

BS”D Parashat Be’ha’alotcha 5786

Mei Menuchot was written while sitting on a row of 8 bombs while placing the Gemara and notebooks on the above row of 7 bombs. If you are serious about Torah study, you can do it even in difficult situations, and certainly as a soldier in HaShem’s holy army!

BS”D Parashat Shavuot 5786

A landowner who grew any one of the 7 species indigenous to Eretz Yisrael, must bring a sample of the first growth to the Bet HaMikdash, starting after the holiday of Shavuot. Interesting that the Bikurim declaration deals with agricultural produce, while ignoring the bigger implications of the Jewish nation’s great spiritual mission.

BS”D Parashat Tazria-Metzora 5786

The book of Bamidbar begins with the command to conduct a census of military age men. This week’s message deals with military conscription because as of April 9, 2026, the U.S. will transition to automatic registration for all eligible men aged 18 to 25.

BS”D Parashat Tzav & Shabbat HaGadol 5786

May we all realize that we are living in monumental times that will decide the fate of nations and continents.

BS”D Parashat Mishpatim 5786

Present-day meeting of Ya’akov, Eisav, and Yishmael. A bad move by any one of these individuals could produce a violent reaction, possibly a world war. Shemot (Exodus) 23:32 “Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods”.

BS”D Parashat Yitro 5786

There are still Jews being held hostage! How can we fulfill the all-encompassing mitzva of our era?

BS”D Parashat Shemot 5786

When making a Halachic judgment, a rabbi or judge may not rule based solely on the texts of the Tanach, Mishnah, or even the Gemara. His legal framework is the Shulchan Aruch and the precedents established in Responsa literature throughout the generations. Nevertheless, the moral lessons we glean from the Torah serve as vital landmarks in our Jewish value system.

BS”D Parashat Vayigash and Vayechi 5786

HaShem is sending a coded message of encouragement for the Jewish nation.

BS”D Parashat Vayeishev 5786

Ya’akov had a great moral and religious influence on his beloved Rachel that drew their outlooks on life and emotional responses closer. Indeed, Tanach records their similar reactions to devastating emotional situations.

BS”D Parashat Vayetze 5786

There’s a new Sheriff in town, initially, he looks and acts normal, as diagnosed by President Trump after their meeting in the White House. But he belongs to a select group of deranged historical figures diagnosed with the Don Quixote syndrome.

BS”D Parashat Vayera 5786

According to Kabbala, Eretz Yisrael is positioned directly under the Throne of Glory in the Shamayim. Is it da’at Torah to leave the holy land (sanctified by HaShem for keeping the Torah) to avoid military draft?

BS”D Sukkot 5786

Pirkei Avot 5:1, “By ten divine utterances was the world created.”

The expression “utterances” implies that HaShem made His voice heard. How does HaShem’s voice sound?

BS”D Parashat Netzavim 5785 – Rosh HaShana 5786

There is a popular slogan in Israel **יחד נצא** that translates as: TOGETHER WE SHALL BE VICTORIOUS. What determines the degree of our victory?

BS”D Parashat Ki Tavo 5785

We are in the midst of a kaleidoscope of events. Before we can decipher the implications of yesterday’s tragic event, the next one comes to expropriate our attention. Leading up to the Days of Awe, the current event that is, in my opinion, most relevant to many Jews is WAR.

BS”D Parashat Ki Tai’tzai 5785

Tell me who your enemies are, and I will tell you who you are. Throughout the centuries of our galut, Yerushalayim was ruled over by powerful, influential kings. I don’t see any reason to worry about today’s “influential” kings. We are forever governed by the King of Kings.

BS”D Parashat Aikev 5785

It’s beyond comprehension! In the wake of the Shemini Atzeret atrocities, the original sin of our government was to negotiate with Hamas. This sin erroneously acknowledged their status as human beings; when, in fact and in Halacha, they became the living dead.

9 Days Inspiration

Stories about life in Israel from before the establishment of the State up to present day, with reflections on miraculous growth, spiritual achievements, and national resilience. Video and transcript of the conversation between Rabbi Nachman Kahana and Rabbi Avi Berman, OU Israel’s Executive Director.

BS”D Parashiot Matot-Masei 5785

Today we have an empirical case of the “irresistible force meets an immovable object” theory. Additionally, I cannot determine if it is old age or the penetrating introspection that comes in the nine days that direct me to think out of the box; but here I am pondering three issues...