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*Candle Lighting 5:40pm \* Shekiah 5:58pm \* Shir Hashirim 5:30pm followed by Minha Friday Night  
Shaharit Shabbat 8:15am \* Minha Shabbat 5:25pm \* Shabbat Ends 6:41pm & Rabbenu Tam 7:11pm  
Time for Talit 6:04am \* Seasonal Hour 6:00 \* Alot Hashahar 4:50am \* Netz Hachama 6:13am  
Weekday Minha 6:50pm \* Earliest Time for Arbit 6:10pm \* Tzet Hacoachavim 6:36pm \* Chatzot 12:05  
Latest Time for Morning Keriat Shema 8:17am \* Latest Time for Morning Amidah 9:26am*

*Limud for 7<sup>th</sup> of Adar March 9<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night after Arbit 6:15pm*

*Taanit Esther Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> Fast Begins 5:44am and Ends 7:30pm Strictly 7:40pm*

*Zecher for Machatzit HaShekel this year is \$8 USD*

*Minha Taanit Esther 6:50pm, Megillah Reading Purim Night 7:30pm*

*Purim Morning Megillah Reading 6:40am, Megillah Reading for Women 11:45am*

*Minha Day of Purim 4:00pm*

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This week's Parasha discusses Korbanot, of either animal or bird, that the holy members of Bnei Yisrael sacrifice in the Bet Hamikdash. The wealthy bring animals, while the poor bring birds. The difference between the two is a valuable lesson for life: when sacrificing an animal, one first washes the innards in water, and the innards are then sacrificed on the Mizbeah. However, when sacrificing a bird, the innards are not washed in water, and are not sacrificed on the Mizbeah, rather only tossed to the side of the Mizbeah as if useless. Also, the wings of the birds are not removed. What can we learn from here? Animals eat from the food given to them by the owner, they do not need to steal food. Therefore, their innards are washed and sacrificed. A bird, however, must steal his food in order to survive, and therefore the innards that handle the stolen food are not worthy to be washed and sacrificed. We must learn from here the importance of never taking what is not ours.

Now, regarding the wings which are not removed but rather burned on the Mizbeah along with their feathers, what can we learn from this? When wings and feathers which cover over the sacrifice are burnt, it smells unpleasant. Nonetheless, they are valuable to Hashem and they are sacrificed. So too, a poor person whose clothing are torn and tattered, although his exterior may smell unpleasant, when he brings the sacrifice that he could afford, a bird, Hashem accepts him and his sacrifice, even while others step away from the foul smell of his exterior. Hashem lifts up the downtrodden and respects him. If we respect the poor, then we are following Hashem's example. May Hashem watch over us, Amen.

### **Insights on Purim**

The Megillah says that in the end, the Jews had the light. Rabi Yehuda explains that the light refers to the Torah, as a Mitzvah is the candle, and the Torah is the flame. Why

didn't the Megillah just say that the Jews had the Torah? Because it was then that the Jews realized that the Torah was their light, as they had not understood that without the Torah a Jew is in complete darkness. Here in history they witnessed how they were in terrible danger of complete annihilation, from a decree sent directly from the king to the whole world, and yet not one governor or ruler of any of the 127 provinces protested at all, not even one, like the wicked Hitler. Yet, a great miracle came from heaven! The king couldn't sleep, the tables turned, Mordechai was paraded through the streets in glory and royalty, led by Haman himself. Our Sages teach us: When Haman went to take Mordechai so that he could lead him through the streets in great honor, Mordechai had been in Yeshiva teaching his students about the topic of the Minhat HaOmer. Haman then remarked that the Jews' handful of barley used for the Omer outweighed his 10,000 silver pieces that he had paid to the king in exchange for annihilating the Jews. The holy nation witnessed and realized that the tides had finally turned in their favor due to their Torah learning. Indeed, they proclaimed that the Torah is their light, and without it we would all be lost in darkness.

### ***History in Brief***

*80 years after the Temple's destruction, in the year 150AD.* After the Roman Caesar ordered the murderous execution of great Sages through unusually cruel methods, many Jews risked their lives and fled to distant Babylonia. One day, the Caesar sent a terrible letter to the Jews of Galil. They brought it to Rabi Elazar Ben Porta and asked him what they should do. He told them not to ask him, but rather ask Yaakov Avinu, Moshe Rabbenu, and David Hamelech, all about whom it is written that they ran away from danger. They therefore also ran away,

along with their families, and hid in mountains and caves. The land of Yehuda was quiet and empty. It was then that Hashem punished the Caesar with a terrible disease and sickness. He was in so much extreme pain that he even asked his general to kill him, but his general refused. In the end, the Caesar died from all the painful suffering, a truly unusual death, in the year 140A.D.

