the kitchen, or a room in the basement, as long as it can be locked and inaccessible to you for all of Passover.
- **Arrange for the selling of your chametz.** Fill out a form and bring it to your Rabbi, delegating to him the task of selling your chametz before Passover. (You can also sell your chametz online.)

Buy the Passover essentials: purchase your matzah and wine in advance, and store it in a place where it is absolutely safe from any contact with any chametz. If you're not making a Seder at home, our shule has reserved a place for you! Ring our office on 5570 1851 to book.



A few days before Passover

- **Begin work on making your kitchen "Kosher for Passover."** Put away all utensils that have been used year-round, and lock or seal those cabinets. Put away all non-kosher-for-Passover food, and seal those cabinets. Once your kitchen is completely clean, do the special procedure to kosher your kitchen and appliances for Passover.

Now that your kitchen is clean and all your non-kosher-for-Passover food put away, you will only be able to prepare and eat kosher-for-Passover foods there. If you're not ready to start eating only kosher-for-Passover food yet, you can buy ready-prepared food and eat it outside of the house, or in a place that will be "sold" for the duration of Passover.

- **Take stock of your Passover inventory.** Take out any special-for-Passover dishes or silver from where they are stored. Polish the silver. Make sure you have Haggadah's for the seder.
- **Do your Passover shopping.** Buy the seder ingredients, plus general food for Passover. Store these in your newly cleaned refrigerator and cabinets- empty, of course, of any non-Passover food. You can now begin cooking for the holiday in your Kosher-for-Passover kitchen.



Make sure that your holiday clothes and shoes are ready, ironed, and polished. Treat yourself to something new - an outfit, shoes, or even just a tie.

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Thursday night - 29 March- 24 hours before Passover:

- Do the ritual search for chametz. Take a candle, a spoon, and a feather, and search the house for any remaining or forgotten chametz.

• Friday morning - 30 March:

- If you are a first-born son, or the father of a first-born son under the age of Bar Mitzvah, participate in a *Siyyum* or other mitzvah feast, in order to be absolved of the 'fast of the first born'

- The deadline for eating chametz is at 9:24am. Past this point, no chametz is eaten until after the festival. The deadline for getting rid of chametz is at 10:35am. (By this time, all cabinets and areas containing chametz that will be sold should be sealed.)

- Burn any leftover Chametz that is not being sold, including anything that was found Sunday night at the Search for the Chametz. Recite the "nullification statement" renouncing all ownership of any chametz that may still remain in your possession.

• Friday afternoon:

- Prepares for the Seder. Ready the items for the Seder plate, set the table, and do last minute things for the Seder meal.

Light the festival candles at 5:30pm to usher in the holiday.



• Friday night - 30 March:

- Go to the synagogue for the evening holiday services, which include the special addition of the Hallel prayer.

- Hold the first Passover seder Follow the 15 steps of the Hagaddah, recite the Haggadah, tell and relive the story of the exodus, and enjoy the Matzah, wine, and bitter herbs. Make sure to eat the Afikoman by midnight.

• Saturday morning - 31 March:

- Go to the synagogue for the Passover prayer services (which include a special prayer for dew) and Torah reading.

• Saturday Night—31 March

- The Omer Count begins tonight. Outside the Holy Land, tonight begins a second day of *Yom Tov* (hallowed festival day) which is basically a repeat of the first. Light the festival candles from a pre-existing flame (as it is forbidden to create a new flame on Yom Tov) after nightfall. The entire Seder is repeated tonight. (This time, however, there's no midnight deadline; you can go on until morning.) The next day, is the second festival day; go to the synagogue for the special Passover prayers and Torah reading.

• Sunday night 1 April

We've now entered the four "intermediate days" of Passover. Perform the Havdalah ritual (sans incense and candle) marking the close of the first days of the holiday. Celebrate the intermediate days with matzah, kosher-for-Passover cooking, family trips (in the newly cleaned car), and more retelling of the Exodus story.

It's still Passover, so we don't eat, own, or derive enjoyment from Chametz, but most activities prohibited the first and last two days are permitted. We also add special passages to our prayers: Hallel, Yaaleh Veyavo, and Musaf.

- **Thursday evening - 5 April -**

Tonight begin the final two festival days of Passover. Light candles at 5:24pm, and enjoy festival meals Sunday night, Monday and Tuesday. Light candles again on Monday at 6:03pm. There is a custom to stay awake the night of the Splitting of the Sea and study Torah throughout the night.

