

Parashat Kedoshim: There Are No Words

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The name of this week's parasha, "Kedoshim" or "The Holy Ones," brings to mind, for a Jewish person, the saintly six million people in our nation who were murdered simply for being Jewish.

This coming Monday will be Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, a day whose very mention elicits an emotional pain so intense as to be almost physical, a knife in the heart.

I remember, as a child raised in Israel, the sound of the siren announcing the start of Yom Hashoah. My body would recoil and my heart would start beating erratically, suddenly tears would come from nowhere and could be seen on any face I happened to meet at the moment the siren sounded.

Yam Shel Demaot, a sea of tears, and everything was so quiet—there were no words to describe the feeling.

After seven decades, we are still unable to handle what happened, to fix it in our minds, to understand the horror. How could such an atrocity occur? How could G-d allow this to happen? How can we teach our children about this? And some would even ask, did we learn the lesson we were supposed to learn?

There are those who attempt to deal with these questions—for instance, teachers, community leaders, rabbis, philosophers—and find themselves frustrated. After all the words they use to approach the issue of the Holocaust, they can barely touch the surface of the subject. They can hardly draw conclusions, let alone discover answers.

Why is this so?
Our emotions take over. But, should we let emotion take over?
Yes.
Yes, this is the only way to heal, to recover.

We are taught by the Torah that there are times in life when we may let emotions take over. It's okay. We don't need to analyze everything. When dealing with most subjects reason and a rational approach help, but this is not true with everything. In some instances, resigning our-

selves to our feelings is the humble thing to do. Accepting our emotions helps us to accept what we do not, and perhaps cannot, understand.

The Megilla of Eicha suggests as much. The prophet, Yirmiyahu, transmits to us a message from Hashem that may be summed up as this: just cry. Crying is enough, and we know, at least, that we are crying for the right thing, for something worth our sorrow. When we mourn the Holocaust at least we know that our father and mother—Hashem and the feminine presence of the Shechina—are crying with us.

48. My eyes shed torrents of water over the destruction of the daughter of my people.
49. My eye streams and is not silent, without respite.
50. Till the Lord looks down from the heavens and beholds. My eye sullies my soul more than all the daughters of my city.
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54. Water flowed over my head; I thought, "I am cut off."
55. I called on Your name, O Lord, from the depths of the pit.
56. You did hear my voice; hide not Your ear from my sighing [or] from my crying.

(Eicha, Chapter 3)

Prayer Schedule

SHABBAT

PARASHAT KEDOSHIM

Friday, April 29th

Shaharit 6:30 am

Minhah & Arbit 6:30 pm

Candle Lighting 7:16 pm

Saturday, April 30th

Shaharit 8:30 am

Tehillim 6:00 pm

Minhah & Arbit 6:30 pm

Motzei Shabbat 8:21 pm

WEEKDAYS

Sunday, May 1st

Shaharit 7:30 am

Monday-Friday

Shaharit 6:30 am

YOM HASHOAH

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Monday, May 2, 2011

ROSH HODESH IYAR

Wed & Thurs, May 4-5, 2011

Thursday, May 5th

Women's Rosh Hodesh

Celebration & Tehillim Reading

10:30 am at a private home

Contact orbysbatzri@gmail.com

for more information

EREV SHABBAT

Friday, May 6th, 2011

Shaharit 6:30 am

Minhah & Arbit 6:30 pm

Candle Lighting 7:22 pm

Sometimes it is better to say nothing than to say something. In fact, what we do not say may be more powerful than what we do say. For, certainly, there are some things that are beyond words.

Shabbat Shalom

Community News

In Memoriam

May 14, 2011

During Morning Services



Shabbat Kahol Lavan Israel Independence Day

*Wear Blue and White for our
Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration*

- Remarks from the Israeli Consulate and Rabbi Daniel Bouskila, SEC
- Beautiful Prayers and Israeli Songs with Rabbi Hagay Baztri
- Festive Kiddush w/Israeli Food

*Kahal Joseph in collaboration with
the Sephardic Educational Center*

KIDDUSH

is sponsored by
Ravit and Doron Batan

In honor of
the Bar Mitzvah of their son
Tom Batan

Mazal Tov
to Tom's parents, sister
and grandparents
Sarah and Mordecai Cohen &
Margelit and Shlomo Batan

It is customary to light a memorial candle in the evening and to donate tzedakah. Family members are encouraged to attend prayer services in honor of loved ones.

Sunday / 27 Nisan

Aharon Isaac Levy

Wednesday / 30 Nisan

Yehezkel ben Avraham Hayim
Yaacov

Thursday / 1 Iyar

Mordechai Haim ben Moshe Hai
Eliahou ben Meir

Friday / 2 Iyar

Mounie bat Miriam

Shabbat / 3 Iyar

Hanina bat Chahla

Sasson ben Binyaim Gemal

*To update, please call the office
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הללו אל שבחר

A Song for a Bar Mitzvah: Hallelu El Shebuchar

הללו אל שבחר, בישראל מכל עם
הללו אל שבחר, בישראל מכל עם
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יוסף חתן יפאר, בתפילין ראשו יעטר
ובקהל עם הוא יברך
ברוך שזיכני, ברוך שזיכני, ובנו בחר 2

קידשנו במצוות, באות ובטוטפות
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תפילין אל מול ליבו, שבה את ידו קשר
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Refuah Shlemah

Yonatan ben Alizah • Mazal Tov
bat Sulha Mitana • Matilda
Louisa • Yaheskel ben Regina •
Ayala bat Naomi • Khayah Noa
bat Sara • Haim ben Mordechai •
Prina bat Esther • Yosi ben
Esther • Victor ben Latif • Ramah
Regina bat Farha • Aziza bat Sara
Judith bat Malka • Ofek ben Yochai
• Efrayim Zev ben Fayga • Sulha
Matana bat Mozelle • Gershon ben
David • Farangis Miriam bat
Touran • David ben Leah •
Avraham Haim ben Miryam •
Yaakov ben Freda • Rachel bat
Mazal Tov • Avraham ben Rab-
bie • Mazal Sigalit bat Rivkah •
Orit bat Tikvah • Yaakov ben
Aliyah • Chana Leah bat Reiza •
Victoria Cohen • Avraham
Moshe ben Miriam

For Women Only: **Rosh Hodesh Iyar**

and Tehillim Reading with Rabbanit Orly Batzri



Thursday, May 5th, 10:30 am at a private home

We would greatly appreciate if all participants arrive on time.
RSVP requested to orlybatzri@gmail.com by Monday evening, May 2nd

Torah Readings

Parasha 497-508

Haftara 511-512

Submissions Deadline

for *Kol Mevasser* Newsletter

Tuesdays at 6 pm

Thank You!