“Diet Peep” [Parshat Tetzaveh in a nutshell]

Normally too much repetition in a piece of writing is a sign that the author is either low on coffee, or needs to brush up on writing skills. And yet the Torah occasionally engages in strikingly lengthy repetition. An example is in Sefer Shemot after the Torah is given, when the description of the Mishkan (portable Temple) appears not once by twice. The Mishkan is described on either side of the story of the Golden Calf. Why?

Imagine being Moses, knowing that although the Jewish people can sometimes be impressive, they can also be annoying complainers, who are depressingly unfaithful and rebellious. How hard would it be, walking down that mountain carrying those precious Commandments? Knowing that the Jewish people were likely to break those laws, one imagines it would be hard for Moses to keep up his spirits.

But what if the first account of the Mishkan was not actually received by the Jewish people when Moses returned? What if the first account of the Mishkan was heard by Moses when he was up on Mt Sinai? What if the first Mishkan narrative serve to address Moses’s fears; that because of (not despite) human frailty, the Mishkan existed, serving as a kind of spiritual antibiotic to the realities of life?

The Talmud says that “before sending the disease, G-d always sends the cure.” If one thinks about it, Ester was made a sleeper spy in Achashverosh’s palace years before Haman’s genocidal plan necessitated a Jewish heroine to save the day. Similarly, the Mishkan blueprints were prepared, long before human frailty would necessitate a place for the rebuilding of relationships with G-d.

Clearly, G-d was not low on coffee when this week’s Parasha was written! Instead the repetition suggests a readying of the prophylactic antibiotics, in anticipation for the realities of life. So next time you detect repetition, look carefully for deeper meaning. And if you’re in trouble, take a look around. Chances are that the cure is already there waiting for you.

Shabbat shalom,

Adina B-K

After school duties

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Camp: Year 10 Hadracha camp Thursday 25 February to Sunday 28 February - List will be on myScopus (Students not going on camp will have an alternative program emailed them and to teachers) Venue: Alexandra Adventure Resort - Mr Alford In Charge

Monday 22 February

Form Assembly
House Meetings: – **Watch the electronic noticeboards for venues**

10.45 am - 1.15 pm
House Swimming Carnival Years 7 – 9 Boys – Normal classes for girls

1.45pm – 3.50pm
House Swimming Carnival Years 7 – 9 Girls – Normal classes for boys

Lunchtime
Senior Rock band in Music Centre with Mr Walker

Lunchtime
Detention in Room 302 with Mr Borowski

Lunchtime
Einstein Group in Room 321 Mr McCartney In Charge

Year 7 Sport

Year 7 boys are asked to meet on the steps to the Skolnik Oval for a games afternoon

Tuesday 23 February

Before school
Orchestra rehearsal in Music Centre

Form Assembly
Year 7 Level assembly in the Synagogue Mechs to supervise

Form Assembly
Year 10 Level assembly in the Rose Hall Mechs to supervise

Period 1
Year 7 Immunisations in the BFPAC foyer – Matron In Charge

**May go into period 2**

Periods 1, 2
Workshop on Stolen Generation (Kutcha Edwards) Ms Maserow In Charge
Venue: Secondary hall (500 Village)

Period 1: R Maserow, C Storm, S Hoffman, K Kelso, I Flescher

Period 2: R Maserow, C Storm, S Saffer, S Hoffman, S Borsky

Period 2
Year 11 students in the Synagogue for Careers Introduction, Mechs to supervise

Period 2
Year 12 students in the BFPAC, Lucy Aharish speaker, Mechs to supervise

Lunchtime
Year 7 Da Vinci Training Blue Group Room 321 Mr McCartney In Charge

Lunch, Periods 6, 7
Biology SAC

4.15-5.15 pm
‘Stand Up’ Homework support program training in R 178 Mr Flescher In Charge