- **Saturday morning –7 April**

Yizkor, the memorial prayer for departed parents and loved ones, is recited following the reading of the Torah during the morning prayer service.

- **Saturday afternoon:**

As the day wanes, spend the final hours of Passover with “Moshiach’s Meal” - a special feast in honour of the Redemption. We’ve spent eight days celebrating the exodus from Egypt. Now, as we leave Passover, we pray for the exodus from our present exile and a brighter tomorrow.

- **Saturday night: at 6:14pm**

At nightfall, the Passover holiday comes to an end. Make Havdalah over a cup of wine. Put away the Passover dishes, Haggadahs, and all other Passover items, locking them away until next year. Then, ... you can once again enjoy chametz food and drinks, and feast on pizza, bread, beer - anything kosher. But as you do, don't forget the eight days of freedom you've just experienced, and remember that throughout the year, as you enjoy all your leavened food, you still carry a bit of the Matzah spirit with you!

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Children today are coddled and taken care of in ways that they never have been before. Children were instrumental in sustaining their family. Everyone had chores. This gave children a sense of purpose. Spoiling our kids lessens that sense of purpose. We need to give to our children the precious gift of meaning and purpose that comes through challenging effort and the gratification of work.

When your children have a problem, big or small, this is not a catastrophe. It’s a wonderful opportunity to help them manage and tackle their problem. It is a great time to teach them important life skills, how to deal with big feelings, getting along with others, learn how to get calm. Happiness is certainly important. But it’s not the goal; it’s a means to accomplish the more meaningful and lasting goals in life. Let’s help our kids feel competent and confident. That is how we can ultimately help our kids be happy.

Mezuzah Campaign

Protecting Jewish Homes With Tradition

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The Gold Coast Hebrew Congregation has embarked on a campaign to reach out to as many Jewish homes in our community with the intention of having your Mezuzah checked or a new one to be placed. Rabbi Nir Gurevitch has already visited many homes and is available to visit your home or business.

The mezuzah is one of the unique divine commandments for which the Torah states its reward - long life for oneself and one's children. Additionally we are assured that a kosher mezuzah will protect the house and those living in it wherever they may be.

For more information please contact our Shule on 5570 1851 or Rabbi Nir Gurevitch on 0419 392 818. Please note that our Shule’s Judaica shop features a wide variety of beautiful Mezuzah cases to choose from.



# The Gold Coast Hebrew Congregation

## Pesach Shop

Dear Friends,

As Passover is quickly approaching, the Gold Coast Hebrew Congregation once again will stock Queensland's largest range of Pesach goods at the best prices. Please come in and check out the range. If you require something special then please let us know as soon as possible. We shall be stocking a full range of chickens, fish products, smallgoods and cold cuts, dairy, dips, and of course all the other products associated with Pesach. Also a full range of Haggadot, Kiddush cups, Seder plates and more will be available.

Come and check out the range and prices. Some are even better than in Melbourne & Sydney!

Our Pesach shop will once again be open on the following days;

| <b><u>DATE:</u></b>  | - | <b><u>TIME:</u></b> |
|----------------------|---|---------------------|
| Monday 19th March    |   | 9.30-1.00           |
| Wednesday 21st March |   | 8.30-1.00           |
| Friday 23rd March    |   | 8.30-1.00           |
| Sunday 25th March    |   | 8.30-4.30           |
| Monday 26th March    |   | 8.30-2.00           |
| Tuesday 27th March   |   | 8.30-2.00           |
| Wednesday 28th March |   | 8.30-3.00           |
| Thursday 29th March  |   | 8.30-3.00           |
| Friday 30th March    |   | 8.30-12.00          |
| Monday 2nd April     |   | 8.30-1.00           |
| Tuesday 3rd April    |   | 8.30-1.00           |
| Wednesday 4th April  |   | 8.30-1.00           |
| Thursday 5th April   |   | 8.30-12.00          |

We wish you and your family, a happy & healthy Kosher Passover

For more information please contact us on - Tel 5570 1851

**PLEASE ENTER THROUGH 35 MARKWELL ST.**

# Pesach times for the Gold Coast Jewish Community

## 2018 - 5778

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SEARCH FOR CHAMETZ:  
Bedikat Chametz

- Thursday, 29 March after 6:15pm.

FAST OF THE FIRST BORN:

- Friday, 30 March . Siyum in Shule  
following service at 6:55am

REMOVAL, NULLIFYING &  
BURNING OF CHAMETZ:  
Biur - Bitul Chametz.

