



# THE JEWISH CENTER SHABBAT BULLETIN

August 21, 2010

PARSHAT KI TEITZEI

11 Elul, 5770

## Erev Shabbat

7:00PM Minchah  
7:28PM Candle lighting

## Shabbat Morning

7:45AM Hashkama  
9:00AM Shacharit  
9:30AM Young Leadership (1st Floor)  
9:30AM Beginners' Service (10th Floor)  
9:35AM Sof Zman Kriat Shema

### 10:00AM YOUTH GROUPS

2-5 year olds (Shemesh) lower level

Kiddush is sponsored by:

**Arnie & Sandra Rosen** in honor of the aufruf and forthcoming marriage of their son, Dr. David Rosen, to Sharon Glassman.

## Shabbat Afternoon

4:00PM Bikkur Cholim visit to Mt. Sinai Hospital. Meet in front of the Westmont, 730 Columbus Ave.

6:30PM Afternoon Shiur

*Chovat Halevavot: The Mind Body Problem*

Rabbi Ysoscher Katz

6:30PM Israel Friedman Daf Yomi

7:15PM Minchah

Seudah Shlishit Speaker

**Rabbi Jeremy Rosen**

*In Love and in Life: Can We Really Change?*

8:27PM Shabbat concludes

## Daily Services

**Sunday, August 22**

Daf Yomi 8:00AM

Shacharit 8:30AM

Minchah 7:25PM

**Monday, August 23-**

**Thursday, August 26**

Shacharit 7:8:00AM

Daf Yomi 7:45AM

Minchah 7:25PM

**Friday, August 27**

Shacharit 7:8:00AM

Daf Yomi 7:45AM

Minchah 7:00PM

Candle Lighting 7:17PM

Women's Tehillim - Monday, August 23 at 7:15PM.

For more info contact Eileen Lauer 212-595-4388.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MAZAL TOV

**Mark & Sherry Fessel** on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Nathaniel, in Israel. Mazal Tov to grandparents **Irving & Cecile Skydell** and **Ben & Judy Golzman**.

**Shira Orenstein & Daniel Kahn** on the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Yael, to Tony Pinto. Mazal tov to Yael's grandmother, **Margie Kahn**.

**Jessica Gross & Larry Klein** on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Noah, in Israel.

**Edy & Jacob Kupietzky** on the birth of a boy. Mazal tov to the grandparents, **Barbara & George Hanus**.

**Meryl Degen & Albert Louzoun** on the birth of a son. Mazal tov to the grandparents, **Susan & Arthur Degen**.

**Sondra & Arnie Rosen** on the aufruf and forthcoming marriage of their son, David, to Sharon Glassman.

### Yom Kippur Appeal

As the Shofar of Elul announces the coming of the High Holidays, we are introspective about our hopes and aspirations for the coming year. A synagogue is a symbol for the very best of our spiritual hopes and community needs and The Jewish Center provides an engaging panoply of programs to serve them. As we pray for a year of good health and good fortune, let us remember the place in which we pray- our community home. Please send in your generous Yom Kippur Appeal pledges and contributions and give our community the means to have a g'mar chatimah tovah. Please make your Yom Kippur Appeal pledge by contacting The Jewish Center at 212-724-2700 x101 or online at [www.jewishcenter.org](http://www.jewishcenter.org).

### High Holiday Announcement

High Holiday Seating and Yizkor Book submissions were due by Friday, August 13. High Holiday seats will only be issued to individuals who have returned the request form. We will make every attempt to accommodate all requests, but priority seating will be given to those who handed their forms in on time. Additional forms are available in The JC lobby.

\* Please note that only members who are current with membership dues and account charges, or who have made payment arrangements with the office, will be issued High Holiday tickets and have their submitted names included in the Yizkor Book. Please call Polina Berdich at (212)724-2700 X101 or visit [www.jewishcenter.org](http://www.jewishcenter.org) to make a payment.

## Comings and Goings

David Stein, William Fischman Rabbinic Intern

I must admit that our parshah's opening words, "when you go out," carry a special significance for me as my year with the Jewish Center family comes to a close. Yet I suspect that Moshe's words in fact hint at a profound message that rings true for many others at various stages in life.

