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## Shabbat - Beha'alotcha,

Sat. 1 - 2 Jun. 2018 - 19th of Sivan, 5778 -

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## שבת פ' בהעלתך

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Shir Hashirim, Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Arbit. 19:00

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Shabbat Shahrit - Followed by Kiddush. (Shema 8:17). 08:30

Daf Hayomi with Rabbi Asher Sebbag Shlit"a. 19:30

Mincha Shabbat Followed by Seuda Shlishit at 20.15. (Sunset - 21:09). 20:30

Arbit Motzei Shabbat followed by Havdalah. 22:22

Shahrit Weekday - (Mon. & Thu. - 06:40) (Sunday & Bank/H - 07:30). 06:45

Daf Hayomi with Rabbi Asher Sebbag Shlit"a. 18:30

Mincha & Arbit 19:15

Next Friday: Shir Hashirim, Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Arbit. 19:00

Next Friday: Candles. **Shabbat. Shelach Lecha** 20:59

## Be'halot'cha 5778

**Be'halot'cha** (Numbers 8-12)

**GOOD MORNING!** Whenever I would visit New York I would get together with my old friend, Walter. We would go Le Marais restaurant for the perfect steak. A few years ago my travels brought me to New York. Walter picked me up ... and took me to a salad bar! "Walter" I asked, "what are we doing here? Salad is not food ... salad is what real food (our steak) eats! Salad is just a promissory note that food is coming!"

**My friend** gently smiled and told me how he had changed his diet to a primarily raw food organic vegan diet -- and lost 50 pounds, no longer

needed to take insulin, was filled with energy, vim and vigor and had a better outlook in life.

**What prompted** my friend to such a drastic change? He heard about a Holistic Health Spa in San Diego called the Optimum Health Institute and decided to check out its 3 week body, mind and spirit program. He shared with me how many people attended the program to strengthen their immune system and to seek -- you guessed it -- optimum health!

**While it** is not my intent to promote or advertise, there are two *mitzvot* of the Torah that compel me to share with you information that

may prove helpful, if not life-saving for you or a loved one.

**There is** only one *mitzvah* of the 613 *mitzvot* that the Torah uses the language "Very much". One is commanded by the Almighty "to guard one's life very much" (Deut. 4:15). This includes living a healthy life style, eating healthy food, exercising, removing stress from your life all the way to brushing your teeth twice a day and flossing! (Interestingly, the AARP Bulletin reports that "The only diet proven by medical studies to correlate to a longer life with less risk of heart or brain disease is one that's high in unprocessed plant-based foods.")

**C.S. Lewis** put it well, "You don't have a soul. You are a soul. You have a body." The body is the vessel that allows us to fulfill the commandments of the Torah. It is a gift. We are obligated to take care of it to the best of our abilities. A fascinating book, [To Your Health](#) by Yechezkel Ishayek sets forth the Torah way to a healthy life.

**The second** *mitzvah* is "Do not stand idly by while your neighbor's blood is shed" (Lev. 19:16). The date of March 13, 1964 is seared upon my soul. That was the day that Kitty Genovese was murdered in New York City. The initial story related that 38 neighbors watched and did nothing as the murderer returned twice to kill her. (Later investigations revealed that the police were summoned twice, but

didn't respond.) The nation was horrified. I was horrified. I resolved never to rely on someone else to take action when someone needs help.

**As a rabbi**, people consult me for comfort, direction and advice. It is not unusual that people ignore advice -- especially if it goes against their desires and predilections. (Fortunately, my grandfather prepared me for this; he always reminded me, "Free advice is worth what you pay for it.")

**When people** tell me that they have cancer, I suggest that they read [Radical Remission -- Surviving Cancer Against All Odds](#) by Dr. Kelly A. Turner. Dr. Turner was fascinated by people who went into complete remission after being told by their doctors that there was nothing to be done for them -- not radiation, chemo or surgery -- and they should put their affairs in order. She studied 1,000 cases and found 9 factors in common to the radical remissions. If you know anyone who has cancer and whose doctor has taken away their hope, you might suggest this book.

**I also** suggest OHI -- Optimum Health Institute, [OptimumHeath.org](#). (In Israel there is Alummot, [Alummot.co.il](#)). In the times I have been at OHI I have met many people who were told by their doctors that there is no possible treatment and that their death is imminent -- and they are alive, healthy, energetic and ... cancer-free 5, 10 and 20 years later. Rather

than sit back and wait to die, they chose to be pro-active. The body naturally wants to heal. When one cuts his finger the body naturally heals it. OHI gives people the food and the tools to strengthen their immune system to regain their health. Many people go to OHI to learn how to live a healthy life-style and avoid those problems people think are inevitable with old age.

