

This week's issue of *The Park Page* is dedicated by

Cindy and Joseph Bettelheim, commemorating the Yahrzeit of his great-aunt Elizabeth Szekely – Gittel bat Shmuel a”h (24 Sivan)
 The Gul, Ashkenazy and Barth families, commemorating the Yahrzeit of their grandmother Doris Palmer – Devora bat Eliezer a”h (15 Sivan)
 Karen and Jeffrey Klein, commemorating the passing this week of his uncle Nathan Weinberg – Nussan ben Shlomo ha-Levi a”h (19 Sivan)
 Audrey and Charles Rutman, commemorating the Yahrzeit of his father Abraham Rutman - Avraham ben Yechiel a”h (25 Sivan)



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Schedule of Services and Classes	
Friday, June 16 / 22 Sivan Bava Batra 145	
Shacharit	6:15 am
Mincha / Maariv	7:00 pm
Candle-lighting before	8:10 pm
Saturday, June 17 / 23 Sivan Bava Batra 146	
Shacharit	8:45 am
Latest time for Shema	MA 8:33, GRA 9:09 am
Sermon: "On Father's Day and Graduation Season"	10:30 am
Pirkei Avot Shiur	7:20 pm
Mincha / Seuda Shelishit	8:00 pm
Maariv / Shabbat ends	9:14 pm
Sunday, June 18 / 24 Sivan Bava Batra 147	
Shacharit	8:10 am
Gemara Shiur – Masekhet Shevuot (40b)	8:50 am
Mincha / Maariv	8:15 pm
Monday, June 19 / 25 Sivan Bava Batra 148	
Shacharit	6:10 am
Mincha / Maariv	8:15 pm
Tuesday, June 20 / 26 Sivan Bava Batra 149	
Shacharit	6:15 am
Mincha / Maariv	8:15 pm
Wednesday, June 21 / 27 Sivan Bava Batra 150	
Shacharit	6:15 am
Mincha / Maariv	8:15 pm
Thursday, June 22 / 28 Sivan Bava Batra 151	
Shacharit	6:10 am
Mincha / Maariv	8:15 pm
Friday, June 23 / 29 Sivan Bava Batra 152	
Shacharit	6:15 am
Mincha / Maariv	7:00 pm
Candle-lighting before	8:12 pm

- **Daf Yomi** meets on Sunday at 7:30 a.m., Monday through Friday at 5:30 a.m., and Shabbat at 8:00 a.m.
- **Candle-lighting** and all other "work" should preferably be completed on Fridays by 7:15 p.m., the time at which the congregation accepts Shabbat, but no later than the candle-lighting times indicated above.
- Women needing a **Mikvah** appointment should call 718-343-5700.

Drash v'DaSh: A Shabbat Message and Greeting "The Spies of Smullyan, Stratego, and Scripture"

Back as a graduate student in Computer Science, and later as an undergraduate instructor, I enjoyed the recreational logic puzzles of American mathematician and philosopher Raymond Smullyan. Smullyan, who died earlier this year at age 97, taught at - among other institutions - Yeshiva University's Belfer Graduate School of Science (already defunct before my arrival on the YU campus). Smullyan became especially known for creating puzzles involving hypothetical characters that he dubbed "knights", "knaves", and "spies". Knights always told the truth, knaves always lied, and spies sometimes told the truth and sometimes lied. [For a sampling of his puzzles, see, for example, two of his many publications, *What Is the Name of This Book?* (1978) and *Alice in Puzzle-Land* (1982).]

The Israelite *meraglim* of Parashat Shelach apparently satisfied Smullyan's definition of "spies". Surely the cluster of grapes, pomegranates, and figs were an honest sample from their mission; indeed the spies even acknowledged that, as promised earlier by Moshe, this was a land "flowing with milk and honey". However, their assertion that Canaan was also a land that "eats up the inhabitants thereof and all the people that we saw in it are men of great stature" misrepresented the circumstances surrounding the events, circumstances that in fact had been divinely orchestrated for the benefit and protection of the spies, by redirecting attention away from them.

