



Paresha D'var Torah

**Pareshat Shoftim
Priceless Advice!**

"According to the Torah that they teach and according to the judgment they will say to you, you should do. Do not turn from the thing they tell you right or left." (Devarim 17: 11)

A few years back, my wife and I had the pleasure to spend Shabbos at a hotel with Rabbi Pesach Krohn. He told over the following story. A young man from Mid-West was married for a good number of years without the blessing of children. One year his wife was expecting and she gave birth prematurely. The child weighed only a few pounds and remained hospitalized in Neo Natal Intensive Care Unit. After a period of time the child was strong and healthy enough to be sent home. They made a Bris and named the boy Yaakov.

Now with his son at home, the father of the boy didn't forget the tireless effort of the nurses that cared day and night for his child. He wanted to express his gratitude somehow. He did something seemingly unusual. He called his Rosh HaYeshiva – his spiritual mentor Rabbi Elya Svei in Philadelphia and asked him what he thought would be appropriate as a thank you gift. Should he get flowers, candy, or balloons etc.?

The Rabbi's answer was at first surprising. He told him to get them nothing. Misunderstanding, the young man reiterated his reason. He only wished to express his gratitude to those who had benefited his child so much. The Rosh HaYeshiva had, of course, understood that.

He asked, "What was the benefit that given by HASHEM to the Hebrew midwives, Shifra and Puah (Alias Yocheved and Miriam) for risking their lives to care for the Jewish infants in defiance of Pharaoh? Everyone thinks, "That He made for them houses", that is family dynasties but that's not what the verse says.

It states, "G-d benefited the midwives- and the people increased and became very strong." This was their benefit that they saw the work of their hands prosper before them.

Rabbi Svei advised that he should rather bring the child back to visit the hospital staff each year on his birthday and offer personal thanks. That's what he did. Year after year he paraded little Yaakov before the nurses and to thank them again and again. Before his 13th birthday and for the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah young Yaakov and his father delivered a Bar Mitzvah invitation personally to the hospital.

Soon afterward, they received a reply. The head of nursing writes, and I paraphrase what Rabbi Krohn read verbatim from the text of the letter. "Congratulations on your family milestone. We wanted to let you know how much your visits have meant to us over the years. We work in a high risk setting never knowing if things will turn out alright.

Z'manei Tefillah

Friday, September 6, 2024	
Candlelighting (not earlier than 6:23)	7:25 p.m.
Mincha, Plag	6:15 p.m.
Saturday, September 7, 2024 Shoftim	
Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
Latest Shema	10:02 a.m.
Mincha	7:20 p.m.
Shkiya	7:41 p.m.
Motzaei Shabbat	8:27 p.m.
Sunday-Friday, September 8-13, 2024	
Earliest Tallit & Tefillin	5:50-5:56 a.m.
Shacharit, Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Shacharit, Monday, Thursday	6:45 a.m.
Shacharit, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv, Sun. - Thurs. Plag has ended	7:25 p.m.
Friday, September 13, 2024	
Candlelighting (not earlier than 6:11)	7:11 p.m.
Mincha, Plag has ended	7:25 p.m.

Drasha Continued:

Even after a child leaves our care, we have little or no idea what ever became of our efforts. I was not even at the hospital when your Yaakov was treated here but you should know that when we train for this difficult and often thankless task your son has become the poster child of what's possible. We mention again and again that the infant that you are currently caring for may turn out like "Yaakov".

Then she adds as a postscript, "Many people send us flowers, balloons, and candies. The flowers eventually wilt, the balloons deflate, and the candies are eaten up but the gift that you have given us has been proven valuable beyond comparison."

Take note how a Gadol- a Great Torah Scholar learns Chumash with such depth and practicality. How wise it is to follow their priceless advice.

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Plag Mincha Ending:

Please note that this is the last Shabbat that we will have Friday night early davening (**Plag Mincha**). Starting **Sunday, September 8**, Mincha will be at its regular minyan time both during the week and on Friday night. (**For the week of September 8-13: @ 7:25 PM**).

Lifecycle

Celebrations:

- Mazal Tov to **Susan Kahn** on the engagement of her grandson, Netanel Kahn, son of Shea Kahn and family, to Avigayil Umansky of Monsey, New York.
- Mazal tov to **Rebecca Mammon** on the forthcoming marriage of her grandson, Jonathan Adler to Samantha Sharon,
- Mazal tov to **Dina and Jerry Adler** on the forthcoming marriage of their son, Jonathan to Samantha Sharon on Sunday, September 8th in Israel.

Refuah Sheleimah:

- Refuah Sheleimah to all the cholim and all those who were wounded or kidnapped and who are suffering at this time. Tefillot and Tehillim said on behalf of the cholim are much appreciated.

Nichum Aveylim:

- Sincere condolences to our member, **Zena Zobin** on the loss of her mother, Brukha Vatenmakher, z"l. Shacharit on Sunday is at **8:00 AM** at **91 Townsgate Dr. Apt. 706**. Shiva ends on Sunday morning after Shacharit.

Unveiling:

- There will be an unveiling of a matzeivah for our late member, **Eva Peresz, z"l**, on **Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 12:00 noon at Pardes Shalom Cemetery (Bnai Torah old section J.)**

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- **B'nai Torah Foyer Kiddush sponsors.**

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- **Zev and Netty Rappaport.** B'nai Torah regrets the omission.

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- Sponsored by **Andrea Stern and Isaac Singer** in honour of their son Jonathan, who served in the IDF as a "Chayal Boded" and more recently, as a reservist, and in honour of all the other reservists and chayalim.

- **The Korman family.**

Synagogue Notes

5785 Membership Renewal Packages:

Membership Renewal Packages are now due. Thank you to those who have already sent in their forms.

If you not yet done so, please return your forms by email or surface mail or leave them in the shul mailbox, next to the parking lot door. If you have not received your package, please contact the Shul Office.

CBT High Holiday Tzedakah Fund:

Please help those in need in our community by contributing to the CBT Charity Fund. Contact the Shul Office at **(416) 226-3700**, Ext. 2, office@bnaitorah.ca or E-transfer to marinagershtein@gmail.com. Please be sure to indicate **Tzedakah Fund donation**. If you have already done so, thank you and Tizku l'mitzvot.

Jewish Women's 60 Plus Meetup Group:

The new Jewish Women's 60 Plus Meetup Group has begun at B'nai Torah. The group gets together on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm. The group will not meet in October due to the holydays. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, *Nov. 6 at 1:30 pm*. all women are invited to join.

Israel News can be found at: [Israel News.](#)

Daf Yomi

September 7, 2024	Shabbat	4 Elul 5784	Bava Basra 74
September 8, 2024	Sunday	5 Elul 5784	Bava Basra 75
September 9, 2024	Monday	6 Elul 5784	Bava Basra 76
September 10, 2024	Tuesday	7 Elul 5784	Bava Basra 77
September 11, 2024	Wednesday	8 Elul 5784	Bava Basra 78
September 12, 2024	Thursday	9 Elul 5784	Bava Basra 79
September 13, 2024	Friday	10 Elul 5784	Bava Basra 80

Yahrzeits for the Week of September 8-14, 2024

Deceased Name	Relationship	Member or Affiliate Name	Day	Hebrew Date
Sonia Roth	mother	Barbara Frankel & Steve Roth	Monday	Elul 6
Mildred Bisgould	mother	Bev Bergman	Friday	Elul 10
Please consider making a donation to B'nai Torah in memory of your loved one.				

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