

WHAT'S GOING ON?

- **Applications for the Mazkirut 5781** have reopened! For further information or to apply please email mazkir@bauk.org. Deadline 18th March 2020.

- See below for details of our **Purim** events! Please RSVP as soon as possible to rav@bauk.org.

- Applications for **tafkidim on Summer Machane** are open! Apply now at bauk.org to make a difference this summer!!

- **Summer Machane** applications are open! To apply, please go to bauk.org/camps. For more information, please email camps@bauk.org.

- **Student Bet Midrash** continues every **Thursday night at Kinloss!** Come along at **7.00pm** for a great opportunity to hear amazing speakers, eat great food and learn with friends or madrichim! This week 12th March we will hear from **Rav Benzi Mann**. Email Chana at chinuch@bauk.org for more details or if you have any questions.

- **Shabbat Bogrim** will take place on 4th April in Tring! For more details contact mazkir@bauk.org.

- **Year Tens**, register your interest for the **Shevet Seenai Shabbaton** on 25th April by heading to www.bauk.org/seenai-shabbaton!

- **Shabbat Ha'Irgun** season is continuing! To sign up, head to bauk.org/shabbat-hairgun. To get involved with your local sviva please contact Zoe at svivot@bauk.org.

- Good luck to **Bushey** and **Salford** svivot, who have their **Shabbatot Ha'Irgun** this weekend!

- **Rav Joel's 'Lights of Religious Zionism' shiur series** continues on Monday 16th March at 7.30pm in the London Bayit. Chulent and kugel provided.

- Plans are currently underway to form a **Garin Aliyah** in time to vote in Bibi's 50th election as Prime Minister. This date may arrive soon (trial-dependent), so please register your interest ASAP by contacting operations@bauk.org.

- Be sure to like our **Facebook page (Bnei Akiva UK)** and follow our **Instagram (bneiakivauk)** to get regular updates with what is going on in the Tnuva.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- How was the inaugural Tamid offering different to later Tamid offerings? (See **Haamek Davar on Shemot 29:42**)
- Why is Amalek considered worse than other nations who tried to destroy Am Yisrael? (See **Rav Yitzchak Zev Soleveitchik on Devarim 25:19**)

SHABBAT SHALOM and PURIM SAMEACH!!!



Evening event at the Bayit

Ma'ariv	18:30
Megilla	18:45
Break your fast	19:15



Shacharit at the Bayit

Megilla reading	8.40
Breakfast	9.15

Bogrim's Seudah at the Kenigsberg's

Mincha	16.00
Purim Kiddush	16.15
Shkiya	17.57

RSVP: rav@bauk.org
for catering and minyan numbers

MAZAL TOV...

...to **Shira Collins**, our new Camps and Social Action Worker and to **Daniella Wieder**, our new Svivot and Hadracha Worker (both Shevet Ne'eman) for the Mazkirut of 5781!!!

...to **Adi Dinowitz** (Nivcheret Hanhalla 5780) and **Uriel Abeles** (both Shevet Avichai) on their engagement!!!

...to **Max Sherrard** (Rosh Israel Machane 5777/5778) and **Zoe Coupland** (both Shevet Hagevurah) on their engagement!!!

...to **Dalia Isaacson** (Shevet Eitan) and **Shimmie Blum** on their engagement!!!

...to **Rafi Davis** (Shevet Orot) and **Quincy Barrett** (Shevet Hineini) on being shortlisted for the Jewish News 18 Under 18, as well as to all of our wonderful chaverim who were nominated! We're so proud of you all!

...to **Boris Johnson** (Shevet Hayovel) and **Carrie Symonds** (Shevet Elad) on their engagement and B'Sha'ah Tova on their exciting news!

