



Shabbos Nachamu, Parshas Vaeschanan 5786

FRIDAY NIGHT, JULY 24

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

SHABBOS DAY, JULY 25

- » **Shacharis 8:30 AM followed by Kiddush.**
- » 15-min Pirkei Avos Shiur for Women is canceled, but Kedushas Levi Chabura for Men is on following Kiddush.
- » Women & Children Shalosh Seudos at Rich Home Canceled.
- » **Gemara Avoda Zara** with Rabbi Yaakov Rich in shul canceled
- » Mincha followed by Shalosh Seudos in shul for men 8:00 PM
- » Sunset 8:31 PM
- » Maariv 9:13 PM
- » Shabbos Ends (50 min) 9:21 PM
- » Rabbeinu Tam (72 min) 9:44 PM

A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "EVERY DAY IS A SECOND CHANCE."

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Men

- » Yosef Lieb ben Golda Leah (Lisa Rothstein's Uncle)
- » Daniel Ze'ev ben Miriam (Brother of Josh Rothstein)

Women

- » Sipke Grune bas Lillian (Jeff Luftig's Mother)
- » Mazal bas Leah (Chen Glixman's Grandmother)
- » Hinda bas Pessie (Harriet Goldman)
- » Ester bas Sarah (Aunt of Yoseif Goldenberg)
- » 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 this Shabbos is sponsored by the members of the Guarantee Kiddush Club.

CTC SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH (Week of July 26, 2026)

- » Gemara Zevachim, Mon - Fri, 6:00-6:30 AM
- » **Shacharis, 6:30 AM followed by 5-min Mishna shiur**
- » Amud HaYomi Chullin: Sunday - Friday, 12 -1 PM, On Zoom with

Rabbi Yaakov Rich. Email Rabbi Rich for the link.

- » SEED Beis Medrash 7:15 PM
- » Mincha/Maariv 8:15 PM
- » Inspired Learning 8:45 PM
- » **Two Great Marriage Chaburos:** For Men, Sundays following Mincha; For Women, Sundays, 9 PM on a conference call. Contact Rebbetzin Susan Rich for the phone number and access code.

TIDBITS

Parashas Va'eschanan - Shabbos Nachamu • July 25th • 11 Av 5786

This Wednesday, July 29th, is Tu B'av. Tachanun is not recited on Tu B'av, and is also omitted at minchah on Tuesday, the day prior.

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 over 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 the series of seven haftaros known as the Shivasa D'nechemta, the seven haftaros of consolation.

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levana is Tuesday, July 28th.



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Tu B'Av is this Wednesday, July 29th.

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

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 worshippers. 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) who 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.