

Parshas MATOS/ MASEI

5776

5-6 AUGUST 2016 / 2 AV 5776

CANDLE LIGHTING THIS WEEK: 5.26PM
EREV SHABBOS MINCHA THIS WEEK: 5.30PM
SHABBOS MINCHA: 5.05PM
SHABBOS ENDS: 6.16PM

SHABBOS CANDLE LIGHTING NEXT WEEK: 5.29PM

LATEST TIME FOR MORNING SHEMA THIS WEEK: 9.25M
EARLIEST TIME FOR EVENING SHEMA THIS WEEK: 6.15PM

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OVERVIEW - MATOS

Moshe teaches the rules and restrictions governing oaths and vows - especially the role of a husband or father in either upholding or annulling a vow. Bnei Yisrael wage war against Midian. They kill the five Midianite kings, all the males and Bilaam. Moshe is upset that women were taken captive, because they were catalysts for the immoral behavior of the Jewish People. He rebukes the officers. The spoils of war are counted and apportioned. The commanding officers report to Moshe that there was not one casualty among Bnei Yisrael. They bring an offering which is taken by Moshe and Elazar and placed in the Ohel Mo'ed (Tent of Meeting). The Tribes of Gad and Reuven, who own large quantities of livestock, petition Moshe to allow them to remain east of the Jordan and not enter the Land of Israel. They explain that the land east of the Jordan is quite suitable grazing land for their livestock. Moshe's initial response is that this request will discourage the rest of Bnei Yisrael, and that it is akin to the sin of the spies. They assure Moshe that they will first help conquer Israel, and only then will they go back to their homes on the eastern side of the Jordan River. Moshe grants their request on condition that they uphold their part of the deal.

OVERVIEW - MASEI

The Torah names all 42 encampments of Bnei Yisrael on their 40-year journey from the Exodus until the crossing of the Jordan river into Eretz Yisrael. Hashem commands Bnei Yisrael to drive out the Canaanites from Eretz Yisrael and to demolish every vestige of their idolatry. Bnei Yisrael are warned that if they fail to rid the land completely of the Canaanites, those who remain will be "pins in their eyes and thorns in their sides." The boundaries of the Land of Israel are defined, and the tribes are commanded to set aside 48 cities for the levi'im, who do not receive a regular portion in the division of the Land. Cities of refuge are to be established: Someone who murders unintentionally may flee there. The daughters of Tzlofchad marry members of their tribe so that their inheritance will stay in their own tribe. Thus ends the Book of Bamidbar/Numbers, the fourth of the Books of The Torah.

LISTEN TO THE MUSSAR

The first Gerrer Rebbe was the Chiddushei HaRim. The second Gerrer Rebbe, the Sfás Emes, was not his son but his grandson. The Sfás Emes' father passed away when he was a child, and his grandfather raised him. He was an illui, a prodigy, the apple of his grandfather's eye. One night, when he was still a young boy, the Sfás Emes learned with his chavrusa straight through the night. He nodded off right before Shacharis, resting his head on the Gemara. After a few minutes, he awoke with a start. He washed his hands and hurried to the shul, but he was already a little late. After Shacharis, the Chiddushei Harim called him over. "What's this with coming late to Shacharis?" he said in a sharp tone. "It's bad enough for yourself, but think how it will affect others. If the grandson of the rebbe can come late, what kind of example is that for other boys? Or even men! It's a Chillul Hashem (desecration of G-d's Name), no less!"

The Chiddushei Harim went on in this vein for another few minutes, but the Sfás Emes did not say one word in his own defense. He could have argued that it had been an accident, that he had stayed up all night learning Torah and that sleep had overcome him at the end for just a few minutes. But he remained silent. A little while later, the chavrusa of the Sfás Emes asked him, "Why didn't you say anything to defend yourself? You were innocent! Why were you silent?" "When a great man gives you Mussar [ethical advice or rebuke]," said the Sfás Emes, "it is worthwhile to listen, even if you don't deserve it, even if you are completely innocent. I wanted to hear my grandfather's Mussar."

"I have a proof to this from the Torah. Moshe Rabbeinu [our Rabbi Moses] gave the tribes of Gad and Reuven a strong tongue-lashing. He accused them of cowardice. He told them they were demoralizing the people just like the spies did. He went on and on for nine verses, and they remained silent. They never mentioned that they had intended all along to participate in the conquest. Why? Because it is always worthwhile to hear the Mussar of a great man."

