

The Tribe Weekly Newsletter



This week's Parasha is Devarim

Shabbat Times in London

Shabbat begins: 8.47pm

Shabbat ends: 9.58pm

This week's Parasha (Weekly Torah Portion) is the first in the Book of Devarim (Deuteronomy) and begins when Moshe (Moses) reminded the Children of Israel about the events that they had experienced in the Wilderness and the many laws they had received during their forty years of travelling from Egypt to Canaan.

Whilst reviewing many of the events, Moshe (Moses) rebuked the Children of Israel for the things they had done wrong (For example; the episode with the Spies, the rebellion of Korach, when the people complained about there being no meat) and encouraging them to keep the Torah and observe its Mitzvot (commandments) in the Promised Land, in to which the Children of Israel would soon cross.

Moshe (Moses) also reminded the Children of Israel that he had appointed judges to help lead the people and teach them the word of God.

Moshe (Moses) also recalled some more recent events such as the time when the nations of Moav (Moab) and Ammon would not allow the Children of

Israel to pass through their countries and the battles with the Emorite kings,
Sichon and Og.

Moshe (Moses) reminded the people that the land of Gilad on the east side of the River Jordan had been given to the tribes of Reuven (Reuben), Gad and part of Menashe (Menasseh) on condition they would join their fellow Israelites in conquering Canaan.

Moshe (Moses) encouraged Yehoshua (Joshua) not to fear the nations living in Canaan.

Wednesday 22nd July was Rosh Chodesh Av (the beginning of the Jewish month of Av). The last nine days of the sad 'Three Weeks' started on Wednesday and on Thursday 30th July we will be commemorating the destruction of the Batei Mikdash (Holy Temples) with the fast of Tisha B'Av (The Ninth Av).

The Second Beit Mikdash (Holy Temple) was destroyed primarily because of Sinat Chinam (Causeless Hatred). We therefore make an extra special effort, during these nine days, to go out of our way to promote Ahavat Chinam (Causeless love).

Song

'Ahavat Yisrael' - 'Loving our fellow Jew'

Here is a link to a song about Ahavat Yisrael which you can listen to and enjoy before Shabbat.

The Y-Studs – 'Ahavat Yisrael'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iqAiRERkwUQ>



Story

The Value of Kindness

A wise woman was once travelling in the mountains, when she found a precious stone in a stream. She put her hand in to the water and picked up the precious stone, looking at it with wonderment and awe.

The next day the wise woman met another traveller who was hungry and desperately needed some food. As the wise woman opened her bag to take out some food to share with the man, the hungry traveller saw the precious stone shining at the bottom of the bag. 'Please can I have that stone' asked the man and without hesitation she happily gave it to him.

The traveller left, rejoicing in his good fortune. He knew the stone was worth so much that he would have enough money for the rest of his life.

But a few days later he came back to return the stone to the wise woman.

'I've been thinking' he said, 'I know how valuable the stone is, but I am giving it back to you because I know that there is something even more precious and valuable that you can give me'.

'What is that?' asked the woman. 'Please give me the kindness inside you that made you want to give me the stone. Your kindness is even more precious than the most precious of stones.'

Family Wordsearch Challenge!

You'll find all the words in the Parasha summary above



Can you find these words?

Ahavat Chinam	Devarim	Judges	Moav	Sichon
Ammon	Gilad	Mitzvot	Promised Land	

Unscramble These SENTENCES so that they make sense!

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5. The was Temple second because destroyed Chinam of Sinat.

Now try to unscramble these words! (You can use the Pictures to help)

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TAAAVH MCHANI



Recipe of the week

Oaty Honey Biscuits – (Dairy)



Ingredients

Makes: 12 biscuits

- 75g self raising flour
- 75g porridge / rolled oats
- 75g caster sugar
- 75g butter
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon milk

Method

1. **Adult** - Preheat the oven to 180 C / Gas 4 and place parchment on a baking tray.
2. **Adult** and **Child** - Sift the flour into a bowl and then add the oats and sugar.
3. **Adult** and **Child** - In a saucepan melt the butter, milk and honey together till it is a liquid and then add it to your flour mixture and mix together.
4. **Adult** and **Child** - Form into biscuit shapes (makes around 12)
5. **Adult** - Place in oven for around 10 to 15 minutes or till slightly brown.

THE TRIBE SCRIBE

DEVARIM: REVIEWING THE SITUATION!

IN THIS WEEK'S PARASHA, MOSHE BEGINS REVIEWING THE EVENTS OF THE LAST 40 YEARS IN THE DESERT, REMINDING THE PEOPLE OF THEIR HIGHS AND LOWS.



BUT THAT'S NOT THE ONLY PLACE THE TORAH MENTIONS THE IDEA OF REVIEWING. THE TALMUD SAYS: "YOU CANNOT COMPARE SOMEONE WHO REVIEWS SOMETHING 100 TIMES TO SOMEONE WHO REVIEWS SOMETHING 101 TIMES."

COME ON, IS THERE REALLY A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE 100TH AND 101ST TIME?



YES THERE IS! THE TALMUD IS SHOWING US THAT EVEN WHEN WE THINK WE KNOW SOMETHING INSIDE OUT, IF WE LOOK AT IT JUST ONE MORE TIME, WE MIGHT FIND A COMPLETELY NEW ASPECT THAT WE HADN'T NOTICED BEFORE.

HMMM, THAT MAKES SENSE. I USED TO THINK IT WAS SILLY TO LEARN ABOUT THE SAME PARASHOT AND CHAGIM EACH YEAR.



BUT MISS, WE LEARNED THAT LAST YEAR!

OF COURSE YOU DID! YOU ALSO LEARNED MATHS AND SCIENCE AND ENGLISH AND SO MANY OTHER SUBJECTS YOU ARE ALSO LEARNING THIS YEAR.

BUT THIS YEAR YOU ARE DOING DIFFERENT THINGS WITH YOUR MATHS, YOU ARE GOING FURTHER IN YOUR ENGLISH. YOU ARE ANOTHER YEAR OLDER, HAVE MORE EXPERIENCE AND CAN UNDERSTAND THINGS BETTER.

SOMETIMES WE THINK "I KNOW THAT ALREADY," AND WE DO, BUT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING OF A 6 YEAR OLD, OR A 10 YEAR OLD, OR HOWEVER OLD WE WERE WHEN WE FIRST LEARNED IT. IT WOULD BE A SHAME IF WE MAXED OUT THERE.



DID YOU KNOW THIS IS OUR 203RD EPISODE? THE MORE YOU PUT IN, THE MORE YOU GET OUT! WHETHER IT'S THE 3RD OR 203RD TIME!

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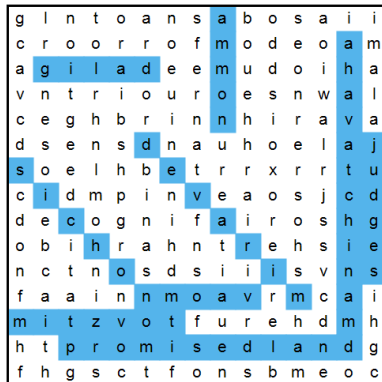


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Answer sheet

Wordsearch



Unscramble the Sentences

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5. The second Temple was destroyed because of Sinat Chinam.

Unscramble the words

Gilad, Rosh Chodesh, Emorite, Joshua, Ahavat Chinam

Shabbat Shalom! From everyone at Tribe