



DATMINYAN

Parashat Behar

May 21, 2022 ~ 20 Iyar 5782



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Earliest Candle Lighting	6:41 pm
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Havdalah	9:00 pm

This Shabbat, all services will be at The Jewish Experience (399 S. Monaco Pkwy)

Friday

Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv: 6:25 pm
Shema should be recited after 8:58 pm

Shabbat

Shacharit: 9:00 am (with childcare)
Latest time for Shema is 9:18 am

Kiddush at TJE following services

SHAWL:	6:45 pm
Mincha:	7:50 pm
Maariv:	9:00 pm

Masks are optional at our minyanim. We encourage anyone who wishes or needs to wear a mask to continue to do so. If you have any symptoms or not feeling well, please stay home.

***Make sure to RSVP to our
Hachnassat Torah Street Party on May 31!
www.TinyURL.com/TorahParty22***

D'var Torah by Rabbi Halpern

Our opinions on public policy notwithstanding, we (hopefully) all agree that caring for the poor is an important virtue. Even the staunchest proponent of Capitalism won't oppose charitable giving, so long as it doesn't interfere with their independence.

However, if our friend, the die-hard capitalist, listens to the Torah reading this week, he may have to pause and reflect.

Before we get to the Torah reading, though, let's first examine the very idea of material possessions. Property is referred to as yekum (to stand upright), as it allows a person to stand on their own feet. Self-sufficiency is powerful, as it gives one a sort of self-contained existence. "I've got all it takes to survive and thrive."

This thinking creates a stark division between the rich and the poor. A person of means 'exists' and has what it takes to make it. While one who suffers from lack is considered a second-rate human being -- their very existence is called into question, impoverished as they are of monetary resources, social smarts, or any area of practical import.

Self-sufficiency is a fine quality to have, but it traps us in the claws of selfish thinking when improperly applied. If I can indeed exist independently, why do I need others?

But this narcissistic mindset couldn't be further from the truth. Transcending self, connecting to others, and connecting to the ultimate source — Hashem — is, in fact, the only path of blessing.

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Davening Times for the Upcoming Week:

Weekday Davening will be held at DAT Minyan (440 S. Monaco Pkwy)

Shacharit

Sun:	8:00 am
Mon, Thurs:	6:30 am
Tues, Wed, Fri:	6:35 am

Mincha

Sun-Thurs:	8:00 pm
Fri:	6:30 pm

*Every person counts for Minyan!
Please make an effort to attend*

Message from Rabbi Halpern

I'm available on the phone or in person for your halachic needs, rabbinic counseling, or anything else that I can assist you with. You can reach me on my cell at 732-237-5455 or at shmuel.halpern@datminyan.org

D'var Torah (cont.)

The social and the religious aren't two exclusive domains. The selfish cannot be truly pious, nor can the truly righteous be selfish.

Stuck within my own head and obsessed with my own needs, I not only fail to see the needs of the other but fail to recognize the source of my blessing. I'm successful because I've got the smarts, work ethic, and connections.

After all, why feel grateful for something as obvious as your success?

Is this the world Hashem sought to create -- a world of selfish people, unwilling to coexist, stubbornly insisting that their way is the only way? No, this is not *Hashem's* joyous world but the sad world of *man*.

Hashem created the world with the letter *beis*, which has the numeric value of two, reminding us that the world exists and thrives on *chesed* -- two individuals setting aside their differences and partnering to create a much greater whole than the sum of its parts.

Entry into the happy world of blessing is open to all, but with one caveat: one needs to leave arrogance, hubris, and selfishness at the door.

As Mt. Sinai comes closer and closer into focus, let's take inspiration from the Parsha and align ourselves with the value system of the Torah.

The parshah begins with the mitzvah of Shemitah. Each week, the farmer and his family experience the joys of Shabbos, but during the seventh year, the land also enjoys a blessed Shabbos rest.

What Shabbos does for time, Shemitah does for the earth. Property, which ensnares so many in the trap of hubristic self-sufficiency, is ownerless, leaving the wealthy and the poor in the same boat. Only they are floating along the blessed stream of faith, not the river of economic misery.

All of humanity, the uber-successful and epic failures alike, comes to the following brilliant recognition: I'm one hundred percent dependent, and that's great because my benefactor is the source of reality itself — Hashem.

Now, we are ready to approach the Torah, free from the trap of egotistical living. Torah, the wisdom of Hashem, is truly beyond our limited comprehension. But when we let go, when we transcend self, we are no longer working on our terms but Hashem's terms.



