From the RABBI

“AND YAAKOV HAD A DREAM. IN HIS DREAM THERE WAS A LADDER STANDING ON THE GROUND AND ITS TOP REACHED THE HEAVENS”
(Bereishis 28:12)

The Chafetz Chaim, citing many commentators, expresses the idea that the ladder Yaakov saw in his dream symbolizes the situation of every person in this world. There are two actions a person performs on a ladder. Either he goes from the bottom to the top, or else he goes from top to bottom. Each day in a person’s life he faces new challenges. If he has the will power and self-discipline to overcome those challenges, he goes up in his spiritual level. If, however, a person fails to exercise the necessary self-control, he lowers himself. This is our daily task, to climb higher every day.

There is no standing in one place.

General Information

- Mazel Tov to Mr. & Mrs. Yitzchok & Zeva (Erin) Friedman on the birth of a son. Mazel tov to the grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Ramie Delmoor and great grandmother Mrs. Ester Koffler and the entire mishpacha. May the bris take place b’ito u’v’zimano.

- Rabbi & Mrs. Shmaryahu & Devora Abramczyk invite the community to an Oneg Shabbos in celebration of the birth of Dovid Gershon in their home this Friday Night from 7:30 at 2601 Lynn Ave.

- Rabbi Kalatsky will be giving his loshon hara class 10 minutes before mincha, as well as his Gemara class on Mesechta Makkos following Seudah Shlishis.

- This week’s seudah shlishet is sponsored by The Simon Goldman family in, commemoration of the Yahrtzeit of Mother and grandmother Brina bas Moshe Dovid (7 Kislev), survivor of the Vilno Ghetto and a Partisan in Abba Kover’s group. Also, in commemoration of the murder of the Jews in Simon’s father’s town during the Holocaust in Poland (12 Kislev, 1942), including his father’s wife Genesia, and their 3 children; Lieba, Chaya Yenta, and Shimon Yinkev, all murdered by a Volk Deitch.
When challenges arise, you will both behave in an elevated manner and grow from the experience or you will fall. Let’s learn to appreciate the daily challenges of life that face us. Every difficulty is a means of elevating ourselves. Every time one overcomes a negative impulse he grows as a person. Additionally, just as a person climbing a ladder feels his progress with each step, so too with daily victories over our negative emotions we will feel we are accomplishing and it will give us the motivation to continue.

Rabbi Yisrael Salanter used to say that a person is like a bird. A bird has the ability to fly very high, but it must continually move its wings. If a bird stops flapping its wings, it will fall. People are the same way.

Next time you see a bird flying, let it serve as a reminder to flap your spiritual wings and soar!

Have an uplifting Shabbos!

Rabbi Kalatsky

Shiurim Around Town

- Rabbi Goldberger’s Parsha Class: Friday 9:15 AM at Keneseth Israel.
- Partners in Torah Tuesday 8:15 PM Kollel. Call Rabbi Kalatsky to be paired up with a partner.
- Mrs. Gibber Tuesday 9:30 AM Depth of Prayer - Bais Yaakov for women.
- Food Brachas - Every other Monday with Rabbi Stern. 7:30 - 8:15 pm. At the Aizman’s 4225 W 25th St.

- It says in the Gemorah Berachot 7B “Hapaam odeh et Hashem ” Rashi explains that LEAH saw be ruach hakodeh that there would be four mothers Matriarchs for Am Yisrael Rachel, Leah, Bilha and Zilpa and twelve tribes (shvatim). Each one of the mothers was suppose to receive three shvatim. When Leah received more than she was suppose to receive she was granted Reuven, Shimom Lavi and Yehuda (the root of the name of Yehuda is modeh to give thanks) she came to give thanks to Hashem.

We learn from here this special quality of Hakoros Hatov. Our dear mother also named LEAH passed away this week and one of the special qualities she treasured was Hakoros Hatov, always thanking Hashem for all the special wonderful people who helped her through out her life.

On behalf of our sister Zehava Zell and older brother Barry and myself Shlomo Nash we would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the wonderful families and entire St. Louis Park Jewish community of Bais Yisrael and Knessett Israel, to all those that have given of their time and exceptional efforts may Hashem repay you all Kefel V’kflayim.

Tehiye Nishmat Tzrur Be Trur Hahayim
Leah Bat Nachum

- The Twin Cities Community Women’s Chevra Kaddisha invites women in the community to dessert on Sunday, December 7th, at 6:00 PM, in the Joppa Lane party room, 2888 Joppa South. The members will be concluding their annual TesVov Kislev fast at 5:20, and will join in an informal discussion to share information and answer questions about the work of our local Chevra Kaddisha. Please RSVP Raleigh Kent, 952-920-5829 or raleigh.kent@yahoo.com.
Zmanim

November 28th – December 5th

Please call the shul office at 952-920-2183 to confirm minyanim for Monday-Thursday

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KI Shabbos Youth Groups

KI has Youth Groups every week from 9:00 to 11:15 am. The groups are conducted by the Bais Yaakov girls who have been watching our children during each of the past Signature Shabbos events. There will be at least 2 girls watching the children every week. The Youth Groups are open to all children, from age 3 (provided they are toilet trained) to 10 years old. All of the groups will be under the direction of Shayne Goldberger.

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CHANUKAH Illumination
DECEMBER 19, 2014

Kenesseth Israel
4330 W. 28TH STREET
SAINT LOUIS PARK, MN 55416

Menorah Lighting: 4:00 PM
Afternoon Services: 4:15 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:30 PM
Friday Night Shabbat Meal to follow Approximately 5:30 PM

Cost:
$18 per person | $12 per child
$60 max for family

Kid’s Programming available throughout the program

Shabbat hospitality available. RSVP by December 15, 2014
please call Tzipporah Kalatsky 917-744-4024