



# Parshas Beshalach

Candle Lighting  
5:02p

Havdalah  
6:05p

Torah Reading  
Shemos: 13:17-17:16

HafTorah  
Shoftim 4:4-5:31

Candle Lighting 2/2  
5:10p

## Beshalach- Heavy Handed

*Rabbi Shmuel Silber*

*"Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim. So, Moses said to Joshua, Pick men for us, and go out and fight against Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand. Joshua did as Moses had told him, to fight against Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur ascended to the top of the hill. It came to pass that when Moses would raise his hand, Israel would prevail, and when he would lay down his hand, Amalek would prevail. Now Moses' hands were heavy; so, they took a stone and placed it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one from this [side], and one from that [side]; so, he was with his hands in faith until sunset. Joshua weakened Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword (Shemos 17:8-13)."*

Amalek attacked us without cause or reason. Moshe tasked Yehoshua with organizing and leading the army into battle. As Yehoshua mobilized the fighting force, Moshe ascended the mountain and raised his hands in supplicatory prayer. The Torah then says, *"Now Moshe's hands were heavy."* But what does this mean? Of course, the literal meaning is obvious, yet it is strange that something so "mundane" would appear in the midst of this miraculous story. The fledgling Jewish nation was not comprised of warriors; it was Divine intervention which saved the day. Couldn't God have given Moshe a bit more strength? What is the Torah trying to teach us? Rashi comments, *"Since he had been lax in [the performance of] the commandment [of warring against Amalek] and had appointed someone else in his stead, his hands became heavy."* Instead of answering our question, Rashi compounds it; why didn't Moshe lead the army himself? Why did Moshe delegate this responsibility to Yehoshua?

The Lubavitcher Rebbe zt'l provided an incredible insight. Moshe's initial inclination was, in fact, to lead the army himself, but he then questioned this approach. As we will learn a bit later in the Torah, God created age restrictions for army service. No man younger than 20 or older than 60 could serve in the standing army of the Jewish nation. Moshe Rabbeinu was 80 years old, and therefore, decided to hand over this military responsibility to Yehoshua. The problem, explains the Rebbe, is that when one sees a Jew in need, when one sees our nation in crisis, he must put his personal *cheshbonos* (calculations and ideas) on the side, roll up his sleeves, and spring into action. Although Moshe's logic was sound, God didn't want logic. He wanted quick and decisive action on behalf of the nation. He didn't want Moshe to delegate; He wanted Moshe to act. God conveyed this message to Moshe through the heaviness of his hands. You were heavy or slow to spring into action while your nation was in crisis. You should not have delegated this to Yehoshua; you should have led the charge yourself.

The Rebbe's profound insight yields two very important lessons. Lesson #1: When you see a Jew in need, don't think – act. When there is a crisis, we can get caught in the planning of the response when, in fact, we need to mobilize and help. When you see someone suffering, don't think about the best person to help, roll up your sleeves and do something. When you see something that is broken, don't wait for the most capable person to fix it, try to make a difference right here and now. Lesson #2: Don't spend your entire life planning. There is a time to plan and a time to act. Too often in life, we put all our energy into planning and thinking. We have the 6-month plan, the 2-year plan, and the 3-decade plan. Our plans are polished, well-thought-out, and fully detailed. There is only one problem; we keep the plans neatly filed on our desk – but we never execute, and we fail to engage in dynamic activity. There are times in life when one must stop planning and thinking and start doing and acting. This does not mean that we should not plan and think ahead. We must be forward-thinking people who are able to see beyond our current circumstances. We must be careful to avoid overthinking things to the point of inactivity. Thinking and planning are important – but so is doing.

Yehoshua led the army to victory (with God's help), but the Torah tells us, it should have been Moshe. We too at times get a bit "heavy," laden with planning and personal calculations. There is a time to delegate and a time to plan, but we must always be ready to seize the opportunities, to act, perform, and make a difference.

WEEK AT A GLANCE 1/26 - 2/2	26/27 FRI/SHABBOS	28 SUNDAY	29 MONDAY	30 TUESDAY	31 WEDNESDAY	1 THURSDAY	2 FRIDAY
	<div>SHABBOS NIGHT</div> <div>4:35p Toameha</div> <div>5:02p Candle Lighting</div> <div>5:05p Mincha followed by Kabbolas Shabbos</div> <div>6:15p Kehilla Unites Seuda</div> <div>SHABBOS DAY</div> <div>7:00a Hashkama Shacharis</div> <div>8:45a Shacharis (KS - 9:51a)</div> <div>9:15a Teen Minyan</div> <div>9:30a Junior Congregation</div> <div>10:00a Teen Girls Shabbos Group</div> <div>3:30p Women's Learning Group</div> <div>4:00p Daf Yomi</div> <div>5:00p Mincha</div> <div>6:05p Maariv/Havdalah</div> <div>7:05p Motzei Shabbos Learning</div>	<div>7:15a Shacharis</div> <div>7:55a Daf Yomi</div> <div>9:00a Shacharis</div> <div>1:00p Mincha</div> <div>5:15p Mincha/Maariv</div> <div>8:00p Teen Boys Learning (7th-8th)</div>	<div>5:55a Daf Yomi</div> <div>6:45a Shacharis</div> <div>9:00a Shacharis</div> <div>5:15p Mincha/Maariv</div> <div>7:50p Hilchos Shabbos Chabura</div> <div>8:00p Teen Boys Learning (HS)</div> <div>8:40p Amud Yomi</div> <div>9:00p Maariv</div>	<div>5:55a Daf Yomi</div> <div>6:45a Shacharis</div> <div>9:00a Shacharis</div> <div>5:15p Mincha/Maariv</div> <div>7:45p Women's L</div> <div>8:00p Teen Boys Learning (5th-6th)</div> <div>8:40p Amud Yomi</div> <div>9:00p Maariv</div>	<div>5:55a Daf Yomi</div> <div>6:45a Shacharis</div> <div>9:00a Shacharis</div> <div>5:15p Mincha/Maariv</div> <div>8:00p Semichas Chaver</div> <div>8:40p Amud Yomi</div> <div>9:00p Maariv</div>	<div>5:55a Daf Yomi</div> <div>6:45a Shacharis</div> <div>9:00a Shacharis</div> <div>5:15p Mincha/Maariv</div> <div>7:40p Amud Yomi</div> <div>8:00p Chassidus Chaburah</div> <div>9:00p Maariv</div>	<div>5:55a Daf Yomi</div> <div>6:45a Shacharis</div> <div>9:00a Shacharis</div> <div>4:55p Toameha</div> <div>5:10p Candle Lighting</div> <div>5:15p Mincha followed by Kabbolas Shabbos</div>

