



## Young Israel of Greater Miami

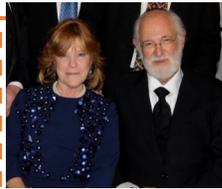
July 14, 2018

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### PARSHA MATOS/MASEI



FRIDAY	
1st Mincha	6:35 PM
1st Candle Light	7:05 PM
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Mincha	8:00 PM
SHABBOS	
Shiur	7:20 PM
Mincha	7:50 PM
Ma'ariv & Havdalah	8:55 PM



### D'VAR TORAH – BY RABBI DOVID LEHRFIELD

When Hashem created man, He practiced mouth to mouth resuscitation to give Adam life. Hence our power of speech is a personal gift from Hashem. That is why our Torah in this weeks Sedrah warns us not to violate that gift by not keeping vows and promises that we say.

### PARSHA SUMMARY: MATOS/MASEI

SOURCE: CHABAD.ORG

Moses conveys the laws governing the annulment of vows to the heads of the tribes of Israel. War is waged against Midian for their role in plotting the moral destruction of Israel, and the Torah gives a detailed account of the war spoils and how they were allocated amongst the people, the warriors, the Levites and the high priest. The tribes of Reuben and Gad (later joined by half of the tribe of Manasseh) ask for the lands east of the Jordan as their portion in the Promised Land, these being prime pastureland for their cattle. Moses is initially angered by the request, but subsequently agrees on the condition that they first join, and lead, in Israel's conquest of the lands west of the Jordan.

The forty-two journeys and encampments of Israel are listed, from the Exodus to their encampment on the plains of Moab across the river from the land of Canaan. The boundaries of the Promised Land are given, and cities of refuge are designated as havens and places of exile for inadvertent murderers.

The daughters of Tzelafchad marry within their own tribe of Manasseh, so that the estate which they inherit from their father should not pass to the province of another tribe.

### HAFTORAH SUMMARY: JEREMIAH 2:4-28, 4:1-2

SOURCE: CHABAD.ORG

The prophet Jeremiah transmits G-d's message to the Jewish people, in strong tones chastising all the sectors of the people, including the leadership, for their abandonment of G-d. "What wrong did your forefathers find in Me, that they distanced themselves from Me, and they went after futility and themselves became futile?" He reminds them of the kindness G-d did for them, taking them out of Egypt and leading them through the desert and settling them in the Promised Land, yet they repaid kindness with disloyalty. "For My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken Me, the spring of living waters, [and furthermore, this was in order] to dig for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns that do not hold water." G-d asks them to view the actions of their neighboring nations, the Kittites and Kedarites, "and see whether there was any such thing, whether a nation exchanged a god, although they are not gods. Yet My nation exchanged their glory for what does not avail". Jeremiah then goes on to foretell the suffering the Jewish people will suffer at the hands of their enemies, and also their erstwhile allies: "Your evil will chastise you, and you will be rebuked for your backslidings; and you shall know and see that your forsaking the L-rd your G-d is evil and bitter." The *haftorah* ends on an encouraging note, assuring the people that if they return to G-d with sincerity, they will be restored to their full glory.

### CLASSES

#### WEEKDAYS

##### Gemara

Rabbi Lehrfield  
7:25 AM to 7:55 AM

##### Halacha

Shimshon Mindick  
12:30 PM to 2:00 PM

##### Parsha Hashavua

Rabbi Lehrfield  
between Mincha & Ma'ariv

#### MON / TUES / WED

##### Mishna Berurah

Rabbi Yachnes  
One hour before Mincha

#### TUESDAY

##### Tanach

Rabbi Lehrfield  
8:00 PM—9:00 PM

##### Hilchos Shabbos

Rabbi Eisenman  
7:00 PM

#### THURSDAY

##### Chumash

Rabbi Lehrfield  
8:00 PM—9:00 PM

##### Mussar Shiur

Rabbi Yachnes  
9:00 PM—10:00 PM

### HATZALAH

305-919-4900

# SHABBOS "INSPIRATION"

Source aish.com

Action will enable you to accomplish and achieve. But something must come before taking action: thinking. Think first. Yes, think big and think bigger, but always think first. Taking action without thinking will lead to many avoidable mistakes and errors. Taking action without thinking first will lead to unnecessary quarrels and arguments, hurt feelings, and misunderstandings. Taking action without thinking will lead to wasting much time and energy.

