



Parshas Naso

12 Sivan | June 15, 2019

Candle Lighting
8:17p

Mincha
7:00p

Torah Reading
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Candle Lighting 6/21
8:19p



SHABBOS SCHEDULE

Shabbos Night

7:00p Mincha followed by
Kabbolas Shabbos
8:17p Candle Lighting

Shabbos Day

9:00a Shachris (9:23a KS)
11:30a Graduate Kiddush
6:10p Early Mincha
6:35p Daf Yomi
6:35p Women's Living Emunah Group
(small Beis Midrash)
7:30p Profile of a Tzaddik: Rebbe
Nachman of Breslov (Rabbi Silber)
8:10p Mincha followed by Shalosh
Seudos
9:18p Maariv followed by Havdallah



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun 6/16 - 13th of Sivan
7:15, 9:00a Shacharis

6:50p Plag Mincha
8:25p Mincha/Maariv

Mon - Thurs, Fri am

6:45, 9:00a Shacharis
6:50p Plag Mincha
8:25p Mincha/Maariv



WEEKLY SHIURIM

by Rabbi Silber

Sun 8:00a Daf Yomi

Mon - Fri a.m.

5:45a Chovas HaTalmidim
5:55a Daf Yomi

Following 9am minyan 15 Minutes of
Mishnayos (Rabbi Richter)

Tues

8:55p Hilchos Shabbos B'iyun
(Rabbi Richter)

Wed

8:00p Life Lessons from the Parsha
(for women)

Mon-Thurs

8:55-9:15p Night Seder in Beis Midrash



SHUL HAPPENINGS

SOTC Annual Meeting

Tues 6/18 | 7:10p, SOTC

SOTC Book Club

Tues 6/18 | 2:00p, SOTC
Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

SOTC Bbq & Raffle Drawing

Wed 7/3 | 7:00p



A HEAD ABOVE THE REST

RABBI SHMUEL SILBER

This week's Parsha, continues with the theme of counting the tribal families and enumerating their responsibilities and tasks. The Torah begins with what appears to be a simple phrase, "Naso es *rosh* Bnai Gershon (Count the sons of Gershon)." (*Bamidbar* 4:22) It is interesting that this mirrors the verbiage found in last week's Parsha, "Se'u es *rosh* kol Adas Bnai Yisroel (Count all the congregation of the Children of Israel)." (*Bamidbar* 1:2) In each of these instances, the Torah uses the word *Rosh* (head). The *Shelah HaKadosh* (Rav Yishaya Horowitz, 1565-1630) explains that in the eyes of God we are each considered a *rosh*, a head, someone exceptionally significant. Society has many metrics by which it measures the success, value and worth of an individual. Some may measure the quality of a person based on their level of education, earning ability or material possessions. Others may measure individual greatness through the prism of pedigree and *yichus*. The Torah is teaching us that in the eyes of God, we each possess personal greatness; each of us is a *Rosh*. This personal greatness is inherent and innate.

But how do we activate this personal greatness? The answer to this question can be found in *Pirkei Avos* (Ethics of our Fathers). The great sage *Yehuda ben Teyma* states, "Be bold as a leopard, light as an eagle, swift as a deer, strong as a lion to carry out the will of your Father in Heaven." (5:23) The *Kitzur Shulchan Aruch* (Rav Shlomo Ganzfried, 1804-1886) explains: "**Be bold as a leopard**" – Don't be afraid to perform the *mitzvos* (commandments) even if others will mock you. Doing what is right is often difficult and can raise the ire of those around you. Stand up for your ideals and don't compromise on the fundamental tenants of your faith. Be bold in doing what needs to be done. "**Light as an eagle**" – The eagle flies high and directs its sights to the heavens above. The eagle can't spend its time constantly looking downward or it will fail to reach its intended destination. In life there are many things which hold us down. Failure, broken relationships and shattered dreams tether us to our current reality and prevent us from achieving growth. If you are always looking down, you can't move forward. Set your sights high, dream new dreams, create new goals, forge new relationships and learn to soar. Identify that which is holding you back and devise the strategy to transcend and soar above it. "**Swift as a deer**" – One should always run to do good. Grab the opportunities to accomplish something great. Don't wait for the perfect moment, make the current moment perfect. Take advantage of beautiful life opportunities while they are still yours for the taking. "**Strong like a lion**" – Be committed in your service of God. Develop the strength to honor your obligations towards God and your fellow man on an ongoing basis. There may be times when you aren't feeling inspired. In those moments find your lion-like strength to fulfill your responsibilities. Consistency and continuity are the cornerstones of religious identity.

