



The Poile Zedek Bulletin

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"How does the city sit solitary
that was full of people! How is
she become as a widow."

"Comfort, comfort my people,
says your G-d."



"איכה ישהה בדרך העיר
רבתי עם. היתה כאלמנה."

"נחמו, נחמו עמי יאמר
אלקיכם."

THE RABBI'S MESSAGE

We are now in the final phase of the "Three Weeks", a period of national mourning for the destruction of the *Bais Hamikdash*, the Holy Temple. This period began Thursday, July 9, with the Fast of the 17th of Tamuz and will culminate on Wednesday night and Thursday, July 29 and 30, with the fast of the Ninth of Av. The Chafetz Chayim points out that it is most crucial for us to be aware of the sins that precipitated the destruction of the *Bais Hamikdash* and which have prolonged our exile. By correcting these faults we can avert future tragedies and bring about the future redemption.

In the Tractate *Yoma* (9b) the *Gemarrab* attributes the destruction of the First Temple to the Jewish nation's transgressing the three cardinal sins: idolatry, adultery, and murder. However, the *Gemarrab* asks: "During the era of the Second Temple when Judaism was flourishing, *Torah* was studied, and people were performing many *mitzvoth*, why was the Second Temple destroyed?" The *Talmud* concludes that the cause of the destruction of the Second Temple was due to *sin'at chinam*, unjustified hatred, and its derivatives including *lashon harah*, speaking derogatorily about our fellow Jew. It equates *lashon harah* with the three major sins of idolatry, adultery, and murder. In fact, it was the *lashon harah* of the *meraglim*, the spies, which caused the death of the generation of the *midbar* (the desert) and prevented their entrance into *Eretz Yisrael*. *Tisha B'av*, the eve of the *meraglim's* return, was to become the saddest day

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THE President's MESSAGE

Greetings to all. I hope that this finds you in good health and enjoying your summer.

Chaim Solomon, one of our trustees and an American Heart Association Instructor, will be offering CPR and First Aid Classes on selected Sundays at Congregation Poile Zedek. The classes are approximately 4 hours long. If you are interested in joining a class, please contact Chaim directly at chaims@yc48.org or by phone at 848-525-1827.

I would like to thank Avrumi Ravitz for revamping and updating our website, www.poilezedek.org. Avrumi gave it a fresh new look and included several new features. Our bulletins can now be viewed from our website as well as pictures and the journal from our 107th Anniversary Dinner which was held this past November.

As we approach *Tisha B'Av* and beyond, including the upcoming month of *Elul*, and the *Yamim Noraim*, the High Holy Days, we find ourselves in an extended period of introspection when we reassess our interpersonal relationships with one another — as the Temple was destroyed because of unjustified hatred one to another — and reassess our relationship with G-d in anticipation of *Rosh Hashana* and *Yom Kippur*. At this time, I urge you to help us ensure that we have a minyan on a daily basis and on *Shabbos*. During the course of the year there are many occasions when we just have the minimum required for a minyan. During the summer, when many are on vacation, assuring that we have a minyan, daily and on *Shabbos*, is critical. Our daily minyanim are followed by a light breakfast

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Tisha B'Av Schedule

FRIDAY, JULY 24 — <i>EREV SHABBAT CHAZON</i>	
	<i>PARSHAT D'VARIM</i>
Shacharit	7:30 A.M.
SHABBAT, JULY 25 — <i>SHABBAT CHAZON</i>	
Shacharit	9:00 A.M.
Shabbat ends	9:10 P.M.
Wednesday, July 29 — <i>EREV TISHA B'AV</i>	
Shacharit	7:30 A.M.
Fast starts	8:10 P.M.
<i>Tisha B'Av services</i>	
Ma'ariv, Eicha and Kinot	8:30 P.M.
THURSDAY, JULY 30 — <i>TISHA B'AV</i>	
Shacharit	7:15 A.M.
Mincha	7:45 P.M.
Fast ends	9:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, JULY 31 — <i>EREV SHABBAT NACHAMU</i>	
Shacharit	7:30 A.M.
Candle lighting followed by <i>Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat</i>	7:55 P.M.
SHABBAT, AUGUST 1 — <i>TU B'AV/SHABBAT NACHAMU,</i> <i>PARSHAT VA'ETCHANAN</i>	
Shacharit	9:00 A.M.
Mincha	7:45 P.M.
Shabbat ends	9:04 P.M.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 2	
Shacharit	8:00 A.M.

