



This week's summer *kid-dush* is sponsored by:

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in honor of the engagement of our daughter Chava to Zev Lerner.

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Shabbat Announcements

Parshat Balak
June 26, 2010 14 Tammuz 5770

- *Mincha* only: 5:30 P.M.
- *Plag Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 6:45 P.M.
- Earliest Candles: 6:57 P.M.
- Early *Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 7:00 P.M.
- Latest Candles: 8:13 P.M.
- *Zman Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat*: 8:15 P.M.
- *Shacharit Hashkamah*: 7:30 A.M.
- Rabbi Rothwachs' *Tefillah shiur*: 8:20 A.M.
- Main *Shul*: 8:45 A.M.
- *Sof Zman Kriat Shema*: 9:10 A.M.
- Youth *Minyan*: 9:30 A.M.
- Early *Mincha*: 1:45 P.M.
- Women's Learning Group: **5:00 P.M.** We will continue learning *Melachim Aleph*, Chapter 12.
- *Daf Yomi*: 6:55 P.M.
- *Mincha*: 8:05 P.M., followed by a *shiur* by Rabbi Yechiel Weberman: "Bilaam Cursing Hashem: The Power of a Second"
- *Maariv*: 9:13 P.M.
- *Havdalah*: 9:22 P.M.

Schedule for Week of June 27th:	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
	27	28	29	30	1	2
<i>Earliest Tallit</i>	4:25	4:26	4:26	4:27	4:27	4:28
<i>Shacharit</i>	6:30	5:40	5:30	5:55	5:40	5:55
	7:15	6:20	6:05	6:30	6:20	6:30
	8:00	7:10	7:00	7:15	7:10	7:15
	8:45	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00
<i>Mincha</i>	1:45					5:30
<i>Mincha/Maariv</i>	8:15	8:15	8:05/ 8:55	8:15	8:15	6:45
						7:00 8:20
<i>Maariv</i> :	9:30	9:30	9:30	9:30	9:30	

Weekly Shiurim:

- *Daf Yomi*: *Shabbat*: 6:55 P.M. For other *Daf Yomi shiurim*, go to www.teaneckshuls.org/daf
- **Chabura on Revadim method of Talmud Study**: Sunday evening at 8:15 P.M.
- Rabbi Rothwachs' **Bava Kama shiur**: will be on hiatus until July 28th
- **Chabura by Rabbi Herschel Grossman** on *Sefer Nefesh ha-Chaim* - Thursday evening, 8:15 to 9:00 P.M.
- **Morning Mishnah Chabura**: Monday and Thursday - 6:55 A.M.; Tuesday: 6:45 A.M.; Wednesday and Friday - 7:00 A.M.

Mazal Tov:

- *Mazal Tov* to Eitan Ungar on his Bar Mitzvah. *Mazal Tov* also to his parents, Mordechai and Yaffa Ungar, and to his grandparents, Victor and Gloria Ungar.
- *Mazal Tov* to Coby Green on his Bar Mitzvah. *Mazal Tov* also to his parents, Marc and Lizette Green.
- *Mazal Tov* to Warren and Barbara Wacholder on their marriage. *Mazal Tov* also to Warren's parents, Elaine and Leonard Wacholder, and to Barbara's parents, Jonas and Ruth Weiser.
- *Mazal Tov* to Elana Ungar on her engagement to Harry Portman of Savannah, Georgia. *Mazal Tov* also to Elana's parents, Mordechai and Yaffa Ungar, and to her grandparents, Victor and Gloria Ungar of Los Angeles.
- *Mazal Tov* to Dr. Amanda Eis on her engagement to Aaron Epstein. *Mazal Tov* also to Amanda's parents, Herby and Rise Eis.
- *Mazal Tov* to Chava Chaitovsky on her engagement to Zev Lerner. *Mazal Tov* also to Chava's parents, Myron and Esther Chaitovsky, to Zev's parents, Dr. Sheldon and Rochel Lerner, and to Chava's grandparents, Rabbi Samuel and Tzivia Bramson and Cantor Nathan and Beverly Chaitovsky.
- *Mazal Tov* to Michael and Devora Reich on birth of a baby girl.
- *Mazal Tov* to Robin Benoff on the birth of her granddaughter Levona Hadas Almaya, born in *Yerushalayim* to her children Oren and Davida Benoff.
- *Mazal Tov* to Joey Elbogen of Karnei Shomron, Israel on his graduation from Yeshiva University with a B.S. degree, with Honors. *Mazal Tov* also to Joey's wife, Shoshana Elbogen, and to his parents, Moish and Evelyn Elbogen.

