

Zmanim & Services

35TH DAY OMER
PARASHAT BEHAR
MAY 25, 2019

Friday Night

Shir Hashirim	6:50 pm
Candle Lighting	7:57 pm
Minha	7:00 pm

*followed by Kabbalat Shabbat /
Arvit*

Shabbat Day

Shaharit	8:45 am
Latest Shema	9:11 am
Pre-pre Minha	6:15 pm
Pre-Mincha Shiur	6:55 pm
Minha	7:35 pm
Arvit	8:43 pm
Havdala	8:53 pm

Weekly Schedule

Shaharit

Sunday	8:00 am
Mon, Memorial Day	8:00 am
Tue/Wed/Fri	6:30 am
Thu	6:20 am

Minha/Arvit

Sunday	7:55 pm
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Rabbi Haim Jachter

Explaining the Tel Dan Stele to an Orthodox Museum Docent

The Religious Significance of the Tel Dan Stele: It was an exciting part of our family's Israel trip for Binyamin's Bar Mitzva in 2012. A relative who serves as a docent at Jerusalem's venerated Israel Museum generously offered our family a guided tour of the Biblical and Talmudic era artifacts housed at this great museum.

In the midst of this magnificent tour, we arrived at the Tel Dan Stele. A stele is an ancient monument; this monument was erected by the Aramean king Chaza'eil who plays a significant role in Sefer Melachim. This artifact of monumental importance records Chaza'eil's proclaiming "I killed Yehoram son of Achav king of Israel and I killed Achazyahu son of Yehoram king of the House of David".

As noted in the December 2010 issue of National Geographic, until 1993 most academicians denied the historicity of David HaMelech due to lack of archaeological evidence of his existence. However, continued the National Geographic article, since the Tel Dan Stele was discovered in 1993 few academics persist in this denial.

We noted how the discovery of the Tel Dan Stele had significance beyond proving to the world of the academy that David HaMelech really lived. It demonstrates the fallacy of drawing conclusions from the absence of archaeological evidence. As such the Tel Dan Stele is a significant component in the Orthodox arsenal of fulfilling the mandate set forth in Pirkei Avot (2:19) to know how to respond to the heretic.

Contradiction: Our relative, though, quietly said to us that it is not so simple since there is a contradiction between the Tel Dan Stele and the Tanach. The Stele indicates that the Aramean king killed both the Israelite king Yehoram son of Achav and the Judean king, Achazyahu son of Yehoram. Melachim II 9:14-27 records that the Chaza'eil Aramean king only wounded Yehoram and that Yeihu subsequently killed Yehoram and Achazyahu.

Resolving the Contradiction: At the time we did not know how to respond. However, upon investigation we discovered that one could easily explain that since the wounding of Yehoram ben Achav by the king of Aram drew Achazyahu to visit him (Melachim II 8:29) creating the opportunity for Yeihu to kill both Yehoram and Achazyahu,

the king of Aram took the credit for killing them.

In the ancient world, it was common for ancient kings to exaggerate their victories and ignore their losses. It is attributed to Napoleon that "History is always written by the winners. When two cultures clash, the loser is obliterated, and the winner writes the history books-books which glorify their own cause and disparage the conquered foe". The Tanach differs fundamentally in many ways from its counterparts in the ancient world, L'Havdil, but especially in this manner. The Tanach records the failings often at great length such as in Sefer Yirmiyahu which occupies no less than fifty-two Perakim.

Thus, it is most reasonable to resolve the contradiction by attributing historic accuracy to the Tanach and a moderate dose of exaggeration on the part of Chaza'eil Melech Aram. This is quite a reasonable conclusion regarding which one does not have to arrive at based on faith alone.

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Conclusion: A few years ago, a letter to the editor appeared in a local secular Jewish newspaper in which the writer made the bold assertion that archaeology proves the Tanach to be historically inaccurate. Our brief discussion of an artifact of monumental importance provides a taste as to the naiveté and lack of sophistication on the part of this secular letter writer. For a bit of a longer introduction to harmonizing Torah and archaeology please visit my essay archived at <https://www.ou.org/life/history/an-introduction-to-archaeology-and-tanakh/>.

Announcements

❖ **Kiddush** this week is sponsored by the kiddush fund. To sponsor towards the kiddush fund, please visit <https://www.sephardicteaneck.org/form/kiddush-fund-donation.html>.

❖ **Seudah Shelisheet** this week is sponsored by Vivian and Ezra Ghazal in memory of Vivian's mother, L'ilui Nishmat Basha Rochel bat Shmuel Tzvi. To sponsor seudah shelisheet please visit <https://www.sephardicteaneck.org/form/seudah>.

