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D'var Torah

Pareshat Ki Tavo
Devarim – 26:1-29:08
Soul of Approval

By Rabbi Mordechai Kamenetzky

In this week's portion, Hashem asks us to follow in His ways and assures us that "He will confirm you as his holy people – if you uphold His laws and go in His ways. "Then all the people of the earth will see that the name of Hashem is proclaimed over you and they will revere you" (Deuteronomy 28:4-5).

The Torah tells us that our association with Hashem's name will improve our approval rating. Is it the fact that His blessing will make us successful and the success will bring reverence? Or is it simply stating that if one is righteous then his presence will inspire awe? Or perhaps the promise is greater. Hashem assures us that His guidance and His name, will stand behind our every action. And they will be touched with awe, reverence and immortality.

In 1923, when Rabbi Meir Shapiro was but 37 years old, he had a revolutionary idea. If all Jews were to learn the same folio of the Talmud and follow a set calendar, not only would Jews complete the Talmud after seven years, but world Jewry would have one unifying thread to bind it together. Thus, the concept of the Daf Yomi (the daily Talmud page) was formulated.

Selling this idea was not easy. Many rabbinic leaders felt that a two-sided page a day was too quick a pace for complex Talmudic issues. It often took weeks to analyze even one side of a page! However, the idea was received warmly by the great sage and tzaddik, the Chafetz Chaim, who encouraged Rabbi Shapiro to present it at the first Knessiah (World Congress) of Agudath Israel held in Vienna, Austria in 1923.

The Chafetz Chaim also understood that Rabbi Shapiro perhaps would be looked upon as too young to present such a revolutionary idea. He was worried that the relatively young iluy (genius) would not be able to garnish the respect from older, more conservative Rabbis, whose support was needed for his idea to be accepted. But the Chafetz Chaim had a plan.

"I'd like you to introduce your idea at the Knessiah," he told him. "But walk in to the hall at least one hour late. I'd like you to arrive after the session is already in full swing."

Rabbi Meir did not understand what the Chafetz Chaim had in mind, but agreed to follow his directive.

On the day of the main session, the room was packed. The Chafetz Chaim, as one of the elders of the generation and one of the most revered sages of the century, sat on the dais which faced the huge crowd. As planned, about an hour after the opening remarks, Rabbi Shapiro entered at the back of the hall.

Z'manei Tefillah

August 28, 2026

Candlelighting (not earlier than 6:38)..... 7:41 p.m.
Mincha 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 29, 2026 – Ki Tavo

Shacharit..... 9:00 a.m.
Latest Shema 9:58 a.m.
Mincha..... 7:40 p.m.
Shkiya 7:58 p.m.
Motzaei Shabbat..... 8:45 p.m.

Sunday – Friday, August 30 – September 4, 2026

Earliest Tallit & Tefillin 5:39-5:45 a.m.
Shacharit, Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Shacharit, Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv, Plag Sun. – Thurs. 6:20 p.m.

Friday, September 4, 2026

Candlelighting (not earlier than 6:28)..... 7:29 p.m.
Mincha 6:20 p.m.

D'var Torah Continued:

Immediately, the Chafetz Chaim noticed him and leaped to his feet. "Rabbi Shapiro has arrived!" he exclaimed as he rose from his chair in respect.

Shocked at the Chafetz Chaim's actions, the entire dais, too, arose. In a few moments, the entire assembly stood in honor of the man whom the Chafetz Chaim so honored.

With an expression of disbelief, Rabbi Meir, his head bowed with humility and awe was led to the dais.

The Chafetz Chaim turned to him in the presence of the entire assemblage and proclaimed. "Now the Rav will address us with a novel idea." History tells us the rest of the story.

The Torah tells us this week that every idea needs a divine handler. Hashem's blessing assures that the world will appreciate that seemingly mortal ideas are actually His ideas – and they will become eternal. In addition to the blessing of wisdom, Hashem gives the blessing that wise words and advice will be heard and revered. It is not only what you know, but Who you know. And when that someone is G-d Almighty, then the blessing is assured. As the Torah tells us that "the people of the earth will see that the name of Hashem is proclaimed over you – and they shall revere you." Because when G-d's name speaks – people listen.

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*Lifecycle***Celebrations:**

- Mazal Tov to **David and Fran Woolf** on the engagement of their grandson, Noah Woolf, son of Zvi and Sharon Woolf of Thornhill, to Shani Yanowitz, daughter of Nachum and Malki Yanowitz.
- Mazal Tov to **Penina Rosenblum** on the birth of a great-granddaughter, granddaughter to Elly and Chaya Rosenblum, daughter to Eliezer and Rachel Rosenblum.

Refuah Sheleimah:

Refuah Sheleimah to all the cholim and all those who are ill or suffering at this time. Teffilot and Tehillim said on behalf of the cholim are much appreciated.

Unveiling:

There will be an unveiling of a matzeivah for Zahava Blank, z"l, on **Sunday, August 30, 2026 at 11:45 AM** at **Pardes Shalom Cemetery, Bnai Torah Section J (original section.)**

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*Synagogue Notes;***Rosh Hashanah Dates on Tickets:**

There is a typo on the date of Rosh Hashanah on the tickets. Rosh Hashanah is on Shabbat, September 12 and September 13. B'nai Torah regrets the error.

5787 Membership Renewal Packages:

Membership Renewal Packages are now past due. Tickets are already being distributed. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you to all who have already renewed their memberships.

Daf Yomi

August 29, 2026	Shabbat	16 Elul 5786	Chulin 121
August 30, 2026	Sunday	17 Elul 5786	Chulin 122
August 31, 2026	Monday	18 Elul 5786	Chulin 123
September 1, 2026	Tuesday	19 Elul 5786	Chulin 124
September 2, 2026	Wednesday	20 Elul 5786	Chulin 125
September 3, 2026	Thursday	21 Elul 5786	Chulin 126
September 4, 2026	Friday	22 Elul 5786	Chulin 127

Yahrzeits for the Week of August 30-September 5, 2026

Deceased Name	Relationship	Member or Affiliate Name	Day	Hebrew Date
Jochanan (Leopold) Bloch	husband	Chava Bloch	Sunday	Elul 17
Alzbeta Friedmann	mother	George Friedmann	Sunday	Elul 17
Favel Tuchman	father	Mili Zicherman	Tuesday	Elul 19
Leah Jessel	mother	Ruth Lane	Shabbat	Elul 23
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