### ***Health and Recovery***

It is important to know that cardiovascular diseases are the number one cause of death in Israel, and in the developed countries of the world. This fact cannot be separate from the fact that food in modern countries contains a lot of saturated fat. It turns out that this fat is the main reason for this severe figure. Therefore, it is recommended to eat products that contain unsaturated fat, such as: low-fat milk, fat-free meat, fat-free chicken, olive oil, non-fat sea fish, avocado nuts, almonds soaked in water, pumpkin seeds, and sunflower seed butter. You have to stay away from margarine. What is margarine? It originates from vegetable fat, artificially transformed into solidity by hydrogenation, that is, a chemical modification of its molecular structure by adding hydrogen. In the process of margarine formation, trans-acids are also formed. This change poses a health hazard, raises the level of cholesterol in the blood, and is also suspected to be a risk factor for cancer when consumed in large amounts. In addition, margarine contains synthetic vitamins, food coloring, and preservatives. It is used in many commercial items, such as waffles, cakes, cookies, burekas, snacks, and chips. "Burekas is the worst, a dangerous cause for diseases, because it is made up of solid oils and the worst forms of fat that can be," says Professor Raphael Carasso.

### **Mussar: *Recognize Hashem's Greatness***

A person is considered a miniature world. Therefore, just as contemplating the awesome wonders of the world will help a person develop deeper faith in Hashem, so too shall contemplating the amazing details of the human body. We must constantly grace and thank Hashem for the countless blessings He bestows upon us every day throughout our entire life. He gives us even though we haven't earned it. He has created us from nothing. He has given us a body which is composed with countless wonders and outstanding wisdom. We were given a powerful and holy soul. We have intelligence in order to decipher between good and bad, right and wrong, and the ability to think and observe in order to recognize our Creator and Master. Hashem feeds us and gives us our necessities – even extras as well as some luxuries. He does not forsake us and cares for us every moment. The least we could do is recognize His greatness and bless His holy name in this world. Do not slumber and be ungrateful. Sing His praises to others and spread His presence throughout the world. He has created us in the form of His image, and blew a living soul within us, a soul of superiority and sovereignty; a soul with wisdom and great power, with the ability to understand and develop, greater than any other creation. The body is so complex and the mind is the control center. We must realize the awesome gift of life and praise Hashem with great devotion and emotion. Those who praise Hashem in this lifetime will praise him after a long life in the next world – where the true praises are spoken. May Hashem watch over us, Amen.

### **Rishon LeSion: *R' Raphael Meir 1801-1893***

During another mission that R' Raphael was sent on, he visited Italy. When he reached Rome, he witnessed a terrible conflict that was tearing the Jewish people there in half, each person taking a side of the disagreement, and it seemed hopelessly divisive. Each side

believed that their specific Minhag custom was accurate in regards to certain readings and pronunciations in Tefillah. R' Raphael listened to both sides, thought about it for a while, and then advised them to follow the custom in Jerusalem. They accepted his decision and the people finally united once more and flourished in friendship. When the Pope in the Vatican heard about this outcome, how R' Raphael restored peace to a very divided community, he asked R' Raphael to come visit him. As they spoke, R' Raphael found favor in the eyes of the Pope who was very much enjoying their conversation. The Pope then asked R' Raphael if he wished to see the treasures of the Vatican.

### ***Story***

The young men asked the Muslim Sheik of the village if he could instruct some of his people to safely escort them back to the gravesite of the holy Rashbi, to protect them from the two murderous men from whom they had escaped. The Sheik agreed, and he sent some of his people, who were familiar with such trouble, to escort them safely, perhaps they would find the troublemakers and teach them a lesson. When they reached the gravesite of the holy Rashbi, they found that the two men they had escaped from were dead on the floor, lifeless without any sign of injury or harm. It was as if they just went to sleep and didn't wake up. We learn from here that the holy Tana protects those who come to visit his gravesite to pray and learn Torah. Here ends the story told over by R' Naftali to his grandson Zalman, three days before he passed away. R' Naftali and his friends who were in the story had undertaken not to tell the story to anyone else. For many years throughout his long life he never let the secret of this miraculous story pass his lips, and only revealed it to his grandson at the end of his life. He then told him another story. Many years later, after his friends had passed away, he was celebrating Lag Ba'Omer by the gravesite of the holy Rashbi, when he

suddenly saw his friend dancing along. He went over to him and asked him what he was doing in this world, as he had passed away many years ago. His friend answered that those who took part in the celebrations of this great Tana Rashbi during their lifetime through sacrifice and determination, are given special permission to return and celebrate with the living even after they have passed away.

### **Laws: Purim**

- 1 – Zecher for the Machatzit HaShekel this year is eight dollars.
- 2 – The most special Sefer Torah is used to read Parashat Zachor in Shul.
- 3 – Women who can come to Shul to hear Parashat Zachor will be blessed, and those who cannot come because they are watching their children have what to rely upon in Halacha to stay home.
- 4 – One cannot speak during the Megillah reading until after the last Beracha is recited.
- 5 – Mishloah Manot is to be performed in the day, not night. Two food items are given to a person. It is preferable that one food item is wine.
- 6 – The more people you give Mishloah Manot, the more praiseworthy you are, according to your ability.
- 7 – The Seudat Purim meal during Purim is celebrated after one fulfills the Mitzvot of Mishloah Manot and Matanot Laebyonim.
- 8 – If one sends Mishloah Manot anonymously, he has not fulfilled the obligation.
- 9 – One who eats Mezonot or fruits does not mention Purim in Beracha Acharona.

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