

Parshas Beshalach

FRIDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 30

- » Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 5:40 PM
- » Candles 5:39 PM
- » Sunset 5:57 PM

SHABBOS DAY, JANUARY 31

- » **Shacharis 8 AM followed by Kiddush at the home of Rabbi & Rebbetzin Rich, 7119 Bremerton Ct. Men & Women are encouraged to come.**
- » 15-min Pirkei Avos Shiur for Women and Kedushas Levi Chabura for Men following Kiddush
- » **Parsha Deep-Dive** with Rabbi Yaakov Rich in Rich home 4:45 PM
- » Women & Children S"S at Rich Canceled this Shabbos
- » Mincha 5:30 PM
- » Sunset 5:58 PM
- » Maariv 6:40 PM
- » Shabbos Ends (50 min) 6:48 PM
- » Rabbeinu Tam (72 min) 7:11 PM

A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "REMEMBER TO NOT BUILD WALLS IN THE PLACES WHERE YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO BUILD BRIDGES."

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Men

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

Women

- » Layah Leilech bas Shulamis (Friend of Shira Martin)
- » Devorah bas Heni (Friend of Aviva Bass)
- » Shoshana Gittel bas Chaya Leah (Sister of Naomi Goldberg)

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

- » Kiddush is sponsored by Jeff and Deena Roth in honor of their 36th wedding anniversary.

CTC SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH (Week of Feb 1, 2026)

- » 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.

- » Shemone Perakim 7:30 PM
- » Maariv 8:00 PM
- » Mishnayos Shabbos (Sun-Thur) 8:15 PM

TIDBITS

Parshas Beshalach • January 31st • 13 Shevat 5786

Tu BiShvat, the 15th day of the month of Shevat (Tu is an acronym for tes-vav, the numerical equivalent of 15), is this Monday, February 2nd. Tu BiShvat marks the New Year for trees. In honor of this day, many have the custom to eat fruits from trees, with some specifically eating fruit of the shivas haminim or a "new fruit" that carries the requirement to recite a beracha of shehecheyanu. Reciting a shehecheyanu on fruits that are available year round may be questionable; consult your Rav. In addition, one should be cognizant of the issues of tola'im (insect) infestation in certain fruits.

Other minhagim include: some make a "seder" of sorts and eat fifteen different types of fruits, others eat esrog products on Tu BiShvat (Kaf Hachaim), and even daven for a beautiful esrog for the upcoming Succos (the Ben Ish Chai composed a special tefillah for this).

Tachanun is omitted on Tu BiShvat, as well as at minchah on Sunday, February 1st, the day prior.

Shabbos Parshas Beshalach is often referred to as Shabbos Shirah, as the Parashah contains the Shiras HaYam (Az Yashir, etc.). Many read the pesukim of the Shirah that contain Hashem's name with a special tune, and some have the custom to stand during this leining. In some congregations, the Shiras HaYam at the end of Pesukei d'Zimra is read aloud verse by verse.

There is a minhag to put out food for birds (according to many Poskim this may not be done on Shabbos itself). One reason for this is based on a tradition that birds sang Shiras HaYam along with B'nei Yisrael. Another explanation is that the birds consumed the mahn that Dasan and Aviram left to be found on Shabbos in their attempt to embarrass Moshe.

This week, the week of Parshas Beshalach, is the fourth week of ShovaVim.

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levana is early Monday morning, February 2nd at 2:07 AM EST.

Tu Bishvat is on Monday, February 2nd.

Shabbos Parshas Shekalim is in two weeks, Shabbos Parshas Mish-

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patim, February 14th, and is Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Adar as well.

Taanis Esther is on Monday, March 2nd.

Purim is on Tuesday, March 3rd.

BESHALACH: Hashem leads the B'nei Yisrael in a circuitous route from Egypt • Moshe retrieves Yosef's remains for transport from Egypt • B'nei Yisrael are led by a cloud-pillar by day and a fire-pillar by night • The Egyptians pursue B'nei Yisrael • B'nei Yisrael cry out; Moshe reassures them of their impending salvation • A malach and a pillar of clouds stand between them and the Egyptians • Krias Yam Suf (Splitting of the Sea) • The waters return and drown the Mitzrim • Shiras HaYam • Miriam's Shirah • B'nei Yisrael cannot find drinking water • Moshe sweetens Marah's bitter waters with a bitter(!) branch • B'nei Yisrael complain about the lack of food • The mahn • Mahn left over until the morning goes bad • Double mahn portion on Fridays • Some seek mahn on Shabbos and find nothing • Prohibition of leaving the techum on Shabbos • A portion of the mahn is put aside as a testimony for all generations • The people complain about not having water • Moshe strikes the rock; water pours out • Amalek attacks • Moshe commands Yehoshua to fight Amalek and Moshe davens • Declaration of war against Amalek is commanded for all generations

Haftarah: The Parashah discusses the miraculous salvation of Krias Yam Suf and the downfall of the wicked Pharaoh. This led to the song of praise and thanks to Hashem of "Az Yashir Moshe". The haftarah is Shiras Devorah, a song of praise to Hashem for the miraculous victory over the wicked Sisra. (Shoftim 4:4-5:31)

Parshas Beshalach: 116 Pesukim • 1 Prohibition

1) Do not leave the techum on Shabbos. Midoraysa, one may not travel beyond 12 mil (approx. 8 miles) outside his city. However, mid-erabanan, the techum is reduced to just 2000 amos (approx. of a mile). By making an Eruv Techumin, one can extend this boundary to one direction by an additional 2000 amos.

"This is my G-d and I will exalt Him" (Shemos 15:2)

Rashi states that during Krias Yam Suf there was a remarkable revelation of Hashem, and every Jew was able to sense His presence, point a finger and say "this is my G-d." Rashi continues that at this moment even a simple maid servant saw what Yechezkel Hanavi, one of the greatest nevi'im, did not merit to witness in his spiritual revelation

of the Maaseh Merkava. One may question that the revelation at the Maaseh Merkava was an indescribable event in a spiritual realm. How can this be compared to the physical phenomenon of the Splitting of the Sea?

Rav Yeruchem Levovitz zt"l (Daas Torah) explains that miracles do not merely facilitate salvation, but are a revelation of Hashem in this world. The revelation to Yechezkel of the Maaseh HaMerkava was an actual revelation of Hashem's Presence and His spiritual Omnipresence. Nevertheless, the revelation at the splitting of the sea was so strong that Hashem's presence was just as obvious.

It is perhaps for this reason that during Krias Hatorah of the Shiras HaYam, only the verses containing the name of Hashem are sung with a special niggun, as the recognition of Hashem is the ultimate purpose of this event. Often, stories and instances of hashgacha pratis (divine providence) engender feelings of amazement and awe. These instances should be recognized as a revelation of Hashem giving us a glimpse of His Presence in our lives, to further enhance our emunah and bitachon.