



Carnegie Shul Chatter

November 23, 2017



Thanksgiving

It's a repeat from the Chatter two years ago, but I certainly think it is worth repeating my two favorite prayers of Thanksgiving. The first is the Modim from the Amidah. The second is from Psalm 92.

From the Amidah:

We ever thank thee, who art the Lord our God and the God of our fathers. Thou art the strength of our life and our saving shield. In every generation we will thank thee and recount thy praise – for our lives which are in thy charge, for our souls which are in thy care, and for thy miracles which are daily with us, and for thy continual wonders and favors – evening, morning, and noon. Beneficent One, whose mercies never fail, Merciful One, whose kindnesses never cease, thou has always been our hope.

And from Psalm 92:

A psalm, a song for the Sabbath day. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to thy name, O Most High; to proclaim thy goodness in the morning, and thy faithfulness at night, with a ten-stringed lyre and a flute, to the sound of a harp. For thou, O Lord, hast made me glad through thy work; I sing for joy at all that thou hast done. How great are thy works, O Lord!

Giving Thanks for a True Miracle

Last year, we celebrated Thanksgiving with my cousin and his wife. Two days later, she received a call to come to the hospital because a kidney was finally available for a transplant that she had needed for several years.

She had the transplant, but another problem arose, along with complications, and she spent 176 days in the hospital this year before finally going to a nursing home.

There were times that we questioned if she would ever come home, but we said *mi shebeirachs* every Shabbos, and never lost faith in God.

Last week I called my cousin and asked if he could join us for Thanksgiving this year. He said yes, but only if I could do him a favor. What was the favor? To allow him to bring his wife, who he had just learned would be cleared to come home five days before Thanksgiving.

Thank you Carnegie Shul for saying *mi shebeirachs* for Sheila Mallinger every week for the past year, and thank you God for allowing Sheila to be with us for Thanksgiving this year. You have answered our prayers with yet another miracle.

How very deep are thy designs! A stupid man cannot know, a fool cannot understand this. When the wicked thrive like grass, and all evil doers flourish, it is that they may be destroyed forever. For lo, thy enemies, O Lord, for lo, thy enemies shall perish; all evil doers shall be dispersed. But thou hast exalted my power like that of the wild ox; I am anointed with fresh oil. My



eye has gazed on my foes; my ears have heard my enemies' doom. The righteous will flourish like the palm tree; they will grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They shall yield fruit even in old age; vigorous and fresh they shall be to proclaim that the Lord is just! He is my stronghold, and there is no wrong in him.

Yahrzeit Plaques

Commemorate a loved one by dedicating a yahrzeit plaque in his or her memory at the Carnegie Shul. These beautiful plaques, mounted on the sanctuary walls, are lit on the loved one's yahrzeit, Yom Kippur, and days when Yizkor is recited. The names are also read aloud from the Bimah during services on the Sabbath of the yahrzeit and on Yom Kippur. To purchase a plaque, for only \$175, please email Mike Roteman at mrmike7777@yahoo.com.



Please consider sponsoring a Kiddush in honor or in memory of a loved one, for only \$36. Your sponsorship will be announced from the bimah and in the weekly Chatter. To sponsor a Kiddush, email mrmike7777@yahoo.com.

Coming Event

It's not until May 10, but this should draw a full house.

Rabbi Telushkin, hailed by Jewish Week as "America's rabbi," will speak through a grant by the Sajowitz Endowment Fund and South Hills Jewish Pittsburgh.

100 reserved seats/meet and greet, \$36.

700 seats, General admission, \$5.

RSVP to www.templemanuelpgh.org/event/Telushkin/