Upon reflection, it actually seems quite strange that Moshe uses the verb "הוצא", or "go out" to introduce the wars that the Jewish people will soon face. To be sure, one day they will likely fight enemies beyond their borders. Yet the reality is that for the generation that stood before Moshe, preparing to enter into the Land of Israel, they would not be going out to war; they would be *coming* to it - Bnei Yisrael were about to invade the land. Indeed, throughout sefer Devarim, Moshe repeatedly uses the verb "כי תבא" - "when you come to the Land", and we could suggest that Moshe should have used the same terminology as well when introducing our parshah: - "כי תבא להלחם על איוביך" - "When you come to wage war against your enemies" would perhaps have worked.

Of course, both formulations would be true: Bnei Yisrael's journey to Israel could be viewed as both an entry *into* the land or an exit *from* the desert. And so it is with everything we do. Every step we take towards one destination is a step away from another. Every new beginning marks the end of a past endeavor, just as the coming of each morning sunrise brings with it the departure of nighttime darkness. Yet still our question remains: why does Moshe switch back and forth in his references to the journey towards Israel? Why not be consistent, and always refer to it either as *ביאה*, approach, or *יציאה*, exit from life in the wilderness?

In order to gain insight into the nuance of Moshe's verb selection, consider that throughout sefer Devarim, Moshe uses the verb "כי תצא" in one and only one context: going to war. This turn of phrase therefore carries a very specific connotation: it conjures up the feelings of fear, uncertainty and danger of battle. On the other hand, the term "כי תבא" is used in a much more upbeat context, always in conjunction with the reminder that God has promised to give this land to the Jewish people.

And so we can suggest that Moshe deliberately uses these phrases to convey a deeper message about the emotional duality of each step that we take in life. On the one hand, we often look forward to challenges of a new day and embrace the promise of a new chapter in our lives. Yet at the same time, with each new step we leave the comfort of solid ground. New experiences can be fraught with fear and hesitation as we leave the quiet peace of a restful night or venture for the first time into uncharted territory. Indeed, these emotions are simply two sides of the same coin of our respective journeys. And so for the Jewish people standing at the footsteps of their destiny, they too must have felt the pull of these conflicting emotions: eager anticipation of opportunities ahead tempered perhaps by a reluctance to depart the familiarity of *manna* and heavenly clouds.

Thus, Moshe's alternating verb use gives sensitive validation to each emotional response. Yet by highlighting the connection between them, Moshe also hints at their potential reconciliation. By emphasizing that all steps forward are physically and emotionally tied to where we've come from, Moshe is perhaps suggesting that if we take the lessons, experiences, memories and relationships with us with each new step we take, we'll be able to realize the blessing of next week's parshah that "you shall be blessed in your comings and you shall be blessed and goings."

Save the Date

**Motzei Shabbat, September 4**

**at 10:00PM**

**Pre-Selichot Shiur by**

**Rav Meir Goldwicht**

**Selichot Night:**

***The Secret to Longevity***

**Followed by Selichot at 11:00PM  
with Cantor Chaim David Berson**

Save the Date

**Tzom Gedaliah Boker Iyun**

***Teshuvah in the 21st Century***

Presented by The Jewish Center and Yeshiva University's  
Center for the Jewish Future

**Sunday, September 12 at 10:00AM**

Featuring

**Professor Smadar Rosensweig, Dr. Elisheva Carlebach,  
Dr. David Pelcovitz, Dr. Scott Goldberg.**

Seating is limited, registration required at [www.jewishcenter.org](http://www.jewishcenter.org).

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# ISRAELUPDATE

**AIPAC**  
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## U.S., Israel Conduct Joint Infantry Drill

August 20, 2010

About 200 U.S. Marines joined a battalion of Israeli soldiers this month for the largest U.S.-Israeli joint infantry drill ever conducted. The three-week training took place in Israel and included war-simulations in a mock Arab village. In one drill, an all-night hike through the Negev Desert culminated in a military incursion into the village. Behind a dune on the village's edge, a U.S. Marine company commander conferred with his Israeli counterpart before the two barked orders to soldiers scattered behind them. Explosions triggered by pyrotechnics engineers shook the night as forces battled house-to-house. The exercise continues a growing trend of increased U.S.-Israeli joint training operations.

The Jewish Center partners with AIPAC, America's pro-Israel lobby, in educating our community on issues affecting the U.S.-Israel relationship. We encourage you to learn more by contacting AIPAC at (212) 750-4110 or by visiting [www.aipac.org](http://www.aipac.org).