

**Parshat Matos-Masei - Rosh Chodesh
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Fun, Frum & Friendly**



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Shabbas

Pre-Game Farbrengen:	8:00pm
Candle Lighting:	8:10pm
Mincha:	8:10pm
Sunset:	8:28pm
Shacharis:	8:30am
Jr Minyan - R' Binyomin Stone	9:45am
Shabbos Groups:	9:45am
Mincha:	8:00pm
Maariv:	9:10pm
Shabbos ends:	9:19pm

Next Week

Shacharis (Sunday):	8:30am
Shacharis (Monday – Friday):	6:45am
Mincha at Kollel:	1:45pm
Mincha & Maariv:	8:15pm
Nightfall/Shema after:	9:12-9:16pm
Arvei Pesachim (Monday):	8:30pm
Maariv at Kollel:	9:15pm

Coming Up...

Summer Learning @ 4:30pm on Shabbat
At the Liberman Home - 420 Hialeah Drive
YI Board Meeting - 7/15

A big welcome to the community to Ilana and Yoni Yares who moved in two weeks ago and Avital and Yaakov Zeffren who moved in this week.

Kiddush is sponsored by Duke McCarthy. All blessings, honor, glory, and praise to the Almighty God in Heaven Above. Hashem is his great name. May He bless all Israel and Jews throughout the land. Especially Young Israel of Cherry Hill and their goals of obtaining a new shul. And the families with showers of blessings. For all good things to the good. Please, Amen.

Sponsorship opportunities:

- Kiddush: \$120
- Seudas Shlishi: \$85
- Yartzeit Board: \$250
- Eitz Chaim: \$120

Membership

\$1,525 Regular Family
\$775 Single / Retired Family / Young Family (under 30 years)
\$400 Young Single (under 30)
\$500 First year at YI—Family
\$250 First year at YI—Single
\$500 Associate Membership
For more info, contact Shmuel at Samuel.Gluck@gmail.com

Scrip - Purchase on YI's website or by contacting Joyce at JJoseph5@aol.com

Tribute Cards - Support YI & mark any occasion by purchasing on YI's website.

Rashi on this week's parsha quotes a Medrish Tanchuma that describes the recounting of the previous travels and challenges of bnei yisroel throughout the 40 years with a parable. A king brought his son to a distant location for medical treatment. Returning home, healed, the king points out to his son all of the places they stopped on the initial journey due to the son's illness and condition.

In the parable, recounting the places makes sense logically. The king can enhance and deepen his gratitude that his son was able to return home with a clean bill of health at each stop where he previously struggled. However, in the comparison to bnei yisroel, the locations of illness are in fact wayward rebellious incidents, sins committed by bnei yisroel against Hashem.

The question that then arises is why would Hashem want to recount those incidents of rebellion? Why is it beneficial for bnei yisroel to be reminded of all of the places that they sinned and struggled throughout the sojourning in the desert? How is it helpful to be reminded of their past sins. Isn't this debilitating and negative? This is especially true when we know that every word in the Torah is precious and meaningful. To list verse after verse of a seemingly redundant history seems inappropriate.

The answer is that, no, it's not negative or redundant. Rather, this list is vital as it is truly enlightening and empowering. The lesson the medrish is conveying is that despite our sins, despite the rebellions against Hashem, He still loved bnei yisroel and took care of them. It shows us the tremendous love Hashem has for us, unconditionally, and unwavering, despite our negative actions. Hashem views them as illness, able to be healed. His love for us knows no bounds and is limitless.

May we be able to feel the unconditional love Hashem provides for us individually, and reciprocate that love back to Him and our fellow members of bnei yisroel.

From a talk given by R' Henach Lebowitz.

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