



What could the desperate escape of hundreds of Christian and Muslim refugees fleeing ISIS possibly have to do with trains that carted Jews to Auschwitz over 70 years ago?

In recent weeks, hundreds of refugees from Africa have made their way to Milan, Italy, as a gateway to rejoining family in other parts of Europe. They are in urgent need of food and shelter, and they have found it in an unlikely place: Stazione Centrale, Milan's central train station. There, the Chabad community is the hub of a local coalition caring for the refugees in an underground memorial to Jews murdered by the Nazis.

Known as Platform 21, the memorial that opened last year includes a large library, testimonies of the surviving deportees from the station, two of the original carts used to take Jews to the concentration camp and a wall of the names of those who perished. Then, in recent weeks, Chabad installed a social kitchen to feed about 1,500 older, disabled and homeless people each month. Called "Beteavon" – Italian for "Our Big Kitchen" – it is suddenly a haven for the grateful refugees.

"This is happening in a place where Jews were once persecuted," said **Rabbi Yigal Hazan***. "It is very symbolic that people who are escaping violence are being hosted here. As Jews who were persecuted, we should be on the front lines helping those in need, to bring them kindness wherever they are."

Transforming something sinful or evil into something good is a theme we have recently been reading in the Torah. In fact, we just read last week about how one of the greatest enemies of the Jews, Bilam, began to curse the Jewish people, but Hashem transformed the curse into blessings. This idea is so embedded in our tradition that we start our prayers every day not with the words of Moses, but with the words of our enemy.

This message that good can rise from evil also manifests in the Jewish teaching that someone who has sinned is greater than someone who never did. The explanation is that individuals who have sinned are able to transform the energy and passion of overcoming their past into a power to see the light and inspire others.

We see this routinely among those who lead us and inspire us. So if kids at school hear an anti-drug speech by a doctor or professor, they are not nearly as likely to be affected by it as by a similar message from a CEO whose former drug addiction caused him to lose everything.

The lessons of our Torah remind us that life offers opportunities for personal redemption, and sometimes, even the chance to turn a symbol of death into one of life and hope.

Shabbat Shalom,

Areyah

*Rabbi Hazan is my brother-in-law. Upon greeting the refugees, he was able to speak with them in Arabic because he is originally from Lebanon.

זמני הדלקת הנרות

Candle Lighting Times for New Albany, OH (Based on Zip Code 43054):

Shabbat Candle Lighting: 8:44 pm
 Friday, Jul 10
 Shabbat Ends: 9:50 pm
 Shabbat, Jul 11

Torah Portion: **Pinchas**



Schedule of Services

The Lori Schottenstein Chabad Center offers a full schedule of Shabbat services.

Come and be inspired for the rest of the week! For more information, please call us at 614-939-0765.

24 Tammuz 5775
Saturday, July 11, 2015

Morning Services: 9:30 a.m

CKids - ages 5-12: 10:45 a.m.

Torah and Tea*: 10:00 a.m.

**this class is now Dedicated in Memory of Rashi Minkowitz, ob'm, a community leader, mother and Shlucha*

Special Shabbat program for children, with the counsellors of Camp Gan Israel - 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Tot Shabbat for 4 and under: 11:00 a.m.

KIDDUSH – 12:00 pm

25 Tammuz, 5775
Sunday, July 12, 2015

Shachrit: 9:45 a.m.

Parenting Class - 10:30 am

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Upcoming Events

Thurs night Shabbat class
 Jul. 16, 2015 - 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

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פרשת השבוע

Parshat Pinchas

Aaron's grandson **Pinchas** is rewarded for his act of **zealotry** in killing the Simeonite prince who was his **Zimri** and the Midianite princess who was his paramour: G-d grants him a **covenant of peace** and the priesthood.

A census of the people counts **601,730** men between the ages of twenty and sixty. Moses is instructed on how the Land is to be divided by **lottery** among the tribes and families of Israel. The five **daughters of Tzelafchad** petition Moses that they be granted the portion of the land belonging to their father, who died without sons; G-d accepts their claim and incorporates it into the Torah's **laws of inheritance**.

Moses empowers **Joshua** to succeed him and lead the people into the Land of Israel.

The Parshah concludes with a detailed list of the **daily offerings**, and the additional offerings brought on **Shabbat, Rosh Chodesh** (first of the month), and the festivals of **Passover, Shavuot, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot** and **Shemini Atzeret**.

We offer our condolences to the Dubinsky family for the loss of their father Isaak. This week's kiddush is sponsored by Dmitry and Natalya Dubinsky in his memory.

"Art of Parenting" classes begin Sunday at 10:30 am



Challah is back at the New Albany market!

Friendship Circle volunteers will be staffing a booth at the New Albany farmer's market this Thursday from 4-7. Come early - we always sell out!



JOIN US FOR A *Special Shabbos* at Chabad!

Join us on Friday, July 10 for 7:00 Shabbat services.

Join us for a showing at Chabad – July 26 at 8:00 pm followed by break fast



A NEW DOCUMENTARY AND TISHA B'AV PROGRAM

In the summer of 2001, two Jewish teenagers were hiking near their homes in the West Bank when they were lated to death by Palestinian terrorists. A few months later, Daniel Pearl, a reporter for the Wall Street Journal, was kidnapped and murdered in Karachi, Pakistan; his last words: "My father's Jewish, my mother's Jewish, I'm Jewish."

With My Whole Broken Heart is a professionally-produced and emotionally gripping 45-minute film featuring heart-wrenching stories of valiant parents whose children's lives were claimed by terror and their inspiring responses to their horrific experiences. The documentary also follows the lives of two of the youngest survivors of Auschwitz and Buchenwald who emerged from the darkness and transformed the Jewish landscape.

The film is framed around the Rebbe's response to the 1956 terror attack in Kfar Chabad that claimed lives of 5 students, and features interviews with Daniel's parents, Ruth and Judea Pearl; Sherri Mandel, mother of Kobi Mandell; Rabbi Nissan Mangel; and former Israeli chief rabbi, Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau.

Camp Israel

We made sand art sundaes, braided challah, and had swimming and sports; lots of fun with specialties, and walking through the woods to the Aquatic Center.



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LIFE TOWN LESSONS FOR LIFE. LifeTown provides life skills training for children with disabilities. We rely on volunteers to make our unique program work. To volunteer, sign up at [Signup Genius](#) or email volunteer coordinator [Nancy Eisenman](#) for more information.

Weekly Torah study
 Please join us for "A Journey into the Soul of Torah", a weekly Torah study. The class will continue on Thursdays at 7:30 pm at The Lori Schottenstein Chabad Center. Open to all and free of charge.

Kiddush Sponsorship Opportunities Available
 Looking for a meaningful way to recognize a special day? Consider sponsoring a Kiddush. For more information, please contact the Chabad office at 614-939-0765.

Chabad Hebrew School
 For more information: www.chabadhs.org
 Call 614-939-0765 or 614-578-9318 or email hebrewschool@chabadhs.org



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This Week @ www.ChabadColumbus.com

3 weeks
Celebrating Destruction
 Despite the obvious rawness of the environment, I could not help but think about the potential this apartment had.

Judaism 101
What to Expect at a Shabbat Meal
 So, you have been invited to join a family for a Shabbat meal. What do you need to know?

question
Rabbi Y: Why Wait Between Meat and Milk?
 What's up with the buffer zone?

editor's pick
Dark Chocolate and Its Chassidic Meaning
 Soul Foods of the Secret-Bearers