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## Shabbat Parshat Bechukotai

B”H

Friday, May 31st, 2019

26 Iyar, 5779

Candle lighting 8:02 PM

Mincha at 8:12 PM

### Shabbat Services

Tanya/soul maps	8:30 AM
Shacharit	9:00 AM
Jr. Congregation	10:45 AM-12:00 PM
Farbrengen	12:15 PM
Mincha	8:02 PM
Havdalah Service/Living Torah DVD of the Rebbe	9:04 PM

### Junior Congregation

10:45 am - 12 pm  
 PreK-Grade 2 (upstairs) - Mrs. Dina Klapper  
 Grades 3 - 6 (downstairs) - Chaya Mushka Shemtov, Aviva Laskin & Bella Rudoy

### NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday Tanya Learning	8:35 AM
Sunday Shacharit	8:45 AM
Mon Tanya Learning	6:45 AM
Mon Shacharit	6:55 AM
Tue <b>:Rosh Chodesh</b>	
Tanya Learning	6:35 AM
Tue Shacharit	6:45AM
Wed-Fri Tanya Learning	6:45 AM
Wed-Fri Shacharit	6:55 AM

### A TWEET TREAT FOR SHABBAT

Maybe evil just evolved that way.

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**FARBRENGEN:** this Shabbat Mevorchim is sponsored by Mark & Dorothy Oberman in loving memory of Mark's Father, **Eliyahu Chaim ben Mordechai Leib**, a Holocaust survivor, on the occasion of his 1st yearzeit; and Dorothy's father, **Ya'acov ben Shmuel**, a World War II veteran, on the occasion of his 13th yearzeit. May their neshamos have an aliyah.

And a big Thank YOU to the **Chai Club Sponsors** as well!

**MAZAL TOV:** to the High School graduates, we wish all of them Blessings and succes on their next step: **Ben Rudoy Westchester Hebrew High School; Dylan Zvi; Ilan Cohen ; Dinah Kalman Manhattan High School; Sara Daube SAR; Rafaella Kestenbaum SAR; and Chaya Mushka Shemtov Beth Rivkah.**

**ANNUAL BAKE SALE:** to benefit the Riverdale Mikvah will be held on Wednesday, June 5th at 8:15 pm at the home of Liora Rosenblum 4710 Fieldston Rd. To bake or volunteer please contact them at RMBakeSale@gmail.com or by phone at 917-981-0301 (Liora) 917-257-5681 (Orital)

**LOOKING FOR A HOME?:** Several homeowners have contacted Chabad looking for buyers. For anyone who purchases a home through Chabad, Chabad will receive a substantial donation. Please contact Rabi Shemtov at [Library@chabadrivdale.org](mailto:Library@chabadrivdale.org) for more details.

**SHAVOUT LEARNING PROGRAM:** with Rabbi Chaim Rapport.

**Shabbat June 8th, 11:00 am Sermon "Is Religious Extremism A Blessing Or A Curse?"** .

**Sunday June 9th, Lectures 12:00 am "What Did the Revelation at Sinai Offer Non Jews? An In-Depth and Pragmatic Discussion of the Universal Dimension of The Torah", 1:30 am "Exploring The Paranormal: Dreams and Demons, Golems and Gilgulim AND What About Ayin HaRa? ", 11:00 am "The Ten Commandments: Are These Laws Realistic? [Can we be Commanded to Believe or Feel?]", 7:00 pm "The Conversion Crisis: Why Can't the Rabbis Agree? ", 8:30 pm "Psychology and Halachah: The impact of the modern scientific study of the human psyche on rabbinic sensibilities and halachic rulings."**

**Monday June 10th, 8:30 am "Tanya an old book with a new message", 11:00 am "Is Yizkor For the Living or For Those Who Have Passed Away?"; 7:00 pm "Whose Life Is It Anyway? Reflections on the Jewish View on Beginning and End of Life Controversies" , and 8:30 pm "The Rebbe's 25th Yartzzeit: The Leader Who Comforted the Disturbed and Disturbed The Comfortable".** To sponsor our Shavout programs email [Library@ChabadRiverdale.org](mailto:Library@ChabadRiverdale.org)

**SHAVOUT ICE CREAM PARTY:** Sunday, June 9th 2:45pm at Seton Park.

# Bechukotai

Leviticus 26:3-27:34

G-d promises that if the people of Israel will keep His commandments, they will enjoy material prosperity and dwell securely in their homeland. But He also delivers a harsh “rebuke,” warning of the exile, persecution and other evils that will befall them if they abandon their covenant with Him.



Nevertheless, “Even when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away; nor will I ever abhor them, to destroy them and to break My covenant with them; for I am the L-rd their G-d.”

The Parshah concludes with the rules on how to calculate the values of different types of pledges made to G-d, and the mitzvah of tithing produce and livestock.

