

Shabbat Announcements

PARSHAT BESHALACH

Friday, January 30

Candle Lighting: 5:43 pm

Mincha: 5:40 pm

Shabbat, January 31

Shacharit: 9:00 am

Mincha: 5:20 pm

Shabbat ends after 6:53 pm

KIDDUSH

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Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by **Rick and Caryn Bentley** in appreciation for Indy Kollel

WEEKDAY CLASSES

- Weekly Classes Daf Yomi: Every morning at 6:15, 7:45 on Sundays.
- Mishna Class: Every morning after Shacharit.
- Taam and Torah: Sunday morning at 9:30
- Lunch & Learn: Meets Mondays at noon. Rabbi Hasten is teaching the book of Melachim.
- Halacha Class: between Mincha & Maariv, Sunday through

SHABBAT CLASSES

- Shabbat Youth Groups: After Kedusha of Mussaf (Approximately 10:55). Preschool and Kindergarten meet in the playroom for parsha, davening and games with Navah and Simchah. 1st grade and up meets in the English Library for the new Mitzva Program.
- Parshat HaShavua: One hour before Mincha on Shabbat

Thursday. Rabbi Teitelbaum is teaching the laws of Danger

- Business Halacha: Every Tuesday after Maariv.
- Tehillim for Women: Wednesday at 7:30pm in the library.
- Men's Mishmar: Meets on Thursday nights, at 8:00 pm. Learn with a chavrusa or join a class.
- Night Seder: Sunday through Thursday after Maariv.

- Seudah Shlishit Class: Rabbi Hauptman will be speaking.
- Indy Kollel Chill Zone

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PARSHAS BESHALACH

As the Jewish People escaped Egypt and stepped into the Red Sea which had miraculously split before them, they were overwhelmed with gratitude to Hashem for saving them. In that moment, they burst into song—what we know forever as *Shiras Hayam*, the Song of the Sea. Among their words of praise they declared: “*Zeh E-li V'anveihu—This is my God, and I will glorify Him.*”

The Gemara in Shabbos (133b) explains that the word “*V'anveihu*” can be understood in two ways. The first is to glorify Hashem through mitzvos—by having a beautiful sukkah, lulav, shofar, tzitzis, and Sefer Torah, etc. From here comes the concept of *hiddur mitzvah*: not just fulfilling a mitzvah, but beautifying it and going beyond the basic obligation.

The Gemara then offers a second explanation. *V'anveihu* can also be read as *Ani Va'hu*—“I and He.” Meaning: I will make myself similar to Him. Just as Hashem is merciful and compassionate, so too I must be merciful and compassionate. In other words, we are meant to emulate Hashem in all His ways.

Yet this raises a question. Why is this idea taught specifically here? After all, the Torah already states “*laleches b'chol derachav—to walk in all His ways*” (Deut. 11:22), which our Sages explain as a command to emulate Hashem. The Rambam (*Hilchos Dei'os*, Ch. 6) cites “*V'holachta b'derachav—And you shall go in His ways*” (Deut. 28:9) as the source for developing Hashem's character traits. And finally, the Gemara (*Sotah* 14a) explains that emulating Hashem's ways fulfills the commandment of “*Acharei Hashem Elokeichem teileichu—You shall follow Hashem, your God*” (Deut. 13:5). Why, then, did our Sages find it necessary to derive this very same obligation from the words *Zeh E-li V'anveihu* in our Parshah?

From here we see a powerful insight. When a person experiences a personal kindness from Hashem, gratitude alone—such as saying the prayer of “*Modim anachnu Lach, We express our gratitude to You*” with extra concentration—is not enough. While everything begins with gratitude, our Sages are teaching us that it cannot end there. Gratitude must lead to action—and specifically, actions of emulating Hashem.

Thus, while a person is always obligated to strive to walk in Hashem's ways, when one experiences a personal kindness from Hashem, he carries an added obligation to “repay” that kindness by becoming more like Hashem—more merciful, more compassionate, and more giving.

This idea speaks to us powerfully this week. After so long, the Jewish people have finally merited the return of the final hostage, Ran Gvili, *hy"d*, so that he can merit the dignified burial he deserves. Along with our gratitude, we are called upon to respond through action—to become more merciful and more compassionate. This is how we “repay” Hashem for His kindness: by striving to live more like Him.

Have a wonderful Shabbos!

~ Rabbi Yisroel Teitelbaum



Joint Seudah Shlishit AT INDY KOLLEL

Mincha will be at 5:20 in the Indy
Kollel Beis Medrash, followed by
Seudah Shlishit and Marriv

Sponsored by Rick and Caryn Bentley in
appreciation for Indy Kollel

Guest Speaker:

Rabbi Azriel Hauptman

General Studies Principal
Yeshivas Ner Yisroel High School
Father-in-law of Rabbi Posner



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New! Lecture Series
showcasing our community members'
firsthand stories of faith

**Finding Our Way Home:
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Judaism**

**This Shabbos, Parshas Beshalach
January 31st**

**Presented by:
Roy and Shoshi Yaari**

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After kiddush in the Bnai Torah Library

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PURIM 5786

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7:45 PM

At the Home of Caryn Vogel

JAN 18

At the Home of Monica Rosenfeld

JAN 25* | FEB 1 | FEB 8**

*JAN 25 MEETING AT THE ROSENFIELDS WITH SPEAKER OVER ZOOM

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