



GREEN ROAD SYNAGOGUE

"Where we enrich our lives and our community through
TAM: Torah, Ahavat Yisrael & Medinat Yisrael."

JUNE - AUGUST 2009

החדשים תמוז - אב תשס"ט

Help us celebrate our 100th year!

Sunday, October 18th

Green Road Synagogue traces its origins to a handful of immigrants from Marmoresh, who established the Marmoresher B'nai Jacob Society in the Woodland neighborhood in 1910. To learn more about our history visit our website at

www.GreenRoadSynagogue.org and click on "History."

Help us celebrate the past 100 years since the original founding of what has become Green Road Synagogue! We will host a family oriented brunch to kick off a year of celebration for our community at our annual membership meeting.



As part of this historical celebration, we are working with Olan Mills Studio to create a Synagogue photo album to commemorate the occasion. You can have your family picture taken for the album, receive an 8 x 10 photo for yourself, at no cost to you or the Synagogue. Picture packages will be available for purchase. Photos will be taken just after the kids return from camp on Aug. 25 & 26. There will be an online sign-up as well as in the lobby of the Shul to schedule your photo sitting. For more information or to volunteer at this event please contact David Seltzer in the office.

Two Great Summer Outings!



July 12th - Green
Road Synagogue
Summer Picnic at
Bizzard Cove

August 2nd Outing to
Chautauqua, NY
Together With Young
Israel

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Mourning, Closure, and the Beckoning Odyssey



By Rabbi Melvin Granatstein

The summer of each year on the Jewish calendar presents us with the period of profoundest mourning. The fast of Tamuz introduces the three weeks known as **בין המצרים**. This phrase taken from Megilat Eicha literally means “between the straits” evoking terror and tragedy. It is the period that culminates in Tisha B’Av, the day on which Jewish Jerusalem and her Temple was destroyed not once but twice. Tisha B’Av has become the day of blackest memory encompassing all of the immense tragedy of Jewish history. Standing alone, Tisha B’Av evokes both mourning and despair.



But six days later, on the fifteenth of Av, a remarkable transition occurs. This day introduces joy and celebration and is considered especially auspicious for the celebration of marriages. In Temple times, “Tu B’Av” – the 15th of Av celebrated the culmination of the gathering of firewood for the Temple sacrifices and at the same time, it served as a time for the making of matches for marriage. The Mishna tells us that on this day – and curiously enough, on Yom Kippur, eligible young women would dance in borrowed clothing inviting eligible bachelors to choose a wife.

After the Temple’s destruction, much of the original meaning of this day’s celebration seemed to be lost. Instead, the Talmud tells us that something apparently ominous happened with reference to this day. On the 15th day of Av, the Roman authorities permitted the Jews to bury the bodies of the martyrs of Betar, the last resistance force of Bar Kochba’s rebellion against Rome. The Rabbis introduced a new B’racha for Jewish celebration on this day: - **הטוב והמטיב** - Blessed be God who is good and gives benefit. The “goodness” that the Rabbis celebrated was that the bodies of the martyrs had eluded putrefication, and the “benefit” lay in the opportunity given to Israel to bury her dead.



None of this sounds like anything to celebrate. But the Rabbis saw it differently. Burying the dead gave closure to all of the mourning of Tisha B’Av. On the fifteenth of Av, the people of Israel begin their historical odyssey all over again. Mourning is put behind us. We have buried the bodies of our martyrs. Now we will consecrate marriages, praise God for his beneficence, and resume our personal and collective lives. We will recall the Midrash that tells us that on the day on which Jerusalem was destroyed, the Messiah was born. The destruction is now over. We will now rebuild.





Bein Ha'm'tsarim

The three weeks between the Fast of Tamuz and Tisha B'Av is the most mournful period of the Jewish calendar. The Talmud tells us of five tragic events which occurred on the 17th day of Tamuz: (1) The first set of Ten Commandments was broken. (2) The sacrifices were discontinued. (3) The walls of Jerusalem were breached by the conquering Romans. (4) Apostomus, the tyrant, burned the Torah in order to uproot Judaism from memory, and (5) set up an idol in the Temple.

The Talmud then records 5 tragic events that occurred on Tisha B'Av: (1) The decree was issued in the desert that Israel would have to wait 40 years before entering the land. (2) The First Temple was destroyed. (3) The Second Temple was destroyed. (4) Betar was captured. (5) Jerusalem was ploughed over by the Romans.

We also mourn the tragedy of exile and all the destruction of Jewish history. This is reflected in Kinot for the massacres of the period of the crusades, and for the period of the Cossack pogroms of 1648-49. In our Shul, we also include a Kinah for the Kedoshim of the Shoah.

