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MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI



When we look around us, there is an incredible amount of pain and affliction. Whether it is in our local communities,

and in the world around us, family, friend, or stranger, people are experiencing heart wrenching struggles daily. We cannot ignore such pain or remain apathetic. We must feel for others. Yet, for someone who really cares, the pain can be too much to absorb, too much to contain.

When it is our own struggles, we can sometimes rise to the occasion, force ourselves to be happy, and grow from the experience. When it's someone else's pain, how do we balance the caring and love, and not let it affect our happiness? Is it not selfish to feel joy when other's feel pain?

As always, we must turn to G-d as our guide in how we deal with another's pain.

Historically speaking, the most tragic time for the Jewish people was the period of the destruction of Holy Temple on the ninth of Av, this year corresponding to Tuesday, July 20. On this day, throughout history, Jews have experienced

horrific tragedies including the Fall of Betar, the Expulsion from England and the Spanish Inquisition.

Where was G-d then? Did He feel our pain? Does He feel it now?

It says in the Talmud that when the Holy Temple was destroyed, there was a wailing voice heard throughout the entire world. The Ministering Angels said to G-d, "Master of the Universe, do you have such emotions of sadness? Isn't it written 'Splendor and glory are before you?'"

G-d answered: "My House is destroyed, and my children are manacled in chains. Should I not be suffering?"

G-d tells us: "I am with you in suffering." He shares our pain and suffers our suffering. As a parent feels his or her child's pain, so does G-d feels ours.

When we find in ourselves a newly discovered strength, when a helping hand comes at an opportune moment, when a prayer is answered, or a miracle occurs, we see that G-d is with us.

And when we feel our strength ebbing, our prayers seemingly go unanswered, there is no help in sight, and

we don't see any miracles, know then that G-d is with us too although we may not see Him. We just need to open our eyes.

Meanwhile, let us emulate G-d and be there for others in pain. We cannot let another's pain cripple us. We must use another's pain as a catalyst to help in any which way possible and to demonstrate our solidarity in their time of suffering.

This empathetic assistance accomplishes a dual purpose

Firstly, it is well known that helping others increases in joy and happiness. Interestingly, when another's pain motivates our assistance, this pain can bring joy. This is in addition to the comfort our help brings to the person in pain with the knowledge that he or she is not alone.

Furthermore, acts of goodness and kindness hasten the redemption.

May it be G-d's will and may it be soon when all the pain and suffering in the world will be transformed to joy with the coming of the Moshiach speedily in our days.

Rabbi Mendy Bukiet

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Chabad of Bradenton & Lakewood Ranch is an organization that provides social, educational, recreational, and religious programming. Chabad is a place where every Jew, affiliated or unaffiliated, observant or non-observant, can come and feel comfortable. We believe that regardless of educational background or affiliation, it is the inalienable right of every Jewish person to learn and participate in our heritage, which belongs to us equally.

KIDLINK

This summer, Chabad of Bradenton & Lakewood Ranch offered an exciting and innovative program for children ages 5-12. Parents, wanting their children to stay connected to their Jewish heritage throughout the summer, had the Kidlink option.

For the past three Thursdays, children would gather at the Chabad Center for a Judaic themed kosher

craft, cooking project and activity, as well as a light dinner.

The children learned about gratitude and the importance of thanking G-d for all that is good in their lives.

They practiced saying thank you for the different foods we eat with the various blessings recited on each food type.

For the blessing of fruits,

the children made candied apples. For the blessing on vegetables, they planted carrot and turnip tops. They made grape juice and Kiddush cups for the blessing on wine and candies for the blessing of *Shehakol*.

The children loved Kidlink! They are looking forward to returning in July for two more sessions. Interested parents may contact Chanie Bukiet at 941-752-3030.



AN EVENING OF TRIBUTE

Tuesday, June 15 marked the sixteenth *yahrtzeit* of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, OBM, The Rebbe, spiritual leader of the Chabad movement, spearheaded the concept of emissaries, sending his followers around the globe to reach out to Jewish people worldwide.

Congregants gathered at the

Chabad Center for an evening of tribute to this legendary leader on this special day.

