



פ' נשא • PARASHAT NASO

2nd of Sivan 5771 • June 4, 2011 • Shabbat Begins: 8:20pm • Shabbat Ends: 9:35pm

**PARNESS HAYOM
 SIVAN**

These Days of Learning have been dedicated to the memory of the following by members of their family.

1 Sivan - Manuel Dalfen in memory of father, Morris Dalfen (Meyer Moshe ben Menachem Mendel z'l)

3 Sivan - Jerrold Aspler in memory of mother, Rita Aspler (Rivkah bat Yosef Yehoshua z'l)

3 Sivan - Karl Fallenbaum in memory of father, Armand Zvi Fallenbaum (Zvi ben Chaim z'l)

17 Sivan - Avi Brook in memory of father, Yosef Brook (Yosef ben Avraham z'l)

21 Sivan - Jacques Cohen in memory of mother, Messoda Cohen Messoda bat Avraham z'l)

22 Sivan - Moshe Reiss in memory of father, David Reiss (Dovid ben Avraham z'l)

27 Sivan - Kamal Gabbay in memory of mother, Muzli Gabbay (Muzli bat Avraham z'l)

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“And My words, which I have placed within your mouth, shall not leave your mouth or the mouth of your offspring”

The Torah tells in recounting the events of *Ma'amad Har Sinai*, “Moshe took the people from the camp to greet God, and they stood in place beneath the mountain” (Shemot 19:17). Rashi (see Shabbat 88a) interprets the phrase בתחתית ההר (“beneath the mountain”) as indicating that the mountain was lifted from the ground and suspended over *Benei Yisrael* “like a tank” (כפה), forcing them to accept the Torah. This was done in order to demonstrate the indispensability of Torah, that we cannot live without it. If we had received the Torah only by consent, then some may have thought that it is not necessary, that we could survive without Torah. After all, some might have concluded, we accepted it voluntarily, and we are thus entitled also not to accept it. Hashem therefore suspended the mountain over *Benei Yisrael* to show that our nation cannot exist without the Torah, just as the world cannot be sustained without the Torah (see Maharal, *Gur Aryeh*).

The process of *Am Yisrael's* renewal unfolds in two stages. We pray, תוליכנו קוממויות לארצנו (literally, “Bring us upright to our land”) – alluding to two levels. The first is the ingathering of the exiles and establishing a state, achieving economic and military stability. The second level is our spiritual revival, the fulfillment of the prophets' promise וורקתי אליכם מים טהורים...ונתתי לכם לב חדש (“I shall pour purifying waters upon you...and I shall give you a new heart and I shall place within you a new spirit” – Yechezkel 36). What will trigger this spiritual revival? Restoring Torah study to all *Am Yisrael*. The day will soon come when the law will be willingly enacted in Israel making Torah education mandatory. All the children in Israel will learn Torah, our nation's heritage and inheritance, just as the Torah was given at Sinai to all *Am Yisrael*, and we will then be granted the privilege of

seeing with our own eyes the fulfillment of the divine promise, ודברי אשר שמתי בפיו לא ימוש מפיו – “and My words, which I have placed within your mouth, shall not leave your mouth or the mouth of your offspring or the mouth of your offspring's offspring from now and for all eternity, said Hashem” (Yeshayahu 59).

What a beautiful custom it is that *Kelal Yisrael* remains awake to learn Torah with sincere, fervent devotion on the night of Shavuot, just before the moment of *Ma'amad Har Sinai*. I very much look forward to seeing all of you – children, teens, men and women – in our *bet midrash* preparing to once again stand beneath the mountain, like at the time of *Ma'amad Har Sinai*, “with one heart as one person.”

Chag Shavuot Samei'ach, Rav Nadav Levin

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Shavuot All Night Learning Program
 Tuesday Night, June 7
 (see back for details)

Shavuot Women's Learning Program
 Wednesday Afternoon, June 8
 (see back for details)

Bachurim/Bnot Sheirut Goodbye Tisch
 Shabbat, June 10

Shiur: Rav Itzik Amar
 Wednesday, June 15

Tauber Family Goodbye Party
 Thursday, June 16

Bekiut Club Siyum & Seudat Shlishit
 Shabbat, June 11

Rabbi Meir Golwicht Shabbaton
 Shabbat, June 17-18

KTM Annual Raffle Draw
in Support of the KTM Bekiut Club
 Thursday, June 23

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