

CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM

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February 7-8, 2020 / 13 Shevat, 5780 / Shabbos Beshalach
Mincha: 5:50p / Candle Lighting: 5:47p / Shabbos Ends 6:56p

SHABBATON this Shabbos is generously sponsored by Josh & Lisa Rothstein. **KIDDUSH** this Shabbos is sponsored by the Board of CTC in honor of Rabbi Yaakov Wolbe. **SHALOSH SEUDOS** this Shabbos is sponsored by Ehoud & Shoshana Wilson for a Refuah Shelaim for their son, Itay ben Shoshana.

Please contact Rabbi Yaakov Rich at 972-835-6016 if you are interested in sponsoring kiddush or shalosh seudos in the future.

■ SHABBOS SCHEDULE

Friday Night, February 7th

- » Mincha/Maariv-5:50p
- » Shabbos Candle Lighting-5:47p
- » Oneg Shabbos at the Rich home, 7119 Bremerton Ct., Dallas 75252, 9 PM with Rabbi Yaakov Wolbe: **Reflections of a Grandson: Stories, Anecdotes, and Lessons of My Grandfather, Rabbi Shlomo Wolbe zt"l (for men & women).** *Sponsored by Ben & Lauren Nise for \$250*

Shabbos Day, February 8th

- » Shacharis-8:30a
- » 11:30 AM speech following Kiddush with Rabbi Yaakov Wolbe. **Prayer: Discovering and Harnessing Your Superpower (for men & women)** *Sponsorship Available (Your Name/Dedication Here) \$250*
- » Mincha/Shalosh Seudos for men & women-5:30p
- » Speech at Shalosh Seudos. **Bread of Angels: Absorbing and Digesting the Lessons of the Manna.** (for men & women) *Sponsorship Available (Your Name/Dedication Here) \$250*
- » **Maariv/Shabbos Ends-6:49p**
- » Melava Malka 8:30 PM at the home of Josh & Lisa Rothstein, 7108 Bremerton Ct., Dallas, 75252: **Birthing an Empire of Torah in the Holy Land: The Chazon Ish and the Founding of the Israeli Yeshiva World** *Sponsorship Available (Your Name/Dedication Here) \$250*

■ WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

- » Sunday Shacharis-8:00a
- » Weekday Maariv-8:15p
- » Weekday Shacharis-6:40a

■ REFUAH SHELAIMA

Men

- » Menachmen Mendel ben Soroh (Father of Abraham Lewinson)
- » Dovid Chaim ben Tzippora (BIL of Yitzchok Ellis)
- » Shimon Yehuda ben Rivka Yittel (Grandson Phyllis Laviertes)
- » Yisrael Ezra ben Rachel (Father of Lisa Rothstein)
- » Daniel ben Chaya Bluma (Father of Tami Ellis)
- » Yechezkel Yehuda ben Asnah Shaynah (Howard Denmark)
- » Matan Rafael Nasanel ben Esther (Matan Elfenbein)
- » Itai ben Shoshana (Son of Ehoud & Shoshana Wilson)

Women

- » Chana bas Hendel (Friend of Yale Bodenheimer)
- » Rivka Rochel bas Bluma Hinda (Tami Ellis)
- » Sorah bas Chana Rivkah (Step mother of Suzanne Luftig)
- » Tikva bas Salima (Tikva Zbolon)
- » Necha bas Leah (see Irwin Harris)
- » Leah Esther bas Yenta Leah (Lori Jarmel)
- » Yenta Leah bas Shayna (Mother of Lori Jarmel)

■ WHAT'S NU

- » **Welcome to Rabbi Yaakov Wolbe of Houston for a Shabbaton.**
- » **NEW Community Website: DOJLife.com: Dallas Orthodox Life & Living: Dallas Orthodox Jewish Community Is Exploding** Dallas is growing. Dallas Orthodox Jewish Life is vibrant. Communities are expanding. New communities are developing. The children are growing up, getting married and starting their own families. Shuls are expanding their shiurim and other programs. Businesses are opening and expanding their services. Ev-

ery week more signs go up announcing upcoming events, more announcements of engagements and other simchas. Keeping track of everything going on can be quite tricky.

An Amazing New Tool For You We are now introducing the Dallas Orthodox Jewish Community website, DOJLife.com. It's about uniting all parts of Dallas Orthodox Jewish Life. We've created one site for organization listings, community calendars, news, classifieds, gemachs, etc. One site designed with everyone in mind.

