



Young Israel of Greater Miami

May 19, 2018

5 Sivan 5778

PARSHA BAMIDBAR



FRIDAY

1st Mincha 6:22 PM

1st Candle Light 6:52 PM

Candle Light 7:41 PM

Mincha 7:46 PM

SHABBOS

Mincha 7:35 PM

Ma'ariv 8:41 PM

Candle Light 8:43 PM

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

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



Good Shabbos,
[Signature]
Rabbi Dovid Lehrfield

D'VAR TORAH — BY RABBI DOVID LEHRFIELD

The Ten Commandments, our Torah was given to us in the dessert, in Sinai. Why? To teach us that Torah is taught and developed everywhere in the world. In fact, Talmud Bavli the source of all Law, was developed in Bavel outside Israel.



Shavuot begins Motzei Shabbos with A night of learning Complete Chag & Mishmar schedule inside.

PARSHA SUMMARY: BAMIDAR SOURCE: CHABAD.ORG

In the Sinai Desert, G-d says to conduct a census of the twelve tribes of Israel. Moses counts 603,550 men of draftable age (20 to 60 years); the tribe of Levi, numbering 22,300 males age one month and older, is counted separately. The Levites are to serve in the Sanctuary, replacing the firstborn, whose number they approximated, who were disqualified when they participated in the worshipping of the Golden Calf. The 273 firstborn who lacked a Levite to replace them had to pay a five-shekel "ransom" to redeem themselves.

When the people broke camp, the three Levite clans dismantled and transported the Sanctuary, and reassembled it at the center of the next encampment. They then erected their own tents around it: the Kohathites, who carried the Sanctuary's vessels (the Ark, menorah, etc.) in their specially designed coverings on their shoulders, camped to its south; the Gershonites, in charge of its tapestries and roof coverings, to its west; and the families of Merari, who transported its wall panels and pillars, to its north. Before the Sanctuary's entranceway, to its east, were the tents of Moses, Aaron, and Aaron's sons.

Beyond the Levite circle, the twelve tribes camped in four groups of three tribes each. To the east were Judah (pop. 74,600), Issachar (54,400) and Zebulun (57,400); to the south, Reuben (46,500), Simeon (59,300) and Gad (45,650); to the west, Ephraim (40,500), Manasseh (32,200) and Benjamin (35,400); and to the north, Dan (62,700), Asher (41,500) and Naphtali (53,400). This formation was kept also while traveling. Each tribe had its own nassi (prince or leader), and its own flag with its tribal color and emblem.

HAFTORAH SUMMARY: HOSEA 2:1-22. SOURCE: CHABAD.ORG

This week's haftorah begins with the words, "The number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea [shore], which can be neither measured nor counted." An appropriate reading for the first Torah reading of the Book of Numbers.

Hosea first prophesies about the eventual reunification of the houses of Judah and Israel. During the Messianic Era, these two perennial antagonists will make peace and appoint a single leader. Hosea then rebukes the Jewish people for their infidelity, abandoning their "husband," G-d, and engaging in adulterous affairs with pagan deities. He describes the punishments they will suffer because of this unfaithfulness.

Eventually, though, Hosea reassures the Jews that they will repent, and G-d will accept them back wholeheartedly. The haftorah concludes with the moving words: "And I will betroth you to Me forever, and I will betroth you to Me with righteousness and with justice and with loving-kindness and with mercy."

Some people feel overwhelmed by the concept of consistently doing acts of kindness. "It seems so difficult to keep thinking about others. I have a lot to do for myself and I can't always think of others." The solution is to begin little by little.



PLEASE BE ADVISED THERE WILL BE **NO**
SHALOSH SEUDOS THIS SHABBOS
AT THE SHUL

REFUA SHELEMA

- ◆ Rochel Leah bas Faiga Zeisel
- ◆ Marlene Kalchman
- ◆ Aharon Dovid Levy
- ◆ Yochanan Baruch HaKohen ben Frumma Etta Gittleson
- ◆ Etta Mindel bas Chana
- ◆ Yosef Yitzchak ben Sara Chanah & Elihau Maman
- ◆ 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



Do you have a graduate?

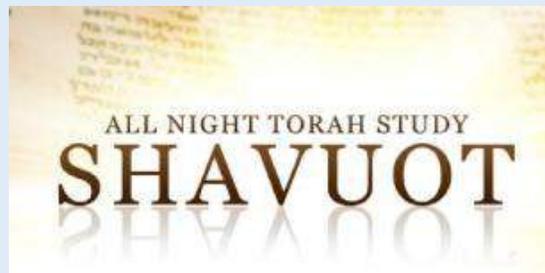
Would you like to be part of the Shabbos Graduation Kiddush on June 9, 2018?

Please call or email the shul office as soon as possible with your child's name and school that he or she is graduating from.

It is \$36.00 to be a sponsor for the kiddush. All graduates will be recognized that Shabbos.

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S P O N S O R S

TIKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

Daniel and Jenessa Wasserman

The Melnick family in honor of the birth of Yosef Shmuel born to Issac & Miriam Melnick and in honor of their daughters Devorah and Shira.

Sam & Raquel Benson: With gratitude for The Almighty with all of the good that he has bestowed upon us

Morty & Shushie Aroll In commemoration of the yahrzeit of Shushie's father.