## MEMBER NEWS

### MAZAL TOV

**Chuck & Patty Leve** on the of the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Simcha Schmutter, son of Ariella and Noah Schmutter.

### CONDOLENCES

**Delia (Robert) Benn** on the passing of her niece.

### THANK YOU

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## SPONSORSHIPS & DONATIONS

The Daf Yomi Shiurim of Maseches Bava Kama are dedicated in memory of Master Sergeant Eliyahu Michael Harush Hy'd who was one of the first officers killed by Hamas while heroically defending and protecting Am Yisroel and his community during the fierce battle at the Sderot Police Station. May our collective learning bring an aliya to his holy Neshama and a zechus to his beautiful family.

### TALMUD TORAH

**Selma Woolf** with immense gratitude for the refuos from Hashem, in the merit of a refuah sheleima for all those who need, and in the zchus of our brave Israeli soldiers and hostages.

### WEEK OF LEARNING

**Saeed & Sima Haken** in memory of Saeed's mother, Taji Behtari bat Harav Meir Moshe z'l.

### DAF YOMI

**Jeremy Diamond** in commemoration of the yahrzeit of his father Abe Diamond z'l.

### CHASSIDUS CHABURA

**Yacov Benzaquen** in honor of his brother-in-law Akiva with much hatzlacha on his new beginnings, in the zechus of Klal Yisroel during this difficult time and Rabbi Silber's love of nusach.

**Adam & Phran Edelman** in honor of their daughter Ella's engagement to Moishe Deutsch of Lakewood. Mazel tov!

**Nathan Adler** as a zechus for the safe and quick return of the hostages and the success and protection of the brave soldiers.

### SHABBOS DRASHA

**Dr. Stephen & Adrian Diamond Wolf** in honor of the 39th yahrzeit of Abe Diamond, Adrian's first husband and beloved father of Michael, Jeremy, and Cheryl Carl (Diamond).

**Yisroel Juskowitz** in honor of Yisroel and Shlomit's anniversary and Tani's upcoming Bar Mitzvah.

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### KIDDUSH

**Shmuel & Robyn Korobkin** in honor of Robyn's father's 80th Birthday and on the occasion of him becoming a great grandfather to their new grandson, Gavriel Korobkin.

### MOTZEI SHABBOS LEARNING

**Dan Berkovitz** in honor of Chaim Yisrael Berkovitz's birthday which was this Shabbos.

### DONATIONS

**Elisheva F Engel** in memory of Behtari (Taji) Hakakian z'l.

**Pesach Raczkowski** to the Building Fund.

**Eli & Joelle Raczkowski** to the Building Fund.

**Rosalie Sklar** in memory of her mother, Miriam Grossblatt z'l, whose yahrzeit was the 8th of Shevat.

**Patty and Chuck Leve** to the Israel Relief Fund in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Simcha Schmutter, son of Ariella and Noah Schmutter.

**Allen & Susan Myrowitz** in memory of Saeed's mother, Behtari (Taji) Hakakian z'l.

**Pacy & Lisa Kadin** to the Building Fund in memory of Barry Dexter's brother, Frederick Dexter z'l and Saeed Haken's mother, Behtari (Taji) Hakakian z'l, and in the zechus of a refuah sheleima for Saul Brum, Shaul HaCohen ben Miriam.

**Manfred & Elaine Meiseles** in memory of Elaine's father, Yitzchok ben Chaim Ber HaCohen z'l.

## SOTC UPDATES

### WOMEN'S TEHILLIM FOLLOWING SHABBOS DAVENING

Please join the women of the shul after davening before kiddush to complete sefer Tehillim in the z'chus of the Eretz Yisroel.

### WOMEN'S SHABBOS TEHILLIM

Will meet on Shabbos at 3:45 pm at Shoshana Lerner's house (3302 Northbrook Rd).

### SOTC BOOK CLUB

The Suburban Orthodox Cong. Book Club will meet on Tuesday, March 5, at 2 p.m., at the shul. Selection: "Kantika" by Elizabeth Graver.



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## 67TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

### STAY TUNED FOR EXCITING DETAILS!

