



**Young Israel of Greater Miami**  
 April 14 2018—29 NISSAN 5778  
**PARSHA SHEMINI**  
**SHABBOS MEVORCHIM**



<b>FRIDAY</b>	
Candle Light	7:23 PM
Mincha	7:28 PM
<b>SHABBOS</b>	
Shacharis	7:30 & 9:00 AM
Shiur	6:45 PM
Mincha	7:15 PM
Ma'ariv & Havdalah	8:23 PM

**CLASSES**  
**WEEKDAYS**

<b>Gemara</b> Rabbi Lehrfield 7:25 AM to 7:55 AM
<b>Halacha</b> Shimshon Mindick 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
<b>Parsha Hashavua</b> Rabbi Lehrfield
<b>MON / TUES / WED</b>
<b>Mishna Berurah</b> Rabbi Yachnes
<b>TUESDAY</b>
<b>Tanach</b> Rabbi Lehrfield 8:00 PM—9:00 PM
<b>Hilchos Shabbos</b> Rabbi Eisenman 7:00 PM
<b>THURSDAY</b>
<b>Chumash</b> Rabbi Lehrfield 8:00 PM-9:00 PM
<b>Mussar Shiur</b> Rabbi Yachnes 9:00 PM—10:00 PM

**HATZALAH**  
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*Good Shabbos,*  
  
**Rabbi Dovid Lehrfield**

**D'VAR TORAH — BY RABBI DOVID LEHRFIELD**

Today's Sedra is unique for it is the midpoint in our Torah. The midpoint is the letter "Vav". "Vav" means 'and' - connecting sentences, words and letters to each other. It is also to remind us that our entire life should be our striving to connect ourselves to Hashem.

**- S P O N S O R S -**

- ♦ Main Minyan Kiddush is sponsored by Mrs. Elsa Salzman in honor of her son Damon, the President and his wife Amy, the First Lady. Mazel tov!
- ♦ Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Abe Schwartz, Howard Weiss & Arlene Glassman to commentate the yahrzeit of Herb Weiss, Arlene & Howard's father and Abe's good friend.

**PARSHA SUMMARY: SHEMINI**

*SOURCE: CHABAD.ORG*

On the eighth day, following the seven days of their inauguration, Aaron and his sons begin to officiate as kohanim (priests); a fire issues forth from G-d to consume the offerings on the altar, and the divine presence comes to dwell in the Sanctuary.

Aaron's two elder sons, Nadav and Avihu, offer a "strange fire before G-d, which He commanded them not" and die before G-d. Aaron is silent in face of his tragedy. Moses and Aaron subsequently disagree as to a point of law regarding the offerings, but Moses concedes to Aaron that Aaron is in the right.

G-d commands the kosher laws, identifying the animal species permissible and forbidden for consumption. Land animals may be eaten only if they have split hooves and also chew their cud; fish must have fins and scales; a list of non-kosher birds is given, and a list of kosher insects (four types of locusts).

**HAFTORAH SUMMARY: II SAMUEL 6:1-19**

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This week's haftorah mentions how Uzzah was struck dead when he disrespectfully touched the Ark—the Covenant; reminiscent of Nadab and Abihu's death described in this week's Torah reading.

The Holy Ark had been in storage in the house of Avinadav for many years, ever since the destruction of the Tabernacle in Shiloh. Recently crowned King David decided to move the Ark to the new capital, Jerusalem. He had the Ark placed on a cart and it was transported amidst singing and dancing. When the procession reached Goren Nachon, the oxen misstepped and Uzzah, Avinadav's son, took hold of the Ark to steady it—whereupon he was instantly killed. David was devastated, and he temporarily placed the Ark in the home of Oved-edom the Edomite, where it remained for three months.

"And it was told to King David saying: 'G-d has blessed the house of Oved-edom, and all that belongs to him, because of the Ark of G-d.' And David went and brought up the ark of G-d from the house of Oved-edom into the City of David with joy." The Ark was brought up to the city of David with great singing and dancing. David then blessed and distributed presents to all the assembled Israelites.

There are always two possibilities about any unsatisfying situation: Either you will be able to change it, or you will be able to change your self-talk.

Telling yourself, "There is nothing at all I can do to change this situation, therefore I must feel bad," is not based on reality. How can anyone possibly say: "There is nothing at all I can do to change the situation"?

