

Shabbat Announcements

PARSHAT BEHAR BECHUKOTAI

Friday, May 8

Candle Lighting: After 7:17 pm - 8:28 pm

Mincha: 7:00 pm

Shabbat, May 9

Shacharit: 9:15 am

Mincha: 8:15 pm

Maariv: 9:25 pm

Shabbat ends after 9:37 pm

KIDDUSH

Cholent Kiddush is sponsored by **Rabbi Michael Hasten and Monica Rosenfeld** in memory of their mother Anna Ruth Hasten of blessed memory

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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 Birkat HaTorah
- Ask The Rabbi - submit your halachic questions and inquiries to Rabbi Teitelbaum, either in person or via email to rabbi.BTorah@gmail.com All submissions will remain anonymous and will be addressed between Mioncha and Maariv on Sundays and Tuesdays
 - 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 Teitelbaum will be speaking.
 - Indy Kollel Chill Zone - On break

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PARSHAS BEHAR-BECHUKOSAI

Parshas Bechukosai begins: *"Im bichukosai teileichu v'es mitzvosai tishmoru — if you walk in the ways of My decrees, and guard my mitzvos,"* the Torah promises us all the blessings that follow (rain, produce, peace etc).

Rashi teaches us that the phrase *"walking in the ways of My decrees"* refers to toiling and mentally exerting ourselves in Torah study. This is clear from the continuation of the verse, which speaks about mitzvah observance; thus, the beginning of the verse must be referring to Torah study. Still, the commentaries grapple to explain how this idea is implied in the words *"walking in the ways of My decrees."*

The *Ohr Hachaim Hakadosh* (R' Chaim Ibn Atar, d. 1743) explains based on the well-known distinction between humans and angels. While angels are naturally holy, there is no "room for growth"; they are fixed in place. A person, by contrast, is defined by the ability — and responsibility — to grow.

As the verse states (*Zecharia 3:7*), *"ונתתי לך מהלכים בין העומדים — I will grant you strides among these [angels] who stand."* The essential difference between humans and angels is: we are *"holchim,"* people who grow and make strides, while they are *omdim*, they remain fixed in one place.

Yet this raises a fundamental question: How does a person actually grow? How does one avoid stagnation and ensure steady growth? The answer is: toiling in Torah study. It is only through the constant mental exertion in Torah, struggling to understand and constantly seeking to expand one's knowledge, that a person continues to grow.

This idea is captured in the famous Gemara (*Shabbos 88b*), which relates that when Moshe Rabbeinu went up to Heaven to receive the Torah, the angels complained to Hashem, asking, "What business does someone of mere flesh and blood have learning the Torah"?

Hashem told Moshe to respond to the angels. Moshe said, "Did you descend to Mitzrayim? Do you work at all, that the Torah needs to command not to work on Shabbos? Do you live among the nations of the world, that the Torah should say do not serve any other gods?"

Moshe Rabbeinu was teaching that angels have no struggles in life, no challenges, no free will —and therefore no room for growth. Torah, which literally means to guide, is clearly not for them. The Torah was given to human beings precisely because it provides a pathway for constant growth and to overcome our challenges.

*If you **walk** [i.e. grow] in the ways of My decrees — only through Torah study.*

Have a wonderful Shabbos!

~ Rabbi Yisroel Teitelbaum



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					1 14 Eyar Shacharit: 7:00am Candle Lighting: after 7:12-8:21pm Mincha: 6:55 pm	2 15 Eyar Emor Shacharit: 9:15am Mincha: 8:05pm Maariv: 9:15pm Shabbat Ends: after 9:30pm
3 16 Eyar Shacharit: 8:30am Mincha: 8:30pm	4 17 Eyar Shacharit: 6:50am Mincha: 8:30pm	5 18 Eyar Lag BaOmer Shacharit: 7:00am Mincha: 8:30pm	6 19 Eyar Shacharit: 7:00am Mincha: 8:30pm	7 20 Eyar Shacharit: 6:50am Mincha: 8:30pm	8 21 Eyar Shacharit: 7:00am Candle Lighting: after 7:17-8:28pm Mincha: 7:00pm	9 22 Eyar Behar - Bechukotai Shacharit: 9:15am Mincha: 8:15pm Maariv: 9:25pm Shabbat Ends: after 9:37pm
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17 1 Sivan Rosh Chodesh Shacharit: 8:30am Mincha: 8:40pm	18 2 Sivan Shacharit: 6:50am Mincha: 8:40pm	19 3 Sivan Shacharit: 7:00 am Mincha: 8:40pm	20 4 Sivan Shacharit: 7:00am Mincha: 8:40pm	21 5 Sivan Shacharit: 6:50am Eruv Tavshilin Mincha: 6:35pm Maariv: 9:40pm	22 6 Sivan 1st day - Shavuot Vetkin brachot: 5:40am Netz: 6:24am Second Shacharit: 9:15am Candle Lighting from an existing flame: 8:41pm Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv: 7:05pm	23 7 Sivan 2nd Day Shavuot Shacharit: 9:15am Mincha: 8:30pm Nefilat HaChag Maariv: 9:35pm Shabbat Ends: after 9:50pm
24 8 Sivan Isru Chag Shacharit: 8:30am Mincha: 8:45pm	25 9 Sivan Memorial Day Shacharit: 8:00am Mincha: 8:45pm	26 10 Sivan Shacharit: 7:00 am Mincha: 8:45pm	27 11 Sivan Shacharit: 7:00 am Mincha: 8:45pm	28 12 Sivan Shacharit: 6:50 am Mincha: 8:45pm	29 13 Sivan Shacharit: 7:00am Candle Lighting: after 7:32-8:47pm Mincha: 7:15pm	30 14 Sivan Naso Shacharit: 9:15am Mincha: 8:35pm Maariv: 9:40pm Shabbat Ends: after 9:55pm
31 15 Sivan Shacharit: 8:30am Mincha: 8:50pm						

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