

TEFILAT YAMIM

PARSHAT BESHALACH

SHABBAT SHIRAH



13 Shevat 5786 - 31 January 2026



Dear Community Family,

This week we received news that many of us never truly believed we would hear: the return of the last hostage, Ran Gvili, ט"נ.

For the first time in twelve years, there are no longer any hostages being held in Gaza.

For so long, this moment felt

impossible. We hoped, we prayed, but if we are honest, many of us quietly stopped believing it would ever fully happen. Even the Rabbanut said it was

unlikely. Over time, many communities stopped saying the *Mi Sheberach* for the hostages, not out of indifference, but out of emotional exhaustion, out of hearts that learned to brace themselves against “reality”.

And yet, here we are.

This moment should shake us awake.

Because the truth is that miracles have been unfolding before our eyes this entire time. Some were dramatic and public, others quiet and hidden. But slowly, almost without noticing, we grew accustomed to them. Or perhaps we grew too tired to recognize them.

The return of the final hostage, our hero, reminds us that *what we label as “impossible” is never impossible for Hashem*.

In this week’s Torah portion, **Beshalach**, the Jewish people leave Egypt and the Torah tells us something striking: *Moshe takes the bones of Yosef with him*. Before the splitting of the sea, before the song, before the triumph, we carry bones. Memory. Promises made, promises kept.

Carrying his bones was a declaration: *Geulah may be delayed, but it is inevitable*.

And yet, in the very same parashah, after witnessing the plagues and the collapse of the greatest empire on earth, the people stand at the sea and cry out in fear, “Did you take us out to die in the wilderness?”

How could they doubt after seeing so much?

And if we’re honest, how could we not recognize ourselves in them?

We have seen protection, resilience, unity, and survival beyond logic. We have seen our people endure what should have broken us. And still, we slip into fear. Still, we stop expecting miracles. Still, we stop praying with full hearts.

The Torah is not ancient history, it is a guidebook for the challenges we face today. And this week, reality is reading the parashah back to us.

The return of the last hostage is HaShem gently, but firmly, reminding us: *I have been with you the whole time*.

This is a moment for deep gratitude. To say thank you not only for what we understand, but for what we don’t. To trust that even when our faith falters, Hashem never stops working on our behalf.

And it is a moment to look forward.

If this "impossible" moment could arrive, then surely the ultimate **Geulah** is not a distant dream. It is a reality we will greet **very soon**.

As our incredible heroes, the soldiers of Tzahal, sang after discovering Ran's body:

*Ani ma'amin
be'emuolah shleimah*

I believe with complete faith

*beviat haMashiach,
in the coming of the Messiah,*

*ve'af al pi
she'ytame'ah,
and even though he
may delay,*

*im kol zeh achakeh lo
bechol yom she'yavo.*

nevertheless, I await his coming every day.

Thank You, Hashem.

Please enjoy the students of Yeshivat Shalaavim, we will see you all soon G-d willing,

Rav Mendel Wuensch

Weekday Events & Lectures Schedule

NO CLASSES THIS WEEK, RAV MENDEL & REBBETZIN ITTY WILL BE IN YERUSHALAYIM FOR THEIR BROTHER RAPHAS WEDDING. WE WILL CONTINUE THE WEEKLY LECTURES NEXT WEEK AS USUAL G-D WILLING. MAZEL TOV!

9-11 AM Monday Men's Kollel By Rav Mendel Wuensch

~~@ Young Israel Of Poleg, Hanurit St. 33, Poleg~~

8 PM Monday Sages Of The Ages Series On "Rav Kook" By Rav Mendel Wuensch

~~@ Briga Towers, Ehud Manor 7 Beit Knesset/Tenants Room~~

11 AM Wednesday Experience Prayer Series By Rav Mendel Wuensch

~~@ Briga Towers, Ehud Manor 5, Tenants Room~~

Shabbat Schedule

Friday

4:51 PM Candle Lighting

5:00 PM Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat - Dvar Torah by Yeshivat Shalaavim Student

8:30 PM Tisch & Dessert With Yeshivat Shalaavim

Shabbat Day

8:30 AM Shacharit - Dvar Torah by Yeshivat Shalaavim Student

9:45-10:30 AM Kid's Program

10:30 AM Kiddush

11:00 AM Kolot Yamim: Yeshivat Shalaavim Student

4:45 PM Mincha Followed By Seudat Shlishit "Raava D'Raavin" With Yeshivat Shalaavim Student

5:47 PM Arvit

5:52 PM Shabbat Ends

Kiddush Sponsors

Gina and Yossi Gottesman in recognition of all of Hashem's miracles.

Shari and Bobby Alter in honor of the birth of their Grandson, Ilan Lev, to their children, Samantha & Kevin Alter BH.

"Sages of the Ages: Harav Ovadiah Yosef" Feb. 9 Sponsors

Hannah and Warren Persky and Lynne and Stephen Shaffer in memory of Warren's Father, Eliezer Ben Moshe, and Lynne's Mother, Gittel bat Yehuda.

Mazel Tovs

A huge Mazel Tov to Shelly & Steven Hubert on the engagement of their daughter Moriah Hubert to Rafael Amzallag. May the wedding be in a good auspicious hour and they build an everlasting home among Am Yisrael!

As well as **another** Mazel Tov to Shelly & Steven Hubert on the birth of a granddaughter to their children Yaakov & Tali Hubert. May they raise her to Torah, Chuppah & Maasim Tovim! Mazel Tov!

Mazel Tov to Rebbetzin Itty & Family on her brother Rapha Andrusier's wedding. May the wedding be in a good auspicious hour and they build an everlasting home among Am Yisrael!

Weekday Minyan Schedule

7:30 AM Shachrit @ Beit Chabad Ir Yamim

5:05 PM Mincha/Maariv @ Be Pharmacy On Piano

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