DAT Minyan Announcements

- **NEW SHIUR** Led by Rabbi Halpern. Shabbat afternoons 50 minutes prior to Mincha. See details on page 4.
- **Thank you** to all the volunteers who joined us for Volunteer Day #4 on Sunday and helped us pack up our Sefarim from Denver Academy of Torah. See pictures on page 5.
- We will be honoring all our graduates at our **Graduation Kiddush, May 28**. If you have a graduate in your family, please [click here](#) to fill out the form so we can acknowledge them in the newsletter.
- **Yasher Koach** to Howie Shapiro who will be making a **Siyum HaShas** on Sunday, May 29 following Shacharit at The Jewish Experience. Everyone is invited! Shacharit at 8:00 am at TJE. Siyum and breakfast to follow.
- Join us for our **Hachnassat Torah Street Party** on Tuesday, May 31 at 5:30 pm at Shraiberg Gardens at BMH. See flier on page 8 for more information and [RSVP](#) here.

Members' Milestones

 Steve Kaplan, Steven Miller, Lenny Kark, Sarit Margolis, Perel Halpern, Harley Rotbart

 Lyudmila Amchislavsky (19 Iyar)

Refuah Shlemah

Please include the following names in your tefilla. May each be granted a Refuah Shlemah.

Aliza bat Batsheva
Alonit bat Yael
Bella bas Malka
Chaika bat Rachel
Eliezer ben Tova
Leah bat Sarah
Masha bas Rivka

Mika Ester Bat Adi
Mordechai ben Chaya Hannah
Naama
Penina Devorah bas Shulamit Itka
Ruchel Malkah bat Leah
Sarah Gili bat Bena
Sarah Rivka bat Rachel Leah
Shmuel Aharon ben Jenny

Shoshanah bat Miriam
Yisrael ben Yocheved
Yonatan Zeev ben Netaa
Yosef Simcha Chaim ben Sarah Chana
Yosef Yitzchok ben Sima Chasya
Yossef ben Dinah
Zev Shmuel ben Heleina

Names are kept on the list until Rosh Chodesh. Help us keep the list accurate by updating the [Cholim Document](#) or by emailing office@datminyan.org

Community Happenings

- Denver NCSY Morning Motivation this Shabbat followed by Mussaf for grades 6-12 at 10:30 am at DAT Minyan (440 S. Monaco Pkwy). Monday - Jr NCSY for grades 6-8 at Crestmoor Park 6-7pm
- Denver Academy of Torah commencement exercises will be held at Aish of the Rockies on May 24 at 7:00 pm. Light dairy refreshments to follow. Mazal tov to all the graduates!
- Southwest NCSY Spring Regional for grades 8-12 at Camp Young Judea from May 27-29. Register at <https://southwest.ncsy.org/events/430285/register>. Email Rabbi Fry at miretzkye@ncsy.org with any questions.
- Sunday, May 29 Denver Kollel's Pre-Shavuot Learn-a-thon. 10:15am - noon. Join the community for one hour of learning for men for a communal completion of an entire masechta and a special shiur for women, followed by a celebratory siyum and buffet lunch. For more info, visit denverkollel.org or email info@denverkollel.org.
- Thurs. June 2 - Fried Family Torah Dedication. Beginning at 4:30 pm at 220 S. Forest St. Procession to EDOS at 6:00 pm
- East Side Eruv. Visit www.denvereruv.org to sign up for weekly status messages, Eruv maps, and to make donations.
- MOED: Visit www.mikvahofeastdenver.org for updates, donation form, membership info and more!
- Chana Feige Abrahams is scheduling appointments for the Zussman Mikvah. Call 720-295-7718 or text 720-838-4093.

Come Learn With Us

- **Mishna Berura Shiur** is on hiatus.
- **NEW SHIUR** - Led by Rabbi Halpern. An in-depth Gemara shiur for men, 50 minutes before Shabbat Mincha. This week at 7:00 pm. This week's topic "*The Limits of Personal Responsibility.*"
- **SHAWL** led by Liora Wittlin at The Jewish Experience at 6:45pm
- **The Siddur: Its Laws and Customs and Their Meaning.** Led by Rabbi Halpern on Sundays at 8:45 am following Shacharit. This Sunday's topic is "*Peace, what's that?*" Breakfast will be served. [Click here for Zoom](#)
- **Words of Wisdom** sponsored by The Women's Experience, a division of The Jewish Experience. Led by Ellyn Hutt on Tuesdays from 2-3 pm. Join Ellyn in delving deeper into the significance of Hebrew words from each week's parsha for personal inspiration and spiritual connection. Meeting ID: 884 9530 8316. For women only.
- **Masechet Megillah Chabura.** Monday evenings, 70 minutes prior to Mincha, at the home of Michal Elias-Bachrach and Yoni Eckmann, 375 S. Krameria St. We are learning Masechet Megillah led by Michal. For men and women, all comfort levels welcome. You can join any time! You can contact Michal at ebmichal@gmail.com or 610-348-8508.
- **Parsha for Women** sponsored by The Women's Experience. Led by Ellyn Hutt Thursdays from 11am - 12pm. Each weekly Torah portion gives us insight into how we can live our lives more meaningfully and mindfully. Join Ellyn as we explore and chart our spiritual journey in sync with the parsha. Meeting ID: 922 119 870
- [Click here](#) to view this week's edition of **Mizrachi's Parshat Hashavua package.**

Mazal tov to Howie Shapiro on completing Shas!