You can always pray, can't you? Your Father, your King, Creator and Sustainer of the universe, can change any situation in a moment. You might find a book or article that gives you ideas that can help you find a solution that you didn't think of before.

You might find a teacher, mentor, coach, or friend who can make suggestions and think of ideas that will enable you to change a situation. Events might unfold that totally change the situation. The Purim story teaches us that even an impossible situation that spelled total doom can be changed in a single moment.

You might think of a way to reframe the situation so that now you view it differently. What previously seemed like a problem and a difficulty can now be seen as a wonderful opportunity to grow and develop yourself. What was once considered a liability can now be seen as an asset.

You always have a choice of your self-talk. Ask yourself, "What can I think about now that will improve the way I am feeling?" You can always think, "The more challenging a situation, the more I can grow from it." The more skilled you are about creating positive self-talk in challenging situations, the easier it will be for you to handle new challenges in the future.

## REFUA SHELEMA

- ◆ Rochel Leah bas Faiga Zeisel
- ◆ Marlene Kalchman
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Speaking respectfully is a trait that we all value and try to imbue in our children. As soon as our children begin to speak we teach them to say “please” and “thank you”, and to express themselves with courtesy, with derech erez. We generally associate derech erez with the impact our words have on others. In fact though, the value of refined speech is also intrinsic, often reflecting the character of the speaker.

In this week's parsha, Parshas Shmini, the Torah describes which animals are kosher and which animals are not kosher. In order for an animal to be kosher it must have two specific physical characteristics – it must have split hooves, and it must chew its cud. The Torah then goes on to list several animals that possess one of these signs and lack the other. A camel chews its cud but lacks split hooves; a pig's hooves are split, but it doesn't chew its cud. In all such cases the Torah teaches us: an animal is not kosher unless it possesses both kosher traits. One feature without the other is not sufficient to qualify the animal as kosher.

In describing each of the “one kosher sign” animals the Torah (Vayikra 11:4) first mentions its “kosher sign”, and then points out that it lacks the other “sign” thus rendering the animal non-kosher. Never does the Torah mention the missing sign first. The Midrash highlights this pattern and explains that with this deliberate sequence the Torah is intending to teach us an important, relevant lesson. Although these animals are not kosher and must be identified as such, the Torah wanted to do so in the most gentle, respectful way possible. The Torah accomplished this by first mentioning the quality that is present, acknowledging as it were, that the animal does at least possess one “kosher sign”. Only then does the posuk conclude that nevertheless, since the animal lacks the second “kosher sign”, it may not be eaten.

In his sefer Ohr Hatzafun, the Alter of Slabodka elaborates on this Midrash. The Torah here is making reference not to people, but to animals. Animals have no recognition or appreciation of the manner in which they are described. They don't care whether they are spoken about respectfully or demeaningly. Furthermore, there is no intention to disparage them, but simply to identify which animals are kosher and which are not. Nonetheless, the Torah makes sure to express its message in the nicest, kindest manner possible.

This Midrash contains an important lesson for us. Often in our daily communications and conversations we have a choice of different words we can use to convey the same message. We can be respectful or demeaning, gentle or curt, and sometimes, kind or cruel. The manner in which we choose to express ourselves not only determines how our words will be received and the impact they will have on the listener, but also reflects the caliber of our own personalities. There is a well known quote “A man never stands as tall as when he kneels to help a child”. True greatness, the Torah is teaching us, is measured by our ability to speak with respect and display courtesy to all, whether we feel they deserve that respect or not, and sometimes even when they won't know the difference. Certainly when faced with the impulse to utter hurtful words, we would do well to bear in mind the high standard the Torah expects of us.

Hashem has given us koach hadibur - the power of speech – and the responsibility to utilize and preserve the beauty of that glorious gift. Because when we speak with sensitivity and refinement we are not only honoring others, we are also honoring ourselves

# Youth

NEWS AND EVENTS

## COMIC STRIP

### Dry Bones



Why did the student eat his homework?  
Answer:  
Because he was told it was a piece of cake



### 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,  
Always,  
Penina and Pesach Rotenberg

If you have a joke, picture you drew or fun fact that you would like to submit into the Youth News Please email it to: [peninarotenberg@yahoo.com](mailto:peninarotenberg@yahoo.com)

UPcoming EVENTS

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We don't see things the way they are.  
We see them the way WE are.

~ Talmud

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