



Young Israel of Greater Miami
March 16, 2019 9 ADAR II 5779
PARSHAS VAYIKRA
PARSHAS ZACHOR



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| FRIDAY | |
| Early Mincha | 5:59 PM |
| Early Candle Lighting | 6:29 PM |
| Candle Lighting | 7:11 PM |
| Mincha | 7:14 PM |

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| SHABBOS | |
| Early Shachris | 7:30 AM |
| Shachris | 9:00 AM |
| Shiur | 6:35 PM |
| Mincha | 7:05 PM |
| Maariv & Havdalah | 8:12 PM |

CLASSES

WEEKDAYS

Gemara

Rabbi Lehrfield
7:25 AM to 7:55 AM

Halacha

Shimshon Mindick
12:30 PM to 2:00 PM

Parshas Hashavua

Rabbi Lehrfield
between Mincha & Ma'ariv

MON / TUES / WED

Halacha

Rabbi Yachnes
45 minutes before Mincha

TUESDAY

Tanach

Rabbi Lehrfield
7:30 PM—8:30 PM

Hilchos Shabbos

Rabbi Eisenman 7:00 PM

THURSDAY

Chumash

Rabbi Lehrfield
7:30 PM-8:30 PM

HATZALAH

305-919-4900

D'VAR TORAH – By Rabbi Dovid Lehrfield



This is the week to remember. Parshas Zachor. How can we forget all the Tzoros we have experienced? They are always recurring. We are to remember not our Tzoros, but we are to remember Hashem orchestrates everything, the Tzoros and the Yeshuos.

- NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- Shiur 6:35, Mincha at 7:05 followed by Seudah Shlishis. Maariv and Havdalah are at 8:12.
 - Join us this Shabbos for a special Carlbach davening by Rabbi Moshe Reznitsky, outstanding singer and Baal Tefillah.
 - This week's Shiur will be on Insights in Megillas Esther
 - Please enjoy our hot coffee and tea in the lobby.
 - Congratulations to Lawrence, our maintenance man on becoming a US citizen
 - Deadline to participate in the Shul Shalach Manos fund raiser has been extended to March 17th. No orders will be excepted after that date. Drivers are needed to help deliver on Purim day. Please contact the Shul office if you are able to help.
 - Purim Seudah March 21, 2019 cost per person \$24, children under 12 is \$15. Deadline to reserve is March 18th.
 - Torah Tots Purim concert for children on Purim Day. We are looking for sponsors to help defray the cost.
 - Annual Pre-Pesach Boutique Monday April 1, 2019 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm.
 - Matzah Baking for children with Rabbi Mark Roth Sunday March 31, 2019 at 10:30
 - Dust off your culinary skills! We are having a Chulent Cook-off as part of the Rosh Chodesh Nisan Kiddush April 6th.
 - The Shul office needs some additional help the end of March beginning of April. Please call if you can help out or know of anyone who can help out on a part time basis during this time. Thank you.
 - Please pay your Eruv bill.
 - Please check out the Youth Department board in the lobby to the right of the door.
 - End of year statements are available from the office by request.
 - Please pay your dues or any outstanding balance that you have on your account
 - We have reserved the first parking space in front of our building for Rabbi Lehrfield. Please do not park there. There is a sign indicating the space. Thank you!

PARSHA SUMMARY: VAYIKRA SOURCE: CHABAD.ORG

G-d calls to Moses from the Tent of Meeting, and communicates to him the laws of the korbanot, the animal and meal offerings brought in the Sanctuary. These include:

- The "ascending offering" (olah) that is wholly raised to G-d by the fire atop the altar;
- Five varieties of "meal offering" (minchah) prepared with fine flour, olive oil and frankincense;
- The "peace offering" (shelamim), whose meat was eaten by the one bringing the offering, after parts are burned on the altar and parts are given to the kohanim (priests);
- The different types of "sin offering" (chatat) brought to atone for transgressions committed erroneously by the high priest, the entire community, the king or the ordinary Jew;
- The "guilt offering" (asham) brought by one who has misappropriated property of the Sanctuary, who is in doubt as to whether he transgressed a divine prohibition, or who has committed a "betrayal against G-d" by swearing falsely to defraud a fellow man.

Purim is coming! Deadline to participate in the Shul's Shalach Manos fundraiser is extended to March 17th

Drivers are needed to help deliver on Purim day.
If you are able to help drive, please contact the Shul office

Purim Seudah Purim Day March 21st 6:00 pm
Deadline for reservations is March 18th

SHABBOS "INSPIRATION"

Source aish.com

One of the most important and valuable concepts about our mind and thoughts is that you become what you think about.

This idea has the potential to be highly empowering. It means that by gaining greater mastery over your thoughts, you gain greater mastery over your life. It means that by mastering your thoughts, you will be able to make and reach important goals.

