

## 🕯️ Shabbos Times

### Friday, May 15

Mincha/Maariv: 7:00

Candle Lighting 7:50

### Shabbos, May 16

Parsha Shiur: 8:30

Shacharis: 9:00

Krias Shema: 9:20

Youth groups begin: 9:30

Counting Towards Sinai: 6:00

*at the Bernstein home*

Gemara Shiur: 6:45

Boys Perkei Avos: 7:15

Mincha/ Shalosh Seudos: 7:45

Shekiah: 8:09

Nightfall/Maariv: 8:50

## Weekday Times

### Shacharis

Daf Yomi: 8:00

Sunday: 8:30

### Weekday Shacharis

Kollel Boker: 6:20

Monday: 6:40

Tuesday & Wednesday: 6:45

Thursday- Friday \*

*See Shavous Schedule*

### Mincha

Sunday - Wednesday: 7:55

Thursday - Friday \*

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## Kiddush & Shalosh Seudos

**Kiddush** is sponsored by Stuie and Sari Apfel to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Stuie's father, Avrum Zerach Ben Baruch and to celebrate the completion of all of Neviim and kesuvim b'iyun in a shiur that Stuie's been leading for about 37 years.

**Shalosh Seudos** is sponsored by Akiva and Leah Homnick in memory of Shaina bas Moshe Aharon a"h whose yahrzeit is ב. סיון.

**Thank you** to Nachum and Sue Fass for sponsoring the **Breakfast & Learn** in memory of the Yahrzeits for Sue's father, Yitzchak ben Yisrael a"h, and Nachum's father, Yaacov Yosef ben Moshe Yisrael a"h.

## Upcoming Programs

**May 16:** OU Women's Counting Towards Sinai

**May 16:** Boy's Shabbos Afternoon Learning Program

**May 17:** Breakfast and Learn: Tefillah in Crisis, Shoah, Soviet Union and Survival.

**June 2:** L'Chaim Initiative: American Treasure Tour Museum

**June 14:** Annual Shul Dinner

## Week's Reflections

**What happens when** belief in Mashiach appears in a rental contract? Rabbi Larry Rothwachs shares a remarkable story that challenges us to live as if geulah could happen today. Click [here](#) to read.

**A powerful new essay** exposes the moral inversion behind the genocide accusations against Israel, highlighting both Israel's restraint and the cruelty of those who weaponize Jewish grief. Click [here](#) to read.

**This week,** Alexander Glovanyov and Negev Dagan were killed defending the Jewish state. Click [here](#) to read.



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 Women's Shiur - \$36  
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## M'SHULCHAN HAPARSHA - FRESH TORAH FOR YOUR SHABBOS TABLE

### This Week, That Thought

Earlier this week, I had the opportunity to spend several days with colleagues from across the United States. Removed from the relentless pace of the year, we were able to reflect on our roles, assess our successes and challenges, and consider the opportunities that lie ahead. There is immense value in stepping outside the daily routine and engaging with trusted peers. Such conversations often spark fresh approaches to familiar situations, inspire new initiatives, and sometimes reveal that longstanding habits have outlived their usefulness.

Some of our discussions centered on the individual. Every kehillah is ultimately composed of individuals, each of whom may benefit from a mentor, Rav, or Rebbi to help navigate personal challenges and recognize new possibilities. Other conversations focused on the broader vision: branding, communication, and the strategic efforts required to move an entire community from one stage of growth to the next.

These two perspectives, the personal and the communal, can appear to occupy separate worlds. Yet they are deeply interconnected. The most compelling communal vision can only be realized when individuals embrace it, internalize it, and make the decisions necessary to bring it to life. In the end, the future of a kehillah is shaped not only by its grand ideas, but by the people whose choices either propel those ideas forward or leave them unrealized.

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### Between the Lines

In Parshas Bamidbar, the Torah carefully counts each Shevet, each family, and each individual before providing the final total of Klal Yisrael. This lengthy census underscores a fundamental truth: every Jew matters. Each person has a unique name, purpose, and contribution to make. No one is insignificant, and no one is merely another number in the crowd.

Yet the Torah does not stop with the individual counts. It concludes with the collective sum to teach that while every individual possesses inherent worth, our greatest accomplishments emerge when we unite as a community. Alone, each person has tremendous potential; together, that potential is multiplied.

***"If I am not for myself, who will be for me? But if I am only for myself, what am I?"***

**- Hillel HaZaken**

This is one of the enduring messages of Bamidbar as we prepare for Shavuot. Every Jew has a distinct chelek in Torah, a personal portion that only he or she can reveal. Klal Yisroel is compared to the stars in the sky. There are billions of stars, but Hashem calls each one with its own name. Each one is unique and special. But Torah flourishes most fully when it is learned and lived in connection with others. Each individual counts, and together Klal Yisrael becomes far greater than the sum of its parts. Each of us must recognize our individual responsibility, while understanding that our greatest strength and purpose are realized as part of Klal Yisrael.



### Pages of the Past

One of the most powerful themes in Jewish history is how a single individual can shape the destiny of an entire nation, either by elevating the klal or, chas v'shalom, holding it back.

When Bnei Yisrael stood trapped between the Yam Suf and the advancing Egyptian army, fear filled the camp. The sea did not split immediately. In that moment of hesitation, one man stepped forward: Nachshon ben Aminadav. He entered the waters until they reached his very being, and only then did the sea split. His act of faith shows how one individual can move an entire nation forward.

Yet Jewish history also records the opposite. After the conquest of Yericho, Hashem commanded that the spoils be dedicated to Him. Achan secretly took from the forbidden items. Though it appeared private, the consequences were national: Bnei Yisrael suffered a defeat at Ai, and Yehoshua was told the entire nation was affected because of one hidden act. Only after it was addressed could they succeed again. Together, these stories reveal a foundational truth: In Jewish life, no individual stands alone; each carries real power over the destiny of the whole.



### For the Table

- Do our actions, often seen as personally beneficial, have unseen consequences that positively or negatively impact the Klal?
- How do we determine what is truly good for the Klal when our own interests inevitably shape our judgment?