HIGH HOLIDAYS 2009/5770



Rosh Hashanah: Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19 & 20.

Tzom Gidalyah: Monday, September 21.

Yom Kippur: Sunday evening, September 27 (Kol Nidre) & Monday, September 28.

Succot thru Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah: Friday eve, Oct. 2 - Sunday, October 10.

High Holiday Services at Poile Zedek (as well as services year round) are relaxed, informal, and heimish. Everyone is engaged and is an integral part of the service. Beginners feel comfortable with the pace of the services and regulars appreciate the ability to concentrate on their prayers. At Rosh Hashanah services beginners, or those feeling uneasy about the order and pace of the service, are teamed with congregants to guide them. Please mention to the Rabbi that you would like to participate. Our seudah luncheon after services on Rosh Hashanah and break-the-fast reception after Yom Kippur further enhance the holiday experiences.

To reserve your High Holiday seats now please fill out the form on the back cover and mail to Cong. Poile Zedek, P.O. Box 166, New Brunswick, NJ 08903 or reserve online at our website: www.poilezedek.org. Tickets are \$75/person; no charge for college students.



WEEKLY CLASSES & SHIURIM

Millionaire Club — Lunch & Torah study with Rabbi Mykoff Tues.: 12:00 — 1:00 P.M.

Torah Study in Russian — Learn Torah with Rabbi Eli Kogan. Thursdays — 7:00 P.M. Men and women. Refreshments served.

Eruv Information

In order to utilize the New Brunswick eruv, you must check weekly on its status (whether it is functioning for that Shabbat) by calling the Eruv hotline: (732) 247-ERUV before Shabbat.

To request to be placed on the Eruv e-mail list, please call the Rutgers Hillel Foundation: (732) 545-2407. For a map of the Highland Park/Edison and New Brunswick Eruvim boundaries go to www.hperuv.org.

NEW CPR CLASSES FORMING



CPR AND FIRST AID CLASSES ARE NOW BEING HELD ON SELECTED SUNDAYS IN CONG. POILE ZEDEK. THE CLASSES ARE APPROXIMATELY 4 HOURS LONG AND TAUGHT BY AMERICAN HEART

ASSOCIATION INSTRUCTOR CHAIM SOLOMON.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING, OR WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION, CHAIM CAN BE CONTACTED DIRECTLY AT CHAIMS@YC48.ORG OR BY PHONE AT 848-525-1827.

Shiv'ah Asar b'Tammuz—17th of Tammuz

The fast of the 17th of *Tammuz* (from dawn to nightfall) marks the beginning of the destruction of the Second Temple with the breaching of the walls of Jerusalem by the Roman armies, culminating with the destruction of the Temple three weeks later on the 9th of Av.

The 17th of *Tammuz* was also the day that Moses smashed the first Tablets of the Covenant, upon seeing Israel's worshiping of the Golden Calf. It was also the day when Temple services were disrupted prior to the destruction of the First Temple.



Tisha B'av — Laws & Reflections

Tisha B'av, the 9th of Av, is a 25 hour fast in the Jewish calendar which lasts from sundown to when the stars appear. *Tisha B'av* is a time of sorrow and mourning over the destruction of the Second Temple and the exile of the Jewish people from the land of Israel.

Tisha B'av has historically been a day when tragedies have befallen the Jewish people. The *Talmud* lists five tragedies:

- ◆ On this day, the *meraglim* (spies) returned after scouting out the land of Israel with a negative report. It was decreed that the generation that had left Egypt would die out in the desert during the forty years of wandering.
- ◆ The first *Bais Hamikdash* (temple) was destroyed by the Babylonians.
- ◆ The second *Bais Hamikdash* was destroyed by the Romans.
- ◆ The fortress of Betar was destroyed by the Romans and Bar Kochba's revolt was crushed.
- ◆ The city of Jerusalem was razed to the ground and plowed over.

