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Jan. 27 - Feb. 2, 2018
11 - 17 Shevat 5778
Parshat Beshalach
Shabbat Shira

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Friday, January 26

Candle Lighting
4:34 pm

Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat
4:40 pm

Earliest Shema Friday night
5:41 pm

Latest Shema Shabbat morning
9:44 am



IN APPRECIATION TO

Steve Farkas

for leading services
and

Bobby Shaul

for leining

CHAI 5 CLUB

Wishing **Samuel Rappaport**
a Happy 90th Birthday!
Best wishes for
health and happiness!

MAZAL TOV TO

Adi Aizenberg & Michael Cohen
on their recent wedding at Beth Zion

CONDOLENCES TO

The family of the late
Tillie & Red (Saul) Fisher Z"L

NAVI CLASS

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in memory of his mother
Tehilla Elberg Z"L

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In memory of
Shoshana and Sheila's father
Kalman Lobel Z"L

Shabbat	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January 27 11 Shevat	January 28 12 Shevat	January 29 13 Shevat	January 30 14 Shevat	January 31 15 Shevat	February 1 16 Shevat	February 2 17 Shevat
8:15 am Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi	7:00 am Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi	6:15 am Shacharit	6:25 am Shacharit	Tu B'Shevat 6:25 am Shacharit	6:15 am Shacharit	6:25 am Shacharit
9:00 am Shacharit Main Sanctuary	8:00 am Shacharit	Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi	Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi	Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi	Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi	Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi
9:30 am Youth Minyan	8:45 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit
10:00 am Youth Groups						
4:05 pm Hilbot Tefillah Rabbi Michael Wolff	4:45 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:45 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:45 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:45 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:45 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:44 pm Candle Lighting
4:35 pm Mincha Seudat Shlshit		7:20 pm Duplicate Bridge		6:00 pm Tu B'Shevat Seder		 4:50 pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat
5:31 pm Maariv		8:00 pm Shiur Gmara Shabbat		8:00 pm Shiur Rabbi Gimple		7:30 pm Navi Class
5:41 pm Shabbat ends						

BESHALACH

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G-d did not lead them through the way of the land of the Philistines (13:17)

The Midrash Rabbah explains: The tribe of Ephraim had erred and departed from Egypt 30 years before the destined time, with the result that three hundred thousand of them were slain by the Philistines . . . and their bones lay in heaps on the road. . . . G-d therefore said: If Israel sees the bones of the sons of Ephraim strewn in the road, they will return to Egypt . . . Thus the verse says, *v'lo nacham Elokim* ("G-d did not lead them," which can also be translated as "G-d was not comforted"). This is comparable to a king whose sons were carried off as captives, and some of them died in captivity. The king afterwards came and saved those that were left. While he rejoiced over those who survived, he was never comforted for those who had died.

G-d said to Moses: "Why do you cry out to Me? Speak to the children of Israel, that they should go forward" (14:15) As they stood at the shore of the sea, the people of Israel split into four factions. The Mechilta relates the following: One faction said: "Let us cast ourselves into the sea." A second faction said, "Let us return to Egypt." A third said, "Let us wage war against the Egyptians." A fourth said, "Let us cry out to G-d." Thus Moses said to the people: "Fear not; stand by and see the salvation of G-d, which He will show you today. For as you have seen Egypt this day, you shall not see them again anymore, forever. G-d shall fight for you, and you shall be silent" (14:13-14). To those who said, "Let us cast ourselves into the sea," he said: "Fear not; stand by and see the salvation of G-d." To those who said, "Let us return to Egypt," he said: "As you have seen Egypt this day, you shall not see them again anymore, forever." To those who said, "Let us wage war against them," he said: "G-d shall fight for you." And to those who said, "Let us cry out to G-d," he said: "And you shall be silent."

The Lubavitcher Rebbe expands on this idea: ' These "four factions" represent four possible reactions to a situation in which one's divinely ordained mission in life is challenged by the prevalent reality. One possible reaction is: "Let us cast ourselves into the sea." Let us submerge ourselves within the living waters of Torah; let us plunge into the "sea of the Talmud," the sea of piety, the sea of religious life. Let us create our own insular communities, protecting us and ours from the G-dless world out there. At the other extreme is the reaction, "Let us return to Egypt." Let us accept "reality," recognizing that it is the Pharaohs who wield the power in the real world. We'll do whatever we can under the circumstances to do what G-d expects from us, but it is futile to imagine that we can resist, much less change, the way things are. A third reaction is to "wage war against them"—to assume a confrontational stance against the hostile reality, battling the "unG-dly" world despite all odds. A fourth reaction is to say: It's wrong to abandon the world, it's wrong to succumb to it and it's wrong to fight it. The answer lies in dealing with it on a wholly spiritual level. A single prayer can achieve more than the most secure fortress, the most flattering diplomat or the most powerful army. G-d rejected all four approaches. While each of them has their time and place (it's important to create inviolable sancta of holiness in a mundane world; it's also necessary to appreciate the nature of the prevalent reality and deal with it on its own terms; it's also necessary to wage an all-out war against evil; and it's always important to recognize that one cannot do it on one's own and to appeal to G-d for help)—none of them is the vision to guide our lives and define our relationship with the world we inhabit. Rather, when the Jew is headed toward Sinai and is confronted with a hostile or indifferent world, his most basic response must be to *go forward*. Not to escape reality, not to submit to it, not to wage war on it, not to deal with it only on a spiritual level, but to go forward. Do another mitzvah, ignite another soul, take one more step toward your goal. And when you move forward, you will see that insurmountable barrier yield and that ominous threat fade away. You will see that the prevalent "reality" is not so real after all, and that you have it within your power to reach your goal. Even if you have to split some seas to get there.'

Prepared by Devorah Abenheim

Friday Night Navi Class

Led by Rabbi Perton on Friday Evenings at his home 5623 Melling Ave., at 7:30 pm

Last night was sponsored by Sandra & Nathan Elberg

\$36 sponsorship opportunities available

A Taste of Israel

Wednesday January 31, 6:00 pm

Rabbi Perton invites you to a celebration of Tu B'Shevat.

Seder and Israeli style Dinner

Israeli Wine ♦ Musical Entertainment

Special Video Presentation: "The Sights and Sounds Of Israel"

Volunteers requested

RSVP by Monday, January 29

Sign up online

<https://bethzion.shulcloud.com/event/tu-bshvat-dinner-and-seder.html>

Sign up through the office 514-489-8411, bethzion@bethzion.com



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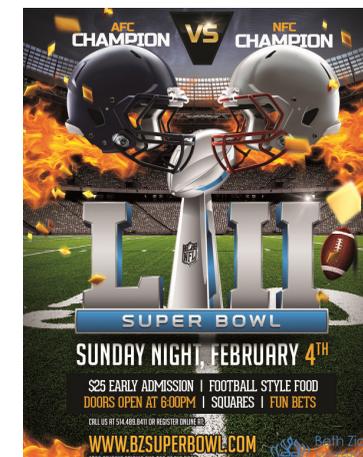
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Youth Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 4

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Hot Dogs, Chili, Fries and more

RSVP with Rabbi David Wallach, dcwallach@gmail.com