



KETER TORAH SHABBAT NOTES

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Parashot Chukat-Balak

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Dvar Torah Chukat-Balak by Rabbi Baum

Just What We Needed: a Dinner of Enormous Participation and Laughter

The number that resonated with me at our unprecedented, exceptional and successful shul dinner was 70. While the contributions of the shul community far surpassed those we expected to raise at this unprecedented event, the most joyous moment at the dinner was when our president, Yossi Katz, announced that 70% of our membership had participated in this campaign. The honorees at this unique occasion were the shul membership, who, even with our beautiful edifice shuttered, have been more active than ever, reaching out to each other and grasping onto the programs we have provided to connect to our Creator and Sustainer.

Even the evil Billam, in our second Parsha this Shabbat, could not ignore the strength of the Jewish community, when it acts with dignity to each other. His *praise*, “How goodly are your tents”, found its way into our siddurim (Siddur Rashi 417), to the chagrin of some commentators (e.g. Maharshal 64), who did not want what was intended as a curse from a malevolent person to be embedded in our liturgy. Yet as we know, it is commonly included at our entry to a Beit Kinneset (Mateh Moshe 29). This message, despite its being from a bad messenger, is too powerful to ignore. “How goodly are your tents” in the context of the coronavirus, and as symbolized by the persistent and passionate participation of our membership in adult and youth programming at our shul, indicates that our private homes, in partnership with our shul, are physical and virtual places, in which we can find some of our sources of success and spiritual resilience.

The dinner itself was an evening of necessary laughter. The comments from so many were, “that is just what we needed.” I recently completed a biography of Rav Noah Weinberger, z”l, the charismatic Torah leader and founder of Aish HaTorah. The book, *Rav Noach Weinberg: Torah Revolutionary*, is filled with details about his sophisticated approach to kiruv and his methodology for systematic Torah learning, as well as anecdotes about his personal victories and challenges. Yet the part of the book that was most compelling for me was the advice that he gave to students who revealed their insecurities to him. He provided one couple, who were confronting a terrible illness, three pieces of advice (p 210). He suggested that that they see Divine Providence in what was happening to them, work on gratitude by finding five additional things to thank Hashem for daily and **tell each other a joke every day. Just in case they came up short, he would regularly send them jokes.** Rav Noach understood our Talmudic tradition (Ta’anit 22a) and human psychology, that humor is not only a diversion but an instrument to awaken the soul. Humor can show us that we all have inner joy, which may be suppressed by the ongoing pain of uncertainty and the traumas of life. Thank you all for a great evening of laughing together. It is what we wanted and what we needed.

Shabbat Shalom

Thank you to everyone who worked to ensure the success of our dinner:

Howie Blumenfeld (Chairperson)	Yossi Katz	Bassie Lewis	Elissa Seltzer	Meital Teitelman
Dennis Eisenberg	Max Klein	Keren Nussbaum	Wendy Shindler	
Dan Fried	Esther Levie	Bennett Schachter	Arlene Shiner	

A special thank you to:

Chickies	EJ's Place	Mocha Bleu	Rock n' Roll	Wok 18
Chopstix	ETC Steakhouse	Narutto Bowl	Sababa Grill	Yalla Teaneck
Teaneck Doghouse	The Humble Toast	Noah's Ark	Senders	

- Please [click here](#) to register for a minyan and for cycle three guidelines. A new cycle begins this coming Monday, July 6, with an additional daily 8:15am minyan on the shul campus and **expanded capacity for Shabbat minyanim**.
 - Password: KeterTorah5780
 - Deadlines: Sunday, July 5, at 12:00pm for seven day minyanim, and Wednesday, July 8, at 9:30pm for Shabbat-only minyanim on July 10–11
- There will be a Zoom meeting with Rabbi Baum this Motzei Shabbat at 9:45pm for those who did not attend a meeting during the first two cycles. Zoom information: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83498184305>
Dial in: 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 834 9818 4305
- If a parent attended a Zoom meeting, a child does not have to, but the parent should review the guidelines with their children before registering.

