



FOR THE BRS TEHILLIM CIRCLE MEMBERS AND BEYOND...

Tehillim Circle's Inspirational Message for Elul 5777

"Elul, the month of Teshuvah"

It's hard to believe that the summer is almost over and Rosh Hashanah is not far behind. Fortunately Hashem has given us a whole month to prepare for the New Year! And I'm not talking about stocking up on brisket, although that wouldn't be a bad idea!!

We literally go from the month of Av where Hashem is the most distant and hidden, to Elul, where Hashem is the closest and most accessible. The Chassidish expression to describe this is the "King is in the field". I encourage you to use this month to up the ante and give Hashem a great reason to renew your contract for next year. Here are a few suggestions. Increase your Torah learning, make your davening more meaningful for example, by taking small parts of the Amidah prayer and learning their deeper meaning, commit to a Chesed project and look where you can make a difference, increase your tzedakah, be a better listener with real eye contact, read biographies of Holy woman like Hennie Machlas "Emunah with Love and Chicken Soup", make an extra effort to be nice, patient and so much more! Work at creating a closer relationship with God by wearing Emunah lens!!

Our Sages encouraged us to read Psalm 27 twice a day from Rosh Chodesh Elul through Hashanah Rabba to help open our hearts and do Teshuvah. Commit to reading it every day and do Teshuvah by sitting down and talking to God for help in any area of your life. He is really listening and it's free!!

This month's true story is adapted from "Heroes of Faith" and helps our Emunah to go deeper and wider!!

May you all be inscribed for a sweet and healthy New Year!!

Blessings of Shalom,

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An Incredible story from Heroes of Faith

Aug 9th was the 16th Anniversary of the horrific suicide bombing at the Sbarro Pizza shop in Jerusalem in which 15 Israelis, among them 7 children were murdered and 130 wounded. This is wondrous story connected to this event. It is verified from Yad Vashem:

When a train filled with a large transport of Jewish prisoners arrived at one of the Nazi killing centers, many Polish gentiles came out to watch the latest group as they were taken away. As the disoriented Jews were gathering their possessions to take with them into the camp, a Nazi officer in charge called out to the villagers standing nearby, "Anything these Jews leave behind you may take for yourselves, because for sure they will not be coming back to collect them!"

Two Polish women who were standing nearby saw a woman towards the back of the group, wearing a large, heavy, expensive coat. Not waiting for someone else to take the coat before them, they ran to the Jewish woman and knocked her to the ground, grabbed her coat and scurried away.

Moving out of sight of the others, they quickly laid the coat down on the ground to divide the spoils of what was hiding inside. Rummaging through the pockets, they giddily discovered gold jewelry, silver candlesticks and other heirlooms. They were thrilled with their find, but as they lifted the coat again, it still seemed heavier than it should. Upon further inspection, they found a secret pocket, and hidden inside the coat was.... a tiny baby girl!

Shocked at their discovery, one woman took pity and insisted to the other, "I don't have any children, and I'm too old to give birth now. You take the gold and silver and let me have the baby." The Polish woman took her new "daughter" home to her delighted husband. They raised the Jewish girl as their own, treating her very well, but never telling her anything about her history. The girl excelled in her studies and even became a doctor, working as a pediatrician in a hospital in Poland.

When her "Mother" passed away many years later, a visitor came to pay her respects. An old woman invited herself in and said to the daughter, "I want you to know that the woman that passed away last week was not your real mother ..." and she proceeded to tell her the whole story. She did not believe her at first, but the old woman insisted.

"When we found you, you were wearing a beautiful gold pendant with strange writing on it, which must be Hebrew.

I am sure that your mother kept the necklace. Go and see for yourself."

Indeed, the woman went into her deceased mother's jewelry box and found the necklace just as the elderly lady had described. She was shocked. It was hard to fathom that she had been of Jewish descent, but the proof was right there in her hand. As this was her only link to a previous life, she cherished the necklace. She had it enlarged to fit her neck and wore it every day, although she thought nothing more of her Jewish roots.