Here You Will Find Announcements: Births, Deaths, Engagements, Bar/Bas Mitzvahs, Graduations, and more | Schools, Shuls, Eruvin, and more | Kosher Dallas: Restaurants & Caterers | Classifieds & Gemachs | Calendars: Tefillah, Classes & Events

What We Need From You We want you to be informed. We want you to feel connected. We want you to be ambassadors for those looking to move to our community. We want one way to contact the entire Dallas Orthodox Jewish Community. But, we need you to opt-in to our email list in order to accomplish all of this.

One Click Away Click DOJLife.com newsletter page where you will be asked to subscribe to our email list. Please insert your email and join the growing list of DOJLife.com subscribers. By the way, you can unsubscribe at any time from the bottom of any email you receive from us, but we hope you will like receiving community announcements for life cycle events, shul happenings, and more.

All About Us DOJLife.com is not just a community site; it's our Dallas Orthodox Jewish Life community's site. With our commitment to servicing the Dallas community on a whole and as individuals, we hope to be an invaluable source of information and knowledge that everyone can benefit from.

Participating Shuls

Nusach Ashkenaz: Congregation Ohev Shalom, Congregation Ohr HaTorah, Congregation Shaare Tefilla, Congregation Toras Chaim (CTC), DATA - Dallas Area Torah Association, DATA of Plano, Jewish Learning Center (JLC)

Nusach Ari: Chabad of Plano, Chabad of Dallas, The Intown Chabad

Sephardic: Sephardic Torah Center of Dallas (STCD), Young Israel of Dallas

- » **Shmura Matzo Online Order Form from Kosher Palate:** Over the last 2 years, Kosher Palate has worked tirelessly to provide the Dallas Jewish community with the largest selection of and the best prices on kosher foods. We have adapted and improved our quality control and strive to bring you the very best in kosher. Pesach is just around the corner, we have compiled a list of shmura matzo available for pre-order. We will be carrying extras in the store, but pre-ordering is the best way the least expensive way to ensure that everyone can properly fulfill this Mitzvah. Click on the link <https://secure.bevelpay.com/pay/5nkt6jxh013f0rktb/ZZqIAHKf>

■ CLOSER TO THE SOURCE: RABBI LABEL LAM

And Hashem said to Moshe; "Behold I shall rain down to you food from heaven; let the people go out and pick each day's portion on its day so that I can test them, whether they will follow my teaching or not." (Shemos 16:5)

What's the big test about the manna? After it falls every day we know with certainty and confidence that we are on a definite meal plan. As Alfred E. Newman said, "What, us worry?"

The Mishna of Yoma discusses the laws of Yom Kippur and outlines the procedure of the famous scapegoat whose destiny and purpose it was to be thrown off the cliff in the dessert. The person leading the goat had certain designated stops he needed to make along the way and at each tent they told him, "We have bread and we have water." The commentaries ask, "Why does he need to know about bread and water if it's Yom Kippur, a fast day and he's forbidden to eat?" The answer is that because it is a fast day and he is heading out to the dessert where there is no food and water he might get more and more hungry knowing that he's getting farther and farther from a food source. When they tell him that there is food and drink available they are helping to lessen his appetite. This psychological concept is known as "bread in the basket". We generally feel more secure and we are less hungry when we have real food on hand.

The Sanzer Rav, however, used to empty his house of money every night before going to sleep, distributing whatever was there to the local poor before retiring. One night, he was disturbed from his sleep. He searched the house and found that someone (his wife) had hid some money in a jar. He immediately went out and found a poor person to give the money to and was able to sleep that night.

The Chovos Halevavos, in The Gate of Humility, tells us that wealth is a greater test than poverty. For thousands of years, though, people have been crying, "Test me!" It's not so easy. He writes that wealth is given for three reasons; 1) As a reward 2) As a test. 3) As a punishment. He gives symptoms to indicate which of the three categories our personal wealth falls into. 1) If a person has more time to learn and resources to perform mitzvos then the money came as a blessing. It is a reward of a mitzvah that generates more mitzvos. 2) If the person is busy managing and maintaining his money then it is clearly a test. He can neither spend on himself or others. It is there to be protected and managed all day, every day. 3) If someone becomes more indulgent and self-destructive because of wealth then it is certainly given as a punishment.