June 27th - Annual shul BBQ in Phelps Park.

- Softball game - 10:00 A.M.
- Youth programming - 10:30 A.M.
- BBQ - 11:30 A.M.

Please note that I will be in Israel from Sunday, June 27th through Tuesday, July 27th. For all time-sensitive questions, please feel free to contact Rabbi Pinchas Weinberger, (201) 837-1520, or Rabbi Michael Taubes, (201) 836-4334. In the event of an emergency, you may try to contact me on my Israeli cell phone, 052-616-4235. I hope that you have a pleasant few weeks, and I look forward to seeing you upon my return.
— Rabbi Rothwachs

Miscellaneous Shul Announcements

• This Sunday, June 27th, the shul will be having its annual **BBQ in Phelps Park**. Our softball game will start at 10:00 A.M., Youth programming, led by the Davids, will start at 10:30 A.M., and our awesome BBQ will start at 11:30 A.M. Bring the whole family. The cost is only \$5 per person, with a \$18 maximum per family. We would like to thank the Men's Club for helping to sponsor this event.

• The next **Sisterhood Book Club** selection is "**Black Cross**," by **Greg Iles**. We will be meeting to discuss this book on *Shabbat*, July 17th, at 5:00 P.M., at the home of Esther Schnaidman, 315 Frances Street. All Beth Aaron women are welcome to attend. For more information, or to be added to our mailing list, please contact Diane Fogel, difogel@aol.com.

The Beth Aaron Men's Club is pleased to announce that the first weekly **summer kiddush** will take place this *Shabbat*. The *kiddushim* will continue throughout the summer, as construction permits. Please join us this *Shabbat* after the main *minyan* for a light dairy kiddush. Sponsorships for the summer *kiddushim* are \$54. Sponsorships will be announced from the *bima* and printed in the weekly announcements. To sponsor a summer *kiddush*, or to learn about single-sponsored (*simcha kiddush*) pricing, please contact Ari Gononsky, (201) 836-4644, kiddush@bethaaron.org.

Rabbi Richard Wolpoe is looking to lead a *chabura* on *Hilchot Pesach*, using the *Mishnah Brurah* as the primary guide (although additional sources would also be consulted). The class would be offered on Mondays or Wednesdays following *mincha/maariv*. Extensive background is not required, but participants should have some text-reading skills. If you are interested in participating in this *chabura*, please contact Rabbi Wolpoe, rabbirichwolpoe@gmail.com.

We are pleased to announce that the **Beth Aaron Boys' Choir** is available for shul functions and Beth Aaron Community's *simchas*. Updates on all activities are on the shul's website in the Youth section. For more information, or to join the choir, contact Benji Rosenbluth, bdrosenbluth@yahoo.com, (201) 357-5685, or Yehiel Levy, (201) 357-5495, yehiel@optonline.net.

We would like to perpetuate the women's *tehillim* group that met at the home of Rochi Lerner, a"h. Between our members, we have always finished *Sefer Tehillim* each week. However, with summer at hand and changing schedules, we need help to finish weekly. If you have time, please join us. We meet every Monday, from 9:00 to 10:00 A.M., at the home of Sharon First, 21 Canterbury Court. For more information, please contact Sharon First, keyfilla@gmail.com.

To commemorate the **shloshim for Rochi Lerner, z"l**, we will gather on Monday, July 5th, at 5:30 P.M., in the main sanctuary of Beth Aaron. Please join us in remembering and paying tribute to her and her works, and for her *aliyat neshama*. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. — David Brusowankin, Aryeh Brusowankin, Eli & Meryl Feldblum, Esti & Benny Kessler, Tzipi & Avi Altmann

As an expression of their appreciation for Beth Aaron's support last summer, Beit Yatir sent the shul a package of T-shirts from their *kaitana* (day camp). Much of the text is in Hebrew about the *kaitana*, with the following wording in English: "Sponsored by Kehilat Beit Aharon." The T-shirts are available for free in children sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14, and adult small and medium. To obtain T-shirts, please contact Chana and Zvi Weissler, (201) 836-1606, hweissler@yahoo.com.