*May you and yours be blessed with long life and good health!*



## TORAH PORTION OF THE WEEK

### **Beha'alosecha, Numbers 8:1 - 12:16**

**Aharon** is commanded in the lighting of the Menorah, the Levites purify themselves for service in the Tabernacle (they trained from age 25-30 and served from age 30-50). The first Pesach is celebrated since leaving Egypt. The Almighty instructs the Jewish people to journey into the desert whenever the ever-present cloud lifts from above the Tabernacle and to camp where it rests. Moshe is instructed to make two silver trumpets to be sounded before battle or to proclaim a Yom Tov (a holiday).

**The people** journey to the wilderness of Paran during which time they rebelled twice against the Almighty's leadership. The second time they complain about the boring taste of the *maneh* and the lack of meat in the desert. The Almighty

sends a massive quantity of quail and those who rebelled died.

**Moshe** asks his father-in-law, Yitro (Jethro) to travel with them in the desert, but Yitro returns to Midian.

**Miriam**, Moshe's sister, speaks *lashon hora* (defaming words) about Moshe. She is struck with *Tzora'as* (the mystical skin disease which indicated that a person spoke improperly about another person) and is exiled from the camp for one week.

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### **Dvar Torah**

*based on Growth Through Torah by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin*

**The Torah** states:

"And the people were complaining in a bad way in the ears of the Almighty" (Numbers 11:1).

**Why** were the people complaining?

**Rashi** comments that when the people were complaining, they had no real cause to complain; they were just looking for an excuse to separate themselves from the Almighty. By finding what would sound like a complaint, they felt justified in keeping a distance from the Creator.

**When someone** realizes all that the Almighty does for him, he will not have a complaining attitude. There are times when a person has unfulfilled needs and times when he is suffering. That is a time for action and prayer.

**Complaining**, however, is wrong. The underlying theme behind a complainer is not necessarily that he wants the situation to improve, but that he wants to have the benefits of complaining -- to feel free from the obligations for all the good that the other person (or the Almighty) has done. Ultimately, a person who goes through life complaining does not appreciate the good in his life.

**When one** focuses only on what he is missing, he blinds himself to what he does have. No matter how much you do have, there will always be something to complain about if you look hard enough. This attitude is not merely a means by which a person

causes himself a miserable existence. It is a direct contradiction to our obligation to be grateful to the Almighty. Anyone having this negative attitude must make a concerted effort to build up the habit of appreciating what he has and what happens to him. This is crucial for both spiritual reasons and for happiness in life. This especially applies to one's relationship with his or her spouse!



Shabbat Shalom,  
*Kalman*  
Rabbi Kalman  
Packouz

**The kiddush this Shabbat:** is in memory of the late **Hababa** Nissan (Habiba bat Farha) ע"ה, whose Yahrzeit is on Thursday 7 June 2018 / 24 Sivan 5778.

**Kolel every Sunday:** We are still having a Kolel every Sunday at the Synagogue hall from 09.30am - 12.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

**Security Alert:** Please be very vigilant when you leave the Synagogue. Do not stand in groups and chat, go home without gathering on the main road. Be safe and alert.

THE KEHILLA WISHES חיים ארוכים "LONG LIFE" TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE YAHRZEIT

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| 01 Sivan Mr Ghassan Cohen       | 24 Sivan Mr Yosef Daniel     |
| 01 Sivan Mr David AbayahouDayan | 24 Sivan Mrs Marcelle Daniel |
| 06 Sivan Mr Abraham S. Cohen    | 24 Sivan Mr Maurice Rashty   |
| 13 Sivan Mr Ronnie Rashty       | 24 Sivan Mr Nissan Nissan    |
| 13 Sivan Mr Charles F. Silas    | 24 Sivan Mrs Farah Sheldon   |
| 13 Sivan Mrs Judith Silas       | 24 Sivan Mr Freddy Nissan    |
| 20 Sivan Mrs Annie Benjamin     | 24 Sivan Mr Salman Nissan    |
| 21 Sivan Mr Solly Judah         | 29 Sivan Mr Frederick Spitz  |
| 24 Sivan Mr Charles Daniel      |                              |

“ Quote of the Week ”

**When you eat right -- you eat your food.  
When you eat wrong -- your food eats you.**