- Friday, 30 March before 10:35am  
Burning at Markwell Ave at 10:00am

SELLING OF CHAMETZ:  
Mechirat Chametz.

- Before Friday, 30 March, 10:35am.  
The Rabbi should be empowered to sell  
the Chametz well before this time.

LATEST TIME FOR EATING  
CHAMETZ:

- Friday, 30 March until 9:24am

THE SEDER:

- The Seder should not begin until 6:20pm  
on Friday & Saturday, 30, 31 March.

PESACH FINISHES:

- Saturday, 7 April 6:14pm

The Gold Coast Hebrew Congregation  
wishes you and your family, a happy  
& healthy Kosher Passover.





# **Lag Ba'omer 5778-2018**

**The Barbecue Kumzits for the entire family  
You Don't Want To Miss!!!!**

**Wednesday Night, 2 May, 2018 @ 6:00pm**

At the spacious home of our gracious host David and Corolla Samson  
10 Dell Court, Nerang

**Bon Fire - Delicious BBQ & Drinks - Music & Dancing -  
- Roasted Marshmallows - Surprises & more.**

Come along and bring your family and friends and a blanket!!  
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[www.goldcoasthc.org.au](http://www.goldcoasthc.org.au)



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The Community is invited to celebrate a  
**‘Five Star Luxury Lag Ba’omer  
Sunset Dinner Cruise’**

Featuring a superb kosher buffet dinner, entertainment,  
music, L’chaim, Raffle & more

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**Thursday, 3 May, 2018
at 5:00pm**

The ‘Cosmos’ Yacht will depart at 5:00pm sharp from ‘Palazzo Versace Marina’ Southport. Cost: \$70.00 per person. As space is limited to 70 people, its ‘first come first serve’ basis. For adults only. Ladies - strictly no high heel shoes. Flats only.

For booking and to obtain your ticket call our office ASAP on 5570 1851



Archaeology-

Babatha & the Role of Women in the 2nd Century

Exploring the mysterious 2nd-Century find in the Cave of Letters.

by Dr. Henry Abramson

Nearly two thousand years ago, a Judean woman hiding from Roman soldiers buried her most precious legal documents in a cave. Discovered by an Israeli archaeologist, Babatha's archive reveals a vivid portrait of the life of a second-century woman.

When Babatha wrapped her precious scrolls in a small leather pouch and hid them under a loose rock in the floor of the cave, she probably expected to retrieve them after the Romans ended their hunt for the Bar Kochba rebels. The documents were her only hope to regain her family's land, full custody of her child and a large debt owed to her by her late husband's first wife, and therefore, Babatha did not easily surrender them to the earth.

The brutal Roman-Jewish war, coming just seven decades after the destruction of the Temple, left her no choice: the political upheaval forced this 30-year-old Jewish woman to seek refuge along with several hundred men, women and children in the cave complex near the Dead Sea.



Leather pouch that contained Babatha's scrolls.

The documents remained intact and undisturbed in their makeshift tomb for nearly two thousand years, as Babatha did not live to taste the air of the open desert again. The scrolls were only discovered in 1960 by the great archaeologist Yigal Yadin in a remote location that has since been named the Cave of Letters.

The scrolls, 35 in all, were a series of important legal documents. Written in Greek and two dialects of Aramaic (Nabatean and Judean), they represented her ongoing struggle to regain control over several aspects of her personal property and child support for her only son, and as such they reveal a tremendous amount of information about the lives of upper-middle class Jewish women in Israel during the 2nd century of the common era.



A cluster of papyrus containing Bar Kokhba's orders found in the Judean desert by modern Israeli archeologist Yigal Yadin.

Babatha was born at the beginning of the century in Maoza, at the southern tip of the Dead Sea. Her name was probably a diminutive form of Basya. The fact that she received a date orchard as an inheritance suggests she was an eldest child with no surviving brothers.

The documents chronicle a tragic life: her first husband passed away, leaving her dependent on two court-appointed guardians. Babatha challenged the arrangement, arguing that the guardians were not disbursing child support funds appropriately.

She married again, this time to Yehudah, a man likely 20 years her senior, who was already married to another woman named Miriam (it would be a millennium before the Ashkenazic Jewish community instituted a ban on polygamy). When her second husband died, she entered into a legal dispute with Miriam over a loan Babatha had extended to marry off Miriam's daughter Shlomtzion. To reinforce her claim to the money, Babatha seized legal control of Miriam's orchard in Ein Gedi.

