

BAIS TORAH BULLETIN

September 30, 2022

פרשת וילך · שבת שובה
Candle lighting 6:21 הדלקת נרות

ה' תשרי תשפ"ג

ערב שבת פרשת וילך

Candle Lighting..... 6:21 p.m.
Mincha..... 6:30 p.m.
Shkiah 6:39 p.m.

שבת פרשת וילך

Daf Yomi 8:00 a.m.
Shacharis 8:45 a.m.
Sof Zman K'Shma ... 9:49 a.m.

Shabbos Shuva Drasha 5:00 p.m.

Mincha..... 6:15 p.m.
Ma'ariv..... 7:20 p.m.
Shabbos ends 7:28 p.m.

Selichos and Shacharis Zoom #790 613 352

Sunday 7:15 a.m.
Monday 5:50, 7:15 a.m.

Shacharis Zoom #790 613 352

Thursday 6:15, 7:40 a.m.
Friday 6:25, 7:45 a.m.

Mincha-Ma'ariv Zoom #790 613 352

Sun, Mon, Thurs..... 6:15 p.m.

Rabbi's Gemara Shiur Zoom #721 128 697

Sunday8:30 a.m.

Rabbi's Daf Yomi Zoom #266 109 506

Sunday, Monday6:45 a.m.
Thursday, Friday.....7:00 a.m.

ערב שבת פרשת האזינו

Candle lighting..... 6:10 p.m.
Mincha..... 6:15 p.m.

parshas hashavua

Miles To Go

by Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb



What might you do to celebrate your 120th birthday? The question might be better asked, what would you be capable of doing on your 120th birthday? For Moshe *Rabbeinu*, the answer to the latter was pretty much anything. As Rashi tells us, he had not lost an ounce of vigor or strength even in this, his last day on earth. And that makes his

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what's new

This week, please join us on Shabbos afternoon at 5:00 p.m. for Rabbi Gottlieb's **Shabbos Shuva Drasha**. The topic will be "Living Deliberately."

The **auction for Yomim Noraim kibbudim** is open for bids. Please contact our auctioneers, Michael Kronenberg at mkron1950@gmail.com, Jack Gross at jack2act@gmail.com or our senior gabbai, Steve Fessel.

There are still several months available for sponsoring **Ner Lama'or** as well as **Yayin L'kiddush**. Please email eyintova@gmail.com or mkron1950@gmail.com if interested.

mazel tov

Mazel tov to Rabbi Dr. Gedalya and Leana Rapoport on the birth of a grandson born to Peretz and Elisheva Rapoport.

Yom Kippur 5783

Erev Yom Kippur · Tuesday, October 4th

Daf Yomi..... 6:45 a.m.
Selichos and Shacharis6:10 and 7:30 a.m.
Mincha 3:00 p.m.
◇ Candle lighting 6:15 p.m.
Kol Nidre..... 6:20 p.m.

Yom Kippur · Wednesday, October 5th

Shacharis 8:30 a.m.
Sof Z'man Krias Shma 9:50 a.m.
Yizkor not before 11:15 a.m.
Mincha 4:45 p.m.
Neila 6:00 p.m.
Fast ends..... 7:22 p.m.

גְּמַר חַתִּימָה טוֹבָה

Refuah Shelaima

Kate Tannenbaum's grandson
יהונתן משה בן דבורה טובה
Ruth Malinowitz רבקה בת פריידא
Andy Yurowitz אליהו זבי בן חנה
Goldress grandson
אילן רפאל בן טובה רבקה

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response to the former all the more intriguing.

After a lifespan of 120 years, the last forty of which were spent in full devotion to G-d and His people, Moshe's time has finally come. This day, he turns 120, and this day he will return his soul to his Maker, the One to whom he has dedicated the entirety of his life. With time running out on his clock, Moshe has no time for celebration, no time for congratulations, and no time for reflection. He keeps working to the last minute.

The opening word of the *parsha*, *Vayelech*, denotes not just walking, but moving and advancing. The *baalei mussar* point to the description in our *tefilos* of the ministering angels as *omdim*, standing, in contrast to the way we describe human beings as *holchim*, advancing. Angels are created and exist in a higher plane than humankind, but angels remain where they are for eternity. Humans are built to advance and grow, to keep moving forward, even at 120 years of age.

On his last day, Moshe knows that he has two more *mitzvos* to instruct the Jewish People, he has a beautiful, powerful, poignant song to share with them, and he still must confer his blessings on all the individual tribes. There is no time to stand still. Too much to accomplish.

