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# Shabbos Parshas Behar

## FRIDAY NIGHT, MAY 24TH

- » Candles 8:08 PM
- » Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 7:00 PM

## SHABBOS DAY, MAY 25TH

- » Shacharis followed by Kiddush 8:30 AM
- » 15-min Pirkei Avos Shiur for Women following Kiddush
- » Women & Children S"Y 6:00 - 7:30 PM
- » Abudraham on Tefilla for Men & Women with Rabbi Avraham Chaim Bloomenstiel 7:10 PM
- » Mincha 7:55 PM
- » Sunset 8:27 PM
- » Talmud Shiur: Gemara Avoda Zara following Mincha
- » Maariv 9:09 PM
- » Shabbos Ends 9:17 PM

**A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "DO YOUR WORK WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART, AND YOU WILL SUCCEED - THERE'S SO LITTLE COMPETITION."**

## REFUAH SHELAIMA

### Men

- » Yaakov Yehoshua ben Perel Soroh (Son of Friend of Dovid Teitlebaum)
- » Hillel ben Simcha (Jeff Lubin)
- » Daniel Ze'ev ben Miriam (Brother of Josh Rothstein)
- » Yitzchak ben Yocheved (BIL of Moshe Bush)

### Women

- » Sipke Grune bas Lillian (Mother of Jeff Luftig)
- » Tali bas Aviva (Daughter of Aviva Bass)
- » Shoshana Gittel bas Chaya Leah (Sister of Naomi Goldberg)
- » Naama bas Devorah Miriam (Granddaughter of Rabbi & Rebbetzin Rich)
- » Rena Esther bas Yaffa Gita (Friend of Yael Bodenheimer)
- » Chana bas Hendel (Friend Of Yael Bodenheimer)

## SHABBOS KIDDUSH SPONSORED BY

- » Rhone Ibale on the Yahrzeit of his father, Godofredo Ibale and by the members of the 12 PM Amud HaYomi Zom Shiur on the siyum of Masechta Brachos.

## CTC SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH (Week of May 26, 2024)

### Men

- » Gemara Bava Kama, Mon - Fri, 6:00 - 6:30 AM

## » Shacharis, 6:30 AM

- » Amud HaYomi Sanhedrin: Sunday - Friday, 12 - 1 PM, On Zoom with Rabbi Yaakov Rich. Email Rabbi Rich for the link.
- » Marriage Chabura for men, Sun, 7:45 - 8:15 PM
- » Mesillas Yesharim, Mon - Thur 7:45 - 8:15 PM
- » **Mincha/Halacha/Maariv, Sun - Wed, 8:15-8:50 PM**
- » Gemara Bava Basra, Sunday - Wednesday, following Maariv for 30 minutes
- » NEW: CTC Beis Medrash in conjunction with Dallas Kollel, Thursdays following 8:15 PM Mincha for one hour, followed by Maariv and refreshments.

### Women

- » Parsha Shiur for Women with Rabbi Michael Bodenheimer, Sundays, 8:00 - 8:30 PM

## CTC LAG B'OMER BBQ, SUNDAY, MAY 26

- » at CTC, 7103 Mumford Ct., Dallas 75252. \$15 per person, \$36 per family.

## REBUILDING PROJECT by Marshall Lestz.

*(We are excited to share this column with you each Shabbos in the spirit of helping to repair our relationships and thereby contribute to rebuilding the Beis HaMikdash.)*

## BBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBB!

THIS IS A TEST. This is only a test ... of the emergency broad perspective system. For the next 60 seconds you will fully realize and accept with great clarity and relief that things are exactly like they're supposed to be. Your expectations of the way you want things to turn out will be replaced by the way things actually DO turn out. And you will be perfectly okay with this. Because for the next 60 seconds you willingly concede control to the Creator of the Universe (who actually has control anyway).

Although it feels scary, you will let the Creator and Sustainer of time, space, the universe, and your refrigerator that's on the fritz do whatever He sees fit. He loves you and has your best interest in mind; therefore, you will allow yourself to trust that whatever happens is for your ultimate good. (But I can't! Yes you can.)

For the next 60 seconds, you will feel liberated, whole and at peace. You will feel completely taken care of. You will allow your muscles to unclench, your mind to relax, and your worries to drift away.

With great serenity, you will embrace the life-transforming perspective that life is a test... It is only a test.

If this had been a real emergency, then everything that has been said...

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would still apply.

This concludes today's test of the emergency broad perspective system. Unless ... you want it to continue. That is entirely up to you.