There was another spy in my earlier recreational life, the spy of Stratego - a board game that I often played in summer camp. On the surface, the spy was the lowest ranking of the ten movable classes of characters. Yet, if the spy took the initiative to attack, it could in fact defeat the marshal, the otherwise highest ranking piece in the game. The spies of Parashat Shelach needed a little bit of the "Stratego spy" in them: an attitude which focused not on their weakness and vulnerability, as accurate as it may be, but their power and potential. The spies needed the approach of their colleague Calev, who replied - without regard for popularity or political correctness - "We *should* go up at once and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it." Calev understood - and articulated - the position that pondering the possibilities and then overcoming obstacles was critical not only to *entering* the Promised Land but *maintaining* a viable existence.

Mazal tov to our graduates who have risen through the ranks of their respective schools and classes, who opined - as Calev did millennia before them - "we are well able to overcome it" and have borne the fruit of their dedication and determination.



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Announcements

Yasher koach to Dr. Howie Lerner for his laining this Shabbat.

Kiddush is sponsored in honor of simchas, graduations, and Father's Day. (See attached list for sponsors and their occasions.)

Seuda Shelishit is sponsored by Dovid and Dani Gottesman, commemorating the Yahrzeit of their wife/mother Miriam Henya bat Avraham Avinu a"h,(15 Sivan) and by Rashel and David Rouhani, commemorating the Yahrzeit of his grandmother Shamsi bat Rav Refael a"h (23 Sivan). Dovid and David will each speak in honor of the occasion.

The next **Simcha Kiddush** will be Shabbat Parashat Pinchas, July 15. Sponsorships are \$18 per Kiddush or \$200 annually. Please submit payments to the office and e-mail simcha details to office@yinhp.org.

YINHP Cards ("In Memoriam", "Mazel Tov", "Get Well", and "Thank You") are now available for purchase through Ellen Barth or David Mandel. The cost is \$18 each or \$72 for five (mix 'n match).

Food Certificates for Fairway, Shop Rite, and Stop & Shop; a limited supply of **Gift Cards** for Amazon and Home Depot; and **Chesed Dollars** for many Jewish businesses can be purchased from Art Feldman 516-227-0707, Paige Finkelstein 718-343-4821, Rena Gombo 718-343-3855, and Ilene Horowitz 718-470-9474. Proceeds finance capital improvement projects at the shul.

For information about the **Clothing Gemach**, contact Mark Krieger at 917-703-4694, visit BeautifulMemoriesGemach.org, or check out and "like" the Beautiful Memory Gemach's Facebook page.

Office Hours this week are Tuesday and Friday 10:00 – 2:00.

Nach Yomi

Study for June 17-23, per Rabbi Jack Abramowitz's *Nach Yomi Companion*. For more information, visit www.ou.org/torah/nachyomi.

Proverbs 19: Chinese Water Torture

Proverbs 20: Campaign Promises

Proverbs 21: Nothing Compare 2 U

Proverbs 22: Teach Your Children Well

Proverbs 23: The Morning After

Proverbs 24: Pearls of Wisdom

Proverbs 25: Too Much of a Good Thing

The Park Page Puzzle "Fruit Salad"

This week's Puzzle: Where in the Torah do we find grapes, figs, and pomegranates, not necessarily in the same context?

Solution to the previous week's Puzzle: The root K.B.R (= grave, burial) appears in parashot Lekh Lekha, Chayei Sara, Vayishlach, Vaychi, Beshalach, Behaalotkha, Chukat, Mattot, Masei, Ekev, Ki Tetze, Vezot Habrakha, *Yasher koach to Susan Isler and Karen Klein for their solutions.*

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Dear Harav Tietelbaum ARI'E
Thank you very much for the very warm and
open welcome and atmosphere of your shul it was a
very beautiful and enjoyable experience to spend
time with you and your misibellim may you
only have time with much shalom and all
ways and continue being a great house of
Eretz Yisrael
Chaim Kagan
From Bensalem

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In Memoriam - Ruth Provda a"h (1919-2017)

On June 6, one of our long-time congregants passed away at the age of 98. Though recently she lived in a nursing home in Forest Hills, during her more vibrant years, she regularly attended Rabbi Bilitzky's classes, was a dedicated member of the Queens Chevra Kadisha, and served as the secretary to Rabbi Fendel - principal of the Hebrew Academy of Nassau County. In the words of one of our present members, Ruth Provda was a "tzadekes" (righteous woman). May her memory – like her lifetime - continue to be a blessing.