

# Parshas VAESCHANAN Shabbos Nachamu

5776

19-20 AUG 2016 / 16 Av 5776

CANDLE LIGHTING THIS WEEK: 5.32PM  
EREV SHABBOS MINCHA THIS WEEK: 5.35PM  
SHABBOS MINCHA: 5.10PM  
SHABBOS ENDS: 6.22PM

SHABBOS CANDLE LIGHTING NEXT WEEK: 5.35PM

LATEST TIME FOR MORNING SHEMA THIS WEEK: 9.17M  
EARLIEST TIME FOR EVENING SHEMA THIS WEEK: 6.21PM

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Ohr Somayach

## OVERVIEW

Although Moshe is content that Yehoshua will lead the nation, Moshe nevertheless prays to enter the Land of Israel in order to fulfill its special mitzvot. Hashem refuses. Moshe reminds Bnei Yisrael of the gathering at Sinai when they received the Torah — that they saw no visual representation of the Divine, but only the sound of words. Moshe impresses on Bnei Yisrael that the Sinai revelation took place before an entire nation, not to a select elite, and that only the Jews will ever claim that Hashem spoke to their entire nation. Moshe specifically enjoins Bnei Yisrael to "pass over" the Sinai event to their children throughout all generations. Moshe predicts, accurately, that when Bnei Yisrael dwell in Eretz Yisrael they will sin and be scattered among all the peoples. They will stay few in number but will eventually return to Hashem. Moshe designates three "refuge cities" to which an inadvertent killer may flee. Moshe repeats the 10 Commandments and then teaches the Shema, the central credo of Judaism, that there is only One G-d. Moshe warns the people not to succumb to materialism and thus forget their purpose as a spiritual nation. The parsha ends with Moshe exhorting Bnei Yisrael not to intermarry when they enter Eretz Yisrael, as they cannot be a treasured and holy nation if they intermarry, and they will become indistinguishable from the other nations.



## THE JEALOUSY ANTIDOTE

"And you shall not covet your fellow's wife, you shall not desire your fellow's house, his field, his slave, his maidservant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that belongs to your fellow" (5:18)

Perhaps one of the hardest commandments to understand — let alone fulfill — is *Lo Sachmod*, not to be jealous.

As Ibn Ezra asks (Shemos 20:14), how can the Torah command us not to feel an emotion that comes naturally when someone has something that we would like to have?

Rav Simchah Zissel Brodie derives an explanation from a Ramban.

The Ramban cites the following Midrash: The Ten Commandments are all repeated in Parashas Kedoshim in some form or another. For instance, the verse, "Ani Hashem Elokeichem" (Vayikra 19:3) corresponds to the first commandment, and "Veilokei maseichah lo sa'asu lachem — and molten gods shall you not make for yourself" (ibid. v. 4) corresponds to the second commandment.

The parallel to *Lo Sachmod*, says Ramban cryptically, is "Ve'ahavta lerei'acha kamocho — Love your fellow as yourself" (ibid. v. 18).

Rav Simchah Zissel explains the correlation between the two. Did you ever hear a father or mother wish that their children would have less material possessions just because they had less when they were at the same stage in life? No. Parents are thrilled when their children have more than they did. Why? Because they love their children as much as they love themselves — if not more — so they are happy when their children can afford anything they want.

If we would truly fulfill *ve'ahavta lerei'acha kamocho* and love every Jew as we love ourselves, says Rav Simchah Zissel, we wouldn't feel jealous of them for owning



**OHR SOMAYACH IN-SHABBATON**  
SHABBOS NACHAMU - 19<sup>TH</sup>/20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST



**RABBI AARON  
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**FRIDAY NIGHT DROSHA - MAIN SHUL**  
"PARSHAS VAESCHANAN & SHABBOS NACHAMU"

**SHABBOS DAY**  
+9:30am  
+10:30am

DROSHA AFTER THE 7:30AM MINYAN  
OPEN DROSHA FOR ENTIRE COMMUNITY  
"THE ESSENCE OF NECHAMA"  
SPECIAL KIDDUSH  
IN DEPTH SHIUR (MEN AND WOMEN) MAIN SHUL  
"TORAH FUNDAMENTALS" TEXT BASED

Rabbi Nissim Tagger - Rosh Yeshiva - Yeshivas Birchas Hatorah will be speaking at Shalosh Seudos

## MAIN SHUL KIDDUSH



This week's Main Shul Kiddush is kindly co-sponsored by

- **Haim & Cheryl Smadja** in honour of Cheryl's late mother's first Yortzeit, as well as the Yortzeit of Haim's late father
- **In honour of the ladies who organize & set up the Kiddush. Thank you!**

The special learning programme this Shabbos is sponsored by **Susan Blieden** in honour of the Yortzeit of her late father, **Chaim Ber ben Moshe Leib** and in honour of the recent Yortzeit of her late husband, the beloved Steven Blieden, **Shlomo Yoel ben Yehudah**

## WEDDING



Mazel tov to **Daniel & Brocha Leah Taitz** on the occasion of their recent wedding this past week. Mazel tov to proud parents **Paul & Zandra Friedman** and **Israel & Ziva Taitz**

The community offer sincere condolences to **Rabbi Mordechai and Shlomo Kruger** on the passing of their father **Jack Kruger zl**

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים

## SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR

### RABBI AUERBACH

THE LAWS OF THE **KEVONAS** THAT ONE SHOULD HAVE **WHILE RECITING THE SHEMA**

Shabbos afternoon at 4.35pm

## CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

Aryeh Froom  
Aharon Tzvi Goldberg  
Tzvi Katriel Dorfan

*Happy Birthday!*

**NEW SHIUR FOR  
POST SEM & YOUNG LADIES**

**RABBI AUERBACH  
PARSHA & COMMON  
SHABBOS HALOCHAS**

Monday Nights - 7.20pm  
Saus Residence, Unit 5, 5 Park Crescent

possessions that we cannot afford. We would be happy for them, just as we are happy when our own children have more than we do.

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## ENGAGEMENT

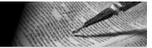


Mazel tov to **Ytzhok Schnerb & Chana Goldberg** on the announcement of their engagement. Mazel tov to proud parents **Rabbi Moishe & Jacqui Schnerb** and **Larry & Phyllis Goldberg**

## BASMITZVAH

Mazel tov to **Rivki Freeman** on the occasion of her Basmitzvah. Mazel tov to proud parents **Anthony & Michelle Freeman**

## AUFRUH



Mazel tov to **Dovi Blumenau** on the occasion of his aufruf and for his upcoming wedding this week to **Tali Kampel**. Mazel tov to proud parents **Rabbi Avigdor & Dvori Blumenau** and **Dennis & Charmaine Kampel**.

## YORTZEITS

- **Susan Blieden** for her late father
- **David Gordon** for his late father
- **Larry & Leon Welcher and Sandy Berk** for their late father
- **Michael, Charles, Ivan & Jack Joffe** for their late father

LADIES SHIUR

## RABBI AUERBACH

THIS WEEK

**EMUNAH & BITACHON** by the **Chazon Ish**

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

Thursday at 9.15am

## BNOS<sup>2016</sup>



Bnos is starting this Shabbos afternoon! **Girls age 5 to 11 yrs**  
Venue: **Abrams family, 3 Sand la Sun, 80 Sandler Rd, Glenhazel**. Meet at shul at **4.40pm**. For more info or if you would like to host one week please contact **Karen Shor 0828989027**

**SECURITY TIP:** Always be aware of the three main focus points of security, namely **SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE, SUSPICIOUS OBJECTS AND SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES**.

