



ETZ CHAIM SEPHARDIC CONGREGATION

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SHABBAT SHALOM

PARASHAT BO D'VAR BY RABBI DAVID GINGOLD-ALTCHEK

Our parasha opens this week with an introduction to the eighth plague. Therein the Torah tells, "Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his officials so that I may perform these signs of mine among them. **And in order that you may tell your children and grandchildren how I dealt harshly with the Egyptians and how I performed my signs among them**, and that you may know that I am the Lord" (Ex. 10).

R' Eliezer of Worms, one of medieval Germany's greatest rabbis and pietists, wrote; "all of this relates to the future Pesah Seder and is in honor of the Patriarchs." While his words here require great understanding of the verses and their traditional modes of interpretation, his following point is very clear.

The rabbi explains that the reason that the phrase, 'in order that you may tell your children and your children's children', was to allude to a specific tradition. While saying, ". . . to your children", would have been significant to communicate all future generations - the Almighty still chose to say 'and your children's children'. R' Eliezer understands this as an allusion to the tradition, recorded in the Talmud, that anyone who makes Torah study [and practice] their mainstay, and teach their children and children's children to do the same [and thy do, in practice]; the promise is that the Torah will never leave that household." Another Talmudic passage says that, "the family becomes like a permanent host to the Torah herself!"

In Jewish tradition, all things transition from temporary to permanent happens thorough the law of hazaqa, or three separate examples of the new status-quo being established. Accordingly, even though 'children' may have been substantial enough to connote all future generations - this 'law of three' was being intentionally alluded to by the text.

So what can we take away from this? Clearly, it is not only that we are morally and existentially responsible for our own actions and deeds but moreover, we are responsible to be both a ring in an ever elongating chain of tradition, as well as assuring new rings are not only added but well fastened to the chain. While not all of us have a direct offspring, do not despair; the Talmud teaches that this refers to all future generations, "for one who teaches

Shabbat Bo Observance Times

Friday Night Services - Minha	5:20 PM*
Shabbat Candle Lighting	5:21 PM*
Shabbat Morning Services - Shaharit	9:00 AM**
Shabbat Minha * followed by Seudah Shelishit	5:00 PM*
Arvit & Havdallah	6:25 PM*
Shabbat End	6:25 PM*

*Please note observance times change. **Please arrive on time to help make a minyan, so Torah reading can begin on time.

Please silence your cellphone during Shabbat & holiday observances.

Thank you

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becomes as a [spiritual] father to their student(s)." So let's proliferate these words in whatever capacity we can!

Shabbat Shalom!!!

Tu B'Shevat Seder

Sunday, January 20

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

@Etz Chaim 6939 Hoover Road



**Interactive Tu B'Shevat Seder
Trivia Fun and Prizes**

Music and Songs

Traditional Tu B'Shevat Foods

Light Dinner

Fun for the Whole Family!

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We will publish the directory again this year. Congregants who have renewed their memberships will be included. If you **Do Not** wish for your information to be included in the membership directory, please contact the office.



Weekly Services & Classes

Services and classes are open to the community & free of charge.

Sunday @ Chabad on 96th

Tefillin Club/ Shahrarit @ 9:00 AM

Monday - Friday @ Etz Chaim

Shahrarit @ 7:00 AM

Wednesday @ 8:00 PM

Class w/ Rabbi David Gingold-Altchek

Upcoming

Sunday, January 13 @ 11:00 AM

Torah Espresso Women's Class w/ Rabbanit Nili

Starbuck's @ 86th & Ditch

Topic this week: Tu B'Shevat

Sunday, January 20 - 6:30-8:30 PM

Tu B'Shvat Seder

Please see flyer(s) for more information on events.
Upcoming Events Calendar Year 5779/ 2018-2019 is available.

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Join Sisterhood in the preparation of our Shabbat onegs. This weekly happening gives us nourishment after Shabbat services, and you a unique opportunity to learn how to cook with Sephardic flair. Both women and men are welcome to help in the kitchen.

Friday Mornings @ 10:00AM-1:00PM

From the Treasurer's Desk

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If you have any questions regarding your dues statement, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mark Sigman, our Treasurer at treasurer@etzchaimindy.org/ 317-691-7553. Anything you discuss will be treated as confidential.

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