The records indicate that Babatha was illiterate, but she certainly had no fear of using the courts to demand her due. Ironically, it seems that her dispute with Miriam did not prevent her from forming a close relationship with Shlomtzion, who may have been much closer to her in age: Shlomtzion's ketubah is included in Babatha's cache. It is likely that Shlomtzion fled into the cave with Babatha, and she probably met the same fate, as neither she nor Babatha would have left these valuable documents behind.

Most likely, both women were among the hundreds of bodies of Jews discovered in one of the chambers of the Cave of Letters, victims of the Roman persecution during the Bar Kochba rebellion. Babatha's legacy to the world was transmitted 2000 years later to her people with the awesome discovery of the Cave of Letters in 1960.

Scholars continue to study Babatha's life, seeking to understand the role of women in the 2nd century, but one message comes through with exceptional clarity: Jewish women were fully engaged in a wide variety of economic activities, and were ready and able to defend their rights under Jewish law with every legal tool available.



Registration document for four date orchards owned by Babatha

Babatha's example demonstrates how Jewish women claimed mastery over their own destinies. Babatha was a true descendant of the daughters of Tzelofchad, advocating for her inheritance rights. Like Tselofchad's daughters, her love of the land of Israel and presence with the Bar Kochba rebels suggests that she was willing to throw her lot in with those who fought Roman oppression. Her archive preserves a vivid picture of one woman's life in ancient Israel, filled with tragedy and drama, yet hope for the future.

Fables & Parables

The Flashy Fundraiser

By Yerachmiel Tilles

Rabbi Chaim of Volozhin was well-known throughout the Jewish World for his Torahscholarship, but in addition all those who lived in the area appreciated his great insight. He would often be called upon to smooth the differences between the two parties of a quarrel.

It happened that when R' Chaim founded the *yeshiva* of Volozhin, he delegated a man to raise money for its maintenance. Among the contributors was a villager, who gave generously and with a willing heart.

With time the sum of monies which had been collected dwindled and the collector was forced to travel and gather more funds. Before he set out on his trip, he requested a new set of fine clothes, so as to make a good impression upon his prospective contributors. A suit was ordered. When it was ready, the fundraiser also requested a horse and carriage. This, he said, would save him much time, and would also make a fine impression on people. This, too, was granted.

The yeshiva representative left Volozhin looking like a new man, like a prosperous person himself. In time, he paid a visit to the villager who had previously given generously. To his great surprise, the man refused to give him a penny this time. The collector tried all kinds of arguments but nothing helped. The man kept his purse strings tightly shut and was very cold towards him.

Terribly disappointed, the fundraiser returned to R' Chaim and told him what happened. R' Chaim listened and decided to pay the villager a visit.

The man received the *rosh yeshivah* with the honor and respect that was his due. After the usual pleasantries, R' Chaim finally came to the point of his visit. "Why have you stopped supporting the Volozhiner yeshiva?" he asked.

The villager explained: "I will tell you the truth, Rebbe. Up to now, I naively thought that the money I gave went directly towards supporting the yeshiva itself and its needy students. For that I gave willingly, for I greatly respect Torah study and certainly wish to have a portion in it. But when your fundraiser came this time, all decked out in a fancy tailored suit and a splendid carriage, I worried that the money I gave would be going towards support of these unnecessary trappings. I do not want my money wasted on such frills."

R' Chaim replied, "You have a point, my friend. But I would like you to see things in their true light. Surely you are familiar with the verse that says of Bezalel, who supervised the work of the *Mishkan* ("Tabernacle"): 'I filled him with the spirit of G-d, with knowledge, intelligence and wisdom to know....to do creative work... in gold and silver and copper.'

One would assume that all the contributors for the *Mishkan* gave their contributions for the Holy of Holies. But, in fact, the gifts were used for other purposes as well. It was Bezalel's special genius to intuitively know the inner thoughts and intentions of each donor and to measure his sincerity. He was able to know whether a donor gave his offer purely for the sake of Heaven, without secondary thoughts of honor and prestige, and to use the gifts accordingly.