Other tragedies which have occurred on *Tisha B'av* include the beginning of the First Crusade in 1095; the expulsion of Jews from Spain by King Ferdinand in 1492; and the beginning of World War One in 1914.

In addition to the restriction against eating or drinking, we refrain from bathing or washing for pleasure, anointing, wearing leather shoes and marital relations. It is also customary to sit on low chairs such

as mourners do. At night we read in the synagogue from *Megilat Eicha*, the Book of Lamentations. After the *Megilla* reading at night and after morning services on *Tisha B'av* day we recite *kinot*, elegies, regarding the destruction of the Temple and other tragedies that befell our people.

The Night of Tisha B'Av

Since this *Tisha B'Av* begins on Motzoei Shabbat, Saturday night, August 9, we do not make Havdalah after Shabbat as usual. Instead, we only say "*Baruch Hamavdil ben Kodesh L'chol*" without mentioning the Divine Name. Before the reading of *Eicha*, the Book of Lamentations, the Chazan makes the full Bracha on the candle "*Boreh M'orei Ha'Esh*". The rest of Havdala is not made until Sunday night, after the fast.

Other Highlights in the Month of Av

Shabbat Nachamu – The *Shabbat* after *Tisha B'av* is called *Shabbat Nachamu*, named for the *HafTORah* read that *Shabbat*. It is taken from Isaiah, Chapter 40, and begins with the words "*Nachamu, Nachamu Ami*" (Comfort, comfort my people). *Shabbat Nachamu* is the first of seven *HafTORot* of consolation.

Tu B'Av (15th of Av) falls this year on Wednesday, August 5. The *Talmud* calls *Tu B'Av* one of the most joyous days of the Hebrew calendar. This was the day when the generation of the *midbar* stopped dying. When the Jewish people lived in their land, this day was an occasion for celebrating various events.

Tachanun is not said on this day.

Your Contributions Count!

Your contributions to Poile Zedek help support the operation of the shul and enable Poile Zedek to provide vital services to our community.

Poile Zedek has five funds for this purpose.

The Rebbetzin Fanny Mykoff Torah Fund

Further Torah observance by assisting individuals to meet their social and religious needs.

The Joan Schick Educational Fund

The fund supports Torah education on both a community and individual basis. This fund includes the Joan Schick Memorial Library.

The William Weber Matzah Fund

The Matzah fund provides Passover food for the needy and sponsors our annual Community Seder.

Project Chesed Free Loan Fund

This fund set up by Zalaman & Miriam Widofsky, provides small, short term, interest free loans to individuals.

The Ellen Schick Gemilat Chesed fund

This fund provides moderate loans to individuals.

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of the Jewish calendar.

Thus, we see how important it is to eliminate *sin'at chinam* and to promote all facets of *ahavat chesed*, loving kindness, thereby bringing about the *geula sh'laimah*, the true redemption.

During the era of the great sage Rabbi Akiva, twenty-four thousand of his students also met a tragic fate due to their lack of *kavod habriyos*, honoring their fellow man. It was Rabbi Akiva who concluded that "*Ve'ahavtah lerayacha kamocho (Vayikra 19:18) - zeh klal gadol batorah*" - "To love your fellow Jew as yourself is the most fundamental principle of the Torah."

By applying this great principle in practice, we can help bring about a true peace, the rebuilding of the *Bais Hamikdash* and the coming of the *Mashiach* speedily in our days.



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and learning; our Shabbos service is followed by a Kiddush.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind those who have allowed their membership to lapse to please contact the synagogue to renew your membership and to encourage those of you who are not yet members to consider doing so now. As you know, Poile Zedek is the only orthodox synagogue in New Brunswick. In addition to serving our membership, we also have many New Brunswick residents and Rutgers students who rely on us and our community outreach programs, many of whom would not otherwise have a connection to Judaism. Our membership dues have been kept purposefully low so that all who wish may join; however, our expenses have increased considerably and every member is important. For your convenience we have included an application form on page 6.

What better time to make or renew your commitment to Poile Zedek than now! By attending services and renewing your membership or becoming a new member, you are accomplishing both those mitzvoth between man and his fellow man and those between man and G-d.

