

Tefilla Notebook

6 Tishrei • Vayelech • Yom Kippur

September 14-15, 2018

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

6:43pm CANDLELIGHTING
6:30pm MINCHA/KABBALAT SHABBAT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:30am RABBI'S GEMARA SHIUR
9:15am SHACHARIT
6:15pm HALACHA SHIUR WITH CHAZAN
6:40pm MINCHA
7:00pm SEUDAH SHLISHIT
7:40pm MA'ARIV
7:45pm SHABBAT ENDS

WEEKDAY DAVENING TIMES

Sun. Sep 17 8:00am & 6:50pm
Mon. Sep 18 6:00am & 6:40pm
Tues. Sep 19 See YK Schedule
Wed. Sep 20 See YK Schedule
Thurs. Sep 21 6:20am & 6:40pm
Fri. Sep 22 6:30am & 6:40pm

YOUTH GROUP SHABBOS SCHEDULE

10:00 Free play, games & books.
10:40 Snack time, Parsha story & questions
11:10 Into shul to kiss the Torah
Circle time - davening, singing, Shabbat songs & games. (Ping pong, foosball, basketball)
11:30 Kids service ends

שבת שובה

Rabbi Dunner will speak after kiddush at 12:45
IS YOM KIPPUR A HAPPY DAY OR A SAD DAY?

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Kiddush Luncheon Sponsors
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commemorating the Yahrzeit of Rivka's mother
Pessl bat Yoel a"h

Yom Kippur Flowers in the Sanctuary have been sponsored by
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Dearest Members and Friends,

The late Stanley Abramovitch, who passed away without much fanfare a little over five years ago, was one of the twentieth century's great Jewish heroes.

You will be forgiven for not having heard of him. That would be the case of most true heroes. Stanley was only interested in doing good work and getting results. If you needed to hear of him during his lifetime, you would have – and you would never have forgotten him. He was indefatigable, charming, persistent, and an incomparable raconteur.

Born in Poland in 1920, he was sent by his family to London in 1935. "My mother pulled me toward her and said: 'Try to be a good Jew,'" he told the Jerusalem Post in 2009. Those were her last spoken words to him, and he never saw her again.

His mother's words continued to ring in Stanley's ears, especially after it became clear that she and two of his brothers had become victims of the Holocaust. In 1945 he volunteered for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), to help concentration camp survivors rebuild their shattered lives. It would be the beginning of a career helping Jews across the globe in every imaginable way, improving their lives and enhancing Jewish community life wherever he went.

In September 2010 Stanley wrote a blog for CNN in which he described his first Yom Kippur at the displaced persons camp in Landsberg, Germany, to which he had been sent by the JDC in 1945. The survivors grouped themselves by country of origin, and each group set up their own prayer group to accommodate their particular set of customs and traditions. Initially Stanley joined the Polish group for prayers, but after morning services he decided to go across to some of the other prayer groups.

He noted that "there were many people who remained in the street and refused to attend services; they were angry at God." Many of them had been religious Jews before the Holocaust. The wounds of the Holocaust were still too fresh. God's apparent absence while their families had been murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators was utterly incomprehensible to them, and they deliberately opted out of Yom Kippur prayers. "They would not pray," writes Stanley, "[and] when they heard the recitation of the Kaddish... they reacted angrily that God did not deserve the Kaddish."

As he was walking through the streets of the camp from one prayer group to another, he suddenly came across a large group of these conscientious objectors standing in a circle. Curious to see what they were looking at, he went over to find out what it was that had interested them. What he discovered, and describes so beautifully in his blog, was haunting and disturbing.

"In the middle of the circle stood a seven-year-old girl, embarrassed, perplexed. She could not understand why all these people stood around her. She, of course, could not know that they were surprised to find a Jewish child. So they stood, silently, and just looked at this miracle of a Jewish child in their midst. They could not tear themselves away from this one child who said nothing and to whom nothing was said. They just stood and gaped."

"A special prayer is normally recited on Yom Kippur for the departed members of one's family. It's called Yizkor, the memorial prayer. As those people looked at the little girl, they remembered their own children, or their younger brothers and sisters, the nephews and nieces who at one time were their pride and joy, and who were no more. Each one of them looked and remembered, recalled the beloved children who were cruelly exterminated."

"As they remembered, they recited without any words the Yizkor for all those who once were part of their lives and now were gone forever. This was a silent, most moving Yizkor, without words, without prayer books, recited in that street in Landsberg, by a group of Jewish survivors, watching a bewildered little Jewish girl. It was the most moving, most eloquent, most heartfelt, most silent Yizkor I have ever heard."

