



Beshalach

12 b'Sh'vat 5779 • Friday, January 18, 2019

Shabbos

Mincha / Kab. Shabbos 5:25 PM
Candle Lighting (20 min) 5:22 PM
Chumash 8:40 AM
 Rabbi Moshe Fuchs
Shacharis 9:00 AM
PJJ *Rabbi Ezra Stettin*
Pre-Mincha Shiur 4:40 PM
 Rabbi Eli Polsky
Mincha and Shalosh Seudos 5:10 PM
Shabbos ends (40 min.) 6:23 PM

The Coming Week

	SUN	M-F
Daf Yomi	7:00 AM	6:00 AM
Shacharis	8:00 AM	6:40 AM
Monday is Tu biSh'vat		
Mincha/Ma'ariv all week	5:30 PM	

Classes / Activities

GMS Mishnayos Learning
This coming week: Yoma Chap. 6
Weeknights in the Chapel
after Ma'ariv

Learn to Read Hebrew
Sundays
in the Conference Room 10:30 AM

GMS Chess for Children (B/G)
in the Social Hall
Wednesdays **OFF**

Book Club Class in the Chapel Bldg.
Reading: Eim Habanim Smeicha
Mondays 1-2 PM

Tanach Tuesdays (M/W)
Studying I Kings, Chapter 8 **OFF**

Sponsorships

Kiddush, Shalosh Seudos, and Shabbos Bulletin are available for sponsorship.



Shul Announcements

Midwinter break: Chess and Tanach Tuesday will be off this coming week. Book Club Class is on, but it will be delivered on the road. Everything resumes as normal on return from the break.

Scholar in Residence: **Rabbi Daniel Freitag** will spend the weekend of February 1-3 at GMS. Tentative schedule, locations, and topics (all subject to change):

- **Friday night Oneg, 8:45-10 PM:** "How to Answer a Missionary." (Alt residence, 6690 Meadow Ridge.)
- **Shabbos morning Drasha**
- **PJJ:** "Stealing the Deal"
- **Shabbos Pre-Mincha class, 5 PM:** "Danger and Fate." (At GMS.)
- **Shalosh Seudos:** "The NFL Player I Met at the Kotel"
- **Melava Malka, 9-10:20 PM:** "Is It a Mitzvah to Recycle? Judaism and the Environment." (Home of Moshe & Tova Kirschner, 2182 Bluegrass Lane.)
- **Sunday morning Breakfast and Shiur,** right after Shacharis: "Judaism and Organ Donation." (At GMS.)

Rabbi Freitag has taught Torah as an outreach professional for over twenty years. He is a member of the Atlanta Scholars Kollel. Before that, he founded and ran an outreach center in Owings Mills, MD. He also has anti-missionary experience, including debating Dr. Michael Brown. He received a BS in Psych. from SUNY and a Masters in Talmudic Law from Ner Israel Rabbinical College.

Get yourself a new recipe for Jewish life—get yourself a (Rav) Kook book! In early March, the GMS Book Club will begin *Eretz Yisrael: Lights on Orot*, the teachings of Harav Avraham Yitzchok HaCohen Kook (Torat Eretz Yisroel Publications, Jerusalem, 5756; English translation by Rabbi David Samson and Tzvi Fishman). Mondays at 1 PM in our Chapel building; free and open to all.

In the Community

Mazal tov to Rabbi & Mrs. Eli Dov Siegal and their extended family, on the birth last Friday and the bris this Friday of baby boy Yechezkel.

Mazal tov to Rabbi & Mrs. Yoseph Ottensoser, on the birth this week of a baby boy. The *Shalom Zachar* will be held at 8:30 PM at the Ottensoser residence, 2203 Section Road.

Kollel Friday Night Seder: 8:30 PM.

Annual Women's Shovavim Shiur with Mrs. Debbie Selengut of Passaic, NJ—Sun., Feb. 10, at the Sollofe residence, 6611 Meadow Ridge.

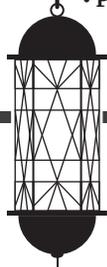
- **PART 1—7:45 PM:** "Our Journey to Kedusha—A Halachic and Hashkafic Refresher"
- **PART 2—9 PM:** "Growing with Our Marriage"

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Refuah Sh'laima

- Bracha Leah bas Rochel Mushka (Barbara Nagler)
- Yosefa bas Rivka (Joan Gross)
- Eitan Chaim ben Elisheva (Ethan Kadish)
- Gavriel ben Pasha (Gary Walsh)
- Chana Rivka bas Ethel (Juanita Weiss)
- Nesanel ben Chaya Rochel
- Tzvi Michoel ben Leah (Hirsch Wise)
- Chaim Dovid Ephraim ben Chana
- Daisy bas Lulu (Mrs. Daisy Kattan)
- Dafna Miriam bas Malkah Esther
- Moshe Nechemiah ben Rivkah
- Z'ev Shmuel ben Malkah Rochel
- Paulina bat Sara
- Chaim Schneur Zalman ben Miriam (Rabbi Baras)
- Reuven ben Malkah
- Avraham Eliyahu ben Devorah Yael



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Parshas Beshalach

V'Dibartah Bam

IN THIS WEEK'S PARSHA, WE ARE INTRODUCED TO THE "Desert Diet," guaranteed to both satisfy your cravings and nourish your body, while providing the perfect caloric intake. The Desert Diet menu includes manna, manna, and more manna. This may sound unappetizing, but don't worry—this miracle food can taste like whatever you want it to taste like! Manna is even organic and free of GMO's, carra-geenan, and gluten.