Also, please remember — Rosh Hashanah 5770 starts Friday evening, September 18. Please reserve your seats now by filling out the enclosed form on page 8 or by reserving online at www.poilezedek.org.

Danny Ravitz

A Loving Tribute

Memorial Windows



Memorialize your loved ones by dedicating a stained glass window in our beautiful sanctuary. A limited number of windows are still available for this fitting tribute to the memory of a cherished family member. Each window is \$1500.

Memorial Plaques

Memorialize your loved ones by having their names listed on our bronze Memorial Boards in the sanctuary. A light will be illuminated on their *yahrzeit* dates. Each plaque is \$150.



Please call the synagogue at (732) 545-6123 to dedicate a window, order a plaque, or for more information.

Good & Welfare

Mazel Tov

To the following upon their celebrations:

Births

Billy & Gail Bogner on the birth of a grandson to their children Dina & Dan Heiss.

Rabbi Reuven & Rebbitzen Drucker on the birth of a grandson to their children Peretz & Shira.

Sima Milgraum on the birth of a granddaughter to her children Koby & Rivky Milgraum.

Michael & Judy Seidemann on the birth of a great grandson to their children Rabbi Jonathan & Michal Seidemann and their grandchildren Ayelet & Yosef Konick.

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Bar/Bat Mitzvahs

Yan & Marina Gluzberg on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Amanda at Poile Zedek.

Larry Marks & Rebecca Steckel and Harriet Steckel on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter and granddaughter, Adina, at Poile Zedek.

Engagements

Richard Shusteris to Aviva Perl of Montreal.

Marriages

Rabbi Eliyahu & Debbie Kaufman on the marriage of their daughter Yehudis to Yakov Merling of Montreal.

Netanya Rigberg & Benjamin Simons on their marriage at Poile Zedek.

Rabbi Ronald & Judy Schwarzberg on the upcoming marriage of their daughter Aviva to Philip Reich.

Refuah Shelaima

A speedy and complete recovery to the following:

Bea Einstein, Morton Evans, Pearl Friedkin, Mike Gross, Eugenia Kreydin, Marvin Mitchell, Mark Morrison, Yaakov Novichenok, Baruch & Wade Savitt, Boris Shualov, Irving Smith, Phyllis Smith, Helen S. Solomon.

Condolences

To Elisha Klein, Jeffrey Klein, and Rachel Gottfried on the passing of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Libby Sontz.

To the Marantz family on the passing of Anna Marantz.

To Joan Sassenoff and family on the passing of her brother, Stanley Brinstein.

“May the Almighty console the families among the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.”

Yahrzeits

Av 5769 - July/August 2009

1 Av – July 22

Dan Beckenstein father, Zeve
Yelizaveta Zilber mother, Devorah

4 Av — July 25

Mark Berkowitz grandmother, Eva Berkowitz
Robert Berkowitz grandmother, Eva Berkowitz
Bernard Israel..... aunt, Sadie Podair

9 Av - July 30

Berta Khanukayeva Y. Zeitsow

13 Av — August 3

Mark Berkowitzgreat grandfather, Joseph Fisher
Robert Berkowitz...great grandfather, Joseph Fisher
Bronya Tsfasman..... husband, Simcha

15 Av — August 5

Harvey Leder father
Steven Leder father

17 Av— August 7

Myra Marantz..... mother, Ruth Berkowitz

18 Av — August 8

Lyudmila Ivanova...grandmother, Malka Tzikerman

19 Av — August 9

Marvin Marantz brother, Morris
Edith Schwartz brother, Morris

20 Av — August 10

Alan Brown father, Milton
Yaakov Gitelman..... father, Yitzchak ben Chaim

25 Av — August 15

Joan Israel.....aunt, Milli

28 Av — August 18

Sophia Mezhibovsky..... Esther Mezhibovsky

Elul 5769 - August/September 2009

1 Elul August 21

Mark Berkowitz father, Samuel
Robert Berkowitz father, Samuel
Rhonda Jasper..... father