When you consistently think about being happy and joyful in your life, you will become happier and more joyful.

When you consistently think about being kinder and more compassionate, you will become kinder and more compassionate.

When you consistently think about being more confident and courageous, you will become more confident and courageous.

When you consistently think about being calm and serene, you will become calmer and more serene.

When you consistently think about being more patient and persistent, you will become more patient and persistent.

When you consistently think about your most important goals in life and what you need to do to reach them, you will find yourself accomplishing and achieving more. When you consistently think about being more elevated and spiritual, you will become that way.

HAFTORAH SUMMARY

PARSHAS ZACHOR SAMUEL I 15:2-34

SOURCE: CHABAD.ORG

This week's special *Haftorah* discusses G-d's command to destroy the people of Amalek. This to avenge Amalek's unprovoked attack on the Israelites that is described in the *Zachor* Torah reading.

Samuel conveys to King Saul G-d's command to wage battle against the Amalekites, and to leave no survivors—neither human nor beast. Saul mobilizes the Israelite military and attacks Amalek. They kill the entire population with the exception of the king, Agag, and they also spare the best of the cattle and sheep.

G-d reveals Himself to Samuel. "I regret that I have made Saul king," G-d says. "For he has turned back from following Me, and he has not fulfilled My words."

The next morning Samuel travels to Saul and confronts him. Saul defends himself, saying that the cattle was spared to be used as sacrificial offerings for G-d. Samuel responds: "Does G-d have as great a delight in burnt offerings and peace-offerings, as in obeying the voice of G-d? Behold, to obey is better than a peace-offering; to hearken, than the fat of rams. . . . Since you rejected the word of G-d, He has rejected you from being a king."

Saul admits his wrongdoing and invites the prophet to join him on his return home. Samuel refuses his offer. "The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you, today; and has given it to your fellow who is better than you." Samuel then kills the Amalekite king.

REFUAH SHLEIMA

- ◆ Aharon Dovid ben Chaya
- ◆ Yochanan Baruch HaKohen ben Frumma Etta
- ◆ Etta Mindel bas Chana
- ◆ Tzofia bas Shoshana
- ◆ Daniel Yaakov ben Masha Tzvia
- ◆ Leora Rachel bas Chaya Raizelle
- ◆ Boruch ben Sorah Gittel
- ◆ Etel bas Chana Perel
- ◆ Dina bas Leah
- ◆ Leah bas Sora
- ◆ Yisroel Yehuda ben Rachel
- ◆ Mindal bas Chana
- ◆ Michael Ha Levi ben Esther
- ◆ Nechama Aidel Malka bas Sara Leah
- ◆ Molly Rosenberg
- ◆ Yehuda Meir ben Tzipora
- ◆ Netanel Ilan ben Sheyna Tzipora
- ◆ Devora bas Sora
- ◆ Sara Aria bas Masha Raizel
- ◆ Ezra Chaim ben Rivka
- ◆ Shmuel ben Sarah
- ◆ Chana bas Yaakov
- ◆ Chaim Daniel ben Meri
- ◆ Malka Rivka bas Devorah
- ◆ Leah bas Annette

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 HOME TEL: 305 653 4970 CELL : 305 613 0828

Sponsors are needed for the Shabbos morning Kiddush following the Main Minyan.

Cost for the "Lite" Kiddush is \$100.

Sponsors are also needed weekly for Seudah Shlishis.

Cost is \$120.

Our Spiritual Power – Part I

By Moshe Sussman, March, 2019

Sometimes I forget to realize (to be aware of) exactly what spiritual power we really have. I've written before that with the proper use of the *Siddur*, prayer book, we hold in our hands, we have the power to change the world.

Do we really believe that?

Take, for example, this portion of the second paragraph of the twice daily-recited *Shema* prayer:

“And it will be if you surely listen to My instructions that I instruct you today to love G-d your Lord and to work for him with all your heart and all your soul, then I will give rain in your land in its time, early and late rains, and you shall gather your grain, your wine, and your oil; I will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you shall eat and you shall be satisfied.”

Here, G-d is promising us material security in exchange for listening to the life instructions he has given us. It is given in the collective, thus the statement, on its face, is speaking to the entire community of Israel. The promise, of course, is that if we collectively follow G-d's instructions, we will not have to worry about sustenance because the rains will come in their appropriate time, our crops will grow, and we will eat. Not only will we eat, but we will eat to satisfaction!

But how can what we do affect the rain? Isn't such a belief the same as those primitives who do special dances to bring about rain? Or perhaps it's like those ancients who sacrificed their children to *Ba'al*, an ancient deity, to insure proper rain for a prosperous season. Isn't that polytheism? Are we, then, worshipping *Avodah Zarah*, idol worship?