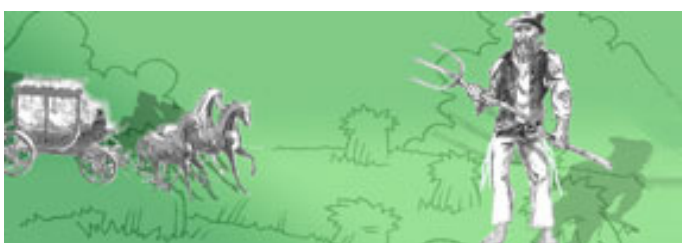
"When a person gave his offering with pure intention, to enhance the House of G-d, then Bezalel used the gold and silver for the Holy of Holies. If, however, a person had additional thoughts, and thought the gifts would make him important in the eyes of others, then they were used for other parts of the *Mishkan*.

"The same applies here," R' Chaim explained. "The money that you give is intended to support Torah directly. Your intentions and thoughts are pure, for Heaven's sake alone. Rest assured that it goes for that purpose alone. There are others who give to the yeshiva both for the sake of Torah and for their good name, for their reputation. Their money goes to keep up appearances too, for the magnificent coach and finely tailored clothing of our representative, which is also important in its own right.

Those who only give to keep up their own good name — their money goes for the horse's fodder and the repair and upkeep of the coach."

The villager was all smiles. "Oh! Rebbe! How glad I am that you explained this to me. To tell the truth, it hurt me very much to have to refuse the collector for the yeshiva. Now that you assure me that my money will go solely for supporting Torah study, I feel so much better."

And he gave R' Chaim his donation with renewed joy.



Spirituality-

I Feel Like a Matzah

By Menachem Posner

Sometimes I feel like a matzah. (No, I do not feel like eating a matzah; I mean that I feel like I am an actual matzah.)

Did you ever look at a matzah and feel bad for it? Take a look at the shelves of the bakery. There are breads chock full of seasonings, made with the finest blends of flours, puffed to perfection. And then there is the traditional matzah, flat, plain, and bland. And then, just to add insult to injury, they poke holes all over the poor pancake to ensure that any remaining air escapes. Poor old matzah. Even white sandwich bread (which is notoriously lacking in nutrition and taste of any sort) has a shape. The matzah is in pretty sorry shape, huh?

But matzah has something that all others do not. It has crunch. Matzah does not go down without a fight. That is right, matzah is tough. And how did it get so tough? Because it was baked flat and full of holes. Sometimes those challenging moments, when we feel that we have been flattened and held against the ropes, are the very moments that make us stronger, better and crunchier.

Come to think of it, that is what Passover is all about. We were in Egypt. Things were tough. They almost had us down. But then we came back stronger, tougher and crunchier than ever.



sunshine Club



It's not just about visitation.

It's about friendship.

It's about community.

The Sunshine Club is a unique volunteer program under the auspices of the Gold Coast Hebrew Congregation designed to bring cheer and companionship into the lives of Jewish seniors all throughout the Gold Coast.

Whether for seniors living on their own, in assisted living facilities or convalescent homes, the Sunshine Club matches up caring friends to be there with and for seniors - to visit, to assist and to uplift. To share experiences, to spend quality time, to celebrate special occasions and to create wonderful memories together.

Programs:

- Weekly Friendship Visits
- Book-Reading
- Family Connections
- Educational Materials
- Recreational Activities
- Arts & Crafts
- Holiday Celebrations
- Cultural Events

If you would like to become a Sunshine Club Volunteer or if you are a senior – or know of a senior – who can benefit from the Sunshine Club, please call our office on 5570 1851 or Rabbi Gurevitch on 0419 392 818



SEASON TWO

Mondays
7:30-8:30 PM

Gold Coast Hebrew Cong
34 Markwell Ave
Surfers Paradise, GC

gchc@westnet.com.au

For more info call:
5570 1851
Instructor: Rabbi
Gurevitch

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THE WAYS OF PRAISE

You Never Know How Far a
Compliment Will Go

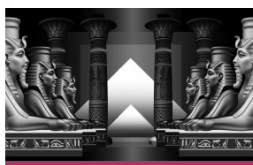


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Power Doesn't Have to
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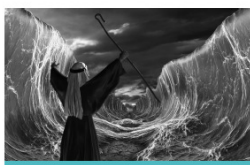


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The Story of another
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Why You Need a Mentor

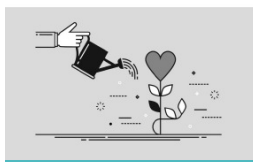


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KINDNESS WINS

Discipline Is Necessary;
Compassion Is Crucial



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More than Just a Place to Pray

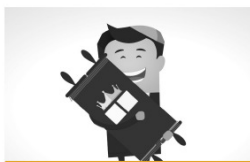


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BOLD, BRASH... BRAGGADOCIOUS?