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Applicant Information

Name: (Rabbi, Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms.) _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Hebrew Name: _____ Father's Hebrew Name: _____
 Kohen _____ Levi _____ Yisrael _____
 Mother's Hebrew Name: _____ Maternal Grandmother's Hebrew Name: _____
 Employer: _____ Position: _____
 Home #: _____ Office #: _____ Ext.: _____ Cell phone #: _____
 E-mail Address _____ Birth Date: Hebrew _____ Secular _____

Spouse Information

Name: (Rabbi, Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms.) _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Hebrew Name: _____ Father's Hebrew Name: _____
 Kohen _____ Levi _____ Yisrael _____
 Mother's Hebrew Name: _____ Maternal Grandmother's Hebrew Name: _____
 Employer: _____ Position: _____
 Home #: _____ Office #: _____ Ext.: _____ Cell phone #: _____
 E-mail Address _____ Birth Date: Hebrew _____ Secular _____

Previous/Other Affiliation: _____ Denomination: _____

Children (use married names where applicable)

Name	Hebrew Date	Eng. Date	School
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Yahrzeit Dates

Kaddish is said for a parent, spouse, sibling, or child on the anniversary of his/her death. Please provide information on anyone whose Yahrzeit you observe, so that we may send you a reminder.

Name	Hebrew Date	Eng. Date	Relationship:
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

I hereby apply for membership and agree to pay the annual dues of \$_____.*

If my membership application to Congregation Poile Zedek is accepted, I agree to follow Congregation's constitution and by-laws.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Spouse: _____ Date: _____

*** Note:** Annual membership is \$150. First year membership for applicants from June to September is \$75. First year membership for applicants from October 1st – end of year is waived with payment of \$150 credited to following year dues. High Holiday Seats are \$75.

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7 Elul August 27

Mark Berkowitz mother, Sandra
Robert Berkowitz mother, Sandra
Mark Berkowitzcousin, Neil Weiss
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8 Elul August 28

Dan Beceknstein ...grandfather, Joseph Beckenstein

9 Elul August 29

Marvin Marantz brother Herman
Norman Mironov mother
Edith Schwartz..... brother, Herman
David Weisfelner father, Morris Weisfelner

16 Elul September 5

Henrietta Buckner mother, Mollie B. Berger
Hannah Idesis father, Ovsey Milman

23 Elul September 12

Ruth Grossman father
Ron Greenbergmother, Annette Greenberg
Joan Israel..... aunt, Hilda Schay

24 Elul September 13

Sharon Ravenmother, Sheila Raven
George Shriermother, Runa

26 Elul September 15

Richard Bruskin..... mother, Bess
Stanley Bruskin mother, Bess
Klara Rublevamother, Bayla Davelman

27 Elul September 16

Sara-Ann Goldman.....grandmother, Jennie Klaus
Bernard Israel.....grandmother, Esther Krakower
Bernice Weinblatt..... mother, Jennie Klaus

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To reserve plots for your family or for more information please call Kevin Leff (201) 310-4802 of the Poile Zedek Cemetery Association or the synagogue at (732) 545-6123, email admin@poilezedek.org.

To sponsor a Kiddush or breakfast, or make a donation in memory of your loved one, please complete and return the form below to the synagogue.

In order to help keep the Yahrzeit list up to date, please let us know the full name of the above family member and any other family member(s) that you would like included and return to the synagogue.

Name _____

Address _____

I would like to (check one)

sponsor a daily breakfast - \$18 sponsor a Sunday breakfast - \$25 sponsor a Kiddush - \$36

make a donation in memory of :

Relative's name _____ Hebrew date of death _____

Enclosed please find my check for \$18 \$25 \$36 \$54 \$72 \$100 other_____.

Please add the following names to the Yahrzeit list:

English Name	Hebrew Name	Relationship	Hebrew Date of Death
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____



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Rosh Hashanah: Shabbat, September 19 & Sunday, September 20

Yom Kippur: Kol Nidre, Sunday, September 27 & Monday, September 28

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Seat Reservations—please mail in form below or reserve via our website—
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Seat Reservations—High Holy Days 2009/5770

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Aliyahs/Honors

Number of seats ___ @ \$75/Seat = \$ _____ Other \$ _____ Total \$ _____

Please mail to: Cong. Poile Zedek, P.O. Box 166, New Brunswick, NJ 08903