## REFUA SHELEMA

- ◆ Rochel Leah bas Faiga Zeisel
- ◆ Marlene Kalchman
- ◆ Aharon Dovid Levy
- ◆ Yochanan Baruch HaKohen ben Frumma Etta Gittleson
- ◆ Etta Mindel bas Chana
- ◆ Tzofia bat Shoshana
- ◆ Daniel Yaakov ben Masha Tzvia
- ◆ Naomi Malka bat Hoshanah Leah
- ◆ Boruch ben Sorah Gittel
- ◆ Elenore Schwartz
- ◆ Dov Baruch ben Chaya Tzvia
- ◆ Nechama Aidel Malka bas Sara Leah
- ◆ Molly Rosenberg
- ◆ Tamar bas Fortuna Netzchiya



PLEASE BE ADVISED THE NEW HOURS FOR THE SHUL

OFFICE ARE 8:00 TO 12 PM

## Yizkor Book

We are working on our Yizkor Book, which we will have available for the congregation to use during the coming year when we will be saying Yizkor. The book contains the order of the Yizkor prayers, as well as the names of departed loved ones who we want to remember and honor. Like last year the listings are organized by family. The donation to list each departed loved one is \$10.00. If you have listed your loved one (s) previously, we will renew it/them automatically unless we hear from you. If there is a correction to the names listed last year, please let us know.



## Shabbas Groups Schedule

\*Groups will begin at 9:00am until the end of davening.

\*Parents must come up after davening to pick up their children.

\*Children ages 3-5 boys/girls will be upstairs in the 1<sup>st</sup> classroom, as well as our older Girls groups ages 6-8.

\*Boys groups begin at 9:30 for ages 6-8 and will be upstairs in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Classroom.

Wishing everyone a fantastic Shabbas

## MACHZOR UPDATE

We still have Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur Machzorim available to be dedicated.

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Bikur Cholim's landline, (305)690-8949, will continue to be checked on a daily basis.

We welcome our new Executive Chair Committee, a dynamic team planning to take our Fundraising Events to a whole new level.

## ◆ ATTENTION MEMBERS & FRIENDS -

- ◆ IF YOU NEED HOSPITALITY (MEALS) FOR SHABBAT, OR IF YOU CAN INVITE SOMEONE OR A FAMILY FOR MEALS PLEASE CONTACT RON FISHER OF THE YI HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE EMAIL: [FISHERR@FIU.EDU](mailto:FISHERR@FIU.EDU) HOME TEL: 305 653 4970 CELL : 305 613 0820

It is difficult to imagine that, given the choice, any Jew would opt not to live in Israel. Yet, as the Jews prepared to enter the land of Canaan, the tribes of Reuven, Gad, and half of Menashe approached Moshe with such a request (Bamidbar 32:1-5). They said: "We are willing to give up our share in the land of Canaan; we would prefer to settle on this side of the Jordan where there is plentiful pasture for our cattle." How could they have had the audacity to make this request? Leaving aside their reluctance to live in the land that G-d had promised their forefathers, how could they abandon their brothers in their war against the Seven Nations in Canaan? Knowing that this would be said, the leaders of these tribes prefaced their words by referring to the land across the Jordan as "the land that G-d has smitten before the Congregation of Israel" (32:4). With this, says Ohr Hachaim, they hoped to deflect any aspersions.