Sometime later, she went on holiday abroad and came across two Jewish boys standing on a main street, trying to interest Jewish passersby to wrap Tefillin on their arms (for males) or accept Shabbos candles to light on Friday afternoon (for females). Seizing the opportunity, she told them her entire story and showed them the necklace. The boys confirmed that a Jewish name was inscribed on the necklace but did not know about her status. They recommended that she write a letter to their mentor, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, explaining everything. If anyone would know what to do, it would be him.

She took their advice and sent off a letter that very same day. She received a speedy reply saying that it is clear from the facts that she is a Jewish girl and perhaps she would consider using her medical skills in Israel where talented pediatricians were needed. Her curiosity was piqued and she traveled to Israel where she consulted a Rabbinical Court (Beis Din) who declared her Jewish. Soon she was accepted into a hospital to work, and eventually met her husband and raised a family.

In August 2001, a terrorist blew up the Sbarro cafe in the center of Jerusalem. The injured were rushed to the hospital where this woman worked. One patient was brought in, an elderly man in a state of shock. He was searching everywhere for his granddaughter who had become separated from him.

Asking how she could recognize her, the frantic grandfather gave a description of a gold necklace that she was wearing.

Eventually, they finally found her among the injured patients.

At the sight of this necklace, the pediatrician froze. She turned to the old man and said, "Where did you buy this necklace?"

"You can't buy such a necklace," he responded, "I am a goldsmith and I made this necklace. Actually I made two identical pieces for each of my daughters. This is my granddaughter from one of them, and my other daughter did not survive the war."

And this is the story of how a Jewish girl, brutally torn away from her mother on a Nazi camp platform almost sixty years ago, was reunited with her Father.

Source Yad Vashem.

Adapted from the book "Heroes of Faith"

WOMEN'S TEHILLIM REFUAH SHLAYMAH

August 17, 2017

Peninah bat Craindel
Avigile Malka bat Chana Yehudis
Alta Haita bat Devorah
Tziona bat Sara
Shoshana bat Rochel
Zeesa bat Gnessa
Tziporah bat Chana
Devora Elka bat Sara
Devorah bat Pesel
Cyrel Libah bat Chana
Sara Leah bat Maya Elanit
Eta Chaya bat Rachel
Shoshana bat Bella
Gila Fruma bat Ita Chaya
Shulamit Hinke bat Gittel
Riwella bat Freida
Chana Naomi bat Esther
Daniella Gittel bat Rus
Bracha Avigayil bat Rochel Geeta
Naomi Orah bat Tatiana Shalhavet
Iris bat Daisy
Dina Gayla bat Faiga Chava
Yocheved bat Freidel
Chaya Yocheved Alexandra
bat Chaviva Tova
Esther Revela bat Fruma
Sprintza Shaindel Bat Henya Rochel
Shayna Rochel bat Feige
Sara bat Chaya
Dina Malka bat Devorah Tsiral
Avigayil bat Rochel Geeta
Ariella Simcha bat Sarah Leah
Esther bat Doba
Aliza bat Mesodi
Suri bas Lea
Sara Faige bat Bluma
Luba bat Chana
Dina bat Chaya
Baila Ruth bat Sarah
Ayelet Mariah bat Ranana
Blima Yosefa bat Chaya
Esther Hadassa Chaya bat Pearl
Orli Rachel bat Yehudis Rus