In Parshat Vayeilech Moses instructs the Jewish nation to gather together every seven years to hear the king or leader read from a Torah scroll at the Jerusalem Temple (Deut. 31:12): הִקְהֵל אֶת הָעָם הַאֲנָשִׁים וְהַנְּשִׂאִים וְהַטַּף "gather the people – the men, the women, and the little children."

This gathering, known as Hakhel, is unique among Torah directives in that it includes little children, even though they are not yet obligated to observe mitzvot. The Talmud (Hagigah 3a) notes that the requirement to bring children to this monumental gathering was "for no other purpose than that those who bring them will be rewarded."

Rabbi Moses Nahmanides subtly infers from the following verse that this reward is not some ethereal prize; rather it reflects the benefit of interacting with the next generation, crystallizing the promise they offer for a future that will be better than the present: "as they will hear and inquire and the fathers will [help them understand] and teach them."

As caught up as those Holocaust survivors in Landsberg may have been with their awful present, and notwithstanding the anger they may have felt towards God for their dreadful suffering, the sight of a child stopped them in their tracks. The hapless seven-year-old was a beam of sunlight piercing through the darkness that was their lives.

On Yom Kippur we can choose to dwell on our present, using it as an excuse not to bother trying. But the message of Hakhel, so evocatively rendered in Stanley Abramovitch's moving story, is that as long as there is a next generation there is always hope. Our job on Yom Kippur – and at all other times – is to focus our attention on that hope as the means by which we can inspire ourselves to become the most productive and constructive foundations for a better future in everything that we do.

Wishing you Shabbat Shalom, a meaningful Yom Kippur and a great week ahead, *Rabbi Pini Dunner*



Sisterhood Corner

Shabbat Shalom!
G'mar Chatima
Tova! Have an easy,
meaningful and
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Yahrtzeit— 12 Tishrei

Shiur for Ladies
פרשת השבוע

*The ladies Parsha Shiur will meet
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Please join us for the
Yuhrzeit of
my dear mother
Pessl bat Yoel A"H
Shabbat Tschuva
September 15

The Beverly Hills Synagogue
9261 Alden Drive
Beverly Hills, Ca. 90210

Shabbat lunch will be served
Rivka & Raphy Nissel



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

*Issac Hertz
Sandy Gordon*

*If you have observed a yahrtzeit, or had
a Birthday or Anniversary that was not
listed in the Tefilla Notebook, please let
us know so we can update our records.*

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**YOM KIPPUR
SCHEDULE**

**TUESDAY –
SEPTEMBER 18**

EREV YOM KIPPUR

6:15 am - Selichot

6:30 am - Shacharit

**LIGHT YIZKOR
CANDLE BEFORE
YOMTOV**

2:00 pm - Mincha

6:37 pm - Candle lighting

6:40 pm - Kol Nidrei

**WEDNESDAY –
SEPTEMBER 19
YOM KIPPUR**

7:30 am - Gemara Shiur

8:15 am - Pesukei Dezimra

8:45 am - HaMelech

10:15 am - Torah Service

11:00 am - Sermon

11:20 am - Yizkor
(approx.)

11:45 am - Musaf

2:00-4:30pm - Break

4:30pm - Mincha

5:50pm - Sermon

6:05pm - Neila

7:39pm - Shofar

7:39pm - Maariv

7:39pm - Fast ends

**FOLLOWED BY
REFRESHMENTS**

GREAT PERSONALITIES OF JEWISH HISTORY

with
Rabbi Pini Dunner

Simon Bar Kokhba & the last Jewish Revolt against Rome

October 9th | 8pm



Mavericks, Mystics, and False Messiahs
Episodes from the Margins of Jewish History

November 7th | 7pm

The Short & Extraordinary Life of Rabbi Nachman of Breslov

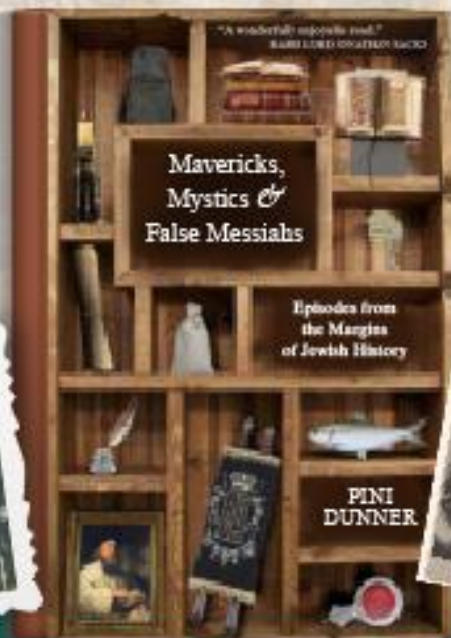
December 11th | 8pm

Rabbi Avraham Yitzchak Hacoen Kook
Mystical Dreamer & Lover of Zion

January 8 | 8pm



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