Although he stands out as an extreme example, Moshe's model is followed by many great Jewish leaders throughout history who refused to stop even when slowed by the advancement of years. Rabbi Avrohom Borenstein, the great Rebbe of Sochaczew, was also a renowned master of *halacha* whose opinions on matters small and large were sought throughout the Jewish world. In his later years, he found himself too weak and infirm to engage with his students in study as he had in the past. Instead, he devoted his time to writing, leaving us the *Iglei Tal*, one of the greatest and most important works on the intricate laws of Shabbos.

Likewise, Rav Yaakov Kamenetsky, on reaching his eightieth birthday, began to don an additional pair of *tefilin*, in accordance with the opinion of Rabbeinu Tam, each day, reasoning if G-d granted him more years, there is more he needs to do. Well into his nineties, Reb Yaakov traveled the country supporting Torah and working on behalf of the Jewish public.

Daily, in our *selichos*, we plead with Hashem, "Please do not cast me aside in my advanced years." It is a poignant, powerful plea, but also one that cuts both ways. Sometimes it is not G-d who casts one aside, but it is the individual who casts him or herself aside, yielding to the limitations of advanced age and seeing those limitations as obstacles rather than opportunities.

Each stage of life provides its own challenges and opportunities. They are usually the flip sides of the same coin. How we advance, grow, and change will differ at each of life's stages. The fact that we can continue to grow and improve remains constant.

Moshe *Rabbeinu*, the only human being to be given the title of "The servant of G-d" by G-d himself has accomplished much in his life. He has led the people from bondage to freedom, brought them the Torah, and guided a nation through the trials of their forty-year sojourn. Yet, even on his last day, he refuses to rest on his laurels. There were still many miles to go before he could sleep.

Good Shabbos and g'mar chasima tova.

Haftarah of Shabbos Shuvah - 5783 "Return O Israel!"



The following Haftarah is read on the Shabbos that falls between Rosh HaShanah and Yom HaKippurim. Ashkenazim read sections from three of the Prophets in the "Trei Asar," the group of twelve Prophets counted as one in connection with enumerating the Books in the Tanach.

The first is from Hoshea (Ch. 14; Verses 2-10) followed by a Section from Yoel (Ch. 2; Verses 11-27), and concluding with the last three verses in Michah (Ch. 7, Verses 18-20).

Sephardim omit the Section from Yoel and simply continue after Hoshea with the Michah Section. A small number of communities read none of these sections, but rather the same Haftarah that is read on a Public Fast, beginning "Seek Hashem when He is at hand," from Yeshayahu 55:6 through 56:8.

The Hoshea Segment urges the People of Israel to return to HaShem, their G-d. If they do so, they will find HaShem to be Merciful and Accepting; He will "heal their rebelliousness" (Hoshea 14:5) and Be like the "dew unto Israel" (Hoshea 14:6).

In the Yoel Segment, HaShem says that He will bring a plague of locusts if the Jewish People does not "return to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, with weeping and with mourning" (Yoel 2:12). But if they do return, their blessings will be so great that they "will know that I Am in their midst, and that I Am HaShem, their G-d

and there is none other, and that My People will never be put to shame again" (Yoel 2:27).

The Michah Segment, which we have recently recited in Tashlich, portrays HaShem as beyond compare in His ability not to bear grudges; namely, our sins, which are really extremely serious affronts to His Honor. And not only that, but He seems to be Willing, as it were, to seize from us our remaining sins and cast them to the depths of the sea.

We ask HaShem, with some "chutzpah," in the last Passuk of this segment to be faithful to His Oath, though we have violated our part of the Covenant many times, that He made to Avraham "because he did this great thing" (Bereshis 22:16), of being ready to sacrifice Yitzchak, although to do that would contradict everything that he thought he knew about HaShem. Because Avraham, He knew, would be faithful in transmitting his teachings to future generations. And we ask HaShem as well to be truthful in His Promise to Yaakov that He would not leave him, or his descendants (Bereshis 28:15).

During these days of Aseres Y'mei Tshuva, the Ten Days of Repentance from Rosh Hashanah to Yom HaKippurim, we have to listen to these Prophets of the Ages, and try to clear our debts in the Heavenly Bank, as the New Year begins.

*L'Ily Nishmas beni, Aharon Baruch Mordechai
ben Pinchas Menachem*