

# BETH EL JEWISH CENTER OF FLATBUSH

## *About Our Organization*

Beth El Jewish Center of Flatbush is a warm welcoming place ever since we were established in 1922. We invite you to get to know us. Feel free to experience our davening, classes, and share in our weekly hot Kiddush, sponsored by The Steven A. Greenberg Foundation.

### Come Join Us!

- Boy Scouts for Kindergarten and up (Menachem's cell 917-468-3432)
- Youth Groups (Shabbat Day- 10:15AM)
- Rabbi's Classes (Every Friday, Shabbat, Sunday, & Monday )
- And Much More!

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## **D'var Torah by Rabbi Goldstein**

In this weeks Parsha we have the Pasukim of rebuke (Tochacha). The Torah explicitly tells us the reason for the Tochacha, as the Pasuk says (28:47) "Tachas Asher Lo Avadita Es Hashem Elokecha B'Simcha Ubitov Levav M'rov Kol", "It is because you didn't serve Hashem with joy and with a good heart, even when you had a lot of goodness" (28:47). This means, the root of the present Galus and all of our personal and national troubles, which is essentially the Tochacha, is because the Jewish nation aren't serving Hashem with the proper amount of joy. If we will serve Hashem with joy, the Galus, the troubles, and the entire Tochacha, will cease to exist.

I recently heard a story which portrays this teaching very deeply. On the first morning of Sukkos, a Jewish soldier, dressed in a Russian army uniform, showed up at the Tish (gathering) of the Yesod HaAvodah of Slonim zt'l. The moment the Rebbe saw him, he said that he sees a great light on this man. After the Tish, the Chassidim gathered around the soldier. They wanted to know how he earned this great spiritual aura. The soldier didn't understand why they were making a big deal out of him, and he told them what happened to him the previous night. "The army camp is near Slonim, and last night, I was on guard duty. My heart, however, yearned for the Mitzvah of Sukkah, or at least to eat a Kezayis (small amount) in a Sukkah. But the commander was watching us soldiers, and under his close surveillance it was impossible to leave the camp. I saw from the distance, on the other side of the gate, the Sukkah of a Jew who lives on the outskirts of Slonim. I was waiting for the moment to jump over the fence to do the Mitzvah, but the commander, for some reason, was always nearby. Close to midnight, I noticed that the commander wasn't around. I quickly jumped the gate and ran to the Sukkah. The family was already sleeping. I knocked, and I begged them to open the door for a Jew who desires immensely to eat in a Sukkah. They opened the door, and brought me wine for Kidush. I washed my hands, and quickly at

## Shabbat Times

Candle Lighting:  
6:56 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat: 7 PM

Shacharit: 8:45 AM

Rabbi's class: 6 PM

Mincha: 6:30 PM

Shabbat Concludes  
8:04 PM

## Announcements

The High Holidays are around the corner. Visit the main office to reserve and pay for your seats today! Office hours are 10- 2 PM Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

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something. The family wanted to bring me other courses, but I had to return to my post. I ran to the camp, my heart beating in fear. When I returned, I realized that the commander didn't notice that I had left. I was so happy that I was able to perform this Mitzvah, I danced the entire night until the morning". The Birkas Avraham zt'l told this story, and concluded, "The great light on the soldier wasn't because he had risked his life to eat in the Sukkah on that night. It was mostly because of his Simcha Shel Mitzvah. His yearning, love, joy, and dancing that he was able to do this Mitzvah brought him to the level that he shone from holiness."

As we embark in the journey of the Yamim Noraim (High Holidays) we should keep in mind that joy is far more powerful than sadness. Through rejoicing in our Davening and the many Mitzvos we do during this time we should be Zoche to the true redemption.

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