Rabbi Mendy led a Chassidic gathering of souls themed on the Lubavitcher Rebbe mission unconditional love for every Jew. He spoke about the lessons we can learn from the Rebbe's life.

A delicious light buffet dinner was served and as is traditional by such a gatherings, Chassidic melodies were chanted.

A video presentation "Faithful and Fortified" depicted the inside story of the Rebbe's involvement in Israel's security, as told by its defense and government leaders.



JWC END YEAR BRUNCH

On Sunday, June 27, the Jewish Women's Circle held its final event of the year; the JWC Brunch. This event was held to celebrate the past year at the Jewish Women's Circle and to plan the future.

Ladies gathered at the home of Chanie Bukiet and enjoyed an appetizing spread of eggs, pancakes, cheese-

cakes, rolls, fruits, salad, and smoothies.

The women played "Pass the Parcel" with a twist stimulating lots of interesting conversation about the Jewish Woman.

Different events were discussed for next year including a Green Cleaning program, Game Night, a

JWC Bat Mitzvah Course and Celebration, a Spa for the Soul, and more.

At the conclusion of this event, the women decorated a souvenir tablecloth with pictures relating to the Jewish Women's Circle.

Thanks to all the JWC members and to all those that attended this brunch.



ONGOING EVENTS*All events to take place at the Chabad Jewish Center***Talmud Classes**

Mondays, 7:30-8:30 pm

Explore the Talmud and its laws in its original text. No prior knowledge of the Talmud or Hebrew is necessary. Book fee: \$45.

Torah Studies

Saturday mornings, 9:00-9:30

Participate in a fascinating class on the Torah portion of the week. Discover the mystical meanings and lessons behind ancient stories. Admission is free.

Weekly Shabbat Services

Friday night, 7:00, Saturday mornings 9:30

Enjoy warm, family friendly services at the Chabad Jewish Center. Saturday morning services are followed by a delicious buffet Kiddush.

Ladies Lunch & Learn

Tuesday, July 13, noon-1:00 pm

Join Chanie Bukiet for a monthly Lunch & Learn. Feast on a delicious lunch and sample from a variety of exciting Jewish topics. Admission free.

One-on-One Torah Study

Moses and Maimonides now make house calls. Learn more about your heritage, faith, and history by illuminating your life with knowledge, insight, and understanding of Judaism. Contact Chabad to arrange your personal study session with the Rabbi at your home or office.

For more information on any of the above ongoing events, contact Rabbi Mendy at 941-752-3030 or rabbi@chabadofbradenton.com.

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In honor of their daughter Carli's engagement to Oded	

YIZKOR BOOK

Honor a loved one's memory in Chabad's High Holiday Yizkor Book. Contact Chabad at 941-752-3030 or bradentonchabad@gmail.com for rates and more information. Submissions deadline is August 15.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information, contact Chabad at 941-752-3030, rabbi@chabadofbradenton.com, or visit www.chabadofbradenton.com.

Thursdays, July 8 and 15: KIDLINK

Link your child to our Jewish Heritage with Jewish crafts and cooking projects as well as a light dinner. Kidlink is open to children ages 5-12 and will take place at the Chabad Jewish Center from 4:00 - 5:15 pm. Cost is \$55 per session or \$15 per class. Children sponsorships are available at \$55 per session. Reservations are needed.

Sunday, July 11: Gold Buying Party

Bring your unwanted gold, platinum, coins, and watches for this golden opportunity to do a good deed and put money in your pocket at the same time! This event will take place at the Chabad Jewish Center from 4:00-6:30 pm. Specific time slots are available upon request. The Gold Buying Party is made available through the expertise and generosity of Frank & Moraima Rodriguez of "Frank Jewelers." 100% of the proceeds to benefit Chabad. RSVP requested.

Monday, July 19 Tisha B'Av Gathering

Join Chabad on the night of Tisha B'Av at 8:30 pm at the Chabad Jewish Center for the reading of Eicha and a video presentation.

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Alternative Arts & Healing with Colleen Shapiro

This expressive art and healing class, designed to increase one's self-esteem, will awaken the senses with art and nature projects, writings, movement, and music.

Tuesday, July 13, 1:15-2:15 pm at the Chabad Jewish Center.
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