Have a centered and balanced day, everybody.

Keep on Building!

## **TIDBITS**

Lag Ba'omer begins this Motzaei Shabbos, May 25th is. The restrictions of the Sefirah Aveilus period are relaxed on Lag Ba'omer (additionally, for those who observed the "first half" this marks the end of their aveilus period). Many Poskim allow haircuts and shaving on Friday, May 24th in honor of Shabbos (although many do not extend this leniency to Thursday evening). Speak to your Rav. Many poskim do not allow listening to music until the morning of Lag Ba'omer. The Rema writes that the custom is to have a moderate increase in joy on this day. This day is the *yahrzeit* of Rabi Shimon bar Yochai. As well, this is the day when the students of Rabi Akiva stopped dying and is also the date when Rabi Akiva ordained his new generation of students.

Tzidkascha is omitted at Mincha on Shabbos. Tachanun is omitted on Lag Ba'omer. After shekiah on the evening of Lag Ba'omer, one should refrain from saying "tonight is Lag Ba'omer" until after counting Sefirah. However, if one inadvertently said "tonight is Lag Ba'omer", he may still count that night (and beyond) with a berachah.

Friday, May 24th, marks 30 days since we began reciting V'sein Beracha in place of V'sein Tal u'Matar. After this point one is halachically considered to be accustomed to saying V'sein Beracha. Therefore, beginning with Maariv on Motzaei Shabbos, May 25th, one who is unsure if he davened correctly does not repeat Shemoneh Esrei.

Sefirah: On Friday night we count the 32nd day of the omer.

As the precarious situation in Eretz Yisrael continues, each person should increase reciting tehillim and performing other mitzvos as a *zechus* for the many *Acheinu* Beis Yisrael in travail and captivity as well as for the soldiers in battle.

Shavuot is on Wednesday and Thursday, June 12th-13th.

BEHAR: The laws of Shemittah and Yovel • Selling and redeeming ancestral properties and homes • Helping impoverished Jews • The Jew who is sold

as a slave • We are slaves of Hashem who took us out of Mitzrayim • See Taryag Section for a complete review

Haftarah: The Parasha discusses the laws of redeeming land in Eretz Yisrael from a purchaser. This chapter in Yirmiyah (32:6-27) takes place during the siege of Yerushalayim by Nevuchadnetzar. Despite Klal Yisrael being under immediate threat of exile, Hashem commands Yirmiyah to redeem his uncle's field. Yirmiyah's act displayed for all to see that despite the impending exile the land would ultimately be redeemed and the nation would return there.

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1-4) Do not work the field or trees or harvest aftergrowth or fruits during the Shemittah year. 5) Sanhedrin should count the years of Shemittah and Yovel. 6) Blow Shofar on Yom Kippur of the Yovel year. 7) Beis Din shall sanctify the Yovel year. 8-10) Do not work the field or trees during Yovel, or harvest aftergrowth or fruits. 11) Utilize halachic modes of acquisition. 12) Do not overcharge or defraud. 13) Do not harass or embarrass another. 14) Do not sell land in Eretz Yisrael in perpetuity. 15) Return all lands to their original owners at Yovel. 16) Right of redemption for one year on sold property in a walled city. 17) Do not alter the usage of properties of the Levi'im. 18) Do not lend with interest. 19-21) Do not employ or sell a Jewish slave in a degrading manner, but rather as a regular employee. 22) Retain your gentile slave. 23) Prevent a Jewish slave from mistreatment by a gentile overlord. 24) Do not prostrate on a stone floor.

Do not give him your money for interest (Vayikra 25:37)

Students of the Tchebiner Rav once lent money to a local merchant with interest, using a *heter iska* (a halachic leniency that structures a typical loan as a business partnership). Unfortunately, the merchant fell on hard times and it became clear that the students' loan would not be repaid. The distraught students consulted the Tchebiner Rav about the matter. The Tchebiner Rav related to them that his father, the Kochav MiYaakov, noted that the language of our *pasuk* "Do not give your money for interest" seems incorrect. Should it not read "Do not lend your money for interest"?

The Kochav MiYaakov explained that when one loans money with interest, there is a real chance that his funds will be lost; those monies will thus be 'given' and lost to the borrower. In contrast, the *pasuk* in Mishlei (19:16) says "He who is generous to the poor makes a loan to Hashem; He will repay him his due". One who lends money to the poor without interest is assured that he will be repaid his due by Hashem Almighty - surely the safest investment possible.