

Congregation B'nai Torah

Shabbat Announcements

Luncheon Kiddush is sponsored by **Congregation Bnai Torah** in honor of Independence Day

Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by **Congregation Bnai Torah**



Mazal tov to Emmet Hanick and Shoshana Kay on the birth of a baby boy. The Brit will be on Sunday at 9:30. Shalom zachar will be held at 7359 Hazelwood Ave between 10pm and 11 pm.

Shul Kiddush Sponsorship Rotation List

We encourage those who are interested to sign up to sponsor a basic kiddush when there is no other sponsor. Please sign up using this link or by contacting the office.

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General Donations:

- Alyss and Laura Voicu
- Emeryand Edith Kovac

Yahrzeit Donations

- ♦ Joseph Belth
- ♦ Ned and Paula Fogle

Aliyah Donations:

- Irwin Prince
- Azik Zelikovich
- Michael Zelikovich
- Koby Yaari
- Allon Friedman
- George Bunen

Parshat Chukat

Friday, July 4th

Candle Lighting: 7:42/8:57 pm

Mincha: 7:25 pm

Shabbat, July 5th

Shacharit: 9:15 am

Mincha: 8:45 pm

Shabbat ends after 10:05 pm

Weekly Classes

Daf Yomi: Every morning at 6:15, 7:45 on Sundays

Lunch & Learn: Meets Mondays at noon. Rabbi Hasten is teaching the book of Shmuel

Halacha Class: between Mincha & Maariv, Sunday through Thursday.

Chovot HaLevavot: Mondays after Maariv

Minchat Chinuch: On break

Tehillim for women: Wednesday at 7:30pm in the library

Men's Mishmar: Meets on Thursday nights, an hour before Mincha. Learn with a chavrusa or join a class.

Shabbat Morning Class for 5th Graders & under: approximately 30 minutes before kiddush. (Ages 3-1st grade will not be meeting this week).

Ramban on the Parshah: On break

Parshat Shavua: An hour before Mincha on Shabbat

Dor LeDor: On break.

Seudah Shlishit Class: Rabbi Teitelbaum will be speaking.

Dvar Torah

The Red Heifer (*parah adumah*), the subject of the beginning of this week's Parshah, was a sacrifice of remarkable holiness, which was subsequently burned to ashes. While its ashes were but remnants of this sacred offering, they retained a significant degree of holiness. When combined with the *mayim chayim*, the "living water," these ashes had the power to purify the impure (from *tumas hameis*, the highest level of impurity imparted from a corpse), allowing them to enter the *Beis Hamikdash* once more.

The lesson here is profound: Although we may feel distant from holiness, introspection reveals that we are descendants of great and holy ancestors. We need only access the *mayim chayim*, the living water of the Torah,¹ through which we can enliven our dry, lifeless ashes, and transform them into a potent purifier.

Today, without a *Beis Hamikdash*, the laws of purity and impurity may seem to have limited practical application. However, we are taught that laziness, apathy, and lack of enthusiasm are subtle forms of death. Many of us struggle to live passionately, feeling devoid of energy and excitement in our relationship with Hashem. We perform *mitzvos* in a lackluster manner, living but not truly alive—like lifeless ashes.

Yet, the Torah teaches us that these ashes—and we—originate from a holy, vibrant source. All we must do is "sprinkle" some Torah into our lives for us to be rejuvenated and purified.

Consider the episode related later in this Parshah regarding *Moshe Rabbeinu*, who was denied entry into *Eretz Yisroel* because he hit the rock to produce water instead of speaking to it. Some, however, interpret Moshe's true mistake as his harsh reaction to the people's constant complaints, calling them "rebellious."

In truth though, both explanations stem from the same source.