The answer is “no” and “maybe.” “No” because we are following the word of G-d as written in the Torah. That word of G-d is telling us that He so created the world so that what we do does, in fact, affect the world – even to the extent of bringing proper rains in their time.

“Maybe” because, if we are not doing these actions and reciting these words with sincerity, then it's possible that we are doing no more than worshipping idols. Whatever those “idols” may be, the thoughts and ideas which distract us from focused *kavanah*, intention, only each individual can know within his or her self. But, according to the Torah, extracting these “idols” is our life's work, and especially before Purim and heading into Pesach, the season of getting rid of *chametz*, which everyone understands is a metaphor for ego and *geivah*, brazenness.

But, exactly how far does this correspondence between our actions and deeds and the way the world works go?

Perhaps part of the answer is in the next few lines of the *Shema*:

“Guard yourselves lest all your hearts seduce you and turn you, and you work for other gods, and you bow down to them; then the anger of G-d shall flare upon you, the heavens shall stop, and there will not be rain, the land shall not give its produce, you shall be quickly lost from the good land that G-d gives to you.”

It would seem that not only do our actions following G-d's instructions affect how the world works in a positive way, but also our not following G-d's instructions affects the world in a negative way, unless you think famine and thirst are acceptable ways to live.

It's not, to use a bad pun, that He is Lording it over us! Rather, He gave us the operating instructions for the universe that He created. It's called the Torah. And it's up to us to decide whether to cling to it with all our heart, all our soul, and all our might, or not. Follow it, and it works in a positive way. Don't follow it, and it works in a negative way.

It would seem that the correspondence goes even further because in life, everything is one. To those who know that fact, it is very clear. To those who do not know it, there is a simple device to come to understand. It's called meditation. And we are exhorted to meditate on the oneness of Hashem every day in the very first lines of the *Shema*: “Hear, Israel, G-d, your Lord, G-d is One.” Meditate on that and come to understand this Oneness.

Because everything is one, everything is dependent on everything else, and our instruction book, the Torah, is there to guide us through the maze of coordinating our actions in a world that appears multitudinous but is an actual reality of the oneness; a oneness which we neither see with our eyes nor truly comprehend with our minds.

Clearly, failure to follow Torah doesn't make the world fall apart, at least not all at once. But following Torah can bring about a harmony among people and the planet that takes into consideration how to optimally engage the world in accordance with the Creator's design and intent. We just need to know what the Torah says.

Youth News

Shabbos Groups for younger boys and girls and older girls at 9:00 am in the 1st classroom upstairs. Groups for older boys at 9:30 in the second classroom upstairs.

Parshas Vayikra:

Mazal tov to Shabbos Ima's Avigayil and Ariella Goldsmith!

Upcoming events:

Torah-Tots Purim concert, Purim day (during the 10:30 women's Megillah reading). If we raise enough money., We can also have a concert Wednesday night! Please consider being a sponsor!

-Family style Purim Seudah @ Young Israel! Enjoy the day more, without having to worry about the shopping, cooking or clean up! RSVP in Shul office or on our website!
Sunday March 31st matzah factory (-learn -make -and bake) with Rabbi Mark Roth 10:00am

Storytime with Rabbi Glatt Sunday April 14th at 4:00 pm

Vayikra Parsha riddle:

You'll find me in this week's Parsha.

If you take away two - I'll be a corner.

If you take away fifty, I'll come closer.

What am I?

Answer: four Hebrew letters-Korban-

If you would like to be part of our Simcha list please let me know Amy 305-305-7166

Dear Friends of the Israel Committee of Greater Miami

It was wonderful getting together at Shaaray Tefilah this past Motzei Shabbat, at the Melave Malka. Many thanks to Michael Goldstein for initiating the event, and much gratitude to the Alpert, Levy, Fisher and Brief families for running the program.

A special gratitude to Rabbi Wolf of Beth David Highland Lakes Shul; Rabbi Lehrfield of Young Israel of Greater Miami; and of course, Rabbi Shapiro, Morah DeAsra of Shaaray Tefilah, for their kind words of inspiration towards supporting this unique program for young Jewish Ethiopian men in Israel - Or MeOphir.

It was an uplifting Israel Committee event with an outcome of thousands of dollars of support for these young men, to help them break out of the cycle of poverty in which so many of them are trapped.

Tizku Lemitzvot! Wishing you all: "Ureeh betuv Yerushlaim kol yemei chayecha"

Rabbi Dr Micah Halpern, Executive Director AFYBA

Rabbi Shlomo Kimche, Vice Chairman YBA

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| Monday 7:20 pm |
| Tuesday 7:21 pm |
| Wednesday 7:21 pm |
| Thursday 7:22 pm |

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