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THE REBBE'S TORAH TEACHINGS

This week's Torah portion, Pinchas, describes the apportionment of the Land of Israel. The Torah states, "Through the lot shall the land be divided." The Talmud notes that the process by which the lots were drawn was not random; the miraculous Urim and Tumim, in the breastplate of the High Priest, guided the outcome.

The famous commentator Rashi explains that not only was the portion of the Holy Land to be given to each tribe written on the lot picked for that tribe, but the lot itself spoke and announced the result. In other words, the division of the soon-to-be conquered Land of Israel was determined by G-d Himself.

The inheritance of the physical portion of land is symbolic of the spiritual inheritance of every Jew with which he is enjoined to fulfill his individual mission in life. Just as each of the Twelve Tribes was given a specific portion of land to live in and cultivate, every Jew is allotted his own spiritual realm to perfect.

Although a person might think he is free to choose his own spiritual portion, following whichever path in the service of G-d that appeals to his nature, the Torah teaches that this is not a matter of free will or logic, but is ordained by G-d.

Every Jewish soul has its own particular inclinations and disinclinations; some mitzvot (commandments) are easier to observe than others. The Talmud notes that many of our Sages were especially careful in their performance of one particular commandment. Although they certainly observed all 613 of the Torah's mitzvot, their performance of that one mitzva was especially praiseworthy. The exemplary observance of that one mitzva served as the conduit through which all other mitzvot flowed.

A person cannot choose his own spiritual bent; it is an integral part of his individual spiritual makeup. But how does one determine exactly which mitzvot are especially relevant to him? By objectively ascertaining those which he finds the hardest to do!

A person may safely assume that a given direction is his "inheritance" whenever the path seems strewn with obstacles and hindrances. In fact, the more important the mitzva, the harder the Evil Inclination tries to dissuade the person.

A lack of interest in a particular facet of Torah study or indifference to a certain mitzva indicates that it is precisely in these areas that special efforts must be made. In the merit of this effort, G-d grants the individual success in all other areas of his life as well.

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Haftarah: 1463

6 FRIDAY

6:30 am Shacharit
 8:11 pm Light Candles
 7:00 pm Mincha / Maariv
 8:15 pm 2nd Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat Minyan

7 SHABBAT

9:20 am Shacharit
 10:00 am Youth Groups
 12:00 pm Kiddush,
 Efrem & Leah Schnoll, in
 memory of Avraham Simcha
 ben Yisrael Yitzchak HaLevi.
 8:00 pm Mincha, Study of Pirkei
 Avot & Seudah Shlishit,
 with Chassidic Melody,
 Discourse & Moshiach
 Matters
 9:18 pm Shabbat Ends

8 SUNDAY

8:00 am Shacharit
 7:45 pm Mincha / Maariv

9 MONDAY

6:30 am Shacharit
 7:45 pm Mincha / Maariv

10 TUESDAY

6:30 am Shacharit
 7:45 pm Mincha / Maariv

11 WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Shacharit
 7:45 pm Mincha / Maariv

12 THURSDAY

6:30 am Shacharit
 7:45 pm Mincha / Maariv

13 FRIDAY

6:30 am Shacharit
 8:08 pm Light Candles
 7:00 pm Mincha / Kabbalat
 Shabbat
 8:15 pm 2nd Mincha / Kabbalat
 Shabbat Minyan

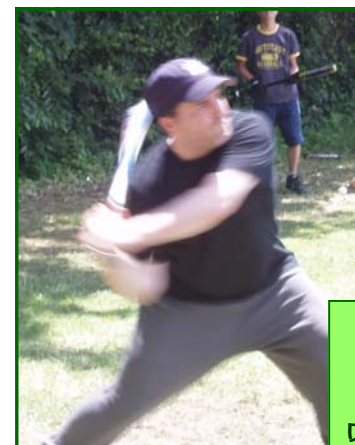
14 SHABBAT

7:30 am Shabbat Mevarchim
 Tehillim Recitation

*The Weekly Women's Shiur will be held
 at 5:15 pm, at the home of
 Arielle & Naomi Berko,
 345 Marlborough Road, Cedarhurst.*



BOYS/CHASIDIM OF SUMMER



Chabad joined a Shul's League!
 Last Sunday, we played our first
 game...The final score??? 😊
 Doesn't matter = all had fun!

CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE NESHAMA: LIFE LESSONS

Transformation

Once there was a powerful king, who ruled many lands. His most precious treasure was a diamond – the most flawless diamond in the world. Once, at a royal party, the king flaunted his diamond, passing it from guest to guest as it rested on a soft velvet pillow. Abruptly, the diamond fell and became deeply scratched.

The ruler summoned his diamond experts to correct the blemish. However, the distraught king learned that they could not remove the blemish without cutting the surface, thus reducing the diamond's value.

Finally, a craftsman appeared and assured the king that he could fix the diamond without reducing its value. The self-confidence this artist displayed convinced the king to entrust the diamond's repair to him.

Several days later, the artist returned with the diamond. The king was astonished to see that the ugly scratch had disappeared. In its place a beautiful rose was engraved.

The scratch had become the stem of an exquisite flower.

~
"Failure is success... if we learn from it."



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

LANDING

To one who fell into enormous debt trying to achieve miracles, the Rebbe said:

We were told to transcend limitations

--but that doesn't mean just jumping into the air with no idea of where you're going to land!

SHABBAT	8:45 am	Chassidus	Rabbi Nachman Ross
	7:00 pm	Rambam	Rabbi Nachman Ross
	7:00 pm	Code of Jewish Law	Rabbi Wolowik
	8:15 pm	Moshiach Matters	Rabbi Nachman Ross

SUNDAY	8:45 am	Breakfast & Bavli	Rabbi Wolowik
	8:45 am	Rambam-A Chapter A Day	R' Meir Preger

MONDAY	5:30 am	Tanya	R' Meir Preger
	7:15 am	Daf Yomi Daily Talmud Study	R' Elly Storch
	7:20 am	Rambam-A Chapter A Day	R' Meir Preger
	10:30 am	Food for the Body & Soul	Mrs. Rivka Kotlarsky
	3:45 pm	Connection to the Source	Mrs. Leah Muller

TUESDAY	5:30 am	Chassidic Mysticism	Rabbi Wolowik
	7:15 am	Daf Yomi	R' Elly Storch
	7:20 am	Rambam-A Chapter A Day	R' Meir Preger
	10:30 am	J.U.S.T. For Us Seniors Group	Mrs. Lisa Balch
	7:45 pm	Intermediate Hebrew Class	Mrs. Marla Turk

WEDNESDAY	5:45 am	Tanya	R' Meir Preger
	7:15 am	Daf Yomi	R' Elly Storch
	7:20 am	Rambam-A Chapter A Day	R' Meir Preger
	10:30 am	A Tale of Two Souls Tanya	Shimona Tzukernik
			NOT IN SESSION

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	7:15 am	Daf Yomi	R' Elly Storch
	7:20 am	Rambam-A Chapter A Day	R' Meir Preger
	8:15 pm	Living with the Times, Wkly Torah Portion	R' Yanky Feder
	8:15 pm	Leining Lessons for Adults	R' Leibel Zisman

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WEEKLY TORAH PORTION SUMMARY: PINCHAS

Aaron's grandson, Pinchas, is rewarded for his act of zealotry in killing the Shimonite prince Zimri and the Midianite princess: G-d grants him a covenant of peace and the priesthood.

A census of the people counts 601,730 men between the ages of 20 and 60. Moses is instructed on how the Land is to be divided by lottery among the tribes and families of Israel. The five daughters of Tzelafchad petition Moses that they be granted the portion of the land belonging to their father, who died without sons; G-d accepts their claim and incorporates it into the Torah's laws of inheritance.

Moses empowers Joshua to succeed him and lead the people into the Land of Israel. The Parshah concludes with a detailed list of the daily offerings, and the additional offerings brought on Shabbat, Rosh Chodesh (first of the month), and the festivals of Passover, Shavuot, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret.

KIDDUSH CALENDAR

- **July 7**
Efrem & Leah Schnoll
- **July 14**
Sponsorship Available
- **July 21**
Sponsorship Available

If you'd like to sponsor a future Kiddush at Chabad to mark any occasion, please contact Dr. Muller at 516-569-0169.

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WE THANK THE VOLUNTEERS FROM THE PAST WEEK:

- Our devoted Kiddush volunteers: Lisa Balch, Paula, Avi & Yechiel Friedman, Fanny Gold, Debby Hoffert, Ira Lebowitz, Larry Sachs, Leibel Stein, Alan Strauss, Yechezkel Taitz, Marla Turk, and Josh Justic.
- Stephanie Friedman & Lisa Fishbein for helping with the Shabbat groups.

