



YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHERRY HILL

Shabbos Times

Mincha & Maariv	8:05 pm
Candle Lighting	8:07 pm
Sunset	8:25 pm
Shacharis	8:30 am
Jr Minyan R' Binyamin	9:45 am
Shabbos Groups	9:45 am
Mincha	7:55 pm
Maariv	9:06 pm
Shabbos Ends	9:15 pm

Dvar Torah: Shmueli Berdugo

The Mishna in Pirkey Avot (5/22) delineates the three traits that establish a person as a student of Avraham Avinu, and the three traits that establish them as a student of Bilaam HaRasha. Avraham always saw the good in people, whereas Bilaam was trying to search for Klal Yisroels flaws. Avraham was the picture of humility, whereas Bilaam was the quintessential narcissist. Avraham was an altruist, whereas Bilaam was purely focus on self-gain. The Mishna sets up Avraham and Bilaam as being parallel opposite personalities in the Torah. In short, Avraham was completely self-less and Bilaam was a complete narcissist.

The gamara in Brachos (6B) sets up another apparent distinction between Avraham and Bilaam. The gamara says that anyone who is koveah makom li'tfilato, sets a consistent place to daven, the g-d of Avraham will help him. And when he passes away Hashem will

ask where is the humble one, where is the pious one, the student of Avraham Avinu. The gamara goes on to bring a source that Avraham had a set place where he always davened because right after his prayer on Sedom's behalf failed, the Torah says that Avraham got up the next morning to daven in the same place. Interestingly, in this parsha, Bilaam tended to move around from place to place to get a better vantage point when his attempt to curse the Jews failed. How does this distinction fit into Avraham and Bilaam's opposing personalities?

We already established that Avraham was humble and that he didn't attribute any greatness to his own merit. As a result, when his prayer for Sedom wasn't accepted he didn't attribute it to the place he davened, he instead attributed it to his own failings and continued davening in the same place. Whereas Bilaam was a narcissist, so when his first attempt to curse the Jews failed it was clearly the place that was wrong because it couldn't have possibly been his own short comings.

Kiddish is sponsored by Duke McCarthy: All honor, glory, praise, blessings, and goodness to the Great G-d in Heaven above. Hashem is His Name. May He continually bless the State of Israel and all Israelis and Jews now and forever, with health, wealth, and Torah; especially Young Israel of Cherry Hill and families. Please, Amen.

Mazel Tov to Shani & Chaim Blumberg and family on the birth and naming of Miriam Talia Blumberg!

Women's swim continues at the Katz JCC and every Sunday thereafter from 6-7PM. Cost is \$10 and \$5 for JCC members. Feel free to email sarah.bienenfeld@gmail.com with any questions. This is not a shul program, just a community wide effort.

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- Seudas Shlishi: \$85
- Yartzeit Board: \$250
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- Weekly Newsletter: \$50

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Dvar Torah - to participate in the Community Divrei Torah Project, please use the link in the newsletter email.

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

Next Week

Shacharis (Sun)	8:30 am
Shacharis (Mon - Fri)	6:45 am
Mincha & Maariv	8:05 pm
Mincha (Fri)	8:05 pm
Nightfall/Shma after	9:13 pm
Kollel Maariv (Sun-Thurs)	9:15 pm
Gemara Makos-men (Mon)	8:30 pm

Newsletter submissions deadline 4:00 pm Thursdays.