Recordings of Keter Torah shiurim from this week: [Parsha Shiur with Yael Weil](#) and [source sheets](#)

Shabbat Schedule for Home

Friday

6:58pm – Plag HaMincha Those accepting Shabbat at Plag HaMincha must complete Mincha before 6:58pm and can daven Ma'ariv after 6:58pm

7:00pm – Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat

(Families who daven Mincha at 7:00pm should light candles by 7:15pm)

8:13pm – Candle Lighting

8:15pm – Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat

➤ The bracha "Me'ein sheva" (including Magen Avot) is omitted when davening alone; Vayichulu is said, followed by Aleinu

Shabbat

Shacharit – You may want to daven Shacharit at the same time that you typically do on Shabbat, or say the Amida of Shacharit at Netz, which is 5:30am

9:15am – Latest Shma

➤ Brich Shmei is not recited when davening alone

➤ Only the first paragraph of Yikum Purkan is recited when davening alone

1:38pm – Earliest Mincha

➤ Rabbi Baum will recite the Keil Maleh prayer for those observing yartzeit from 12–18 Tammuz

8:31pm – Sunset (finish Mincha before sunset)

9:16pm – Ma'ariv

9:22pm – Shabbat ends

Guidelines for Sunday through Wednesday, July 5 – July 8

Mincha: Earliest time to daven Mincha Sunday, July 5, through Wednesday, July 8 – 1:38pm

Sunset: Finish davening Mincha before sunset

Sunday – 8:31pm; Monday through Wednesday – 8:30pm

Ma'ariv: Daven Ma'ariv after sunset

Thursday, July 9, Fast of the 17th of Tammuz

Fast Begins – 4:21am Sunrise – 5:33am Earliest Mincha – 1:38pm

Sunset – 8:29pm Fast Ends – 9:10pm

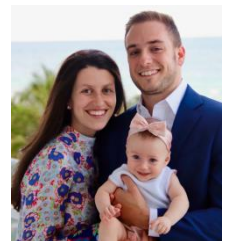
Mazal Tov

- To Naomi & Martin Klamen on the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Rachel, to Shimon Liebling, son of Melissa & Ralph Liebling. Mazal Tov to grandmother Hana Werner.
- To Etti & Chaim Schaap on the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Ariel, to Joshua Heisler, son of Rivka & David Heisler. Mazal Tov to grandparents Henry & Bella Lerner.
- To Barbara & Alan Sohn on the upcoming marriage of their son, Andrew, to Allison Rabinowitz, daughter of Charni & Jeffrey Rabinowitz. Mazal Tov to grandparents Sylvia Eisman, Risha Sohn and Shirley Rabinowitz.
- To Suri & Steven Iskovitz on the engagement of their daughter, Malka, to Benjamin Gurvitch, son of Jamie & Ira Gurvitch of Boynton Beach, Florida. Mazal Tov to grandparents Sherry & Barry Iskovitz, Esther & Joseph Schubin and Carol & Aaron Greenwald and to great-grandmother Ida Iskovitz.
- To Shanna & David Wolf on the engagement of their daughter, Arianna, to Chesky Kwestel, son of Dassy & Steven Kwestel of Lawrence, New York. Mazal Tov to grandparents Esther & Aaron Lehmann.
- To the Salsa shiur group on their completion of Masechet Kiddushin and on their beginning of Masechet Yoma. This is a perfect time for new participants to join.

Welcome New Members

- Gemma & Corey Turk and their daughter, Allie.

Gemma & Corey Turk and their daughter, Allie, moved from the Upper West Side to Highgate Terrace in Bergenfield. Corey is a business lending analyst for Cross River Bank and Gemma is currently studying for her Masters in special education at Hunter College. The Turks look forward to being part of the wonderful community at Keter Torah. Corey's e-mail is corey.d.turk@gmail.com and Gemma can be reached at glevart@gmail.com.