❖ **This Shabbat, boys and girls AGES 12-18 ONLY** are invited to take part in our Teen Minyan beginning at **9:15 AM** in the upstairs Beit Midrash. This minyan, led by our very own Shaarei Orah teens, will be followed by a Kiddush (for attendees only) sponsored by Gila and Steve Stone in honor of all of the volunteers who spend time to organize and contribute to special events and programs at Shaarei Orah. For more information regarding the minyan and to offer to sponsor future teen minyan kiddushim please contact Shalom Shushan - shushanshalom@yahoo.com or Ehud Sasson- ehudsasson@gmail.com. **We respectfully remind all adults to attend the main minyan and kiddush in the social hall only.**

❖ **The Daf HaShavua** will take place on Shabbat 40 minutes before mincha and continues this week with Moed Katan 4. To review the material before the shiur: [click here for Rabbi Moshe Elefant via the OU Torah website \(English\)](#) or [click here for Rabbi Eli Mansour \(English\)](#). For a Hebrew version [click here for Rabbi Binyamin Malitsky](#).

❖ **All young men and boys** are invited to participate in our new Shabbat Afternoon Learning Program. It will be interactive and fun! The Kehilla's Hazanim will be teaching different parts of the Tefila. Sushi and refreshments will be served. Appropriate for all ages and experience levels. **Located in the Shaarei Orah Social Hall during the Rabbi's pre-mincha shiur.** A girl's program is in the works- stay tuned! For more information contact Ehud Sasson at ehudsasson@gmail.com.

❖ **The topic of this week's audio shiur** is "Response to Deir Yassin." Sponsorships in the amount of \$54 are available for Rabbi Jachter's weekly teshuva audio shiur to benefit the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. [Click HERE to sponsor](#) [Click HERE for Rabbi Jachter's Five minute Shiur in ENGLISH](#) [Click HERE for Rabbi Jachter's Five minute Shiur in HEBREW](#). The shiurim can also be found on YUTorah's website and at sephardicteaneck.org under the "Our Rabbi" section.

❖ **This Monday, Memorial Day, May 27th - Shahrut will be at 8:00 AM.**

❖ **Come join Orian-Yiska Shabat** for a workshop on personal and women empowerment. This event will take place on Sunday May 26th at 8:00PM at the Shushan residence, 1345 Fayette Street, Teaneck. FREE Entrance!!! For more information, please [click HERE for flyer](#)

❖ **Happy Birthday** to Miri Barry (May 24), Kira Ginsburg (May 26) and Reiyt Cohn (May 27).

❖ **Come and participate in our wonderful classes.** See details on the back page of the newsletter.

Shorashai Orah Happenings

❖ **Shavuot Bake Sale - Wednesday, June 5th, from 5PM-9PM** at the Ohayon residence, 271 Churchill Road, Teaneck. If you would like to volunteer to bake, email shorashai.ora@gmail.com.

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Shorashai Orah

Chesed Opportunity: A young widow living in Teaneck, whose husband was a Talmid of Rabbi Jachter, is in need of babysitting coverage on **Sunday mornings** from **9:45-11:15** each week and as needed, when she has to work, from **11:15AM to 1:30PM/2:00PM**. Looking for our babysitting-age girls to volunteer for this important chesed on a rotating basis. The individual has two daughters (ages 6 and 2) and lives in Terrace Circle. **Please respond to Erica Ohayon - shorashai.orah@gmail.com.**

A Story – Of Prayer

I have a friend named Monty Roberts who owns a horse ranch in San Isidro. He had let me use his horse ranch to put on fund-raising events to raise money for youth at risk programs.

The last time I was there he introduced me by saying, "I want to tell you why I let you use my horse ranch. It all goes back to a story about a young man who was the son of an itinerant horse trainer who would go from stable to stable, racetrack to racetrack, farm to farm and ranch to ranch, training horses. As a result, the boy's high school career was continually interrupted. When he was a senior, he was asked to write a paper about what he wanted to be and do when he grew up."

"That night he wrote a seven-page paper describing his goal of someday owning a horse ranch. He wrote about his dream in great detail and he even drew a diagram of a 200-acre ranch, showing the location of all the buildings, the stables, and the track. Then he drew a detailed floor plan for a 4,000-square-foot house that would sit on a 200-acre dream ranch."

He put a great deal of his heart into the project and the next day he handed it into his teacher. Two days later he received his paper back. On the front page was a large red F with a note that read, 'See me after class.' The boy with the dream went to see the teacher after class and asked, 'Why did I receive an F?'

The teacher said, 'This is an unrealistic dream for a young boy like you. You have no money. You come from an itinerant family. You have no resources. Owning a horse ranch requires a lot of money. You have to buy the land. You have to pay for the original breeding stock and later you'll have to pay large stud fees. There's no way you could ever do it.' Then the teacher added, 'If you will rewrite this paper with a more realistic goal, I will reconsider your grade.'

The boy went home and thought about it long and hard. He asked his father what he should do. His father said, 'Look, son, you have to make up your own mind on this. However, I think it is a very important decision for you.' Finally, after sitting with it for a week, the boy turned in the same paper, making no changes at all. He stated, "You can keep the F and I'll keep my dream."