There is one catch, though. While on the Desert Diet, you are not allowed to stock your shelves or fill your pantry. You will receive your daily portion by delivery, and you will have to wait until tomorrow for tomorrow's portion to be delivered.

So are you in? An amazing food plan is ready for you, but can you live with an empty cupboard? Herein lies the challenge of *bitachon*, trusting in G-d. He promises to feed and sustain us. But do we have the personal fortitude not to worry when we don't have the money in the bank?

Manna was not only for the generation that journeyed through the desert. It is for us, as well.

Moshe said, "This is the thing that Hashem has commanded: A full *omer* (measurement of volume) of it shall be a safekeeping for your generations, so that they will see the food with which I fed you in the Wilderness when I took you out of Egypt." (Exodus 16:32)

Rashi comments that indeed, the manna that was kept in safekeeping was later used by the prophet Jeremiah, who had rebuked his generation for the minimal time they devoted to Torah study. They had responded that they had no choice—"If we leave our jobs and study Torah, how will we pay our bills?" Upon hearing these words, Jeremiah took out the flask of manna that had been saved from Moshe's time, and he proclaimed, "see the word of Hashem!" He didn't tell them to listen. He told them to see, with their own eyes, how Hashem had fed all of the Children of Israel in the Wilderness. Hashem has many messengers to send sustenance to those who fear him.

The commandment to save a flask of manna for future generations, teaches us that the miracle of the manna was not meant only for that generation. It was intended to teach a lesson for all generations: We should not let the responsibility to make a living interfere with our obligation to study Torah and keep the mitzvos.

This past Sunday, Gary Torgow addressed the parent body of Cincinnati Hebrew Day School. Gary Torgow is an Orthodox Jew from Detroit, Michigan, a noteworthy philanthropist and community activist. He shared a number of powerful stories, one of which was a personal story that relates to *bitachon*, trusting in Hashem for *parnassah* (a livelihood).

A number of years ago, Gary's bank, Chemical Financial Corporation, went public. Gary and two other senior executives had to travel to a number of cities and meet with different investors, to raise the funds necessary to make their bank a public company. Their travel agent was aware of Gary's religious needs, and he arranged for kosher meals and transportation to *minyanim* for the entire trip.

The most important meeting was with a multi-billion-dollar investment fund, in a city which didn't have much of an Orthodox community. The meeting was scheduled for 7:30 AM, and the earliest Shacharis in town was at six.

Gary's ride took him to the *minyan* as scheduled, and he arrived promptly at 6 AM. When he arrived, there were only four other men in the *shul*. He began to worry about his meeting. He wasn't worried about whether they would get a *minyan* or not; he was worried about being the tenth man and not being able to leave in time to make it to the 7:30 meeting! The fellow sitting next to him in *shul* noticed that he was anxious, and he told him not to worry—the *minyan* was on its way.

But Gary's fears were well-founded. He was number ten, and the *minyan* got off to a very late start. They did not manage to finish until 7:35. Gary quickly hopped into the car that was waiting for him, and made his way to the meeting. The *shul* was nowhere near the place of the meeting, and it took him 45 minutes to get there. At 8:20, a full 50 minutes late, he walked into the meeting, feeling very embarrassed and self-conscious.

Much to his relief, the meeting had not yet begun. His team was waiting for the head of the investment group, who had experienced a delay. Gary quickly took out his papers and got ready for the meeting.

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Only a few minutes later, the man in charge of the investment group walked in. It was the fellow who had sat next to Gary in Shul! He gave Gary a big, familiar smile as he walked to his seat. As soon as he sat down, he declared, "We're in!"

This is the message of the manna: We may need to work for our livelihood, but ultimately, it comes from Hashem.

Work used to be nine-to-five, and bringing work home was very uncommon. Today we live in a generation of mobile offices and work communication via email. Bringing work home has become the expectation of most employers. So now we have to be extra vigilant to set aside time for Torah study and mitzvos. And when the *yetzer harah* (the evil inclination) reminds us that we could really use that overtime pay, we must remember the manna, and remember the words of the prophet Jeremiah: "Hashem has many messengers."

If you spend your time studying Torah and performing mitzvos, Hashem will send you your overtime pay in other ways.

Good Shabbos,

Rabbi Yosef Alt