Observances

The **Fast of Tamuz** will occur on Thursday, July 9th is marked by



fasting from dawn until the appearance of the stars, as well as by the recitation of Selichot. Throughout the three weeks, marriages are forbidden and public celebration curbed. Throughout the first nine days of the month of Av we refrain from eating meat and drinking wine (except for Shabbat) and refrain from pleasurable activities such as swimming.

On **Tisha B'Av** we sit on low benches until noon. We wear our Talit and Tefillin during Mincha service and not during Shacharit when the mourning is still intense. We refrain on Tisha B'Av from eating and drinking, washing for pleasure, anointing with oil and cosmetics, wearing leather shoes, and conjugal relations. Even the study of Torah must be limited to mournful themes. This year, Tisha B'Av will occur on Thursday, July 30th.



Seudah Mafseket

On Erev Tisha B'Av, we introduce the fast with a special mournful meal eaten right before sunset. The Halacha enjoins us to eat only one cooked food item as the main dish. This meal must be either dairy or Pareve, and, customarily, the main dish consists of a hard boiled egg eaten along with some bread. As long as wine is not consumed, there are no restrictions on the beverage. This meal is customarily eaten while as we sit on a low stool.

As a practical matter, our custom is to eat a more substantial non-meat meal in advance of Mincha and then eat the Seudah Mafseket after we return from Shul.

Tu B'Av

The fifteenth day of Av is a day of joy coming just six days after the fast. While many reasons are listed in the Talmud for this holiday, perhaps the most compelling is this: on the 15th of Av the Jews were permitted to bury the dead of Betar after its destruction six days earlier. In effect, we rejoice because we can bring closure to the mourning of Tisha B'Av. This year Tu B'Av will occur on Wednesday, August 5th.





MONTHLY CALENDAR - TAMUZ-AV

Mon.-Tues., June 22-23 - **Rosh Chodesh Tamuz**
Morning Services 6:30 a.m.

Parshat Korach

Friday, June 26
Candle Lighting 8:46 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, June 27
Morning Service 9:00 a.m.
Rabbi's Talmud Class 7:35 p.m.
Mincha 8:35 p.m.
Motsaei Shabbat 9:45 p.m.
Sunday Morning Services 8:00 a.m.
Weekday Morning Services 6:40 a.m.
Weekday Evening Services 8:50 p.m.

Sunday, June 28
Rabbi Granatstein's class in Jewish Philosophical Text
At Torat Tzion Kollel 9:15 a.m.

Parshat Chukat - Balak

Friday, July 3
Candle Lighting 8:46 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, July 4
Morning Service 9:00 a.m.
Rabbi's Talmud Class 7:35 p.m.
Mincha 8:35 p.m.
Motsaei Shabbat 9:45 p.m.
Sunday Morning Services 8:00 a.m.
Weekday Morning Services 6:40 a.m.
Weekday Evening Services 8:50 p.m.

Fast of 17th of Tamuz

Thursday, July 9
Fast Begins 5:49 a.m.
Morning Services 6:30 a.m.
Mincha 7:30 p.m.
Fast Ends 9:42 p.m.

Parshat Pinchas

Friday, July 10
Candle Lighting 8:43 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, July 11
Morning Service 9:00 a.m.
Rabbi's Talmud Class 7:30 p.m.
Mincha 8:30 p.m.
Motsaei Shabbat 9:42 p.m.
Sunday Morning Services 8:00 a.m.
Weekday Morning Services 6:40 a.m.
Weekday Evening Services 8:45 p.m.

Sunday, July 12
Rabbi Granatstein's class in Jewish Philosophical Text
At Torat Tzion Kollel 9:15 a.m.

Parshat Matot - Masei

Friday, July 17
Candle Lighting 8:40 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, July 18
Morning Service 9:00 a.m.
Rabbi's Talmud Class 7:25 p.m.
Mincha 8:25 p.m.
Motsaei Shabbat 9:39 p.m.
Sunday Morning Services 8:00 a.m.
Weekday Morning Services 6:40 a.m.
Weekday Evening Services 8:45 p.m.

Sunday, July 19
Rabbi Granatstein's class in Jewish Philosophical Text
At Torat Tzion Kollel 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, July 22 - Rosh Chodesh Av

Morning Services 6:30 a.m.

Parshat Devarim - Shabbat Chazon

Friday, July 24
Candle Lighting 8:34 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, July 25
Morning Service 9:00 a.m.
Rabbi's Talmud Class 7:25 p.m.
Mincha 8:25 p.m.
Motsaei Shabbat 9:33 p.m.
Sunday Morning Services 8:00 a.m.
Weekday Morning Services 6:40 a.m.
Weekday Evening Services 8:40 p.m.

Sunday, July 26
Rabbi Granatstein's class in Jewish Philosophical Text
At Torat Tzion Kollel 9:15 a.m.