Beth Aaron Youth:

- This Monday night, June 28th, Beth Aaron's Youth Department invites all children from Pre-School to 2nd Grade to **Dinner and a Movie**. At 5:30 P.M., we will enjoy a delicious pizza dinner and watch a movie in the Beth Aaron Movie Theater (downstairs). The cost is only \$4 a child, which includes pizza, drinks and the movie. Children are welcome to come in their pajamas.
- As *Rosh Hashana* and *Yom Kippur* are approaching, we are looking to continue the amazing program we had last year. There will be babysitting for children in Nursery-Fifth Grade on all days, as there was last year. In order to continue the religious aspect of the program, we will need local educators to help out. The religious program runs for approximately one hour on each day of *Rosh Hashana*, and on *Yom Kippur* during shul. This is a great opportunity for those who would like to help out the shul. There will be compensation for these services. If you are interested, please email bethaaronyouth@yahoo.com.
- **Tefillah and Shoko** continues this *Shabbat* morning at 9:15 A.M. (before the start of youth groups). Learn about *tefillah* while enjoying chocolate milk and cookies!
- For more information on youth activities, please contact Erica and Jason David, bethaaronyouth@yahoo.com, (732) 618-9473.
- The **learning group for 3rd grade boys will not meet this Shabbat**. We will, however, be making a *Siyum* on *Sefer Shmuel Aleph* on Sunday night. *Yasher Koach* boys!!!!
- The **learning group for 4th grade boys** will meet this *Shabbat*, June 26th, at 5:00 P.M., at the Friedman home, 11 Edgemont Place. Please bring your own *Mishnah (Masechet Shabbat)*. For more information, contact Rebecca Kurz, rkurz1@yahoo.com, or Esther Klavan, eskslp@aol.com.

Junior NCSY (grades 6-8):

- Thank you to all the NCSYers who hung out with us this year, and thank you to all the parents who helped us out this year!
- Congratulations to all of our 8th graders on your graduation! Thank you for all you have done for us this year -- you will surely be missed next year!
- Welcome to all of the 5th graders! We can't wait for you to join us next year!
- We hope you have a great summer, and we can't wait to get next year started!

The Beth Aaron Teen Youth Department (grades 6-12) is looking to offer **CPR** courses on several dates between June and September. Each class will last about 4 to 5 hours and will be limited in size, to allow a better understanding of the concepts taught. There will be a charge for the courses. For more information, or if you (or your teen) are interested in taking a course, please contact Mo-b Singer, moishe+cpr@gmail.com

Community Announcements

CareOne, the kosher rehabilitation and nursing center located at 544 Teaneck Road, needs volunteers to help make a *minyan*. This Friday, *Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat* will begin at 7:15 P.M. *Shacharit* will be at 9:00 A.M., followed by a hot *Kiddush*. Youth groups begin at 9:30 A.M. *Mincha* will be at 8:00 P.M., followed by a *shiur* on *Masechet Ketubot* at 8:15 P.M. *Maariv* will be at 9:16 P.M.

The annual **Yemei Iyun in Tanach and Jewish Thought** will take place this Sunday and Monday, June 27-28, at Ma'ayanot. Featured speakers include Menachem Leibtag, Shalom Carmy, David Silber and Rachel Friedman. For information and registration, go to www.yctorah.org/content/view/611/17/.

On Sunday, June 27th, at 6:45 P.M., at Congregation Rinat Yisrael, 389 West Englewood Avenue, there will be an **Evening of Torah Study** on the occasion of the second *yahrtzeit* of Aliza Esral, a"h. **Rabbi Yosef Adler** will speak on "**Yizkor--A Service of Gratitude.**"

A confidential **Women's Abuse Support Group**, professionally facilitated, will meet on Wednesdays, July 7 and July 21, at 7:15 P.M., at the Jewish Family Service of Bergen and North Hudson, 1485 Teaneck Road. There is no charge for the program, but pre-registration and consultation are required. To register, or for more information, call (201) 837-9090 and ask for IRA -- Information and Referral, or e-mail IRA@jfsbergen.org.