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# Shavout Schedule

## Shabbat June 8th

Tanya Learning: 8:30 am

Shacharit Services: 9:00 am

Sermon: 11:00 am *"Is Religious Extremism A Blessing Or A Curse?"*

Mincha: 8:06 pm

Maariv: 9:16 pm

## SUNDAY June 9th

1st Lecture: 12:00 am *"What Did the Revelation at Sinai Offer Non Jews? An In-Depth and Pragmatic Discussion of the Universal Dimension of The Torah"*

2nd Lecture: 1:30 am *"Exploring The Paranormal: Dreams and Demons, Golems and Gilgulim AND What About Ayin HaRa?"*

Shacharit: 4:18 and 9:00 am

Ten Commandments: 10:00 am and 12:00 pm

Sermon: 11:00 am *"The Ten Commandments: Are These Laws Realistic? [Can we be Commanded to Believe or Feel?]"*

Ice cream Party: At Seton Park 2:45 pm

Lecture: 7:00 pm *"The Conversion Crisis: Why Can't the Rabbis Agree?"*

Mincha: 8:10 pm

Lecture: 8:40 pm *"Psychology and Halachah: The impact of the modern scientific study of the human psyche on rabbinic sensibilities and halachic rulings."*

Maariv: 9:16 pm

## MONDAY June 10th

Tanya: 8:30 am *"An old book with a new message"*

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Sermon: 11:00 am *"Is Yizkor For the Living or For Those Who Have Passed Away?"*

Yizkor: 11:30 am

Lecture: 7:00 pm *"Whose Life Is It Anyway? Reflections on the Jewish View on Beginning and End of Life Controversies"*

Mincha: 7:50 pm

Lecture: 8:30 pm *"The Rebbe's 25th Yahrzeit: The Leader Who Comforted the Disturbed and Disturbed The Comfortable"*

Yom Tov ends: 9:17 pm

## TEHILLIM (PSALMS) LIST

We compile and maintain a Tehillim list of the names of people who need a refuah shlaima (speedy recovery) so we may all daven for them. Dr. Frimet Skolas has volunteered to coordinate names for a Tehillim list for the weekly Shabbat bulletin. So if you know someone who isn't well, please contact Frimet at 1-347-602-7951, fax 1-347-602-7951, or e-mail: [skolasf@outlook.com](mailto:skolasf@outlook.com). All names need to be reinstated 8 weeks after submission or they will automatically be deleted. Frimet will update the list every Wednesday evening.

Rabbi Adin ben Rivka Lea	Elisheva Malka bas Sarah Miriam	Reuven ben Aliza
Aaron Ben Rahel	Esther bas Rochel	Rivkah Leah bas Sarah Raiza
Aurilia Myriam bat Rivka Victoria	Esther bat Maguy	Riva Devorah bas Raizel Gittel
Avraham Ben Devorah	Ephraim Matan Ben Chana	Reizel Gitel bas Rochel Leah
Avraham Abba Ben Sara Chana	Feigele Frimet bas Devorah Blima	Ruth bas Rivka
Avraham Shmelka ben Sarah	Frimet bas Chaya Gitel	Rachel Chana bas Sidell
Baruch Moshe ben Esther	Freida Rochel bas Esther	Ruchama Maita bas Malka
Beila bas Sarah	Gershon Elchanan hachain ben Tzvia	Sara bat Shoshana
Bracha Faiga bas Yehudis	Gitel bas Sheindel	Sarah bas Yael
Bracha Rivkah bat Yehudis Devorah	Golda Shira bat Yenta Rochel	Schneur Chaim Yitzchok Alexander Ben Nechama Dina
Carmela bat Juliet	Hadassah Raizel bat Sorel	Shlome Alter Dov Yehuda Halevi ben Gila Esther
Channah bat Rivka	Hinda Sorah Rochel bas Yitta	Shmuel ben Ellen
Chana bas Devorah	Huna ben Esther	Sholom Mordechai Halevi Ben Rivkah
Chana bas Mushka	Juliet bat Hanna	Shoshanah Faige bas Devorah
Chana Breindel bas Gittel	Jadon and Anias bas Nicole	Sima bas Chana
Chaim Dovid ben Blume	Kalman ben Dobe	Sorah Hadassah bas Gittel
Chaim Shraga Feivel ben Chaya Leah Malka	Kayla Sarah bas Malka Yentel	Tzvi ben Miriam
Chana Chaya bas Yenta Bayla	Lea bat Valerie	Tzadik haLevi ben Masha Rachel
Chaya Bella bas Rivka	Leah bat Rachel	Yael bas Sarah
Chaya Sorah bas Devorah Yuda	Leah Luba bas Baila	Yakova bat Rachel
Channah Liba bat Chaya Sarah	Liat bat Carmela	Yaacov aryeh dov ben resha matel
Cherna bas Liba	Lieba Chaya bas Devora Yuda	Yakot bat Zochra
Daliya Bat Batya	Malka Devorah bat Ella Chava	Yehudit bat Sarah
Daveda shimona bas Malka rivka	Masha bas Tzimi	Yehudis Chaye bas Gittel
Devorah Hinda bat Bracha	Meir ben Trina	Yehudis Tirtza Chana bas Bracha
Devorah Lieba bas Yael	Menucha Rochel bas Gilah Elkah	Yissaschar ben Roza Rasha
Doba Baila bas Malka	Menachem Mendel Mordechai ben Miriam	Yona bas Chana
David Shlomo ben Lea	Mechachem Ksil ben Kayla	Yoshua Tzvi ben Nechama Lea
Dovid Shlomo ben Shoshana Malka	Moshe Chaim ben Yehudis	Yosef Yisrael ben Dina
Dovid ben Sarah	Moshe Yoel Lee ben Chana	Yosef bezalel ben Rus
Eheskiel Baruch Ben Leah	Miriam bas Chaya Sorah	Yonatan Halevi ben Malka
Eliyahu ben Miriam	Miriam Esther Bas Sorah	Zehava Nechama Chaya bat Elisheva
Eliezar Ben Pearl	Naftali Hertz Chaim ben Feiga Gitel	
Elisheva Malka bas Sarah Miriam	Nechama bas Chana	
Eliana bat Chana	Pesha Sorah bas Esther	