We sincerely apologize if we have inadvertently omitted your name.

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DAILY HALACHA

DURING THE THREE WEEKS

- It is customary not to cut or shave any hair during the Three Weeks. This also applies to adults cutting children's hair.
- Nail cutting is permissible during the Three Weeks, until the beginning of the Nine Days .
- A Jew who has a court case with a non-Jew should postpone it, if possible, until after the entire month of Av, but at least until after Tisha B'Av.

YOUTH CALENDAR



- July 14 • Birthday Shabbat, for all children celebrating birthdays in the month of Av, following Shabbat Services.



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Kashrus & Cooking
2~part series

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with Riki Fishbein

8:15 pm
for women

RSVP Required

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Kashrus & Cooking

Featuring a talk on the Kosher Kitchen, Cooking
Demonstration & Food Tasting, with Mrs. Riki
Fishbein

8:15 pm

Family Barbecue | **Women's Series** | Tammuz 17 | Israel Trip | Parshah | Judaism | Daily Dose | Pause

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| 7/13/2007 | • Tammuz 27 | Shira Feder |
| 7/13/2007 | • Tammuz 27 | Dovid Yitzchok Ivry |



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| July 7 ~ Tammuz 21 | Father of R' Meir Preger |
| | R' Menachem Nachum Preger |
| July 8 ~ Tammuz 22 | Father of Ms. Leah Rosenthal |
| | Mr. Avraham Simcha Rosenthal |
| July 10 ~ Tammuz 24 | Father of Mr. Abraham Shapiro |
| | R' Solomon Shapiro |
| July 13 ~ Tammuz 27 | Mother of Mrs. Faye Adams |
| | Mrs. Raizel Leah Abramowitz |



**Mondays, July 9 & 16 • WORKSHOP SERIES:
Kashrut & Cooking**

Chabad will be offering a special summer series of workshops for women on Kosher Cooking, a chance to learn about the Kosher Kitchen and participate in a Cooking Demonstration and Food Tasting, with Mrs. Rikki Fishbein. RSVP required, call 516-295-2478.

Wednesday, July 18 • Multimedia Tour of the Beit Hamikdash for Women

A unique and compelling power-point presentation that describes the structure and service in the *Beis HaMikdash* and highlights parallels in our relationships with Hashem and our fellowmen. Prompted by the Rebbe's directive to study *Hilchos Beis HaBechirah* and featuring attractive illustrations of the *Beis HaMikdash*, diagrams, and handouts for the audience, this presentation enables this fascinating topic to come alive and be grasped by any audience. With Mrs. Malka Touger, 8:15 pm at Chabad.



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WEEK #2 @ CGI

Brachos Mania

As soon as we got to camp on Monday, we jumped right into our theme with Brachos Placemats and an exciting Brachos Hunt. Each child made their very own Brachos Placemat (it will be sent home on Monday). We can't wait to use these placemats at home so that we know which Brachos to make every time we eat! Then, we all got together for a Brachos Hunt. We ran outside to find pictures of all different types of food, and then back inside we sorted them by Brachos and colored them too! It was so much fun!

Nature

Morah Donna's Nature lesson was both fun and interesting this week. We learned that Hashem created the sky and the water on the second day of Creation. Cotton ball clouds, coloring salt and spray bottles were all part of the creative process while making our wonderful Day 2 Nature Project!

Rain, Rain, Go Away!

We didn't let the rain keep us down on Thursday! We had a fantastic day of Arts & Crafts, singing with Morah Music and baking! The delicious smoothies were definitely a hit! We mixed the fruit in the blender and then each had a taste of the cool, summer drink. We also made fish swimming in the sea. Using jello, food coloring and fish candies we made the sea, just like Hashem did on Day 2!

Shabbos Oneg

As usual, Friday was spent getting ready for Shabbos. Challah baking, Shabbos Party and songs were all part of the day as we ended the second amazing week of camp. While the whole week was full of excitement and fun, Challah baking was a highlight for everyone. We kneaded the dough, formed beautiful Challah braids and smelled the wonderful Challah baking throughout the building. We can't wait to eat our Challah on Shabbos!