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REMEMBER YOUR YIRAT SHAMAYIM
MADDY ASSOR
SHEVET AVICHAI

זכור את אשר-עשה לך עמלק בדרך בצאתכם ממצרים: אשר קרד בדרך ויזנב בך כל הנפשלים אחריו ואתה עיף ויגע ולא ירא אלקים: והיה בהניח ה' אלקיד לך מקל איביך מסביב בארץ אשר ה' אלקיד נתן לך נחלה לרשתה תמחה את זכר עמלק מתחת השמים לא תשכח
"Remember what Amalek did to you on your journey, after you left Egypt; how he happened upon you on the way and cut off all the stragglers at your rear, when you were faint and weary, and he did not fear God. [Therefore,] it will be, when the Lord your God grants you respite from all your enemies around [you] in the land which the Lord, your God, gives to you as an inheritance to possess, that you shall obliterate the remembrance of Amalek from beneath the heavens. You shall not forget!" (Devarim 25:17-19)

This Shabbat before Purim we supplement Parashat Tetzaveh with the Zachor reading in which we are commanded to remember the evil that Amalek did to us when we were leaving Egypt, and to eradicate it from the face of the earth.

What is so unique about Amalek that we have to always remember them and erase them. Why is Amalek singled out as worse than any other nation? The Gemara in Bava Kamma 79a-b discusses the two different types of people who steal; a robber is one who steals openly, and a thief is one that steals quietly. Where the robber is not scared of anyone and thus steals in daylight, the thief makes the conscious de-

London	In: 17:35 Out: 18:42	Oxford	In: 17:36 Out: 18:47	Leeds	In: 17:36 Out: 18:49
Manchester	In: 17:39 Out: 18:51	Bristol	In: 17:42 Out: 18:52	Liverpool	In: 17:42 Out: 18:54
Cambridge	In: 17:30 Out: 18:41	Birmingham	In: 17:38 Out: 18:49	Jerusalem	In: 17:10 Out: 18:23

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cision to steal, effectively denying the all-seeing God and therefore lacking Yirat Shamayim - fear of Heaven. We learn that Amalek is the thief in this instance, attacking the Jewish people at a weak and vulnerable moment. When the Jews came out of Egypt all other nations were afraid to challenge the Jewish God after seeing the miraculous events of the ten plagues and the splitting of the sea, however Amalek displayed no fear. The Midrash Tanchuma on Ki Teitze provides an allegory describing the Jews as a boiling hot bath into which no creature was able to descend, however Amalek came and leaped into it, suffering bad burns but cooling it off for others to follow. Amalek's evilness is so strong that they are willing to sacrifice themselves to harm the Jewish people, and thus they must be eradicated.

We recite Parashat Zachor the Shabbat before Purim because Haman was a direct descendent of Amalek, willing to do everything in his power to wipe out the Jewish nation. On Monday night we read Megillat Esther, and become aware of the hidden miracles from Hashem that helped save the Jewish people in the Purim story. This teaches us to always have Yirat Shamayim in order to be aware of every inch of involvement that Hashem has in this world, and to use this to understand how God is communicating with us so that we can be one step closer to fulfilling His will. May we always see God's wonders and hidden miracles in our everyday lives, and just like in the Megillah, even though Hashem cannot physically be seen, we must know and trust that He is always there with a guiding hand protecting the Jewish nation.

MADDY WAS A MADRICHA ON H-COURSE MACHANE 5780.

TETZAVEH 5780: A LIFELONG LEGACY

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There's something strange about Parashat Tetzaveh. If we look through the entire parasha, we find that Moshe Rabbeinu is not mentioned even once. This is unique amongst all the other parshiyot since Moshe's birth – this is the first and only time his name is not mentioned.

The Ba'al HaTurim explains that this is the fulfillment of Moshe's words after the Chet Ha'egel אשר כתבת אשר כתיבת – "erase me from the book which you have written". (Shemot 32:32) After the catastrophe of the golden calf, Moshe Rabbeinu pleaded with Hashem to forgive Am Yisrael, and stated that if they could not be forgiven, he was willing to have himself erased for their sake. The Baal HaTurim explains that the decree of a tzaddik (even a conditional one) has to be fulfilled and therefore Moshe's name was erased from this parasha.

The commentaries differ as to which "book" Moshe was referring to. As stated above, the Ba'al HaTurim explains it to be the sefer Torah. But others explain differently. The Ramban understands that Moshe was willing to be erased from the Book of Life. Sforno explains that he was willing to have his זכויות (rights) removed from him for the sake of the nation. Either way, Moshe Rabbeinu was prepared to forego his very existence, be it in this world or the next, in order to rescue the Jewish people.