**If you only knew - The Tzemach Tzedek said** - the power of verses of Tehillim and their effect in the highest Heavens, you would recite them constantly. Know that the chapters of Tehillim shatter all barriers; they ascend higher and still higher with no interference; they prostrate themselves in supplication before the Master of all worlds; and they effect and accomplish with kindness and compassion (Chaf). We know that when an individual says any amount of Tehillim (Psalms) she/he can merit many blessings. This is particularly true when the entire book of Tehillim is recited by a group of individuals, since G-d blesses us when we are united in peace with one another. It is also considered as if each of the individuals who take part in the group recited the entire Tehillim, not just their allotted chapters. You can say it anytime and anywhere that Shabbat. If you wish to participate, please indicate how many average-sized chapters (psalms) you would like to say and your preference. I will contact you to let you know your allotted chapters. In the merit of saying Tehillim may we receive the blessings we need individually and for Klal Yisrael. Please reply to Frimet Skolas at [skolasf@outlook.com](mailto:skolasf@outlook.com) or call 1-347-602-7951.

Rabbi Hillel of Paritch (1795-1864) was one of the many scholars of his day to join the Chabad Chassidic movement. For many years, he was a devoted disciple of the second and third rebbes of Chabad, Rabbi DovBer and Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Lubavitch.

As a young man, Rabbi Hillel heard of the founder of Chabad Chassidism, Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi and sought to meet with him. But the opportunity seemed to forever elude the young prodigy: no sooner did he arrive in a town that Rabbi Schneur Zalman was visiting, that he was informed that the Rebbe had just left. Finally, he managed to locate Rabbi Schneur Zalman's lodgings before the Rebbe was due to arrive. In order to ensure that he would not, once again, somehow miss his opportunity, Rabbi Hillel crept into Rabbi Schneur Zalman's appointed room and hid under the bed, determined, at last, to make the acquaintance of the great Rebbe.

In anticipation of his encounter with Rabbi Schneur Zalman, Rabbi Hillel had "armed" himself with some of his achievements in Talmudic study. At that time, the young scholar was studying the tractate Erachin, or "Appraisals", the section of the Talmud which deals with the laws of how to appraise the value of one's pledges to charity. Rabbi Hillel had a scholarly question on the subject which he had diligently rehearsed in order to discuss it with the Rebbe.

From his hiding place, Rabbi Hillel heard the Rebbe enter the room. But before he could make a move, he heard Rabbi Schneur Zalman exclaim: "If a young man has a question regarding 'Appraisals', he had best first evaluate himself."

The prodigy under the bed fainted on the spot. When he came to, Rabbi Schneur Zalman was gone...

The Lubavitcher Rebbe told this story, and then asked: How are we to apply this story to our lives?

The tractate of "Appraisals" discusses the laws presented in chapter 27 of Leviticus: if a person pledges to give to charity, but instead of citing a sum he says "I promise to give the value of this individual," we are to follow a fixed rate table set by the Torah, in which each age and gender group is assigned a certain "value."

But why employ a flat rate which lumps together so many diverse individuals? Should not an accomplished scholar be considered more valuable than a simple laborer? The Torah states that we all stand equally before G-d, "from your heads, the leaders of your tribes, your elders... to your wood choppers and water carriers." But can a person truly view his fellow as his equal when he is so obviously superior to him in talent and achievement?

This is the meaning of Rabbi Schneur Zalman's remark to Rabbi Hillel: If you have a question regarding "Appraisals," if you find it difficult to relate to the Torah's evaluation of human worth, you had best take a long hard look at yourself. An honest examination of your own character and behavior will show how much you can learn from every man, how much there is for you to emulate in those who are supposedly "inferior" to yourself.