

GNHC CHADASHOT

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Giffnock & Newlands
Hebrew Congregation

Parshat Ki Tavo - Perek 3 & 4
18 Ellul 5770 - 28 August 2010

	Artscroll	Soncino
Sedra	1068	1117
Maftir	1084	1133
Haftorah	1201	1134

Shabbat Youth Service	Tuesday Friendship Club 1.45 pm to 3.45 pm
Kiddush	Wednesday No Mothers & Toddlers
Mincha & Mariv 8.10 pm Short Shiur on Ethics of the Father and Torah Portion end of Shabbat 9.18 pm	Thursday 2nd Minyan at 9.15 am Tea & Cake

Mazal Tov
Laurence & Maureen Vallance on the birth of a grandson, a son to Daniel & Kimberley Vallance and a great grandson to Flora Glekin & Clarice Mattock.

To Shoshana Caplan on the birth of a granddaughter, a daughter to Andrew Reemes

To Adam & Anita Berkley on the birth of a grandson, a son to Allan & Shosh Berkley and a great grandson to Max Berkley and Renee Miller.

To Kenneth & Irene Collins on the birth of a granddaughter, a daughter to David & Aviva Collins.

Memorial Stone Consecration

In loving memory of the late Angela Jackson on Sunday 29 August at Glenduffhill Cemetery at 11.00 am.

In loving memory of the late Eliot Winocour on Sunday 29 August at Cathcart Cemetery at 12.00 pm.

The Congregation wishes "Long Life" to all those who are commemorating a Yahrzeit

18 Ellul 28 August 2010 Mr. G. Kitchener Mrs. R. Statt	22 Ellul 1 September 2010 Mrs. A.B. Douglas Mrs. E. Goodman Mrs. B. Winocour Mrs. L. Wolff
19 Ellul 29 August 2010 Mrs S.L. Antick Mr. H.A. Bernard Mr. B. Caplan Mr. P. Caplan Dr. J. Lee	23 Ellul 2 September 2010 Mrs. V.C. Cates Mr. M.S. Cowen Dr. D. Granet Mrs. D. Nutt Mr. D. Osdin Mrs. B. Osdin
20 Ellul 30 August 2010 Mr.& M.I. Frieze Mrs. M.R. Goodman Mrs A. Minster Mrs. C. Peters Mr. A. Stern	24 Ellul 3 September 2010 Mr. A.B. Douglas Mrs. L. Douglas Mrs. B. Edwards Mr. F. Kaye Mrs. C. Sherry Mr. E. Simpson Mr. M. Simpson Mrs. D. Wolfson
21 Ellul 31 August 2010 Mr. A. Hill Mrs. D. Jacobs Mr. M. Robbin Mr. I. Tuck	

Time of services

Shacharit: Sunday 8.45 am, Monday & Thursday 7.20 am and Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7.30 am.

Mincha & Mariv: Sunday to Friday 6.40 pm (Candle lighting 6.42 pm - 7.10 pm).

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Summary of the Sedra

General Overview: The Israelites are commanded to bring the first of their fruit to the Temple, and to deliver all tithes to their proper recipients. Moses explains how the blessings and curses are to be proclaimed on Mts. Grizzim and Ebal when the Jewish nation enters into Israel. He then details the blessings they will receive for following the commandments of the Torah, and the calamities which will result from disregarding them.

First Aliyah: This section introduces us to the mitzvah of bikurim, the requirement to bring one's first fruits to the Holy Temple. This mitzvah applies to fruits and produce grown in the land of Israel, and only those for which the land of Israel is praised: wheat, barley, dates, figs, grapes, pomegranates and olives. When in the Temple, the owner of the fruits recites a brief thanksgiving prayer to G-d and presents the produce to the priests.

Second Aliyah: During Temple times, Jewish farmers were required to separate from their produce several different tithes. These were distributed to the priests, the Levites, the poor, and one tithe which was eaten by its owners in Jerusalem. The different tithes were not all given each year, rather there was a three-year cycle. In this aliyah, the Torah gives the procedure to be followed on the day before Passover during those years which followed the conclusion of a cycle. The farmer was to declare that he has performed all his tithing duties and then beseeches G-d to bless His people and the Land.

