

# Youth Minyan

## OHHEL SARA NEWSLETTER

SHABBAT Re'eh 29-30 AV 5775

### Shabbat Schedule

Candlelighting— **7:36 PM**

MIncha & Arvit— **7:05 PM**

Shaharit — **8:45 AM-11:20 AM**

Shiur by Rabbi Kalendarov — **6:15 PM**

Minha & Seudat Shlishi — **7:00 PM**

Arvit & Motzei Shabbat - **8:38 PM**

### Joke of The Week

Yeshiva University decided to field a crew team. Unfortunately, they lost race after race. They practiced for hours every day, but never managed to come in any better than dead last..

The Rosh Yeshiva finally decided to send Yankel to spy on the Harvard team. So Yankel shlepped off to Cambridge and hid in the bull-rushes off the Charles River, from where he carefully watched the Harvard team as they practiced.

Yankel finally returned to Yeshiva. "I have figured out their secret," he announced.

"They have eight guys rowing and only one guy shouting."

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## All or Nothing

"See, I present before you today a blessing and a curse." (Deuteronomy 11:26)

Moshe spoke those words to the Jewish people over 3000 years ago as they were days away from entering the holy land. Throughout the whole book of Devarim (Deuteronomy) Moshe delivered his last rebukes and bits of advice, which would prove to be invaluable for the Jews entering the land of Israel. Today the Jewish people are scattered all over the world. We are not somewhere in the Sinai desert waiting to conquer our land. We are in North America, South America, Europe, Australia, Asia, Africa, Antarctica, and even in space stations orbiting miles above the earth's surface. Our location makes no difference; the Torah's message transcends space and time and all we have to do to see it is open our eyes.

Former President, Bill Clinton, gave 54 speeches in 2011 for a total of \$13,434,000 (which equates to \$248,778 per speech). Why would anyone pay such an astronomical sum for one man to speak? It may seem absurd, but when that person is the Former President of the United States (who was privy to all the secrets that make the world go round), then maybe that expense can be justified. In the opening sentence to this week's parsha Moshe is speaking to all of us, giving us advice on how to be the best we can be. Who better than him to give us advice on reaching our potential? Moshe Rabbenu had an even better source than the US government. He had the best source - the Big Guy! So what is Moshe trying to tell us?

Every human being has infinite potential. In this one sentence, Moshe is telling us how to reach our potential. Firstly, we must open our eyes and see that in front of us there lies a blessing or a curse (nothing in between.... no mixed blessing curse cocktail on the rocks). Why not a balanced mix? Don't we choose to do some mitzvoth and not do others? And why say "a blessing and a curse," when later on he proceeds to list blessings and curses (plural)? Wouldn't it have been better for Moshe to say, "Today I place before you blessings and curses and it is up to you to choose?" He didn't say because it is either all or nothing! *(turn the page)*

## Weekly Schedule

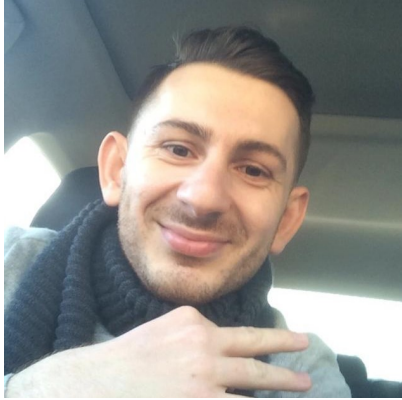
Art Class (5-8yrs)  
Sunday 10-11 AM

Sunday Program (5-13yrs)  
11:00 AM-12:30PM

Torah and Me With Rabbi B  
Will Resume in September

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

"Happy Birthday Shamuel From Your Family!"



"Happy Birthday Gavriel! From Mom, Dad, Shoshana, Ilana and Batel."



Have an occasion coming up in our community you would like to announce? Please feel free to contact Moshe at 3475535964 or email torathaimohelsara@gmail.com

(continued) If we put in 110% then we will be successful and anything less is a curse. Some people think they can float through life by maintaining a comfortable level of mediocrity, but Moshe is saying more is expected of us as Jews. You do not have the option of just floating by with a C+ in life just to get your diploma after 120.

This may seem overwhelming, but if we look at the words closely we can find some more guidance from our great teacher. He says, "See, I present before you **today** a blessing and a curse." The key word is today! You can only succeed in life if you do your best, one day at a time. Each day is a new day. When you wake up in the morning, don't worry that yesterday was "a curse." Instead think about how you can make today "a blessing." Each day these two choices are right in front of you, so choose wisely!

### Parsha In a Nutshell

"See," says Moses to the people of Israel, "I place before you today a blessing and a curse"—the blessing that will come when they fulfill G-d's commandments, and the curse if they abandon them. These should be proclaimed on Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal when the people cross over into the Holy Land.

A Temple should be established in "the place that G-d will choose to make dwell His name there," where the people should bring their sacrifices to Him; it is forbidden to make offerings to G-d in any other place. It is permitted to slaughter animals elsewhere, not as a sacrifice but to eat their meat; the blood (which in the Temple is poured upon the altar), however, may not be eaten.

A false prophet, or one who entices others to worship idols, should be put to death; an idolatrous city must be destroyed. The identifying signs for kosher animals and fish, and the list of non-kosher birds (first given in Leviticus 11), are repeated.

A tenth of all produce is to be eaten in Jerusalem, or else exchanged for money with which food is purchased and eaten there. In certain years this tithe is given to the poor instead. Firstborn cattle and sheep are to be offered in the Temple, and their meat eaten by the kohanim (priests).

The mitzvah of charity obligates a Jew to aid a needy fellow with a gift or loan. On the Sabbatical year (occurring every seventh year), all loans are to be forgiven. All indentured servants are to be set free after six years of service.

Our Parshah concludes with the laws of the three pilgrimage festivals—Passover, Shavuot and Sukkot—when all should go to "see and be seen" before G-d in the Holy Temple. -Reprinted Permission of Chabad

## WEEKLY HALACHA

1. May one sleep without a kippa?  
A. Yes
2. May one walk in a spa house without a kippa?  
A. Yes
3. If one would like to answer Amen to a blessing or Kadish, and the wind just blew away his kippa, may he answer the Amen anyway?  
A. Yes