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NEW SHIUR FOR
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RABBI AUERBACH
PARSHA & HALOCHA

Starting this week! Monday Nights - 7.20pm
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PIRCHEI 2016



An exciting NEW LOOK of Pirchei is starting this Shabbos for boys from ages 7-12 in the main hall starting straight after Shabbos Mincha until

Maariv. **HEALTHY FOOD! PRIZE FOR EVERY BOY!**
GAMES! SINGING! SHORT SHIUR!

ENGAGEMENT



Mazel tov to **Michal Shill** and **Yigal Havivzada** on the announcement of their engagement. Mazel tov to proud parents **Jeffrey & Julie Shill** and **Elazar & Simcha Havivzada** of Israel. IY"YH there will be a **L'Chaim** on Tuesday 16 August at the Seeff Hall from 8.00pm

MAIN SHUL KIDDUSH



This week's kiddush is sponsored by **Gary & Raylene Oudmayer** in honour of the Yortzeit of his late father **Uriel ben Avraham Avinu**

LADIES SHIURIM WITH RABBI AUERBACH RESUMING THIS WEEK

HALOCHA SHIUR

at the Levitt's, 11 Fairwood Estate, Hildreen Avenue, Fairmount

Wednesday at 9.00am

EMUNAH & BITACHON by the Chazon Ish

at the Liknaitzky's, 1 Park Glen Estate, Terminal Crescent, Glenhazel

Thursday at 9.15am

BABY BOY



Mazel tov to **Sarit & Yosef Jameson** on the birth of a baby boy. Mazel tov to proud grandparents **Neil & Joy Saffer** and **Shraga & Leah Jameson**. Mazel tov great-grandparents **Dov Ber & Millicent Saffer** and **Temmy Parker**. **The Shalom Zachor** will IY"YH take place at 23 Dovedale Road, Cheltondale

SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR

RABBI AUERBACH

THE LAWS OF DAVENING ON TISHA B'AV

Shabbos afternoon at 4.30pm

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

Batya Gilbert	Ahron Shull
Ariel Avraham Katzeff	Devorah Sarah Elkabir
Rina Bracha Port	Eli Freeman
Yosef Chaim Merwitz	<i>Happy Birthday!</i>

YORTZEITS THIS WEEK

- **Peter Fine** for his late father
- **Colin Berkow** for his late mother
- **Gary Oudmayer** for his late father

OHR SOMAYACH GLENHAZEL

RABBI YITZCHOK MILLER



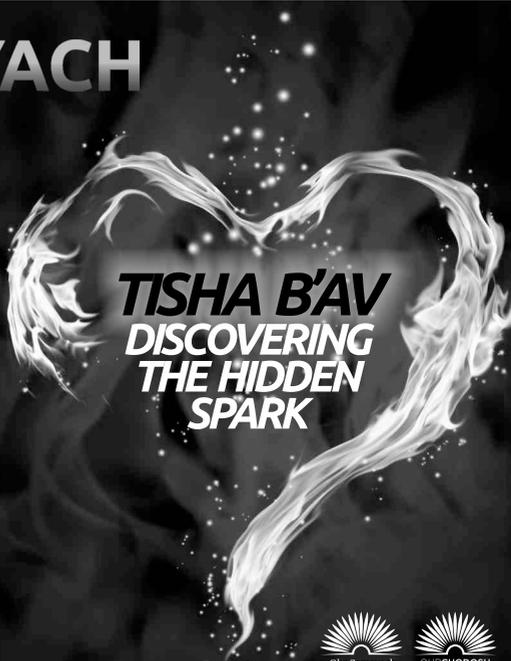
Born and raised in London, Rabbi Yitzchok Miller learnt in Yeshiva Ketana in Gateshead and then in Beer Yaakov in Israel under Rav Moshe Shmuel Shapiro. After marriage Rabbi Miller learnt in Brisk and after 5 years returned to learn in Gateshead Kollel. For the last 15 years he has been a Magid Shiur in Yeshivas Tiferes Yaakov and lecturer in Gateshead Seminary.

TISHA B'AV 5776
MOTZEI SHABBOS
13 AUGUST 2016
7.40PM

SUNDAY 14 AUGUST 2016

11.00am - Men & Women's Droscha (Main Shul)
RESTORING THE BEAUTY OF YERUSHALAYIM

12.30pm - Annual Ladies Programme (Main Hall)
THE HOME: A WOMAN'S PERSONAL BEIS HAMIKDASH



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