4.00-5.00 pm
Musical Rehearsals in the Music Centre Mr Szental In Charge

Year 8 Sport

All Year 8 students are asked to meet in either the bus park at 1.05pm for off-campus fixtures or at the listed Scopus home venues at 1.30pm

Boys Bye (Training)

Volleyball @ Rose Hall
Tennis @ East Burwood Tennis Club – depart 1.45pm
Indoor Cricket @ Box Hill Indoor Action Sports – depart 1.45pm
Hockey @ Primary playground

Girls Vs Aquinas (home)

Softball @ Old Primary Oval
Soccer @ Aquinas
Tennis @ Scopus Courts
Netball @ Scopus Courts

Wednesday 24 February

Period 5
Business Management SAC

Lunchtime
Detention in Room 302 with Ms Haber
**Wednesday 24 February**

**Senior Sport**

All senior students are asked to meet in either the bus park at 1.05pm for off-campus fixtures or at the listed Scopus home venues at 1.30pm

**Boys Vs Luther (home)**
- Cricket @ Skolnik Oval – Bus returns to Glen Eira Town Hall
- Basketball @ State Basketball Stadium, Wantirna Sth
- Tennis @ Scopus Courts
- Softball @ Knox Softball Centre
- Hockey @ Waverley Hockey Club – early game

**Girls Vs Luther (away)**
- Softball @ Knox Softball Centre
- Volleyball @ Luther
- Indoor Cricket @ Action Indoor Sports - Ringwood
- Tennis @ Luther Courts
- Basketball @ Kilsyth Basketball Stadium
- Ultimate Frisbee @ Luther

**Thursday 25 February**

Before school Orchestra rehearsal in Music Centre
Form Assembly Year 8 Level assembly in the Rose Hall Mechs to supervise
Lunchtime Year 7 Da Vinci Training Red Group 321 Mr McCartney In Charge
Period 6 Year 8 Enrichment Maths in Room 305 with Mr McCartney
Noah Bajayo 8A, Josh Golshhevsky 8B, Cody Rosenzweig 8B, Marty Schwarz 8B, Brodie Mondel 8C, Jessica Levitz 8D, Daniel Livnat 8D, Nicholas Gross 8E, Holly Feldman 8E, Samuel Rosen 8E
After school Outreach training Rabbi Caplan In Charge
After school Homework Club in Room181 with Ms Mason and Ms Ross

**Year 9 Sport**

All Year 9 students are asked to meet in either the bus park at 1.05pm for off-campus fixtures or at the listed Scopus home venues at 1.30pm

**Boys Vs St Joseph’s (away)**
- Basketball @ St. Joseph’s
- Tennis @ St. Joseph’s
- Softball @ Knox Softball Centre
- Hockey @ Hunting tower College – early game

**Girls Vs Luther (home)**
- Softball @ Knox Softball Centre
- Touch @ Skolnik
- Indoor Cricket @ Croydon Indoor Sports, Kilsyth
- Tennis @ Scopus
- Basketball @ State Basketball Stadium, Wantirna Sth
Friday 26 February

Form Assembly
Period 2
Year 8 Enrichment Science in 321 Mr. McCartney In Charge
Noah Bajayo 8A, Josh Golshevsky 8B, Cody Rosenzweig 8B, Marty Schwarz 8B, Brodie Mondel 8C, Noa Kino 8D, Jessica Levitz 8D, Nicholas Gross 8E, Samuel Rosen 8E.

Period 4
Year 7 Da Vinci Decathlon catch-up in 321 Mr McCartney In Charge
Student names will be notified to teachers by email

Lunchtime
Detention in Room 302 with Mr Storm
12.22-1.53

Physical Education SAC

Candle lighting 7.47 pm

Shabbat 27 February

Parasha Ki Tissa

Shabbat ends 8.44 pm

Sunday 28 February

9.00 am- 12 noon

Academic Scholarship exams in Rose Hall Ms Stocker In Charge