It is here in this seemingly simple statement that *Yehuda ben Teyma* gives us the key to activating our personal greatness. Stand up for what you believe in, even if the world mocks you. Focus on upward growth and don't get mired in downward negativity. Run to seize your life opportunities. Live a life of committed and continuous service to your God and your people.

Yehuda ben Teyma looks to the animal kingdom for examples of character traits that we are to emulate. The comparison to the leopard, eagle and lion are clear. But why the deer? The fastest animal is not the deer – it is the cheetah. If *Yehuda ben Teyma* wanted to convey the need for speed in our performance of *mitzvos* and in the seizing of life opportunities why doesn't he instruct us to be "swift like the cheetah?"

Rabbi Nachman of Breslov (1772-1810) explains that the deer is unique within the animal kingdom. Whenever the deer takes leaps forward towards a new destination – it always looks back. It checks to see if the herd is safe. It looks back to make sure its fellow deer are settled and secure. No matter how long the journey forward, it continues to look back.

Yehuda ben Teyma intentionally chose the deer to teach us an important lesson. As we strive for self-actualization and try to become bold, committed and soar to the heavens, we must always remember to look back. We must remember our responsibility to our people. We cannot focus on self-growth to the exclusion of our national responsibilities. If we are growing but not keeping an eye as to what is happening with our brothers and sisters, our growth is deficient. If we move forward but don't look back and figure out how to help the rest of the herd, then we are not

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MEMBER NEWS

MAZAL TOV

Richard & Susan Lehmann on the birth of a granddaughter to their children, Rachel and Garret Weber

Rabbi Elie & Suzie Tuchman on the birth of a grandson to their children, Rabbi Ike & Shira Sultan

Bob & Carol Benedek on the engagement of their son Jonathan to Malka Bielsky in Yerushalayim. Wedding will take place in Israel on August 25th, all members are invited!

BIRTHDAYS

Aviya Barnoy, Natan Berry, Chava Caplan, Nossen Creeger, Israel Elgamil, Benzion Friedman, Ora Galay, Yonatan Galay, Moishy Gardyn, Louis Hack, Lisa Hackam, Leeba Kohen, Andrea Lavine, AY Lawrence, David Lawson, Avi Lichten, Tova Miller, Jonathan Polirer, Laura Rapoport, Chana Faiga Richter, Matthew Shindel, Sara Silberberg, Lisa M. Ziv

YAHRZEITS

Bernice King, Frederick L. Bierer, Max Corenblum, Kunne Shprintze Chemerinsky, Louis Kovacs, Edward Fleischmann, Rochel Walter, Nathaniel Futerl, Malcolm Rosenthal, David Greenberg, Fela Rechthand, Copel Rifkind, Doris Rock, Barry Hammond, Matthew Suffness



DVAR TORAH CONT.

serving God, we are serving ourselves. We must learn to grow as individuals while simultaneously doing what we can to help the other and care for our nation.

We are each a *Rosh*, we are each important and significant. We have so much to offer, so much we can become, and so much we can accomplish. But we can only be a *Rosh*, if we maintain the connection to *Kol Adas Bnai Yisroel*, (the nation of the Children of Israel). We must grow as individuals - but we must always remember to look back.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

MEET OUR OUTGOING YOUTH LEADERS



Yocheved Rothschild is graduating from the Berman Hebrew Academy and going to Nishmat in Yerushalayim next year. "I love the SOTC youth programming because of the warmth and friendships. By being a group leader, together with my friends, I get to teach the kids all of the wonderful things about Judaism, and have a lot of fun in the process." Yocheved has been involved a part of the SOTC youth team since she first attended herself at 2 years old and feels "grateful to have been able to pass on everything I learned as a group leader."

Devora Leah Shernofsky graduated from James Madison High School online. She's headed to New York to study at Machon L'yahadus, and then plans to attend college to pursue a career in the dental field. "I have genuinely loved working at Shul. The warmth and love I have felt working here is amazing. Suburban is my home and I am really going to miss my Suburban family."



Rikki Margalit started out in the SOTC baby group and attended until the 4th-6th graders groups. She then began subbing when she was in 8th and ninth grade. This summer, she is graduating from Beth Tfiloh and attending Tiferet in Israel. She then plans to attend Tel Aviv University. "Being part of the SOTC youth programming from being a kid in group to being a group leader is something really cool to compare. I love the atmosphere of groups. Being a group leader has taught me patience, friendship, and the power of inclusion with kids."

We wish all of our Youth Leaders and graduates much hatzlachah in their next chapter.

