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Next Shabbat we will be selling the Mafteer & Haftorah for Rosh Hashanah

Shir Hashirim, Mincha, Kabalat Shabbat & Arbit.	18:45
Shabbat Candles.	19:05
Shabbat Shahrit - Followed by Kiddush. (Shema 9:08).	08:30
Daf Hayomi with Rabbi Asher Sebbag Shlit"a.	17:40
Mincha Shabbat -. (Sunset - 19:18).	18:40
Arbit Motzei Shabbat.	20:09
Selichot & Shahrit Weekday - (Sunday - 06:30).	05:30
Daf Hayomi with Rabbi Asher Sebbag Shlit"a.	18:00
Mincha & Arbit.	18:45
Next Friday: Shir Hashirim, Mincha, Kabalat Shabbat & Arbit.	18:30
Next Friday: Candles. Shabbat. Ki Tavo	18:49

Ki Tetzei 5779 (Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19)

Sep 8, 2019 | by [Rabbi Kalman Packouz](#)

GOOD MORNING! Everyone loves a story -- particularly a true story and especially a story with a surprise and a happy ending. Even better is when there is a message which we can incorporate into our own lives. That is why I am sharing with you a wonderful article, "Meriting a Miracle," written by one of the writers I hold in high esteem, Rabbi Avi Shafran. Here is the article:

In 1943, after more than three years of German control over France, the Great Synagogue of Lyon continued to function. That December 10, the Lyon Milice, the shock troops of the Vichy government, decided to put an end to the Jewish worship.

The synagogue's rabbi survived the war to tell the tale, which is recorded in a book about Klaus Barbie, the infamous "Butcher of Lyon" (which is also the title of the book, by Brendan Murphy - Empire/Harper & Row, 1983). A member of the Milice quietly entered the rear of the sanctuary that Friday night during services. Armed with three hand grenades, he intended to lob them into the crowd of standing worshippers from behind, and to escape before the explosions. After silently opening the door and entering the room unnoticed by anyone but the rabbi (who stood facing the congregation), he pulled the pins.

What he saw, though, so shook him that he remained wide-eyed and motionless for a crucial moment, and

then only managed to toss the grenades a few feet before fleeing. Several worshippers were injured by shrapnel but none were killed.

What had so flabbergasted the Nazi was the sudden, unexpected sight of his intended victims' faces, as the congregation, as if on cue, turned as one on its heels to face him.

The would-be mass-murderer had entered the *shul* precisely at "*bo'i b'shalom*," the last stanza of the liturgical poem *Lecha Dodi*, when worshippers traditionally turn toward the door to welcome the Sabbath. The account came to mind of late because it is, at least to me, a striking reminder of something truly fundamental yet easily forgotten. We Jews often survive on miracles.

To be sure, we don't base our belief on them, as do some religions. Maimonides famously wrote that the miracles recounted in the Torah - even the parting of the Red Sea - are demonstrations not of God's existence but rather of His love for His people. We know God exists because of our carefully preserved historical tradition that He communicated with our ancestors at Mt. Sinai, an event we celebrate on Shavuot.

All the same, though, His love and His miracles underlie our existence.

Our tradition teaches that our foremother Sarah was biologically incapable of conceiving a child; the very beginning of our people thus was miraculous. The perseverance of the Jewish people over the millennia is a miracle, as is our rebirth after countless decimations.

And recent Jewish history has been no less miraculous. When Israel destroyed the assortment of Arab armies arrayed against it in 1967, even hardened military men well aware of the Israeli air force and army's skill and determination spoke of miracles. And the rescue at Entebbe in 1976 may have entailed special-forces acumen, but sensitive Jews saw on it the clear fingerprints of the miraculous as well. And, in 1981, they recognized no less in the destruction of the Iraqi nuclear plant at Osirak, signs not only of military might but of miracle, of God's love.

None of which is to belittle the tremendous efforts of Israel's military, may its members be safe and protected. But while "this world" efforts must always be made, believing Jews maintain a concomitant consciousness of the fact that success and failure are determined by something considerably more sublime. In the perspective of our religious tradition, that something is our merit as a people - our kindness to one another, our prayers, our study of Torah and our performance of *mitzvot*. In the end, those are the things, our tradition teaches us, that will make all the difference. In the Torah we read how the Jews, led by Joshua, fought the Amalekites. When Moses held his hands high, the verse continues, the Jews waxed victorious. "Were Moses' hands waging war?" asks the Mishna. The answer, it continues, is that "when the Jews eyes [inspired by Moses' hands] were lifted heavenward, they were militarily victorious."

