



Table Talk



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Birthdays



- Benjamin Bloom
- Benjamin Minogue
- Jonathan Alexander
- Yoni Finke
- Joshua Hawksworth
- Jacob Louis
- David Shasha
- Carl Tildsley
- Isabelle Luckett
- Ronen Vatenmaker
- Sarah Richler-Kleiman
- Zack Frankel
- Alexander Murawa
- Eliana Grant
- Jack Isadore Rowe

A Bite of Inspiration

Parashat Ki Tissa

The story of the Golden Calf is one of the most incredibly honest stories told by any religion. The Jewish people experience the seminal moment in its history - direct communication with G-d at Mount Sinai - and 40 days later, they are worshipping an idol. It is yet another example in the Torah of something that human beings surely would not have written. If you are trying to sell a religion, you don't want to reveal that even those who had the most powerful experience were not all that impressed. But if G-d is writing the book, He has nothing to prove. But much to teach. And the incident of the Golden Calf is brimming with wisdom. It teaches that experiences, no matter how powerful and how inspirational, do not change us fundamentally. Memories fade, experiences are forgotten, highs

settle down. Quick fixes just don't last.

The mistake the Jewish people made was to rely on the high of Sinai, rather than buckling down to the hard work of sustained and steady growth. Once they had forgotten the high, they were nearly the same people as they were before it. It's the same old story that Judaism always preaches: The only way to true fulfilment is via an incremental path. There are no shortcuts to greatness, only the long and winding road of waking up early and facing days and months and years of challenge and struggle. Think about your own life, your challenges and hurdles. There is always a short easy solution, and the long hard one. The Jewish people were looking for the easy option. Let's not make the same mistake.

After Dinner Joke

A father and son were posing for a picture following the son's graduation from college. "Stand closer to your father. Try to look a little more natural," the photographer said. The father replied, "I think he'd look more natural, if he stood with his hands in my pockets."



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Side Dish

English

Year 9 enjoyed a visit from the Young Shakespeare Company on Monday 2nd March. They put on a mini-production of "Romeo and Juliet" focusing on the scenes Year 9 are looking at for coursework (yes that's right GCSE Coursework in Year 9!)

The scenes were acted out in a variety of moods so that we

could think about the most effective way for each character to speak their lines. Jason Linz, Megan Gold and Adam Walker made star appearances in the final scene and definitely stole the show with spectacular performances. If only Shakespeare was always this much fun!

<http://www.youngshakespeare.org.uk/>

Celebrating Success

Purim 2009

Well done to the sixth form Madrichim who helped run the activities.

Thank you for helping us raise £130 for צדקה.

Check out the pictures on

<http://kdhs.org.uk/depts/rs/purim2009/index.htm>