The rulers of many of these cities were far superior to the Jews in military prowess and might. This land was not conquered by natural means; it was clearly the Hand of G-d that gave the land to the Jews. So, they reasoned, this land was surely just as sacred as the land of Canaan, since both were granted to the Jews by the Hand of G-d alone. They saw no need to join their brothers in their capture of the Land of Canaan, saying, "Just as G-d miraculously fought Sichon and Og on this side of the Jordan, He will certainly do the same to the inhabitants of Canaan. It does not matter how many or how few Jews go to fight – it is not they who will really be fighting, but G-d who will fight for them."

Moshe responded, "Although you may espouse trust in G-d, it is not proper for you to act in this fashion. First of all, when your brothers go to war, will you just sit there?" (32:6). "You may be correct that the war will be won only through Divine intervention, but G-d does not want the Jews to sit back and wait for a miracle." Though in reality they will not be fighting the war, they still must go to war. For G-d's intervention to be less obvious, they must do whatever they can through natural means to make their effort a success. The tribes must join their brothers in this effort.

An additional aspect of Moshe's reproof: If a parent found it necessary to send his child off to a distant land, would he not accompany him as far as possible? Even if your accompaniment of your fellow Jews has no tangible purpose, how can you "sit here" while your brothers are facing danger? Do you not feel for them?

Moshe also said: "Why do you disparage the hearts of the Bnei Yisrael? (32:7). While you claim you are staying here because you are concerned about your possessions, it will appear to everyone else that you stayed because you feared for your safety. While you claim to have chosen this land out of belief in G-d's Divine providence, it will appear that you have settled here because you lacked trust in G-d's protection."

In practical terms, you are no better than the Spies who verbally disparaged the Jews from entering the Land of Canaan. (32:8-15) While your words speak of faith, your actions demonstrate quite the opposite.

The tribesmen responded: "We will go and fight for our brothers in the land of Canaan. Meanwhile, we will build corrals for our cattle and cities for our children." (32:16,17) Moshe replied: Why do you mention your cattle first? It seems that you plan to construct the corrals on the perimeter of your camp and place your children on the inside where they will be insulated from an enemy attack.

Just the opposite: "Build yourselves cities for your children" – on the perimeter where they will be vulnerable, and on the inside build "corrals for your sheep"! In this way, "what comes out of your mouth you shall do" (32:24) – the trust in G-d that you are preaching to your brethren should certainly be apparent in your own actions. If they are not to be afraid of the Seven Nations in Canaan, you certainly should not be afraid of isolated attackers here (Kli Yakar). While it is certainly praiseworthy and important to speak of one's trust in G-d, for "the mouth is the gateway to the intellect," there are a few considerations we must keep in mind.

First – although G-d truly does provide for all our needs, we cannot merely sit back and wait for an open miracle. It is possible that we only deserve G-d's help in a hidden way. Indeed, we must "go to war" and try everything we can to bring about the desired result through natural means. In this way, we can understand why Noach, who was saved from the Flood in a clearly miraculous fashion, had to build an Ark. Even though G-d was willing to perform a miracle for Noach, He wanted the miracle to remain more subtle. To the casual observer, it appears that Noach was saved by means of the Ark. But only through a more careful look does one realize that the Ark could never have naturally withstood the conditions it underwent (Rav Dovid Feinstein, shlita).

Second – when other people are in need, we can never merely "sit there." While we can trust in G-d to help us and others, we may not allow this belief to stop us from trying to provide for others the same assistance and compassion that we would want from them.

A woman once saw Rabbi Sholom Schwadron zt"l running toward the doctor while holding a child in his arms. The woman began to shout words of encouragement and comfort, saying that G-d would surely help. As he got closer, she started to scream, for she realized that Rabbi Schwadron was holding her own grandchild (The Maggid Speaks).

As important as it is to proclaim one's trust in G-d, the real test lies in one's actions. When your business is going well, it is easy to say, "All my success comes from G-d." When a competitor opens a business across the street, however, it becomes more of a challenge to accept this as G-d's will and continue to act appropriately (Chazon Ish – Eemunah U'Bitachon).

