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Shabbat Details

- Friday night service
6.15pm
- Saturday morning
service 9am
followed by kid-
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- Times for Shabbat:
LC 5.14pm,
ends 6.14pm

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Parasha 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,
Rabbi Netanel Friedler

Reminders

Preparations for the High Holidays:

Please call the office and let us know if you and your family are planning to be in Shule for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, so we can honour you with a Torah call up, or opening of the Ark.

Delicious **Kosher Challot** and breads are now available locally. Please order these by each Thursday morning from the AHC office for pick up on Friday morning.

Refuah Sheleimah

We wish Ivor Lee, Kitty Anderson, Maurice Nachmad and any other member who has been unwell recently a full and rapid recovery.

Mazeltov: We wish Michael and Cindy Klinger Mazeltov on the birth of their son on Monday 26 July, 2010

Yarzheits

We wish the following members long life on their Yahrzeits:

Mr David Ades for his father; Felix Ades
 Mrs Huguette Ades for her husband; Felix Ades
 Mrs Helen Arnold for her mother; Aleksandra Pawlak
 Mr David Cherbite for his friend; Nessim Quaziz
 Mrs Huguette Hasda for her husband; Claude Hasda
 Mr Charles Hassan for his mother; Victoria Hassan
 Mr Rene Hassan for his mother; Victoria Hassan
 Mr Ivor Lee for his brother; Brian Lee
 Mrs Mary Riches for her mother; Camille Cohen
 Mrs Annette Simmons for her father; Benny Chester



Meet our Congregants:

Our Oldest Adelaide Born Female Congregant; Kitty Anderson

Part I: 1940: Growing up in Adelaide 1923

I was born in Adelaide at 10am on the 10th day of the 10th month in 1923, and I am the only child of Henrietta and Gustav Anderson. My mother was the 8th and youngest daughter of Catherine Flains, wife of Joel Morris, then came 2 boys. The Flains and Morris families came from London and Walsall in England. Kate, the eldest child of Esther and Philip Flains, arrived at Pt Adelaide with her parents and 2 younger brothers on the Troubador on 1st April 1850. In due course the family grew to 11 children. Other members of the Flains family migrated in early 1840's.

Joel was the youngest of 4 children born to Catherine and Harris Morris. Sadly Catherine died when Joel was only 2 years old. Harris remarried and his first family, 2nd wife and baby all arrived at Pt Adelaide on the 25th December 1853 aboard the Epaminondas. Harris was an Optician (and Watchmaker) and the optical practice continued in Adelaide for 3 generations. Kate and Joel married in Pt Adelaide on 19 April 1864 (I have the original marriage documents on parchment in both English and Hebrew) and they had 10 children.

When I was born there were 5 Aunts and 2 Uncles still living plus a number of much older cousins. Two of the Aunts were spinsters, aged in their middle to late 50's and I became their main interest in life. So in fact, I had 3 mothers. My Swedish father was a career mariner and was away at sea for long periods and I was raised by the 3 women. Both sets of grandparents were deceased before my birth.

Aunts Hannah and May lived in the big family home 'Sunnybrae' at 49 Park Tce, Nth Unley (now Greenhill Rd) and Mother and I lived a few doors away. We dined with the Aunts every night and I spent every weekend with them. As soon as I could walk, we all went to Shul each Shabbas. I was told "you are to be seen, not to be heard" and I received a reward for good behaviour.

At Shul, the Ladies Gallery wasn't enclosed- just had some ornate wrought iron work – and I was forever being told to "keep both feet on the floor; keep your knees together; and; make sure your dress covers your knees". In those days, all females in Shul wore a hat and gloves, stockings or knee high socks were essential, and there were certainly no bare shoulders or plunging necklines. After service, the ladies paid their respects to the Rabbi before joining the men. There was no Kiddush – nothing at all! On rare occasions the Rabbi would invite 3 or 4 people to his office for a small glass of wine. However, after a Bar Mitzvah a most splendid Kiddush would be held in the Memorial Hall. There was no such thing as a Bat Mitzvah.

Women never attended a funeral or a Minyan. On Sunday mornings a religious class was held but only the boys attended. I certainly never went to these classes, nor did any of the girls I knew.

Channukah was very special as the boys and girls walked around the Shul carrying lit candles. My favourite time was the Eve of Rosh Hashanah as the women had new clothes, wore their best furs, and all the jewels were cleaned and sparkling. This was a really exciting night, especially as I could stay up late.

Adelaide in the 1920's, 30's and even the 40's had a very small Jewish community. Large families were rare, with only 1 or 2 children in a number of households, so there were not many young people. In fact, most girls went interstate to find a partner, as did some boys. The largest families were the Matison's (4), the Nathan Solomons' (6) and the Nat Solomons' (6) as I recall. There were no Youth Groups, but our parents catered well for us by organising parties and concerts in the Memorial Hall, picnics at Long Gully, table tennis games, debating sessions, and tennis days at Waterfall Gully. No-one had a swimming pool so there were beach outings. Very few people had a car, and it was considered unladylike for a female to drive. For our picnics etc, we hired a charabanc!

Musical evenings were held at the Matison home, Sophie and Frank Griff held card and game evenings in their home, as did the Nat Solomons in their home at Kent Town. The Griffs also invited 6 or 8 of us to play tennis on their court on a Sunday afternoon. Growing up in Adelaide was really wonderful. We had a small but fairly close-knit Jewish community; there was plenty of activities, places to go and things to do.

I have travelled quite extensively, and stayed in some the busiest and most exciting cities in the world, but to me Adelaide is home and I love living here. I hope you do too!
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