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This weeks Parsha

Weekly Parsha comment: Torah portion Vaeschanan

Words in a Doorway

"Hear O Israel, G-d is our G-d, G-d is one" (Deuteronomy 6:4). The words of the Shema constitute the most basic statement of Judaism: that G-d is our G-d -- a real presence in our lives; and that G-d is one -- the singular, absolute, all-embracing truth of our existence.

What do we do with these words? Many things.

- 1) **Mind:** We study them and contemplate them. As the verse enjoins, "Hear O Israel" -- the Hebrew word for "hear," shema, also means "comprehend."
- 2) **Heart:** Study and contemplation give birth to emotion. Hence, "Hear O Israel" brings us to "and you shall love G-d with all your heart, all your soul, and all your might" (ibid., verse 6).
- 3) **Speech:** When "these words are upon your heart" the next step is verbalization and communication -- "And you shall teach them diligently to your children; and you shall speak of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way; and when you lie down, and when you rise up" (ibid. verse 7). The last words in this verse are the source of the mitzvah to recite the Shema every evening ("when you lie down") and every morning ("when you rise up").
- 4) **Body:** "And you shall bind them for a sign upon your arm, and they shall be as tefillin between your eyes" (ibid. verse 8). Like a marriage ring on a finger, the tefillin are a physically tangible bond on our bodies embodying the our bond with G-d and our

Candle Lighting Times for
Annapolis, Maryland USA:

Shabbat Candle Lighting:
Friday, Aug 3 **7:57 pm**
Shabbat Ends:
Shabbat, Aug 4 **8:58 pm**

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Upcoming Events

Torah Studies

Aug. 7, 2012 - 7:45 pm

Join us for our weekly Torah Studies class and elevate your entire week!

Torah Studies

Aug. 14, 2012 - 7:45 pm

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If a poor man happened to come to the

commitment to make G-d's oneness real in our world.

5) **Environment:** "And you shall inscribe them on the doorposts of your home, and on your gates" (ibid. verse 9). The last and ultimate phase is the mezuzah: a parchment scroll containing the verse of the Shema and affixed to the doorpost of the Jewish home -- defining both the sanctity of environment within and its influence on the environment without.

Shabbat Shalom,

Rabbi Light

Jewish Art Calendar!!

Our beautiful Jewish art calendar featuring an updated design will soon be printed and mailed to homes and business in Anne Arundel County free of charge. We need your help to make this happen!

At this time of year I'm turning to you with a request to support our calendar campaign with a donation:

- \$54.00 or an amount of your choice. In recognition of your kind contribution and mitzvah for the New Year, your name will be included on the sponsor dedication page of our calendar.
- In addition, we're offering the option to **include the important dates of your family calendar** - birthdays, anniversaries and yartzeits. Each will appear on the actual date of occurrence in our calendar for a donation of \$20.00 per date.

I hope I can count on your participation this year and I look forward to receiving your positive response. Please take 30 seconds and [click here](#) to submit your kind donation or call us at (your number here).

May G-d in turn bless you and yours with a Shana Tova and all the very best!

Come join us this Tuesday at 7:45 PM and
Thursday at noon

wicked city of Sodom, every resident gave him a coin, upon which he inscribed his name; but no bread was given him. When he died, each came and took back his coin.

— **Talmud, Sanhedrin 109a**



This Week in Torah Studies

Homeland or Holy Land?

Our Dual Allegiances to the Land of Israel

In addition to being our ancestral home, Israel is also the spiritual nexus of the world. Through a study of its indigenous fruits, this lesson will help you appreciate the multiple dimensions of Israel in a new light.

Siyum HaShas 2012: Orthodox Jews Mark End Of 7-Year Talmud Study

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (RNS) It has been described as a spiritual calling, a labor of love, a rich opportunity to connect with thousands of years of Jewish history and religion.

It has also been called a relentless endeavor and a marathon of study. There are no vacations, no shortcuts.

For 7 1/2 years, day in and day out, Jews in New Jersey and around the world have studied a new double-sided page of the Talmud, the biblical commentary that, written over centuries, serves as a guide to spirituality and practical life.

On Wednesday night (Aug. 1), in what was billed as the largest celebration of shared Jewish learning in history, some 90,000 people crowded into MetLife Stadium to read portions of the Talmud's 2,711th -- and final -- page. [Read on..](#)

Your Weekly Joke

Six retired Floridians were playing poker in the condo clubhouse when Meyerwitz loses \$500 on a single hand, clutches his chest and drops dead at the table.

Showing respect for their fallen comrade, the other five continue playing standing up.

Finkelstein looks around and asks, "So, who's gonna' tell his wife?"

They draw straws.

Goldberg picks the short one.

They tell him to be discreet, be gentle, don't make a bad situation any worse.

"Discreet? I'm the most discreet mensch you will ever meet.

Discretion is my middle name, leave it to me."

Goldberg goes over to the Meyerwitz apartment, knocks on the door.

The wife answers and asks what he wants.

Goldberg declares, "Your husband just lost \$500, and is afraid to come home."

The wife says, "Tell him to drop dead!"

"He did that already," says Goldberg. Now what?

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Parshah



Why Is the Jewish People So Small?

Why have divine providence or human choice, or both, eventuated in the sheer smallness of the Jewish people?

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Video



Living with the Enemy

An Auschwitz survivor shares his story of survival, including how the Gestapo in Paris hired him as a translator. (Many viewers may find details described disturbing. Discretion advised.)

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15 Av: Celebrating Marriage



An Arranged Marriage

Had Isaac and Rebecca met in the modern age, their courtship might have looked something like this . . .

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Judaism 101



10 Special Haftorah Readings

The *haftorahs* of the Three Weeks tell of G-d's disappointment with Israel, and that which would befall them if they would not mend their ways. The next seven tell of hope, consolation and closeness.

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North America



Nazi Officer's Son Tells Jersey

Audience of Embrace of Judaism

"I'm not a son of a survivor," Dr. Bernd Wollschlaeger told the crowd at a Jewish day school in Morganville. "But I'm a son of a perpetrator. And I have to live with that, and I have an ongoing living and struggling with that issue. But today I'm also a Jew.

North America



Massachusetts Campers Still Have an Exciting Week Left of Summer

The campers at Camp Gan Israel of Chestnut Hill, Mass., are having a blast, and they still have more than a week's worth of fun left for this summer's general session. From 30-month-old toddlers to 14-year-old teenagers learning to become counselors, the day camp

Europe



Western France Overnight Camp

Performs for Local Mayor

Boys attending a new Jewish overnight summer camp in Bournezeau in western France met with the commune's mayor, Louis Marie Giraudeau.

Photo Gallery



Orange County Day Camp Crafts

Music Video

Camp Gan Israel of Orange County, N.Y., just finished a fun-filled three weeks of day camp that culminated in recording a Jewish-themed music video for the entertainment of hospitalized children.

I'm an Israeli citizen and serve proudly in the IDF as an officer."

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has something exciting for everyone, say organizers.

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