Note from Rabbi Baum

Thank you, Rabbinic Intern Binyamin Pfeiffer and Teen and Adult Educator Tali Pfeiffer

On behalf of the entire congregation, I would like to thank Binyamin & Tali Pfeiffer for their dedicated service to our Shul this past year. Despite our building being closed, they found ways to serve our membership through their Torah knowledge and refined midot. A very special personal Mazal Tov to Rabbinic Intern Binyamin Pfeiffer, who now joins the exclusive group of Keter Torah Rabbinic Intern alumni. Binyamin presented carefully-prepared Divrei Torah and shiurim, engaged with many members of the congregation, and was provided a window into the world of the Rabbinate.

Salsa Siyum & Shiur

- Rabbi Baum will give an introduction to Masechet Yoma on Monday, July 6, at 7:30pm.
Zoom information: [Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#) Meeting ID: 869 7850 3933 Password: 550559

A Note from the Schneier Family

- The Schneier family would like to extend a warm thank you to Rabbi Baum and the Keter Torah community for their support and expressions of condolence during Murray's shiva. May our families be blessed to share only in smachot in the future.

Note from Rabbi Baum regarding elections

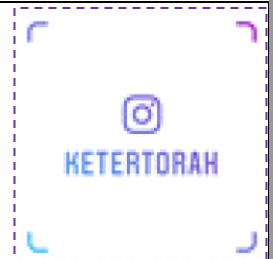
- I strongly encourage you to vote in the Congressional primary election. If you are a member of either party, and did not send back a mail-in ballot, you can vote in person on July 7.

July Calendar

- To download the Keter Torah July calendar, [click here](#)



- ❖ Join our WhatsApp group, [click here](#) or email aliza@keter Torah.org to get the link.
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KID'S CRAFT PICKUP

Make your own
Rocket Pencil Box

Supplies available via
Socially – distanced porch pickup

All ages welcome; kids younger than second grade
will need an adult's help to complete the project

PICK UP SUNDAY, JULY 5 FROM 10AM-2PM
18 SUNRISE TERRACE, BERGENFIELD

Email rivkirosenthal@gmail.com or text
201-923-7622 to arrange pickup



KTYD invites you to join us
for virtual youth groups!

Nursery & Pre-K
Every Sunday
10:00-10:20AM



Zoom ID: 822 2919 6382

Password: Youth

For questions, email: rivkirosenthal@gmail.com

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'SHABBAT THEMED' SIDEWALK
CHALK DESIGN

SUNDAY, JULY 12TH

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INTO THE 'CHALK YOUR WALK' CONTEST



Mommy and Me Class

A fun and interactive zoom class for
all members of the local community

RUN BY KETER TORAH



FOR INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

STARTS SUNDAY, JULY 12TH

10AM – 10:30AM

NO COST

ZOOM ID: 822 2919 6382

PASSWORD: YOUTH

CLASS LED BY ADINA KASTNER
FOR QUESTIONS, EMAIL
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Wednesday at 10:30am	July 8	
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Community News

- The Bergenfield Kosher Food Pantry for people in need is located in a garage at 65 Thames Blvd. in Bergenfield. The garage is open daily from 10:00am–10:00pm and on Friday until Shabbat starts, and has pantry and refrigerated items. One person at a time should go in, while wearing a mask and gloves. If donating and someone is inside the garage, please leave the food outside the garage, and volunteers will bring it in later. Donations are welcome and needed. For more information, e-mail Dalia Stelzer at yardkay@yahoo.com.
- Children's Clothing Exchange – This resource is not need-based and is open to all. Parents should fill out forms on the [website](#) and indicate the gender and size of children's and teen clothing they wish to donate and/or need. These parents will be matched with other parents so that they can exchange clothing. Donations are welcome and needed. For more information, e-mail Dalia Stelzer at yardkay@yahoo.com.
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