A leader can guide followers either through harsh criticism or uplifting words. He can rebuke harshly and try to squash their negative traits and sins—or he can uplift their souls by pointing out to each their positive qualities and reminding them that they are indeed sourced in holiness, and capable of greatness. Moshe's act of striking the rock suggested that the Jewish people needed to be *coerced* into following the Torah, implying they did not naturally desire to do Hashem's will and were inherently rebellious.

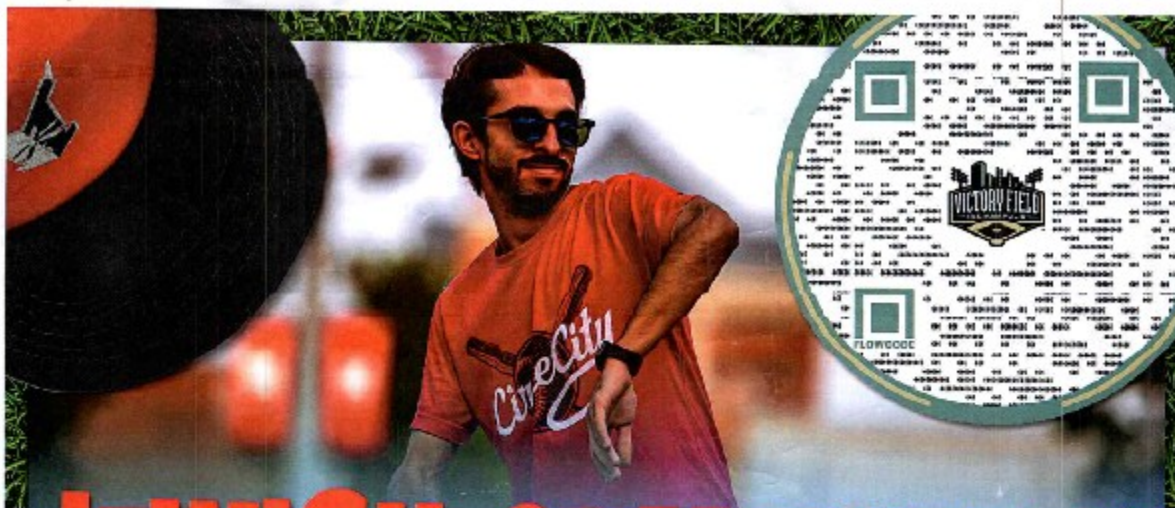
Thus, both explanations are really just different facets of the same flaw: He did not show enough faith in his people. As a leader, he should have believed that their innate holiness could be brought out through encouragement.

Much like the seemingly lifeless ashes of the Red Heifer—because of its innate holiness—can be rejuvenated with a little bit of *mayim Chayim* because of its innate holiness, so too the Jewish people, despite their failings, could be revitalized through the waters of Torah, becoming a powerful purifying force in the world and a light unto the nations.

Good Shabbos!

Rabbi Teitelbaum

I Maharsha to Berachos 56b, who writes that it is only Torah that we find is compared to both water and life.



JEWISH COMMUNITY NIGHT

AT VICTORY FIELD
TUESDAY, JULY 8

\$4 OF EACH TICKET PURCHASE GOES BACK TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER!

JEWISH COMMUNITY NIGHT IS BACK! CELEBRATE JEWISH HERITAGE WITH FIRST PITCHES, THEMED MUSIC, IN-GAME MOMENTS, AND DISPLAYS HONORING JEWISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO BASEBALL. IT'S A NIGHT OF CULTURE, COMMUNITY, AND AMERICA'S PASTIME!



HOURS

May 25–Jul 30:

Mon–Wed, Fri | 12:30–5 pm

Sun | Noon–5 pm

Closed Thu and Sat

Jul 31–Sep 1: Sun | Noon–5 pm

Holiday Hours (Memorial Day,
July 4, Labor Day): Noon–4 pm



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Please Note:
The J Café is cashless
this summer!

