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# Virtual Magen Maxis

#### Let us start with the following davening:-

- מודה אני
- על מצוות ציצית
- Set of ברכות up to and including שעשני כרצונו.
- We then move to נשמת.
- We daven from the beginning up to גואל ומושיע.
- We jump to על כן עברים and daven right up to the end of ישתבח.
  Then we sing קל אדון.
- We then move to the 3 paragraphs of שמע and then from צור עמידה until the end of the עמידה.

Now it's time for your snack and story.

## The Ferris Wheel

The whole class was excited! Once a year, just before the summer holidays, their teachers took them to a "Lunapark – the most amazing amusement park on this planet. Well, Leeba couldn't wait! "I love the roller coaster best!" she shouted! "No, the Moonjump!" shrieked Chedva. "I can't wait to ride the Ferris Wheel" called out Malky. They were practically jumping out of their seats when the teacher told them they were going tomorrow! And at last the coaches drew up outside school and before they knew it they were on their way!

"Let's ride the Ferris wheel first!" called out Malky and she was already running off to join the queue. "But look" said Leeba. And she pointed to a girl standing all alone beside a tree. "We can't leave Ella by herself" called Chedva. "That old misery", called Malky "Ella never joins in the fun. She's such a scaredy-cat, I don't even want her to join us. She'll only spoil it for everyone if she joins in!"

But no! Leeba and Chedva couldn't do it – instead they walked up to Ella and tried to persuade her to come on the Ferris Wheel with them but Ella didn't want to. "I'm too scared" she said. "We'll look after you" they offered. But no, she was too frightened and even when the girls offered to look after her she still wouldn't. "Leeba and Chedva asked her if there was any ride she wasn't scared of. "I love the roundabout" she said. "OK" they said and looked at all the toddlers and babies queuing with their mothers to go on. Waiting in the queue for the roundabout, they watched enviously as their friends climbed onto the Ferris Wheel. They could hear the clanking sounds as it slowly moved around and gradually filled up with people. They saw their friends now at the top of the Wheel. And then it gained speed! They could hear their friends laughing with excitement and shrieking with fear as it began to turn round and round really fast!

"Oh please Ella!" pleaded Chedva after their baby roundabout had finished, "Let's queue for the Ferris Wheel, It's so great!" But Ella still shook her head. She wanted Chedva and Leeba to have fun, she didn't want them to feel that they had to stick with her. "Go on Chedva and Leeba, I don't mind watching!"

"Let's go to the souvenir shop instead first" offered Leeba. And the three girls went inside. They could all see how excited Ella was. Leeba wanted a small wooden dog and Chedva chose small sailor hat. "Don't you want anything Ella", asked Leeba. But Ella didn't have any money to spend. "If only I could buy that clown picture" she said sadly. Chedva looked at her sailor hat. She didn't need it. She put it down and picked out the clown picture instead. But as they were leaving the shop they suddenly heard a deafening noise. GROAN – SQUEAK – CLANK! The three girls watched, frozen with terror as the Ferris Wheel ground to a stop leaving everyone hanging in mid-air. There was screaming and crying and people running around all over the place!

### Ambulances, fire-engines, their friends terrified cries!

They were on the coach home, luckily no-one was hurt. But they were all sitting quietly. No one spoke. It was only when she got home that Chedva burst into tears. "Mummy, that could have been me! I was so scared!" She told her mother about Ella and how she missed the ride to look after her. Her mother was so proud of her. She had missed the Ferris Wheel to do the mitzva of looking after Ella instead. And that Mitzva was what kept them safe!

That's it for the summer holidays. Let's hope that after the holidays we'll get back to Magen Maxis again. I can't wait to see you all!"

#### Have a wonderful summer and Magen Maxis will return after the summer holidays. Ruth Ehreich (Head of Magen Maxis)



We will be opening a link to a film to encourage members to watch on Tisha B'Av as part of our Magen Avot Programme. It is a wonderful moving film fitting for Tisha B'Av and current events we are all going through. This is part of the "Witness and Education" series of testimony films in which survivors recount their life stories at the locations in which the events transpired. The survivors are accompanied on this journey by trained professionals from the International School of Holocaust Studies at Yad Vashem. As a result, the questions are pedagogical in nature (witnessing the trauma without traumatizing the audience) alongside outlines of the broader historical events that influenced the survivor's story. This series is highly regarded by educators and public officials and is produced jointly by the ISHS at Yad Vashem and the Centre for Multimedia Assisted Instruction at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem.



#### Synopsis:

David Cassuto was born in Florence, Italy in 1937, to Hannah and Nathan. During the Second World War, his father served as a doctor and as chief rabbi of the Florence Jewish community. In 1943, as deportations of Italian Jewry to the extermination camps began, his family scattered in different hiding places. His father was an underground member and helped rescue Jews until he was caught and arrested. In trying to release his father, his mother was also caught and imprisoned. The two were interrogated and then sent to Auschwitz. During this period, David and his siblings, under assumed identities, were hidden in various locations unaware of the fate of their parents. David, his brother and sister survived the war, and after the liberation of Italy, immigrated to pre-state Israel, where they were received in Jerusalem by their grandparents, Prof. Moshe Cassuto and his wife Simcha who raised them. David would go on to become an architect and a lecturer in architecture.