Wear Your Judaism with Pride



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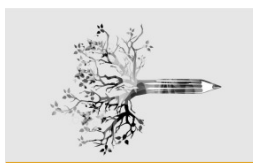


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Creativity as a Means
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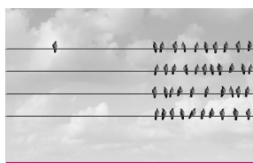


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WHERE DO I FIT IN?

The Synthesis between
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STEALING FREEDOM

When Jailbreaking Is the
Only Option



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CONSUMER CULTURE

Balancing Mind and Matter



Ask The Rabbi -

What Does “Yarmulke” Mean?

By Yehuda Shurpin



Yarmulke (properly pronounced YAHR-mul-keh, but often shortened to YAH-mi-koh, YAH-mi-keh, or YAH-mi-kee) is the common Yiddish word for the head covering worn by Jewish males.

Now, there are other words that can be used to refer to this beanie-like cap. In some communities, particularly those in the UK, the Yiddish word *koppl* (“little cap”) is preferred. And many English-speaking Jews are most familiar with the Hebrew term, *kippah* (“dome”), which has been in use since Talmudic times, when it referred primarily to head coverings worn by women.

And what does yarmulke mean? The boring answer is that it is just the generic Slavic word for “skullcap,” which Eastern-European Jews borrowed from their non-Jewish neighbors (*jarmułka*, for example, is how you’d say it in Polish).

The Fear Factor

But there’s a deeper meaning. According to many, yarmulke is a contraction of the Aramaic words, *yarei malka*, “awe of the King,” referring to G-d, King of the Universe.

How does a yarmulke foster awe of G-d? On a simple plane, the fact that there is something sitting on your head at all times reminds you that there is Someone above you, and that you are not the top banana.

This notion can be traced back to the Talmud, where we read a fascinating anecdote about Rabbi Nachman bar Yitzchak. Some Chaldean astrologers had told his mother that her son would grow up to be a thief.

Wise woman that she was, she did not allow little Nachman to uncover his head for even a moment.

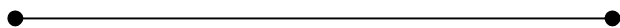
Rather, she would tell her son, “Cover your head so that the fear of Heaven will be upon you, and pray for Divine mercy.” Other than one unfortunate incident—his head covering slipped off, and he immediately scampered up a date tree to steal some dates—her plan worked, and her son grew up to be a great and saintly leader of the Jewish people.

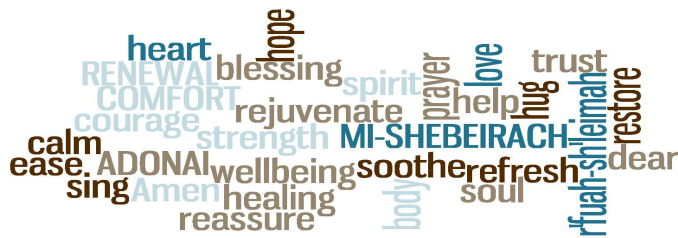


The Jerusalem Yarmulke

If you like interesting factoids, here’s one that most English speakers don’t know: We use the word yarmulke to refer to all kinds of kippahs: velvet, satin, knitted, etc. However, in Israel the word is used pretty much exclusively to refer to the knitted white yarmulkes favored by some chassidic communities in Jerusalem (and by Breslover chassidim all over), with all other head coverings being referred to by the generic term, *kippah*.

You may have noticed that many religious Jews wear a hat in addition to their yarmulke.





Misheberch - Prayer for the sick

Jewish tradition ordains that whenever the Torah is read we are granted a special and uniquely opportune moment to invoke blessing for those in need of divine intervention. From time immemorial it has therefore been the custom to recite a "Mi Sheberach" (prayer for the sick) on behalf of people who are ill. We pray for the people below, and wish them a speedy recovery:

Man

Yehuda Avraham Ben Beila Chaya
 Michael Ben Baila Chaya
 Daniel Ha'Levi Ben Rochel
 Shlomo Ben Dahlia
 Adam Gideon Ben Leah
 Michael Ben Mina
 Mordechai Ha'Levi Ben Rochel
 Yishai Ben Sara
 Tom Ben Miriam
 Chaim Ha'Levi Ben Miriam
 Shimon Dovid Ben Sara
 Tzvi Avigdor Ben Chaya Shaindl
 Shmuel Ben Sara
 Philip Ben Faygelle
 Yehushua Ben Leah
 Yochu Ben Binner
 Chanan Halevi Ben Tatyana
 Yaakov Haleyvi Ben Brurya
 Dovid halevy Ben Penina
 Zalman Chaim Ben Devorah
 Gary Ben Minnie
 John Ben Olive
 Favdu Ben Gitel
 Noach Ben Nechama
 Simcha zelig Ben Pesya