Fast of Tisha B'av

Wednesday, July 29
Ma'ariv & Kinot 9:15 p.m.
Thursday, July 30
Morning Services 6:30 a.m.
Mincha 8:20 p.m.
Fast Ends 9:27 p.m.

Parshat Va'Etchanan - Shabbat Nachamu

Friday, July 31
Candle Lighting 8:27 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, August 1
Morning Service 9:00 a.m.
Rabbi's Talmud Class 7:15 p.m.
Mincha 8:15 p.m.
Motsaei Shabbat 9:26 p.m.
Sunday Morning Services 8:00 a.m.
Weekday Morning Services 6:40 a.m.
Weekday Evening Services 8:35 p.m.

Sunday, August 2
Rabbi Granatstein's class in Jewish Philosophical Text
At Torat Tzion Kollel 9:15 a.m.

Parshat Ekev

Friday, August 7
Candle Lighting 8:19 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, August 1
Morning Service 9:00 a.m.
Rabbi's Talmud Class 7:10 p.m.
Mincha 8:10 p.m.
Motsaei Shabbat 9:18 p.m.
Sunday Morning Services 8:00 a.m.
Weekday Morning Services 6:40 a.m.
Weekday Evening Services 8:25 p.m.

Sunday, August 8
Rabbi Granatstein's class in Jewish Philosophical Text
At Torat Tzion Kollel 9:15 a.m.

Parshat Re'eh

Friday, August 14
Candle Lighting 8:10 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, August 1
Morning Service 9:00 a.m.
Rabbi's Talmud Class 7:00 p.m.
Mincha 8:00 p.m.
Motsaei Shabbat 9:09 p.m.
Sunday Morning Services 8:00 a.m.
Weekday Morning Services 6:40 a.m.
Weekday Evening Services 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, August 16
Rabbi Granatstein's class in Jewish Philosophical Text
At Torat Tzion Kollel 9:15 a.m.

Thurs.-Fri., August 20-21 - **Rosh Chodesh Elul**
Morning Services 6:30 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE: When Davening at an early Kabbalat Shabbat Minyan, you should light candles at that time.



GRS Summer Picnic

Sunday, July 12th At Buzzard Cove

Join us for a wonderful family day at Buzzard Cove Miniature Golf and Driving Range along the Cleveland Metroparks' Hinkley Reservation.

Enjoy 36 beautiful holes of miniature golf, a driving range, water balloon slingshot, and an unusual game room with your extended Green Road family!

Follow the fun with a lunch by Green Road Catering and a afternoon of activities in the Cleveland Metroparks' Hinkley Reservation. Go boating, bring your gear for pick-up softball, or enjoy the amazing trails including trails along the ledges that make this reservation unique.



9:45 AM: Leave from Green Road Synagogue.
10:30 AM: Buzzard Cove fun begins.
12-12:30 AM: Lunch will be served at Buzzard Cove.
After lunch: We invite you to join us in the Metropark for more activities, or take your own trail, if you like.

Cost: Adults (age 10+):\$15
Children (ages 4-10):.....\$13
Family Max:\$50

Transportation will be arranged for those who need.

Rain Date: July 19th.

For questions or reservations, please call the office at 216-381-4757. More details will be available on our website: www.GreenRoadSynagogue.org

We Need Help!

We need volunteers to help at this event. If you can help, please contact David Seltzer in the office at 216-381-4757 or email David@GreenRoadSynagogue.org

August 2nd Outing to Chautauqua...

Join Green Road Synagogue and Young Israel for an all day trip to Chautauqua, NY. Enjoy local shows, museums, scenic trails and more! There will be an optional BBQ on site. There will be busing leaving Young Israel at 10 AM and returning at 9 PM. For reservations or more information, please contact Young Israel at Office@yigc.org or call 216-382-5740.

Mazel Tov to all of our Graduates!

College

Barry Guttman - New York University, BA
Chanita Warn-Kane - SU of NY School of Optometry, Doctorate
Jennifer Sherman - CWRU, Bachelor in Nursing
Joshua Sherman - Cleveland State, BA
Michael Warn - Stern School of Business NYU, BA

High School

Lauren Aeder - Beachwood
Elihu Anouchi - Fuchs Mizrahi
Hadas Ben Shoshan - Fuchs Mizrahi
Adam Engelhart - Fuchs Mizrahi
Eitan Fleischman - Fuchs Mizrahi
YehuditGoldberg - Fuchs Mizrahi
Dov Grinblatt - Fuchs Mizrahi
Nitay Laor - Fuchs Mizrahi
Zvi Lapp - Fuchs Mizrahi
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Ahuva Sunshine - Fuchs Mizrahi
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Danielle Warn - Fuchs Mizrahi
Jacob Weiss - Fuchs Mizrahi