Hot Items

Impossible Burger

American cheese, lettuce, tomato, red onion on
seeded brioche bun

\$7.50

Nachos and Cheese

Corn chips with a side of melted nacho cheese

\$4.00

Add jalapenos \$0.50
Add salsa \$0.50

Loaded Nachos

Cheese, jalapenos, sour cream, salsa, "taco meat"

\$7.00

Personal Cheese Pizza

Cheddar, mozzarella, red sauce

\$6.50

Seasoned Fries

Medium \$2.50
Large \$3.25
Add nacho cheese \$0.50

Soft Pretzel with Cheese

\$3.50

Drinks

Fountain Soda

16 oz \$1.25
24 oz \$1.50
32 oz \$2.00

Bottled water

\$2.00

Powerade

\$2.00

Frozen Treats

Soft Serve Ice Cream Chocolate, vanilla or swirl

Regular \$2.50

Cake cone or a bowl.

Includes 1 free topping. Additional toppings \$0.50 ea

Toppings

Chocolate syrup, Oreo crumbles
or Rainbow sprinkles

Ice Cream Drumsticks

\$2.50

Flavor Ice

\$1.00

(Green, orange, blue, red, pink, purple)

Sides

Candy

M&Ms, Milky Way, Crunch, Kit Kat, Ring Pop \$2.00

Chips

\$2.00

Extra Nacho Cheese

\$0.50

Congregation B'Nai Torah Service Schedule July 2025 5 Tamuz 5785 - 6 Av 5785

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Shabbat
		1 5 Tamuz Shacharit: 7:00 am Mincha: 8:55 pm	2 6 Tamuz Shacharit: 7:00am Mincha: 8:55 pm	3 7 Tamuz Shacharit: 6:50am Mincha: 8:55 pm	4 8 Tamuz Shacharit: 8:30am Candle Lighting: after 7:42-8:57pm Mincha: 7:25 pm	5 9 Tamuz <u>Chukat</u> Shacharit: 9 15am Mincha: 8:45pm Maariv: 9:50pm Shabbat Ends: after 10:05pm
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13 17 Tamuz <u>Fast - Ta'anit</u> Fast starts: 4:45am Shacharit: 8:30am Mincha: 8:40pm Fast ends: 9:48pm	14 18 Tamuz Shacharit: 6:50am Mincha: 8:50pm	15 19 Tamuz Shacharit: 7:00am Mincha: 8:50pm	16 20 Tamuz Shacharit: 7:00am Mincha: 8:50pm	17 21 Tamuz Shacharit: 6:50am Mincha: 8:50pm	18 22 Tamuz Shacharit: 7:00am Candle Lighting: after 7:37-8:51 pm Mincha: 7:20pm	19 23 Tamuz <u>Pinchas</u> Shacharit: 9 15am Mincha: 8:40pm Maariv: 9:40pm Shabbat Ends: after 9:58pm
20 24 Tamuz Shacharit: 8:30am Mincha: 8:50pm	21 25 Tamuz Shacharit: 6:50am Mincha: 8:50pm	22 26 Tamuz Shacharit: 7:00 am Mincha: 8:50pm	23 27 Tamuz Shacharit: 7:00am Mincha: 8:50pm	24 28 Tamuz Shacharit: 6:50am Mincha 8:50pm	25 29 Tamuz Shacharit: 7:00am Candle Lighting: after 7:33-8:45pm Mincha: 7:25pm	26 1 Av <u>Matot-Mas'ei</u> <u>Rosh Chodesh</u> Shacharit: 9:15am Mincha: 8:35pm Maariv: 9:40pm Shabbat Ends: after 9:53pm
27 2 Av Shacharit: 8:30am Mincha: 8:45pm	28 3 Av Shacharit: 6:45am Mincha: 8:45pm	29 4 Av Shacharit: 7:00 am Mincha: 8:45pm	30 5 Av Shacharit: 7:00 am Mincha: 8:45pm	31 6 Av Shacharit: 6:50 am Mincha: 8:45pm		