

Parshat Chukas
Tammuz 9, 5778 | June 22, 2018
Fun, Frum & Friendly



Shabbas

Pre-Game Farbrengen:	8:05pm
Candle Lighting:	8:14pm
Mincha:	8:15pm
Sunset:	8:32pm
Shacharis:	8:30am
Jr Minyan - R' Binyomin Stone	9:45am
Shabbos Groups:	9:45am
Mincha:	8:00pm
Maariv:	9:23pm
Shabbos ends:	9:23pm

Next Week

Shacharis (Sunday):	8:30am
Shacharis (Monday – Friday):	6:45am
Mincha at Kollel:	1:45pm
Mincha & Maariv:	8:15pm
Nightfall/Shema after:	9:23pm
Arvei Pesachim (Monday):	8:30pm
Maariv at Kollel:	9:15pm

Coming Up...

Navi Class on Shabbas @ 7:30pm
 Summer Learning @ 4:30pm on Shabbat starting 7/7
 Annual Congregational Meeting - 6/24 after Shacharis

Kiddush is sponsored by Duke McCarthy. All glory, honor, praise, and blessings to Hashem in Heaven Above. And thanking Him for turning Balaam's curses into blessings for the Israelites and the Jewish people. And may He continue to bless all Israel and Jews throughout the world. Especially Young Israel. Please, Amen.

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Sometimes we see biblical references embedded in various contexts in general society...for example "In Gd we trust" emblazoned on a dollar bill, sworn testimonies in court state "I swear to tell the truth...so help me Gd," Mt. Sinai Hospital named for the spot where the Jewish people received Torah, or the medical logo of a snake coiled on a pole as in this week's parsha. At first sight I am surprised, then pleased, then left wondering what these allusions mean to most. Is Gd our ruler...or just a tag line? While Google or Wikipedia may shed light how these phrases became mainstreamed, the Torah provides context. We know the first snake in Bereishis reveals a conniving deceitful character while in Chukat it is an instrument to facilitate healing. Rabbi Yisrael Rutman of Aish HaTorah points out snakebites today are cured with anti-venom manufactured from snake venom, the source of affliction itself becomes the remedy.

This episode in Chukat highlights the necessity of turning our hearts and thoughts heavenward and beseeching Gd. Sincere prayer heals. Not lip service or fancy phrases, but true immersion in communion with the Creator. Rabbi Ron Jawary of Aish HaTorah points out Talmud teaches the middle letter in Torah is in "gachon=snake" (Lev 11:42) which symbolizes negativity, cynicism, and indifference, opposite qualities a person should develop in oneself, and this negativity is surrounded on all sides by Torah – optimism, purity, and Gdliness. Embedding ourselves in an environment of Torah and keeping our eyes toward heaven is the best medicine. Hmmm, does this mean a snake a day keeps the doctor away...???

This week's Dvar Torah was written by Jay Cantor. Participate in the Community Divrei Torah Project by contacting isaacbenmass@gmail.com to sign up.