Benyamin Eliezer Ha Levi ben Isrus
Aryeh Michael ben Liza
Chaim Yitzchak ben Shaindel Hinda
Eitan Nissim Tzvi Ben Vera Faiga
Nechemia ben Shayna
Eliyahu Pesach ben Rachel
Shlomo Yehoshua ben Esther
Aharon ben Ora Chana
Daniel ben Ahava
Shmuel ben Hannah
Eitan ben Deena
Chaim Bare haCohen ben Chaya
Meir Hillel ben Raizel
Izzy ben Tebal
Dovid Yosef haLevy ben Etle haCohen
Chaim ben Ziporah haLevy
Yaakov Dovid ben Avigail
Yisrael Aaron ben Bayla Golda
Israel ben Josefa
Yosef Issac ben Yehuda Moshe
Walter Spatz ben Yisrael
Moshe Lazar ben Shayna Chaya
Menachem Koppel ben Faiga Hannah
Yerachmeil Eliyahu ben Esther Revela
Yisroel Moshe ben Yocheved
Moshe Zvi ben Rochel Leah
Arieh Leib ben Baila Rochel
Shalom Meir ben Perel
Benzion ben Chana
Isaac Shaya ben Taliya Levana
Shmuel ben Eva
Moshe Dovid ben Hannah
Shmuel ben Chana Menucha
Yerachmiel Moshe ben Hinda
Pinchas Tzvi ben Yechezkel
Arkady ben Chaya
Alexander ben Roza
Leo ben Leah
Baruch Tzvi ben Rikva Baysa
Simcha Shmaryahu ben Ita
Yehudah ben Rochel
Tuvya Yaakov ben Masha
Yoel ben Etel Tzivia
Mordechai ben Hassya

WOMEN'S TEHILLIM CIRCLE SCHEDULE

On Tuesday, August 22, 2017, Rosh Chodesh Elul
please rotate to the next 3 Psalms as follows:

PSALMS	READER/S	PSALMS	READER/S
1-3	Leah Chana Levy & Chaya Sura Bukhover	79-81	Pam Cohen
4-6	Rhona Cohen & Tova Goldberg	82-84	Bonnie Jacobson
7-9	Ruth Bejar	85-87	Pam Silverman & Davida Nakdimen
10-12	Debbie Rand	88-90	Joyce Hacker & Andrea Lieberman
13-17 (5)	Jackie Lome & Elana Belizon	91-93	Marion Santhouse
18	Sarah Margolies & Rita Rubin	94-96	Rachel Bensimon & Shari Matz
19-21	Rosalie Somsky	97-99	Anna Cohen & Eliana Galer
22-24	Chana Feinberg	100-102	Avigayil Alpern & Margo Rosman
25-27	Ellen Averbook	103-105	Penny Pearlman
28-30	Carolynn Jarashow and Gigi Kaminetzky	106-108	Gila Griner
31-33	Betty Maikhor	109-111	Marissa Levenson
34-36	Sara Schandelson	112-114	Beth Plotkin
37-39	Susan Siedler and Shifra Coker	115-118 (4)	Gwenn Lerman & Shoshana King
40-42	Michal Marcus	119 (1-96)	Georgina Rice
43-45	Suzanne Scheiner	119 (97-176)	Shirley Girnun
46-48	Chani Salamon & Fay Eisenberg	120-123 (4)	Betty Goldberg
49-51	Linda Melcer & Orly Sabag,	124-126	Diane Charme & Leora Rosenberg
52-54	Malka Morris & Miriam Fox	127-129	Rochelle Ettetdgui
55-57	Carol Hordish & Mimi Furst	130-132	Susan Rotsztajin & Ana Kan
58-60	Tova Gil & Bruia Kodsi	133-135	Jean Cohen & Irene Berger
61-63	Yocheved Hande	136-138	Carol Kahn
64-66	Dorothy Perkins & Tamar Nawy	139-141	Pam Abitbol
67-69	Amy Wolnerman & Caroline Kalter	142-144	Esther Abrams
70-72	Sara Brudnoy	145-147	Tanya Reinfeld & Toby Albert
73-75	Deena Kunken, Sari Halpern and Helene Silkin	148-150	Bonnie Weinreb & Baila Kaplan
76-78	Becky Michael		