Women

Rivka Bat Adele
 Tziyona Bat Chana
 Peryla Bat Chana
 Rivka Bat Sara
 Faygelle Bat Chana
 Tatyana Bat Fayna
 Tirtza Bat Tikvah
 Shoshana Bat Batsheva
 Rochel Bat Rivkah
 Miriam Bat Sara
 Sara Rochel Bat Rivkah
 Leyla Bat Sara
 Libbi Bat Naomi

Personal Development: Growing Each Day

By Rabbi Dr. Abraham Twerski

At the age of thirteen, one becomes obligated to perform "the mitzvos (Ethics of the Fathers 5:25).

Jewish law does not recognize any such entity as adolescence. A child is a minor until the age of legal majority, which is the twelfth birthday for a girl and the thirteenth for a boy. One moment prior to the sunset of the eleventh or twelfth year, the person is a minor; the next moment, she or he is an adult. Parents and teachers still must provide guidance of course, but the "child" is no longer a child, and must assume responsibility for him or herself.

Parents take responsibility for their children's behavior, but once those children reach the age of majority, they are accountable for their actions. A Jew never has a single moment of diminished responsibility; he or she always advances.

In the general culture, however, adolescence constitutes a "no man's land," a period of diminished responsibility. Adolescents are too old for their behavior to be dismissed as childish, yet too young to be held accountable for their actions.

The problem is that once youths experience a period of diminished responsibility, they may never advance to a sense of full responsibility. Similarly, Western legal systems abound with legal factors that diminish individuals' culpability for misbehavior. It stands to reason, therefore, that once people have a window of lessened responsibility, they have even less reason to take full responsibility for themselves. This may be one factor in Western civilization's worsening problem of individuals and groups blaming others for their problems and shortcomings.

Today I shall...

hold myself accountable and responsible for everything I do or have done.

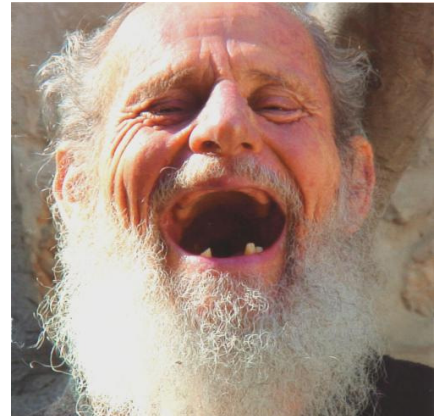
Laughter... The Best Medicine

The Shapiros were sitting at the Shabbos table for Friday night dinner.

"Are worms kosher?" little Moishie asked his mother.

"No they aren't," answered his mother. "Why do you ask?"

"Well," said Moishie, "there was a big one in your salad, but it's gone now."



Shirley Sharfman was in a diet club and was lamenting the fact that she was gaining weight. "Oy," sighed Shirley, "I made my family's favorite chocolate cake for Shabbos. At dinner the family had half of it, but then when I woke up Shabbos morning, no one was around. I kept staring at the other half, until finally I cut a thin slice. One slice led to another, and soon the whole cake was gone!

"I was so disappointed with my lack of willpower, and I knew how disappointed my husband would be...."

Everyone in the diet group commiserated. "What did your husband say when he found out?" asked one of the members of the group.

Shirley smiled. "He never found out. I made another cake and ate half!"

One morning, as little Hannah was sitting at the kitchen sink watching her mother wash and dry the breakfast plates, she noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair mixed in with her dark hair.

Hannah looked at her mother and said, "Why have you got some white hairs, mummy?"

Her mother replied, "Well darling, every time a daughter does something bad to make her mother cry or unhappy, one of her mother's hairs turns white."

Hannah thought about this information for a few moments then said, "Mummy, so how come all of grandma's hairs are white?"

Lionel hasn't spoken to his mother for at least a week so decides to phone her. As soon as a voice answers his call, Lionel says, "Hello mother, so how have you been keeping?"

"Fine, thank you, fine," comes the reply.

