

CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM WISHES YOU A WONDERFUL

Shabbos Parshas VaEschanan

FRIDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 8

- » Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 7:00 PM
- » Candles 8:13 PM
- » Sunset 8:31 PM

SHABBOS DAY, AUGUST 9

- » **SHACHARIS FOLLOWED BY KIDDUSH 8 AM**
- » 15-min Pirkei Avos Shiur for Women and Kedushas Levi Chabura for Men following Kiddush
- » Women & Children S"Y 6 PM
- » Mincha 7:50 PM
- » Sunset 8:18 PM
- » Maariv 9:00 PM
- » Shabbos Ends (50 min) 9:08 PM
- » Rabbeinu Tam (72 min) 9:30 PM

A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "EVERYTHING IS WITHIN YOUR POWER AND YOUR POWER IS WITHIN YOU."

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Men

- » Daniel Ze'ev ben Miriam (Brother of Josh Rothstein)

Women

- » Devorah bas Heni (Friend of Aviva Bass)
- » Shoshana Gittel bas Chaya Leah (Sister of Naomi Goldberg)
- » Chana bas Hendel (Friend Of Yael Bodenheimer)

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

- » Kiddush is sponsored by Yerachmiel & Shira Martin in honor of the SEED boys, with heartfelt appreciation for the way they enrich our kehilla through their Torah learning. We are also delighted to celebrate Nechama's 3rd birthday, which she marked on Friday.

WELCOME TO CLIFTON YESHIVA SEED BOYS

CTC SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH (Week of Aug 10, 2025)

- » 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 Chaburah (Sun), Mishnayos Shabbos (Mon-Thur) 7:30 PM
- » **Mincha/Maariv 8:00 PM**

TIDBITS

Parashas Va'eschanan - Nachamu • August 9th • 15 Av 5785

This Shabbos, August 9th, is Tu B'Av. Av Harachamim and Tzidkascha are omitted.

Several notable events took place on Tu B'Av:

- » The decree that the generation of the Midbar would die and not enter Eretz Yisrael was not carried out on those still alive in the 40th year.
- » The prohibition against women marrying outside of their shevet was lifted.
- » The prohibition enacted against Shevet Binyamin after the tragic episode of Pilegesh b'Givah was lifted.
- » Hoshea removed the guards that Yeravam had placed to prevent Bnei Yisrael from Aliyah Leregel to Yerushalayim.
- » During the beginning of the Second Beis HaMikdash, the annual wood quota needed for that winter's korbanos was filled.
- » The Roman occupiers permitted burial of the victims of the massacre at Beitar during the Bar Kochba rebellion. Miraculously, the bodies had not decomposed, despite exposure to the elements for possibly a year.
- » The single women of Yerushalayim would dress in white and dance in the vineyards seeking to attract appropriate shidduchim.

The minhag of most Ashkenazi congregations is to stand when the Aseres HaDibros are read during Kerias HaTorah of Parashas Va'eschanan. Most Sephardic congregations are particular not to follow this practice.

The haftarah of "Nachamu Nachamu Ami" is leined. This is the first in a series of seven haftaros known as the Shivasa D'nechemta, the seven haftaros of consolation.

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levana is at 10:43 PM on Friday night, August 8th.

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 Nachamu is Shabbos Parasha Va'eschanan, August 9th and

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is also Tu B'Av.

Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Elul is in two weeks Shabbos Parashas Re'eh.

Rosh Chodesh Elul is on Sunday & Monday, August 24th-25th.

Va'eschanan: Hashem denies Moshe's (515!) pleas to be allowed to enter Eretz Yisrael • Do not add to or subtract from the commandments • Torah wisdom will make you great in the eyes of the nations • No nation is as close to Hashem as you are • Remember how the nation stood at Har Sinai • Hashem took you out of Mitzrayim to be His special people and to serve no one but Him • Hashem will not forsake you in exile because of His covenant • Never has any nation been shown miracles like those you have witnessed nor survived being addressed by Hashem • Hashem is supreme and there is nothing besides Him • Moshe sets aside three cities of refuge east of the Yarden • The Aseres HaDibros • Shema Yisrael • The mitzvah of Ahavas Hashem • Tefillin and Mezuzah • Do not forget Hashem amidst plenty • Transmit the story of the Exodus to your children • Destroy the nations of the land; don't mingle with them or learn from them • You are a holy nation to Hashem • Hashem is generous to those who love Him and keep His mitzvos • Hashem punishes His enemies

Haftarah: The haftarah of Nachamu (Yeshaya 40:1-26) relays not only the consolation over the churban, but also foretells the consolation the nation will experience in the future, following instances of pain and destruction. Despite endless persecution, "Netzach Yisrael lo yishaker", our nation continues to survive, constantly rejuvenated through solace ordained from Above.

Parashas Va'eschanan: 118 Pesukim • 8 Obligations • 4 Prohibitions

1) Do not covet another's possessions. 2) Accept the yoke of Heaven. 3) Love Hashem. 4) Set aside time to study Torah. 5) Recite Krias Shema twice daily. 6-7) Wear tefillin on the arm and head. 8) Affix mezuzos to your doorposts. 9) Do not suspect an accepted Navi of falsifying a prophecy. 10) Conquer and destroy the Seven Nations that inhabit Canaan. 11) Do not be overly gracious or grant gifts to idol worshipers. 12) Do not intermarry with the Seven Nations.

Mitzvah Highlight: The Chinuch says that it is within the power of man to quash thoughts and pangs of jealousy that come to him, as one's heart and mind are, in fact, under a person's control.

Be comforted, be comforted My people (Haftarah of Shabbos Nachamu - Yeshaya 40:1)

The Yalkut Shimoni (Yeshaya 443) relates that the greatest Nevi'im attempted to console Klal Yisrael after the churban, as did the Avos and Moshe Rabbeinu, to no avail. Only once Hashem joined personally in comforting them were they comforted. Comfort them together with Me.

Surely, the nation was trusting of the words of the great Nevi'im; why then was it necessary for Hashem personally to comfort them?

Rav Yeruchem Olshin shlit"a quotes the Maharal (Netzach Yisrael 9) that explains that the churban and resulting exile are a result of the breakdown in the relationship between Hashem and His chosen nation. The various sins only resulted in galus once it reached a point where the covenant and connection were considered broken. According to this approach, Rav Shneur Kotler zt"l explains, that in essence, the devastation of galus felt by the nation was the separation from the Almighty. Therefore, for the words of consolation to be appreciated, they needed to hear from Hashem Himself that the relationship and closeness will be attained once again.

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