Let us endeavor to show our trust in G-d in both our words and our actions... and may we soon merit G-d's ultimate salvation.

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## Summer Suedah Shlishis Program

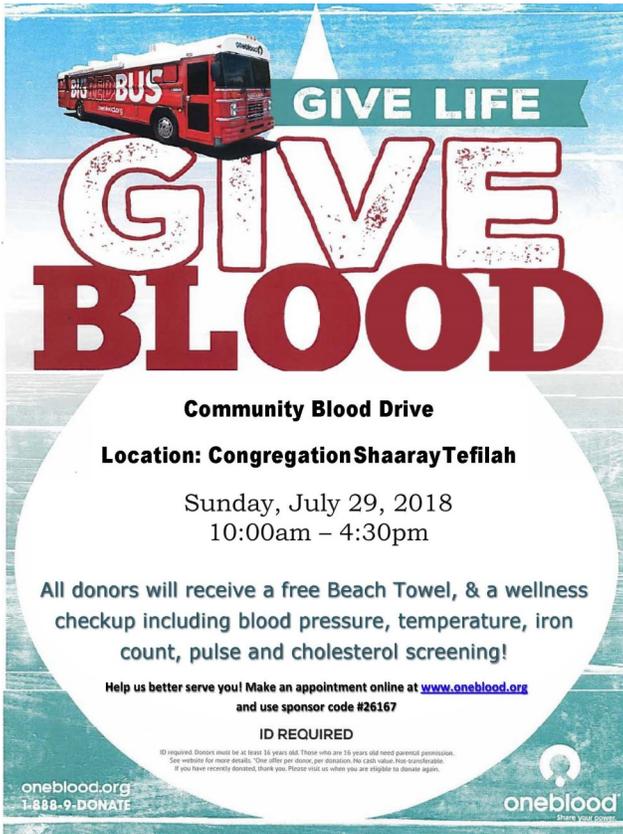
This Shabbos, July 14th our speaker will be Reuven Becker.

Thank you Daniel Wasserman for being our speaker last week and for providing Divrei Torah at our Summer Seudah Shelishis Program.

Next Shabbos, July 21st there will be no Suedah Shilishis. We will resume the following week Shabbos Nachamu, July 28th.

There will be place for the women to sit so they can enjoy our summer speakers as well.

If you would like to join the speakers schedule please contact Jackie Weitz.



**GIVE LIFE**  
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**Community Blood Drive**  
**Location: Congregation Shaaray Tefilah**  
Sunday, July 29, 2018  
10:00am – 4:30pm

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Statements have been sent out with 2018-2019 membership dues. Please contact the office to pay your dues and any outstanding balance from previous years.

*From the Suggestion box*

*Our suggestion box is located outside the office. Grab a paper and let us know what you think!*

*#1 There should be groups for older kids. Our answer: Something to consider. What age group are you suggesting? Please let us know and we will get back to you.*

*#2 Young Israel should start a "Beginner's Minyan". Our answer: If you are interested in either participating or leading a Beginner's Minyan, please let the office know and based on the response we will see if it is feasible.*

*#3 10 chairs at a table for Seudah Shlishis is too crowded. Our answer: Yaakov Azulay indicates that for the most part there are now 8 chairs at a table. Occasionally there is a need for more chairs.*

Are you getting Phone Tree Messages from Young Israel? We are updating our Phone Tree and want to make sure that everyone gets Young Israel information by phone as well as emails. If you are not receiving phone tree messages about the Rabbi's class and other important information or you are not receiving the Yarn by email, PLEASE call the Shul or email us your name, phone number and email address so that we can update the computer. Thank you!

Sponsors are needed for the Shabbos morning Kiddush following the Main Minyan. Sponsors are also needed weekly for Seudah Shlishis. Please call or email the office if you wish to be a sponsor.

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