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Shabbat Details

- Friday night service
6.15pm
- Saturday morning
service 9am
followed by special
Kiddush
- Times for Shabbat:

LC 5:28 PM
ends 6:25 PM

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Notices

- Our deepest **condolences** to **Mrs Rosy Costi** who lost her sister Esther bat Shalom recently. May Hashem comfort you with all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.
- **Kosher Chickens and Round Challot** - Next delivery will arrive on Wednesday - **7th September, 2011**. Please place your orders for kosher meat and bread from Melbourne by **Tuesday, 23rd August, 2011 by 12:00PM**.
- Rosh Hashanah is just 6 weeks from now. If you like to contribute to the special "**Voice newsletter**" for the High Holidays by wishing your family and friends a "Shana Tova" please contact the office for the wording and for a small donation of \$36.
Le' Shana Tova Tikatevu U'Techatemu"!
- Please call the office and let us know if you and your family are planning to be in Shule for **Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur**, so we can honour you with a **Torah call up, or opening of the Ark**.
- **Cheder learning**- if you wish to give your children some Jewish education and Hebrew reading, please contact the office or the Rabbi, at the moment we have learning groups on Tuesdays and Kindy group on Wednesday.
- **Farewell Party** for our lovely Shlichah Daphne Lapidot, who is leaving us unfortunately on 5th September and who we will miss dearly. Please join us on 28th August 1pm at the Rabbi's house, 10 Windsor Ave.
- **JAZY Trivia Night** will take place on 28th August at Rose Harrison Hall at 5:30PM
- **Refuah Shlemah**- Joyce Hassan, Nina Hassan, Mara Zaks, Ivor Lee, Judith Bayer, Janette Ailion. If you know of someone who is unwell please contact the office or the Rabbi.

Yahrzeits:

We wish the following members long life on their Yahrzeit:

Mr. David Ray Ades for father Felix Ades
Mr. David Cherbite for friend Nessim Quaziz
Mr. Rene Hassan for mother Victoria Hassan
Mrs. Huguette Ades for husband Felix Ades
Mrs Huguette Hasda for husband Claude Hasda
Mr. Ivor Leslie Lee for brother Brian Lee
Mrs Mary Riches for mother Camille Cohen
Mrs Annette Simmons for father Benny Chester



Parashat Ekev

Thoughts for the week – “fear - awe, or love?”

How many times in life do we wonder which approach will be the best way to educate our children: The strict and harsh way, when we try to keep a distance and teach the kids more discipline, or maybe the best way is to show them love, friendship and affection?

In our Parasha Moses speaks to the People and says:

“Now O Isarel, what does Hashem, your God ask of you? Only to fear Hashem your God, to go in all his ways and to love him...”(Devarim 10,12).

The Rambam in Hilchot Teshuva chapter 10, Halacha 6 says:

“It is a well-known and clear matter that the love of God will not become attached within a person's heart until he becomes obsessed with it at all times as is fitting, leaving all things in the world except for this. This was implied by the command [Deuteronomy 6:5: "Love God, your Lord,] with all your heart and all your soul. One can only love God [as an outgrowth] of the knowledge with which he knows Him. The nature of one's love depends on the nature of one's knowledge! A small [amount of knowledge arouses] a lesser love. A greater amount of knowledge arouses a greater love.”

According to the Rambam, love for God can be possible only after one has reached the fear and the knowledge of God, as the verse quoted above says: first one must fear God, and then he will find the way to love God.

But we also find verses which point out that the best way to worship God is first to love him, and only then to fear Him: *“You shall observe the commandments of Hashem your God, to go in His ways, and to fear him” (Devarim 8,6), and “To love Hashem your God, to walk in His ways and to cleave Him” (Devarim 11,22).*

The answer is that both ways are essential ways to worship Hashem. Sometimes we feel more awe and fear of Heaven, especially when something bad has happened. Sometimes our hearts fill with love of God, and the awe of Heaven comes later.

The same way is when we teach our children: We have to be smart enough to recognize which method will be the best to use in every situation we deal with, the strict way, or the loving one...

Shabbat Shalom,
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