In these terribly trying times for Jews, when hatred carefully nurtured for decades has erupted in a plague of

vicious murder ... it behooves us to remember that fact. We all ask ourselves what we can do on behalf of our beleaguered brothers and sisters. There are many things, to be sure.

But at the very top of each of our lists should be: prayer; with concentration and heart; charity, with generosity and concern; Jewish observance, with care and determination; Torah-study, with effort and commitment.

Because, unified spiritually by the expression of our common Jewish religious heritage, we are doing something nothing else can do: meriting a miracle.



TORAH PORTION OF THE WEEK

Ki Tetzei, 21:10 - 25:19

Topics in this week's portion include: Women Captives, First-Born's Share, The Rebellious Son, Hanging and Burial, Returning Lost Articles, The Fallen Animal, Transvestitism, The Bird's Nest, Guard-Rails, Mixed Agriculture, Forbidden Combinations, Bound Tassels, Defamed Wife, Penalty for Adultery, Betrothed Maiden, Rape, Unmarried Girl, Mutilated Genitals, *Mamzer*, Ammonites & Moabites, Edomites & Egyptians, The Army Camp, Sheltering Slaves, Prostitution, Deducted Interest, Keeping Vows, Worker in a Vineyard, Field Worker, Divorce and Remarriage, New Bridegroom, Kidnapping, Leprosy, Security for Loans, Paying Wages on Time, Testimony of Close Relatives, Widows and Orphans, Forgotten Sheaves, Leftover Fruit, Flogging, The

Childless Brother-in-Law, Weights and Measures, Remembering What Amalek Did to Us.

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Dvar Torah

*based on Growth Through Torah by
Rabbi Zelig Pliskin*

The Torah states:

"When you go out to war against your enemies, and the Almighty, your God, will give him into your hand..." (Deut. 21:10).

The Arizal, a great Kabbalist, noted that the verse refers to the Jewish people in the singular. However, regarding our enemies, it starts out in the plural ("enemies") and the verse ends referring to them in the singular ("give him" -- instead of writing "give them"). Since this is not a case of poor editorship, what is the lesson that the Torah is coming to teach us?

The Arizal elucidates: The Torah is telling us that if we have unity and are as one when we go out against our enemies, then even though our enemies are very numerous, you will be victorious as easily as if they were just one.

The importance of unity for accomplishment applies not only during times of war against an enemy. It is just as necessary during times of peace. When a group of people will work on any project with a spirit of togetherness, they will accomplish much more than if they would each be doing things as separate individuals.



Shabbat Shalom,
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Rabbi Kalman
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Refreshments will be provided

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Prof Eliyahu Kelman: You are invited to join us this Sunday 15th September in the synagogue hall at 19:30 (I" Y" H) till 21:00. UNLOCK THE HIDDEN POWER OF EVERYTHING IN OUR LIVES, THE WORLD THE UNIVERSE All about the codes of life that has changed the life of thousands LEARN ABOUT THE HIDDEN BLUE RAY ENERGY FORCE practical down to earth Plus the next step in the Reflection-Connection-Mind Direction exercise. Prof Eliyahu Kelman Author of Think Stand up. & Walk Tall. All based on the Torah, Kabbalah ancient texts by Adam, Abraham, and so much more.... Donation to Ohel David minimum £5 Refreshments served.

Seuda Shelishit: Presented by the Sassoon family in memory of their father David ben **Ezra** Sassoon ז"ל.

The Yarsite for the father of Jimmy Obadia, (the late Rouben Obadia ז"ל) will be at Lauderdale Synagogue on Sunday 15th September at 19.00.

Ladies Gallery: We are starting the plan for Ladies Gallery and we need your support, you can call Ghassan, David or Moshe for any update.

Kolel every Sunday: We are still having a Kolel every Sunday at the Synagogue hall from 09.30am - 12.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

THE KEHILLA WISHES חיים ארוכים "LONG LIFE" TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE YAHRZEIT

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04 Elul Mr	Alfred Nathan	15 Elul Mr	Robert M. E. Sassoon
14 Elul Dr	Maurice Gubbay	17 Elul Mrs	Evelyn Basrawy
15 Elul Mr	Maurice Arwas	24 Elul Mr	David Gigi
15 Elul Mr	Cesar Sassoon	28 Elul Mr	Ezekiel Ezekiel

“ Quote of the Week ”

If only My people would heed Me, if Israel would walk in My ways ... in an instant I would subdue their foes, and against their tormentors turn My hand. -- Psalm 81