



Carnegie Shul Chatter

March 27, 2024



What's Most Important?

Sometimes our priorities seem to get all out of whack, don't they?

What is really important in life? Is it wealth? Is it fame? Is it having a trophy wife? What about that next promotion or that shiny new sports car?

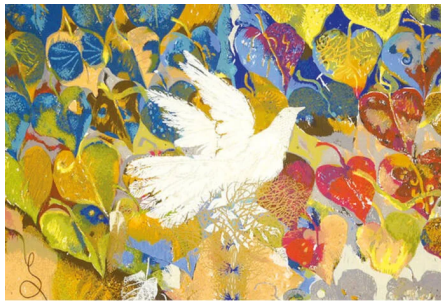
It really shouldn't be all that hard to figure out. God gives us the answer right at the end of this week's haftarah.

"Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom, nor the strong man boast of his strength, nor the rich man boast of his riches. But let him that boasts exult in this, that he understands and knows me, for I am G d Who practices kindness, justice and righteousness on the earth; for in these things I delight, says G d."

Kindness, justice and righteousness – these are the things that matter most. These are the things for which we should strive. God has given us the answer.

Shabbat Services

Carnegie Shul hybrid services begin at 9:20am. Join us in the synagogue, or attend virtually. If you haven't received our Zoom link for services, please contact our secretary, Rosalyn Hoffman at rjlynman@yahoo.com. The complete Torah reading, in Hebrew and English, can be found at https://www.chabad.org/parshah/torahreading_cdo/aid/2492715/jewish/Tzav-Torah-Reading.htm



Please continue reciting the Prayer for the Welfare of the State of Israel daily and pray for the wellbeing of all of our Israeli brothers and sisters.

Prayer for the Welfare of the State of Israel

“Our Father Who art in Heaven, Protector and Redeemer of Israel, bless Thou the State of Israel which marks the dawn of our deliverance. Shield it beneath the wings of Thy love. Spread over it Thy canopy of peace; send Thy light and Thy truth to its leaders, officers, and counselors, and direct them with Thy good counsel.

“O God, strengthen the defenders of our Holy Land; grant them salvation and crown them with victory. Establish peace in the land, and everlasting joy for its inhabitants.

“Remember our brethren, the whole house of Israel, in all the lands of their dispersion. Speedily let them walk upright to Zion, the city, to Jerusalem Thy dwelling-place, as it is written in the Torah of Thy servant Moses: ‘Even if you are dispersed in the uttermost parts of the world, from there the Lord your God will gather and fetch you. The Lord your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it.’

“Unite our heart to love and revere Thy Name, and to observe all the precepts of Thy Torah. Shine forth in Thy glorious majesty over all the inhabitants of Thy world. Let everything that breathes proclaim: The Lord God of Israel is King; His majesty rules over all.”

Amen.

Donations

The Carnegie Shul is most grateful for the following recent donations:

Perry Bergman

Aliyah and MiSheberach Prayer

Debra Bodell

Yahrtzeit Plaque for Louis Bodell

Tzav in a Nutshell

From Chabad.org

Leviticus 6:1–8:36

The name of the Parshah, “Tzav,” means “command” and it is found in Leviticus 6:2.

G-d instructs Moses to command Aaron and his sons regarding their duties and rights as kohanim (“priests”) who offer the korbanot (animal and meal offerings) in the Sanctuary.

The fire on the altar must be kept burning at all times. In it are burned the wholly consumed ascending offering; veins of fat from the peace, sin and guilt offerings; and the “handful” separated from the meal offering.

The kohanim eat the meat of the sin and guilt offerings, and the remainder of the meal offering. The peace offering is eaten by the one who brought it, except for specified portions given to the kohen. The holy meat of the offerings must be eaten by ritually pure persons, in their designated holy place and within their specified time.

Aaron and his sons remain within the Sanctuary compound for seven days, during which Moses initiates them into the priesthood..



Haftorah in a Nutshell

Jeremiah 7:21-28; 9:22-23

This week’s haftorah touches on the subject of sacrifices, the main topic of the week’s Torah portion.

G-d tells the prophet Jeremiah to rebuke the Jewish people, saying that His primary intention in taking their forefathers out of Egypt wasn’t the sacrificial offerings, rather in order that they observe the commandments. But despite the fact that G-d repeatedly dispatched prophets to admonish the people, “They did not obey nor did they incline their ear, but walked according to [their] own counsels and in the view of their evil heart, and they went backwards and not forwards.” G-d further informs Jeremiah that the people will also not hearken to these words that he will speak to them now.

The haftorah concludes with G-d’s admonition: “Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom, nor the strong man boast of his strength, nor the rich man boast of his riches. But let him that boasts exult in this, that he understands and knows me, for I am G-d Who practices kindness, justice and righteousness on the earth; for in these things I delight, says G-d.”

Jews on Broadway Pt. 1:

The Music of Rogers and Hammerstein

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

7:00 pm

Was there ever a greater combination of song writing talent than the tandem of composer Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein II? Sit back and relax as we bring you film clips from such Rogers and Hammerstein classics as Oklahoma, Carousel, The King and I, South Pacific and more.



Mike Roteman is vice-president of Congregation Ahavath Achim in Carnegie, PA. While Mike worked full time as a senior executive in state government in Harrisburg, he was the TV voice of the Harrisburg Senators when they were the Pittsburgh Pirates Class AA farm club, and announced over 2000 baseball, football, and basketball games. He also wrote a series of 20 articles, Greatest Jewish Athletes of the Twentieth Century that appeared in newspapers in four cities. Since retiring, Mike has written three baseball novels. Over the past several years he, along with his wife Ellen, has presented a series of programs on Jews in Sports, Jews in Movies, Jews in Comedy, Jews in Music, and Jews on Broadway.



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