

# **BS”D Parashat Balak 5785**

Because of the ongoing political-military-religious fireworks our concentration becomes distorted, and we are often oblivious to that factor which is closest to us, namely – ourselves. It’s important to take time out to think.

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# **BS”D Parashat Korach 5785**

In the minds of most observers, the Arab – Israeli “conflict” is perceived to be a manifestation of an unresolved political conflict over land, resources, security, and national identity, marked by periods of conventional warfare and ongoing asymmetric violence. They are wrong!

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# **BS”D Parashat Behaalotecha 5785**

First names often play a dominant role in shaping our identities, relationships, and interactions with the world. This week’s topics are the spiritual aspect of naming a child, and love.

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# **BS”D Parashat Naso 5785**

Did the Jews readily accept the Torah, or did HaShem have to coerce our ancestors to do so?

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# **BS”D Parashat Bamidbar 5785**

Today, the 29th of Iyar, we descend from yesterday’s spiritual Olympus marking the 58-year anniversary of Am Yisrael’s restored sovereignty over the Temple Mount, the Kotel and old city of Yerushalayim, and return to the complex realities facing the Jewish nation here and in the galut.

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# **BS”D Parashat Behar- Bechukotai 5785**

There is an undeniable increase in global natural disasters, particularly those related to weather and climate.

Key Trends: Increased Frequency, Intensity and severity especially floods, storms, heatwaves, and wildfires.

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# **BS”D Parashat Acharei and Kedoshim 5785**

HaShem who has chosen us over all other nations and has presented us with His Torah, yet they have eyes but cannot see, ears but cannot hear!

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# **BS”D Parashat Tazria-Metzora 5785**

Why do Chareidim prohibit their youth from serving in the IDF? Why do some of their leaders oppose making aliyah? What is their view of current State of Yisrael?

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# **BS”D Pesach 5785**

May HaShem bless all Am Yisrael in Eretz Yisrael with good health, peace and prosperity. And bless our brothers and sisters in the galut with the need, desire, courage and vitality to be free from foreign physical and spiritual bonds and come home to fulfill the most inclusive and challenging mitzva – yishuv Eretz Yisrael.

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# **BS”D Parashat Pekudai 5785**

Israel has within it the greatest potential for sanctity. The land and the very air we breathe abound with kedusha, and yet there is a war waging over the soul of our nation.

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# **BS”D Parashat Vayakheil 5785**

A while back, I shared my thoughts regarding where HaShem is taking us at this juncture in our long and circuitous history. With the fighting resumed, it is even more imminent than before to discuss where it is leading.

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# **BS”D Parashat Ki Tisa and Purim 5785**

Where in our parasha is the one pasuk, actually the one word, that embodies the essence of HaShem’s relationship with Am Yisrael as a distinct and independent entity unrelated to any other nation or race and what is its parallel in Megillat Esther?

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# **BS”D Parashat Tetzaveh – Zachor 5785**

How can we explain why the Medina exists and thrives within a sea of Amalek, in a veritable sea of war and hate?

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## **BS”D Parashat Truma 5785**

Let’s get to the root of the Israeli failures that allowed for the sadistic and murderous onslaught perpetrated by Hamas and so-called “innocent Palestinian civilians” on October 7, 2023 against Jews in Israel.

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## **BS”D Parashat Mishpatim 5785**

Rabbi Meir states that tzitzit with techelet initiate a chain reaction of sight and thought leading up to the Holy Throne. Tzitzit are basically woolen fringes hanging from the four corners of a garment, but their exalted function is to raise man’s sight and perspective from the routine and mundane to the exalted presence of the Creator.

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## **BS”D Parashat Bo 5785**

In our yeshiva we played a make-believe game centering around the question: if Israel and the US went to war against each other, on whose side would you be? Could it ever happen?

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## **BS”D Parashat Va’eira 5785**

A wise rabbi once said: “Though we cannot understand why things happen to us, but at least we can prepare for their eventuality”.

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## **BS”D Parashat Vayeishev 5785**

Something big is happening now in our world; changes which are on a Biblical scale. Changes so sudden and extreme that political analysts, commentators, and rabbis preparing Shabbat drashot need to appraise events beyond the present and then wait for reality to set in.