Rabbi and Mrs Tanev: Thanking H"KBH for the successful extraction of a kidney stone

MONDAY KIDDUSH AFTER SECOND MINYAN

Jeff & Lina Weiss: In memory of all of family that perished in the Holocaust

"..... The Egyptian, the Babylonian, and the Persian rose, filled the planet with sound and splendor, then faded to dream-stuff and passed away; the Greek and the Roman followed, and made a vast noise, and they are gone; other peoples have sprung up and held their torch high for a time, but it burned out, and they sit in twilight now, or have vanished. The Jew saw them all, beat them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence, no infirmities of age, no weakening of his parts, no slowing of his energies, no dulling of his alert and aggressive mind. All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?"

Mark Twain, from 'Concerning the Jews'

Is it any small wonder that the nations of the world remain astounded at the eternal existence of the Jewish people in this world? Is it not truly wondrous that Jews, who for almost two millennia (until 1948 CE) had no physical country and no common language, could survive the innumerable persecutions and onslaughts perpetrated upon them by so many hostile countries, the existence of which now resides only in textbooks and collecting dust on museum shelves? No one on the face of this planet, including renown American writers the likes of Samuel Clemens, could ever conceive or envisage the power of the Torah HaK'dosha, the eternal force and raison d'etre of Jewish continuation. It is as the Midrash Aicha Rabbah 2-13 and Midrash Aicha 2-48 tell us:

"If a man will tell you that there is wisdom among the nations of the world, believe him..... If a man will tell you that there is Torah among the nations of the world, believe him not....."

Bamidbar, the fourth book of the Torah and this week's Sidra begins as follows:

"And HaShem spoke to Moshe in the wilderness of Sinai, in the Tent of Meeting, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they came out from the land of Egypt, saying." (Bamidbar 1:1)

The Midrash of the M'chilta on Sh'mos 19-1 (Yisro) Parsha #5 has this to say concerning the above Passuk (verse):

"..... With three concepts, the Torah was given: with a wilderness, with fire, and with water. Just as these are given freely to everyone entering this world, so too are those (Mitzvos of the Torah) given freely to everyone entering this world....."

Explaining these three factors, the K'Sav Sofer (Rav Avraham Shmuel Binyamin Schreiber 1815- 1871) of blessed memory, instructs as follows. A wilderness signifies what is taught in the Midrash Rabbi Tanchuma (Warsaw) B'Shalach chapter #20"

From here, Rabbi Shimon Ben Y'hoshua would state, 'The Torah was only given for interpretation by those who consumed the Manna (in the wilderness for forty years).....'"

That is, explained the K'Sav Sofer, only those who were humble enough not to expect luxuries or opulence other than simple Manna, could possibly acquire the Torah. With regard to fire, the Torah describes itself with these words:

"And he (Moshe) said, 'HaShem came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir to them; He shone forth from Mount Paran, and He came with holy tens of thousands; from His right hand went a fiery law for them.'" (D'varim 33:2)

The Midrash Rabbah D'varim 3-12 explains in this manner:

"Rabban Shimon Ben Lakish said, 'The (Torah) scroll that was given to Moshe (by HaKadosh Baruch Hu) was made of a parchment of white fire, and was written upon with black fire.....'"

That is, elaborated the K'Sav Sofer, the Torah is a light only for those who are sufficiently humble to walk in its ways, and a darkness for those who consider themselves above it. Concerning water, we are taught in the Gemarah of Ta'anis 7a:

"Rabbi Chanina Bar Idi said, 'Why are the words of the Torah likened unto water.....? This is to teach you, just as water flows from a higher level to a lower, so too the words of the Torah endure only with him who is humble.'"

Tying together our original theme of Jewish continuity with the above three factors, we turn to the Lubliner Rav (Rav Y'huda Meir Shapiro- 1887- 1933) of blessed memory, who expounded that the true source of Jewish endurance throughout the ages has always been the willingness of Yisroel to literally give over their lives for the sake of the Torah HaK'dosha, when the other nations of the world attempted every possible maltreatment of them.

This M'siras Nefesh (willingness to give over their lives) for the sake of Torah began with Avraham Avinu, who opted to be cast into the fiery furnace of Nimrod, rather than accept the idolatry of his time. And, this M'siras Nefesh of Avraham then became deeply imbedded within the nation of Yisroel throughout the generations.

As well, taught Rav Y'huda Meir, at the event of Kriyas Yam Suf (splitting of Reed Sea), the B'nai Yisroel (led by Nachshon Ben Aminadav) at the direction of HaKadosh Baruch Hu through Moshe, were completely willing to enter the raging sea even at the cost of drowning in its midst. This was yet another example of the M'siras Nefesh inherited from Avraham Avinu.

And finally, concluded Rav Y'huda Meir, when they left Egypt, the B'nai Yisroel were perfectly willing to follow Moshe into a hostile and unfertile wilderness, where life hangs upon the thinnest string, as the Navi (prophet) stated:

"Go and cry in the ears of Y'rushalayim (Jerusalem), saying, 'Thus said HaShem, "I remember you, the devotion of your youth, your love like a bride, when you went after Me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown.'"' (Yirmiyahu 2:2)

And so, while the other nations of the world remain flabbergasted at our historical endurance and continuity, it is our eternal M'siras Nefesh for the Torah HaK'dosha, inherited all the way back from Avraham Avinu, that has allowed us to be perceived among the others as 'All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but he remains.'

May we soon see the G'ulah Sh'laimah in its complete resplendence- speedily, and in our times. Good Shabbos and Good Yom Tov.

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BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Maya Rotenberg 5/7

Rochel Boaz 5/13



Funny Jokes

Two pickles fell out of a jar onto the floor. What did one say to the other?

Answer:
Dill with it!



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 1st 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 2nd Classroom.

Wishing everyone a fantastic Shabbas,
Always,
Penina and Pesach Rotenberg

COMIC STRIP



We don't see things the way they are.

We see them the way WE are.

~ Talmud

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