

CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM WISHES YOU A WONDERFUL

# Shabbos Parshas Eikev

## FRIDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 23RD

- » Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 7:00 PM
- » Candles 7:44 PM
- » Shabbos Begins 8:02 PM
- » Oneg Shabbos at the Rich home, 7119 Bremerton Ct., Dallas, 75252, together with 11 SEED boys, plus our very special guest for Shabbos, Rabbi Meir Riber, Rosh Kollel in Philadelphia, PA and the Riber family.

## SHABBOS DAY, AUGUST 24TH

- » 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
- » SEED Learning with CTC Men - 6:30 PM
- » Mincha 7:30 PM
- » Sunset 8:01 PM
- » Talmud Shiur: Gemara Avoda Zara following Mincha
- » Maariv 8:43 PM
- » Shabbos Ends (50 min) 8:51 PM
- » Rabbeinu Tam (72 min) 9:13 PM

**A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "DON'T LET BEING PERFECT STOP YOU FROM BEING GOOD."**

## REFUAH SHELAIMA

### Men

- » 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)
- » Chana bas Hendel (Friend Of Yael Bodenheimer)

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- » Elazar & Hadassah Bauer.

## CTC SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH (Week of Aug 18, 2024)

**SEED is here for the next two weeks. This week Mincha 7:40 PM followed by SEED Beis Medrash. Maariv 8:40 PM**

- » Gemara Zevachim, 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, 7:30 - 8:00 PM
- » Mesillas Yesharim, Mon - Thur 7:30 - 8:00 PM
- » **CTC Beis Medrash in conjunction with Dallas Kollel, is off for the months of Av.**

### Women

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

## 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.)*

## THE MOST IRONIC PHRASE IN THE WORLD

There's an expression we're all familiar with that's commonly used when interacting with someone who's being really stubborn... like when they're defending a point that's objectively wrong, bickering just for the sake of bickering, or keep persisting with some behavior even if it's bothering people. The phrase is, "Just grow up." We've all been there before-- we've tried to reason with someone... and they're just not giving in. We're finally at a loss of words, and we say or think, "Just grow up."

Perhaps we can take these frustrating situations and elevate them with a very simple Rebuilder twist. We know that Hashem brings people like this into our lives for our ultimate good... like to help us become more aware of character traits that need to be developed, or to actually work on those character traits by dealing with these difficult situations as peacefully as possible. So the great irony is that we're telling the other person, "Just grow up," while Hashem is telling us, "Just grow up!" Hashem is encouraging us and nurturing us by giving us a golden opportunity to grow!

So now when the words "Just grow up" cross our minds, they can prompt us to completely flip things around. We can go from focusing on the other person's frustrating behavior to focusing on our reaction to their behavior. The interaction suddenly becomes a divinely orchestrated opportunity to grow. And who knows? Our change in attitude might even motivate the other person to stop being so stubborn. And wouldn't that be cool? Because instead of telling the other person to "grow up", our own upgraded behavior actually influences him to do so.

Have a growth-filled day everybody. Keep on Building!

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## TIDBITS

Parashas Eikev • August 24th • 20 Av 5784

As the precarious situation in Eretz Yisrael unfortunately 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.

Make sure to call your parents, in-laws, grandparents and Rabbi to wish them a good Shabbos. If you didn't speak to your kids today, make sure to connect with them as well!

Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Elul is next Shabbos, Parashas Re'eh, August 31st.

Rosh Chodesh Elul is on Tuesday & Wednesday, September 3rd-4th.

EIKEV: If you follow Hashem's commandments, He will display His love for you and bless you • Do not be afraid of the nations • The nations of Canaan will be uprooted little by little to save you from the peril of wild animals • Do not be enticed by idols; destroy them completely • Remember these forty years • Remember the Mann - and that it is not food but Hashem's word that sustains man • Hashem's chastisements are those of a loving father • Hashem is bringing you to a good land especially blessed with the Shivas Haminim • Bircas Hamazon • Don't forget Hashem when you prosper; recognize that everything is from Hashem • If you follow idols, Hashem will utterly destroy you • The great nations will be destroyed because of their wickedness and not due to your righteousness • Remember how you constantly provoked Hashem these past forty years (e.g., at Taveira, Masah, Kivros HaTaavah and Kadeish Barnei'a) • When I witnessed the idol worship of the Eigel, I shattered the Luchos • Only through intense prayer were you spared from Hashem's wrath • The Second Luchos • "Now Israel, what is it that G-d demands of you..." • Everything belongs to Hashem, yet He delights only in you, the offspring of the forefathers • Love and fear Hashem with all your hearts • All of you saw Hashem's miracles with your own eyes • If you will listen to Hashem, the land will flourish; otherwise you will suffer (V'haya Im Shamo) • If you will carefully heed the words of Hashem, you will triumph!

Haftarah: The haftarah begins with lamenting Hashem's apparent abandonment of His nation; forgetting His chosen people. The pesukim, however, continue to explain that Hashem never forsakes His nation and ultimately happiness and joy will return to Zion. (Yeshaya 49:15-51:3)

Parashas Eikev: 111 Pesukim • 6 Obligations • 2 Prohibitions

1) Do not derive benefit from adornments of avodah zarah. 2) Do not derive benefit from avodah zarah or its accessories and do not bring them into your property. 3) Recite Bircas Hamazon after a 'filling' meal. 4) Love the Ger. 5) Fear G-d. 6) Serve G-d through Tefillah and praise. 7) Attach yourself to Torah scholars and benefit them. 8) When swearing an oath or promise, do so in Hashem's name.

Mitzvah Highlight: Through davening we inculcate within ourselves a recognition of Hashem's existence and His benevolence in providing for us. This recognition, in and of itself, brings about blessing (Sefer HaChinuch).

"Perhaps you will say in your heart, 'These nations are more numerous than I; how will I be able to drive them out?' Do not fear them, you shall remember what Hashem your G-d did to Pharaoh and Mitzrayim" (Devarim 7:17-18)

The importance of believing in Hashem and not fearing our enemies is a basic tenet of our faith, as is recalling the miraculous redemption from Mitzrayim. Why does the Torah command here specifically in response to those questioning the nation's ability to conquer the land?

Rav Moshe Feinstein zt"l explains that in essence one would think that having experienced so many great miracles in Mitzrayim, as well as in the desert, the nation's faith in Hashem would be strong. Yet in truth, without internalizing the miracles, man's nature is to be weak in faith, to the extent that even a witness to the miracles will question Hashem's future actions. To this end, the Torah implores a person to work on his faith by remembering Hashem and recalling the great miracles we saw in Mitzrayim. This will internalize his faith in Hashem to the point where no adversary can make him feel threatened. While it may be true that there are no atheists in a foxhole, true believers may not be present either. True emunah and bitachon come from a person training himself to recognize Hashem and His total control overall.