Once in my life I bought a lottery ticket for 180 Million Dollars from a friend who went to Florida specifically to purchase them and resell them for a charity raffle. I went to sleep that night wondering what I would do if I actually won. By the time my mind had finished wandering, I was totally occupied with trying to expand the amount to meet charity and family commitments and deeply saddened about the portion that would have to go to the government for taxes. I was never in such a poor and needy state of mind before in my life. The next day when I realized that I didn't win, I was greatly relieved. I felt rich again.

Although our natural desire for security drives us to squirrel mass quantities of blue chip nuts, the temptation to rely on that cache may lead to a greater sense of lack. The Sanzer Rav lived as the generation of the dessert. He went out to collect his portion of manna daily. The promise of tomorrow's loaf was as real as "The Giver" and worth more than any crumb or coin of today.

The whole Jewish Nation lived like the Sanzer Rav for forty years in the dessert. Their real life experience tested them on this concept and trained them to trust the hand that fed them daily. How many loaves, then, does one need in the basket? How many guaranteed tomorrows do we need in the bank? How many daily meals must be dutifully delivered to our doorstep before the psychological need for visible security is obviated by an emerging sense that we are moving not farther away from the food basket, as we journey, but closer to the source.

■ PARSHA Q&A: BESHALACH

1. What percentage of the Jewish People died during the plague of darkness? 13:18 - Eighty percent (four-fifths).
2. Why did the oath that Yosef administered to his brothers apply to Moshe's generation? 13:19 - Yosef made his brothers swear that they would make their children swear.
3. Why did the Egyptians want to pursue the Jewish People? 14:5 - To regain their wealth.
4. Where did the Egyptians get animals to pull their chariots? 14:7 - From those Egyptians who feared the word of G-d and kept their animals inside during the plagues.
5. What does it mean that the Jewish People "took hold of their fathers' craft" (tafsu umnut avotam)? 14:10 - They cried out to G-d.
6. How did G-d cause the wheels of the Egyptian chariots to fall off? 14:25 - He melted them with fire.
7. Why were the dead Egyptians cast out of the sea? 14:30 - So that the Jewish People would see the destruction of the Egyptians and be assured of no further pursuit.
8. To what future time is the verse hinting when it uses the future tense of "Then Moshe and Bnei Yisrael will sing"? 15:1 - Resurrection of the dead during the time of mashiach.
9. Why are the Egyptians compared to stone, lead, and straw? 15:5 - The wickedest ones floated like straw, dying slowly. The average ones suffered less, sinking like stone. Those still more righteous sunk like lead, dying immediately.
10. The princes of Edom and Moav had nothing to fear from the Jewish People. Why, then, were they "confused and gripped with trembling"? 15:14 - They felt horrible seeing Israel in a state of glory.
11. Moshe foretold that he would not enter the Land of Israel. Which word in the parsha indicates this? 15:17 - "T'vi-aimo ..." -- "Bring them" (and not "bring us").
12. Why is Miriam referred to as "Aharon's sister" and not as "Moshe's sister"? 15:20 - Aharon put himself at risk for her when she was struck with tzara'at. (See Bamidbar 12:12)
13. The Jewish women trusted that G-d would grant the Jewish People a miraculous victory over the Egyptians. How do we see this? 15:20 - They brought musical instruments with them in preparation for the miraculous victory celebration.
14. Which sections of the Torah did the Jewish People receive at Marah? 15:25 - Shabbat, Red Heifer, Judicial Laws.
15. When did Bnei Yisrael run out of food? 16:1 - 15th of Iyar.
16. What lesson in derech erez concerning the eating of meat is taught in this week's Parsha? 16:8 - One should not eat meat to the point of satiety.

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■ CLASSES

» Gemara Bava Kama for men (M-Fr, 6-6:40A)

» Professional's Kollel-9:00A-11:00A

» 30 Mins Gemara Shiur-30 mins before Mincha Sun-Wed

» Gemara Sota for men (Sunday-Wednesday 8:30P)

» Ein Yaakov for Men: Thursday nights 7:45P

» Chumash for men & women (Shabbos: Check Schedule)

» Beis Medrash Learning for men including "Shabbos Malkusa" Chaburah-(Shabbos: Check Schedule)