A culmination of 16 years of effort.

Please join us in celebrating his

Siyum HaShas

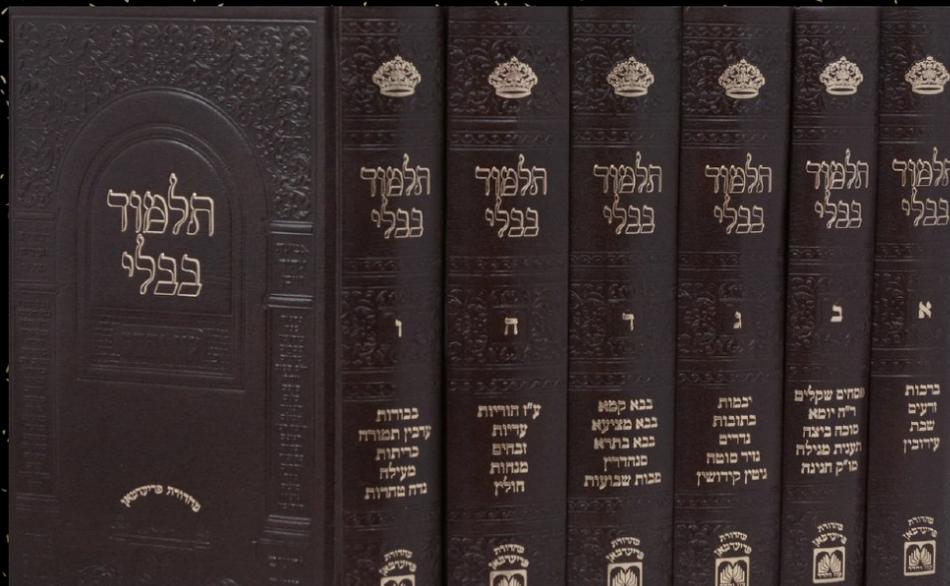
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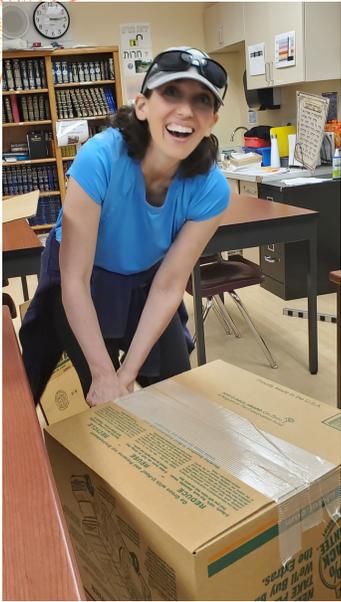
at The Jewish Experience

Shacharit at 8:00 am

Siyum and

celebratory breakfast to follow





We did it!





Join us as we celebrate the

Class of
2020!

Graduation Shabbat

SHABBAT, MAY 28

Go to datminyany.org/form/graduation-2022.html
to submit your graduate's information so we can
acknowledge them in our newsletter.

Submission deadline is May 25

PRE-SHAVUOS LEARN-A-THON

A communal completion of an
entire tractate of Talmud in one hour!

Sun., May 29TH, 10:15AM-12PM

West Denver Kollel Torah Center, 5080 W. 14th Ave.
FOR MEN & WOMEN

SCHEDULE:

10:15 Registration

10:30-11:30

Men: Study a section of
Tractate Makkos.

NEW FOR THIS YEAR!

Choose a more in-depth study
track with a Kollel Scholar or
a more rapid study of a full
daf with a chavrusah

Women: Join a special

pre-Shavuos shiur

11:30 Siyum followed by
dancing and buffet reception

**LEARNING FOLLOWED BY
CELEBRATORY SIYUM AND BUFFET LUNCH**

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Partnering Organizations (INFORMATION)





DAT Minyan

invites the entire community to our

Hachnassat Sefer Torah Street Party!

Tuesday, May 31 5:30 pm
Shraiberg Gardens at BMH-BJ
560 S. Monaco Pkwy (enter on Center St.)

- **Slider and Hot Dog Bar**
(Vegetarian & Gluten Free Options Available)
- **L'Chaim Tables with craft beers, delicious wine, margarita bar and hand selected bourbon and scotch!**
- **Cotton Candy**
- **Popcorn Machine**
- **Bouncy Houses**
- **Art Projects**
- **Pop-A-Shot Contests**

Win a chance to write
the final letter of the Torah!

**7:30 pm: Join us as we dance the Torah
to its new home at
DAT Minyan (440 S. Monaco Pkwy)**

No cost to attend - RSVP requested by 5/24
www.TinyURL.com/TorahParty22

