



Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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Parshas Behar-Bechukosai, May 16, 2020

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**SHABBAT SHALOM!
PLEASE STAY SAFE AND TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES.**

עשה עשר ולא במשפט בחצי ימיו יעזבנו

**“One who amasses wealth without justice:
in half his days it will desert him.”**

(Yirmiyahu 17:11 - Haftarah of Parshas Bechukosai)

As with almost all Haftoras, the Haftarah of Parshas Bechukosai compliments the Parsha itself. In it, the prophet Jeremiah speaks very harshly as to what will befall the Jewish people if they do not follow the Torah. This parallels the Tochacha, which makes up the bulk of Parshas Bechukosai. Unfortunately, many times the difficulties that we find ourselves in are due to our own behavior. Much (not all) of the Tochacha of life is self-inflicted. Jeremiah speaks here of someone who steals and cheats because he thinks he will become rich and prosper. However, the prophet tells us otherwise – that one who amasses wealth unjustly will, in the end, not enjoy the fruit of his labors. There is a midrash which states that when Noach was preparing to enter the ark, all types of creatures and powers came to him for permission to enter. Among them was Shikra (שקר), the power of falsehood. Noach asked him, “But where is your mate? Only with a mate, can you enter!” So Shikra went out and met Pachsa, the power of depletion, which causes deterioration of one’s monetary resources

Shabbos

Candle Lighting 7:25PM/7:42PM

Shabbos afternoon

Mincha 7:00 PM

Havdalah 8:45 PM

Weekday Mincha

Sun-Thu By 7:50 PM

Next Fri candle lighting 7:45 PM



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and causes one to become impoverished. Pachsa agreed to the marriage on condition that whatever Shikra earned, Pachsa would get. Shikra agreed and they boarded the ark. Ever since then, when Shikra would earn money (with of course Sheker – falsehood), Pachsa would take it away from him, and this is how it has been since they got out of the ark. Many times in life, we are our own worst enemies, whether it is through ill-gotten gains, an explosive temper, a meddling and gossip-oriented personality, laziness, jealousy – you name it. As was said before, we frequently create our own negative destinies. The consolation and the antidote to all of this is *אם בחוקותי תלכו אם מצוותי תשמרו*. Follow the Torah and do what is right and your life will be a blessing!

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos!

With much blessing and love,

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein

Over Shabbos, let us all daven together, in unison, while in our homes. Please see below for the schedule of approximate times and associated notes:

Friday Evening

- *Candle Lighting: 7:25 PM/7:42 PM*
- *Early Mincha: 7:00 PM*
- *Lecha Dodi: Approx. 7:30 PM; let us all sing together (on balcony, outside home, etc.)*
- *Say Vayechulu after Shemonah Esrei, but do not say the next three paragraphs.*
- *Sunset 7:52PM: If you are making an early Shabbos and davening mincha at 7:00PM, it would be better to count Sefira without a brocha and have in mind the following condition: If I remember to count Sefira later on when its dark, then I will count again, but with a brocha, and my original counting will not be valid. However, if I forget later on to count with a brocha, then this counting that I did now before sunset will suffice.*

Shabbos Morning

- *Schacharis: 9:00 AM*
- *Do not say Vayehi Binsoa and Berich Shmei (the prayers for taking out the Torah)*
- *Note: It is appropriate to read both the parsha and the haftorah during the day*
- *Parsha: Behar-Bechukosai, p. 696 in Stone Chumash.*
- *Haftorah: P.1179 in Stone Chumash.*
- *Say first paragraph of Yekum Purkan; do not say the next two paragraphs*
- *Say Av Harachamim*
- *Do not say Mizmor L'David and U'venucha Yomar*

Shabbos Afternoon

- *Mincha: 7:00 PM, followed by seudah shlishis*
- *Say Tzidkuscha Tzedek*
- *Havdalah: 8:45 PM*

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Schedule

- Daily Gemara Shiur and Schacharis via Zoom (Sunday thru Friday): Shiur, 7:25 AM, Schacharis, 8:00 AM
- Daily Mincha, followed by short shiur and Maariv via Zoom (Sunday thru Thursday): 7:50 PM
- Monday – Pirkei Avos via zoom 7:15PM
- Tuesday – Corona Inspiration via zoom 7:15PM
- Tuesday May 19 – 8:15PM, for women on Megillas Rus, which will be given by Rena Gruenstein.
- Wednesday - Navi Class via Zoom: 7:15PM
- Thursday – Shiur on the Parsha/Shabbos message 7:15PM
- Note: Zoom link sent out by email to entire membership
- All those interested in joining the group that receives Rabbi Citron's Daf Yomi Shiurim, can do so via the WhatsApp link by clicking [here](#).
- There will be a full day of virtual learning on Wednesday, May 27, if we are still not open for Shavuot. Information to follow.

Congregational Family and Shul News

- With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Michael Cohen z"l, father of our esteemed member Seth Cohen.

Refuah Sheleimah

- We wish refuah sheleimah to Allan Krieger and Allen Packer.



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Yahrzeits May 16 – May 22, 2020

- 22 IYAR Lois Rosengarten for her mother, Syd Lewis, on Shabbos, May 16
25 IYAR Alex Spira for his mother, Yehudis Spira, on Tuesday, May 19
25 IYAR Amy Mosery for her father, Yechezkel ben Lev, on Tuesday, May 19
26 IYAR Max Dekelbaum for his wife, Anita Dekelbaum, on Wednesday, May 20
26 IYAR Deborah Newborn for her mother, Dorothy Feinberg, on Wednesday, May 20
28 IYAR Esther Friedman for her father, Pinchos, on Friday, May 22
28 IYAR Susan Packer for her mother, Mary Arnoff Kaye, on Friday, May 22
28 IYAR Baruch Halpern for his mother, Hinda bas Reb Yaakov, on Friday, May 22

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Eruv Bal Harbour: While the Eruv in Surfside includes both walking paths, in Bal Harbour the Eruv only includes the inner (western) walking path. The pier at Haulover Cut is not included. We would like to emphasize that every Erev Shabbos, individuals should call the Eruv Hotline to make sure that the Eruv is operational prior to carrying on Shabbos. The number is 305-866-ERUV (3788). The Eruv message is recorded approximately two hours prior to Candle Lighting. Miami Beach Eruv web page: www.miamibeacheruv.com

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