8th Grade

Moriah Ben Shoshan - Fuchs Mizrahi
Yael Engelhart - Fuchs Mizrahi
Sarah Katz - Gross Solomon Schechter
Jannah Laserson - Fuchs Mizrahi
Eve Marzel - Fuchs Mizrahi
Micki Rosenblum - Fuchs Mizrahi
Jeremy Sherman - Fuchs Mizrahi
Tamar Shiller - Fuchs Mizrahi
Elana Soclof - Fuchs Mizrahi
Yaffa Weiss - Fuchs Mizrahi

Middle School

Aviad Ben Shoshan - Fuchs Mizrahi
Ben Jaffe - Fuchs Mizrahi
Aryeh Sunshine - Fuchs Mizrahi
Elana Weiss - Fuchs Mizrahi
Zachary Zlatin - Fuchs Mizrahi





MAZEL TOV

To Steven & Sarah Rosen on the birth of a girl, and to grandparents Justin & Ann Lewis.

To Stephen and Mia Goldstein on the birth of a boy.

To Shaul & Tamar Flank on the birth of a girl, Ayelet Chava, to grandparents Menachem & Chaya Flank and Marty & Lainie Weisberg and to great-grandmother Diane (Dinnie) Davis.

To Michael & Frieda Gecovich on the birth of a grandson born locally to Edward & Inga Gecovich.

To Roni Bernstein on his Bar Mitzvah, which took place in Jerusalem, and to parents Jill & David Gleicher and George & Helene Bernstein.

To Elana Weiss on her Bat Mitzvah, to parents Zev & Rachel Weiss, and to grandparents Morry & Judy Weiss and Dr. Sidney & Bernice Borison

To Len & Birdie Frank on the engagement of their son David to Stacy Sultan from Baltimore, daughter of Marge and Wayne Gottlieb of Palm Springs California.

To Mr. & Mrs. Aaron & Darla Handler on their Marriage.

To Steve & Edith Greenberg on the marriage of their daughter Juliana to Seth Sclair from New York.

To Gerry & Miriam Engelhart on the marriage of their son David to Ora Gurfinkel from Paris, France.
Mazel Tov to grandmother Esther Offer.

IN SYMPATHY

המקום ינחם אתכם
בתוך שאר אבל
ציון וירושלים

THE CONGREGATION WOULD LIKE
TO EXTEND ITS HEARTFELT
CONDOLENCES

TO SYLVIA HIRSHKOWITZ AND FAMILY
ON THE PASSING OF HER HUSBAND,
IRVING HERSHKOWITZ.

DONATIONS

We would like to thank the following for their generous contributions to our Synagogue.

WE THANK LIAM SHAMIR FOR DONATING A YAD FOR TORAH
READING AT HIS BAR MITZVAH IN MEMORY OF CAL
KIRCHICK.

IN MEMORY OF:

Margaret Herskovitz Wine: Debbie & Phil Weiss; Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Bayer; Sheldon Harris; Betty & Dick Bloomfield; Sanford & Linda Herskowitz; Audrey & Albert Ratner; Carol & Marty Blake

Max Solomon's sister, Chaya Lazar: Sheila & Herschel Pickholtz; Allan & Nancy Pearl

David Marmor: Rose Marmor

Nathan Tuly & Paula Solomon: Liz Tuly

IN HONOR OF:

Rabbi Granatstein for visiting Jerry in the hospital: Rita & Jerry Weintraub

Justin & Ann Lewis' new granddaughter: Ivan Goldberg

Julianna Greenberg's marriage to Seth Sclair: Elayne & Ron Kluchin

Dr. Dov Pickholtz's graduation from medical school: Marlene & David Weiner

Arnie & Suzanne Kaufman for their Chesed: Marlene & David

A speedy recovery to Goldie Mayers: Louis & Sarah Radzeli

KIDDUSH:

June 6: Sponsored in honor of our graduates by their families

June 13: By Zev & Rachel Weiss in honor of their daughter Elana's Bat Mitzvah.

June 20: By Ezra & Rachel Stark and family in honor of the birth of their daughter Yardena Sara.

SEUDAH SHLISHIT:

May 23: By Barbara Baskin and Marla Shafran in memory of their father, Louis M. Minsk, on the occasion of his Yahrzeit.

May 30: By Allen & Carol Seftel in memory of Carol's uncle Alan Lewis on the occasion of his first Yahrzeit.

For those who missed Res. Sgt. Benjamin Anthony...

We were fortunate on June 6th to hear from guest speaker Res. Sgt. Benjamin Anthony from the Israel Defense Forces. Everyone in attendance was fixated and impressed with his experiences during the Lebanon war. If you wish to contact Sgt. Anthony, please contact him through his website www.oursoldiersspeak.org