A similar characteristic is exhibited by the heroes of the Purim story. One of the

(many) dramatic encounters in the Megillah occurs when Mordechai instructs Esther to approach the king and beseech him on behalf of the Jewish people. Esther responds in the negative, explaining that approaching the king uninvited would lead to certain death. Mordechai then utters the unforgettable words כי אם החרש תחרישי בעת הזאת רוח והצלה יעמוד ליהודים ממקום אחר ואת כי אם החרש תחרישי בעת הזאת רוח והצלה יעמוד ליהודים ממקום אחר ואת – "If you will remain silent at this time, relief and salvation will come to the Jews from elsewhere, but **you** and your father's house will perish". (Esther 4:14) Individual fortune cannot be the main motivation behind our actions. The best interests of the Jewish people must be our top priority, even at the cost of major self-sacrifice.

The irony is that both Moshe and Esther, by risking everything they had and putting their lives on the line for the sake of Klal Yisrael, guaranteed their own immortality (in a spiritual sense). By willing to be erased for the entire Jewish people, they ensured that they would never be forgotten.

The ability to put the good of our people above personal interests is something required from every leader, and indeed from every Jew. While we hope that we will never come to such extreme situations, as we read these stories of self-sacrifice may we be inspired to choose the right priorities in our own lives.

Shabbat Shalom and Purim Sameach!

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A Machane Medley

Best read while fulfilling the mitzvah of Ad d'Lo Yada

The year was 3404 and poor Charvona Libob (his surname is in a Midrash) couldn't seem to keep a stable job. He would repeatedly stand before the mirror and tell himself, "hey, hey, Charvona Libob, I'm gonna get back to my job", but as time went on, he wasn't even sure he believed it.

It had all started a few years earlier when Charvona, fresh out of Michael Rainsbury's first Hachshara, returned to Shushan to find that the king was having a feast. He knew the feast needed pizza and he would be the one to serve it (this is also what I assume our chanichim are doing on Motzash at Golder's Green Pizaza). Charvona the pizza man brought enough pizza for the whole palace, but as he arrived at the entrance, Rob, the site manager, told him, "while I love fun, unfortunately the party has already been catered by Mr Kashtan, though he has seemed to have forgotten the one mango. So you're going to have to go."

Following this, Charvona tried and tried again, but everything seemed to fail. He tried being a Shwekey fan but realised this was a problem when his right hand was hurting and he couldn't remember the cure was just to remember Jerusalem. He tried being Michael Jordan, but he just couldn't get the order of 'shoot bounce bounce shoot' right. He even tried being a jar of jam but that stopped after he was repeatedly attacked by rotating penguins at tea. Then job number six (DJ), seven (funeral director), eight (psychiatrist) and by number nine and ten he realised he couldn't handle this same old line, it just led to the same again.

But then, just as Charvona was prepared to give up, one day he was walking along when he saw an advert on a tree. He got closer and once the beaver blocking it climbed up the beaver tree he saw that the advert was from the king. He had lost his pet alligator Alfred in the waterspout and boy did he miss him. Charvona ran to the waterspout, reached in and grabbed the alligator, to cheers of "vegam vegam Charvona" from all around.

Charvona ran to the palace and interrupted a fairly intense looking feast to give the king his alligator. The king asked, "but Charvona, how come you chose to save him?" "I guess I am quite good at saving animals," Charvona replied. "Well," said the king. "How would you like to become my professional animal protector? You could start by going to find my crazy moose. After his glass of juice, I think he went swimming in the water." "Right away," Charvona replied. "Oh, I'm also quite good at saving people, so you should know that Haman made gallows for Mordechai. Okay bye," and with that Charvona left. He realised that while he had previously been barking up the wrong tree, he had finally found his talent and would use it to save all the crocodiles, slippery snakes and orangutans in the kingdom.

In Bnei Akiva, everyone has a different part to play, and it is important to try and find something you are good at and passionate about. Whether it is running the kitchen, planning peulot or leading ruach (use the songs in this article as a guide), everyone has something to give and if we all use our skills and work as one united team, the movement will continue to be the success it currently is.

AARON WAS A ROSH ON GIMMEL SUMMER MACHANE 5779 AND WILL SHORTLY BE SUBMITTING HIS APPLICATION FOR THE MAZKIRUT OF 5781.