Monty then turned to the assembled group and said, "I tell you this story because you are sitting in my 4,000-square-foot house in the middle of my 200-acre horse ranch. I still have that school paper framed over the fireplace." He added, "The best part of the story is that two summers ago that same schoolteacher brought 30 kids to camp out on my ranch for a week." When the teacher was leaving, he said, "Look, Monty, I can tell you this now. When I was your teacher, I was something of a dream stealer. During those years I stole a lot of kids dreams. Fortunately, you had enough gumption not to give up on yours."

Moral: Don't let anyone steal your dreams. Follow your heart, no matter what. No Dream is too big or too small when one works hard to live it. One should always try making dreams come true no matter what.

Dvar Torah by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin

The Torah states:

"When you come to the land which I give you, the land shall rest, a rest for the Almighty" (Leviticus 25:2).

Why is having the land rest ... "for the Almighty"?

Rabbi Yeruchem Levovitz of the Mirror Yeshiva cites the Raavad (Introduction to Baalai Nefesh) that a fundamental principle behind the commandments is that "they are to remind us constantly that we have a Creator who is our Ruler." The Almighty gave us this earth, but after using the earth for some time a person can mistakenly think that the earth belongs to him; he can forget that the Almighty is the real owner.

Therefore, there are commandments which contain restrictions to show that the Creator is above us. For this reason, said Rav Yeruchem, the Torah stresses in this verse that the commandment to rest on the seventh year applies to the land which the Almighty gave us. The Almighty gave us a commandment to refrain from work on the land on the seventh year to help us internalize the awareness that He is the true boss of the earth.

This is also the lesson we learn from the weekly Shabbat, said Rav Yeruchem. It shows a person that the Almighty is the one who gives him the power to work on the other days of the week. This is a weekly reminder that we have a Ruler who is our ultimate Authority.

Source – Aish.com

Wisdom of The Week by Ezra Ghazal

Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose – Lyndon B. Johnson

Weekly Riddle

A rooster lays an egg on the roof of a barn. Which way does the egg roll?

Answer is located on the back sheet, guess before you look!!!

Time to Smile

How come you never see a headline like "Psychic Wins Lottery"?



ALLERGY NOTICE

Shaarei Orah is a "nut aware" facility. All food for both public and private events, including our Shabbat youth groups, may not contain nuts or nut products of any kind (this includes products that "may contain" nuts or that were "processed in a facility" that also processes nuts). For more details please contact office@sephardicteaneck.org

UPCOMING EVENTS & MORE...

On Shabbat, May 25th, Parshat Behar, Beth Aaron and the OU Women's Initiative will present a special "Counting towards Sinai" Scholars Program, with Racheli Luftglass, Director of Judaic Studies at YULA Girls High School in Los Angeles. **At 5:00 p.m.**, she will discuss "Yirmiyahu's Field of Dreams: The Roots of Redemption" and, at a *shiur* between the **7:50 p.m. Mincha and the 8:50 p.m. Maariv**, her topic will be "The Female Protagonists: *Sefira's* Path from Shir ha-Shirim to Ruth." Both *shiurim* are open to men and women. Congregation Beth Aaron is located at 950 Queen Anne Road in Teaneck.

Congregation Beth Aaron, located at 950 Queen Anne Road, Teaneck continues its Shivti seder limud this **Sunday at 9:00 AM**. Topic: "Halachic Issues in Commerce and the Marketplace, Part 2." Rabbi Sason Gabay will lead the shiur and the chabura before the shiur. A light breakfast will be served at 8:45 AM. Each Sunday morning program typically will be independent from the previous and subsequent programs. For information about the program, contact Mordy Ungar, 201-741-3920, m_ungar2@yahoo.com.

Toiletry Collection Drive - Ongoing collection of full-size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes and dental floss that is distributed on a regular basis to community members in need. This is a year-round collection and very much needed. Drop off at the Stone residence - 578 Grenville Avenue, Teaneck - purple collection box located at the right side door. **Questions?** Please contact Gila - gr5thkid@msn.com.

Please join us for a support group for loved ones of those struggling with substance abuse and addiction. We meet every other Wednesday night in Teaneck at 8:15 p.m. For more information, please email CCSA at time2talkaddiction@gmail.com.

***** Answer to the Weekly Riddle – It doesn't, roosters don't lay eggs.... *****

WEEKLY SHIURIM @ SHAAREI ORAH

- ❖ **Rabbi Jachter:** - Shabbat morning Pre-Sha'harit Shiur at **8:30am** on the weekly Parasha – Shabbat afternoon **Pre-pre Mincha** Shiur **80 minutes** before Mincha - **Pre-Mincha** Shiur **40 minutes** before Mincha - **Tuesday nights at 8:00 PM** at Shaarei Orah on Kashrut Straight from the Shulhan Aruch, **Men and women are invited.** Weekly e-mail 5-minute Sephardic Shiur of the week - **Hebrew version and English version.**
- ❖ **Shlomo Levy** - Wednesday nights, chavruta style learning on Hilchot Shabbat - **9:00 - 10:00 pm** in the Beit Midrash upstairs.
- ❖ **Rabbi Michael Chernlck:** Beginner's Talmud, Tuesday nights, **8:30-9:30 pm.**

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