"Oy," says Lionel, "I've dialled the wrong number. I'm sorry to have disturbed you, lady."

Chefs Corner



Steak Strips with Avocado & Persimmon



Persimmon is probably one of the sweetest, most delicious fruit if it is ripe and fresh! If you can't find it in your supermarket, feel free to substitute it with mangoes, peaches, oranges or grapefruits. By Chef Zissie Spivak

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

- 2 pounds minute steak
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 persimmon, sliced
- 2 avocados, sliced
- 1/2 cup fresh mint, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup fresh basil, finely chopped
- 1 cloves garlic, zested
- 1/2 spicy green pepper, seeds removed for less heat, finely chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon salt, pink Himalayan

Directions:

In a small bowl or jar, add the basil, mint, garlic, salt, and 3 tablespoons of olive oil. Mix well and set aside. Rub the remaining olive oil onto the steak. Prepare a grill pan on high heat. Spray with olive oil and place steak on grill for 1 ½ minutes per side. Remove and after 1 minute cut into strips. Add the avocado and persimmon and drizzle with pesto on top. Serve hot or warm.

Notes and Tips:

Ask the butcher to thinly slice the meat, horizontally so that you have large thin pieces to grill. If you are in Israel add salt and pepper to the steak before grilling. If you are not and buy a minute steak, they tend to be very salty, in which case you should rinse off the salt and pat dry before grilling.



Form of Bequest When Making a Will

I _____

Address _____

Give and bequeath to the Gold Coast Hebrew Congregation Inc. of 34 Hamilton Avenue Surfers Paradise Queensland (P.O. Box 133 Surfers Paradise, 4217) the sum of \$_____ Free from all duties, to be applied to the general purposes of the Congregation and I declare that a receipt therefore signed by the President or Treasurer for the time being of the Gold Coast Hebrew Congregation Inc. shall be full and sufficient discharge for this bequest.

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Why should I remember the Gold Coast Hebrew Congregation in my will?

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PHOTOS OF THE MONTH



Assisi College students visiting our Shule



Our Sunday School Cheder children baking Hamantaschen in time for Purim!! Yumm!!





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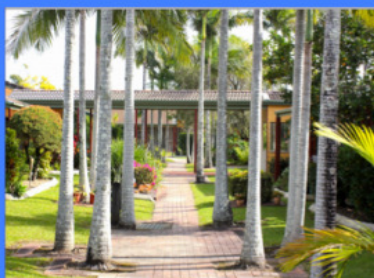
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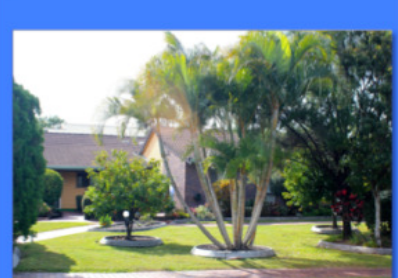


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BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH

Alan Klevansky	9th
Clare Hogarty	22nd
David Abeshouse	5th
Jason Froman	5th
Susan Brutman	14th
Denise Eliakim	12th
Lynne Spanner	22nd
Isaac Zulaikha	24th
Jodie Foster	30th
Stephen Rose	27th

YAHRTZEIT OBSERVANCE FOR THE MONTH OF Adar/Nissan - March

We extend our wishes for long life to the following who are observing a Yahrtzeit

14th Adar-1st March
 Rachel Rut Bat Sara-Karen Silverman

19th Adar-6th March
 Morris Semp-Brother of Myer Semp

23rd Adar-10th March
 Simon Kugler -Father of Liz Linton

26th Adar -13th March
 Rose Nightingale-Wife of Bernard Nightingale

26th Adar-13th March
 Sam Goodchild

27th Adar-14th March
 Sam Sekler-Father of Janette Kornhauser

1st Nissan-17th March
 Rachel Bas Avraham-Mother of Avril Tannenbaum

4th Nissan-20th March
 Max Platus-Father of Lynette Moses

7th Nissan-23rd March
 Yaacov Ben Eliyahu-Father of Sarah Rebibou

9th Nissan-25th March
 Robert Rebibou-Father of David Rebibou

9th Nissan-25th March
 Isabella Moses-Mother of Gerald and Judah Moses

10th Nissan- 26th March
 Charles Nightingale- Father of Bernard Nightingale

10th Nissan- 26th March
 Friedle Rosenthal-Mother of Helga Herling

Refuah Sheleyma-speedy recovery

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