Third Aliyah: Moses admonishes the Jews to observe G-d's commandments; reminding them that they have selected Him to be their god, and He, in turn, has chosen them to be His holy and treasured nation.

Fourth Aliyah: The Jews are instructed to gather large stones when they cross the Jordan River. These stones were to be plastered, and the entire Torah was to be engraved upon them. Another set of stones was also to be inscribed with the entire Torah, and be set on Mt. Ebal.

Fifth Aliyah: The Jewish people are instructed to proclaim blessings and curses on Mts. Grizzim and Ebal. The elders of the Levite Tribe together with the Holy Ark stood between the two mountains, and six tribes were stationed atop each mountain. The Levites and priests faced each mountain alternately, and stated the blessing and curses. At the end of the aliyah, we are told of the bountiful blessings which will shower us if we hearken to G-d's commandments.

Sixth Aliyah: This section continues with the aforementioned blessings, and then launches a lengthy description of all the maledictions and suffering which will befall the Jews when they neglect the mitzvot.

Seventh Aliyah: Moses reminds the Jews of all the miracles which have been their lot from when G-d took them out of Egypt until that very day. He concludes by saying that it is therefore incumbent upon them to follow G-d's covenant.
Isaiah 60:1-22

Summary of Haftorah

This week's haftorah is the sixth of a series of seven "Haftarot of Consolation." These seven haftarot commence on the Shabbat following Tisha b'Av and continue until Rosh Hashanah.

In glowing terms the prophet recounts descriptions of what will unfold during the Redemption. Beginning with the resurrection of the dead and the ingathering of the exiles, continuing with the joy and abundance the Jewish people will then experience, as well as the gifts that will be brought to G-d from all of the nations of the world.

Finally, the Jewish nation will no longer be despised and derided, there will no longer be violence nor mourning, and G-d will shine His everlasting light on His people.

G-d in the Fast Lane By Yossy Goldman

Can one plan to be blessed? Obviously, we believe that when we live life as G-d intended us to, we will find our lives blessed in many ways. Even if we do not always see the results tangibly or immediately, we certainly are aware of many blessings that come with the territory of leading a Godly life. But there is a verse in our Parshah, which promises us blessings we never even dreamed of.

If you will listen to the voice of G-d... and observe the commandments... All these blessings will come upon you and overtake you... (Deuteronomy 28:2)

What does it mean that blessings will overtake you? Rabbi Ovadia Sforno, one of the classic Biblical commentators, suggests that it means you will be blessed even when you made no effort to seek those blessings. It will come out of the blue, an unexpected windfall.

"How do you know that your livelihood's in that direction and you're running after it? Perhaps it lies in the opposite direction..." The story is told of the saintly Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev that he once saw a young man running down the street. The Chassidic master stopped him and asked, "Where are you running?" The fellow answered, "To make a living, rabbi." To which the Berditchever responded, "So how do you know that your living lies in that direction and you're running after it? Perhaps your livelihood is to be found in the opposite direction, and you're running away from it?"

Do we ever know for sure? How often do the best laid plans of mice and men come to naught? Haven't we all had the experience of trying our hardest to do a deal, and yet with all the planning and strategizing nothing whatsoever materialized? And on the other hand, there may have been times when we put no work into it at all and suddenly from nowhere we landed the deal of the year? The truth is we don't know where the blessing of our livelihood lies.

Our soul may hear something on a higher plane and it filters down And so it is with spiritual blessings. There are times when we make the effort and remain uninspired and there are times when we become inspired effortlessly. According to the Baal Shem Tov, our unconscious soul may hear something on a higher plane and it filters down to our conscious soul and we are touched, moved or inspired.

We live in an era of much confusion. Many are lost, floundering about in spiritual wildernesses. But many are finding themselves too. There have been many who didn't necessarily go looking for G-d but G-d found them. "How did you get inspired?" "To tell you the truth, I'm not really sure. I was minding my own business and I bumped into this Rabbi." Or, "I was sitting next to this fellow on the plane..." If you feel the spirit overtaking you, slow down Or, "I was just a tourist at the Western Wall but something moved me." Everybody has a story. In some stories we went looking for G-d, in others He came looking for us.

So if you feel the spirit overtaking you, don't speed up. Slow down. Let it catch up with you. May the blessings of G-d overtake you and transform your life.