Yeshiva University Teaneck Summer Kollel presents **Learning Programs for Kids** this summer, from June 28th to August 5th. On Tuesdays, at 5:30 P.M., it will offer **Dinner (BBQ) and a Din**, and on Thursdays, at 5:30 P.M., it will offer **Parsha and Pizza**. The programs are for children ages 7 to 11 (there will be separate classes for each grade). The cost is \$5 per class, or \$30 for the summer (\$50 both courses). There will also be the opportunity for one-on-one learning with members of the YU Kollel. Prices for *chavruta* learning are significantly reduced for 2010. The YU Summer Kollel is hosted at Congregation Keter Torah, 600 Roemer Avenue. For more information, or to register, please contact Rabbi Aryeh Stechler, (908) 456-0506, aryehstechler@yahoo.com

On Sunday, July 4th, following the 8:00 A.M. *minyan* at Congregation Rinat Yisrael, Menachem Schnaidman will speak on "**Whatever Happened to the 42nd Ma'sa? What's So Special about Rosh Chodesh Av?**" All are welcome, and a light breakfast will be served.

The **Yeshiva Gedolah of Teaneck** will be holding its **11th Annual Dinner** on Sunday, July 11th, at 6:00 P.M., at Congregation Bnai Yeshurun. The guests of honor are Dr. Asher Don & Aliza Rabinowitz. To submit ads or make reservations, or for more information, go to <http://tinyurl.com/ygt-dinner10>, or call Rabbi Roberts, (201) 833-5920.

The entire community is invited to a **series of lectures on Sefer Eichah** sponsored by the **Jewish Learning Experience**. The lectures will include "*Eichah -- Insights into the Book of Lamentations in Preparation for Tisha B'Av*," by Rabbi Michael Taubes, and "*Two Temples Historically: What Will the Third Temple Look Like? Practical Application of the Loss of the Temple Today*," by Rabbi Yosef Zitter. The lectures will be held at Congregation Keter Torah, from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon, on Wednesdays, June 30th, July 7th and July 14th. For more information, please contact Rabbi David Pietruszka, (201) 966-4498, rabbip@jle.org.

A Women's Summer Study Group, featuring an **In-Depth Study of "Creation,"** led by **Shuli Taubes**, will meet on Wednesdays, June 29th-July 28th, at 8:00 P.M., at Congregation Zichron Mordechai, 268 West Englewood Avenue. The study group is open to women of all levels and backgrounds. Tuition is \$100. For more information, please contact Shuli Taubes, staubes@gmail.com, (201) 787-1812.

An **Hachnasat Kallah Gemach** has been established to assist *kallahs* in need. We are looking for donations of new, unopened and unused engagement or wedding gifts of Judaic or household items. For more information, please contact Carrie Cooper, (201) 801-9028, candscooper@gmail.com.

Partners in Torah is seeking additional mentors for its Kohelet Institute program, targeted for parents of children attending Solomon Schechter day schools. Mentors will participate in eight learning sessions with these parents, conducted by phone, with the mentor covering a set curriculum during each of two semesters. The sessions will typically last no more than 45 minutes, and be conducted in the evenings once each week on a day and at a time convenient for the parents. The sessions are designed to be engaging, source-based discussions, rather than lectures or classes. If you are interested in serving as a mentor, or for more information, please contact Chana Bilek, cbilek@partnersintorah.org, (732) 917-6385.

Parasha Questions for Parshat Balak

- (a) (1) Why did *Chazal* want to include most of *Parashat Balak* (*Bamidbar* 22:2-24:25) as part of the *mitzvah* to read the daily *shema* (2 reasons)? (2) Why did they not include it? (b) Why did the people of *Moav* appoint *Balak*, a *Midyanite*, as their king? (c) Why did *Balak* decide that asking *Bilam* to curse *Bnei Yisrael* was the only way to defeat them? (d) Since *Balak's* strategy was to curse *Bnei Yisrael*, why was it necessary for him to team up with *Midyan* (3 reasons)? (*Bamidbar* 22:4,6)
- (a) (1) How was *Bilam* related to *Lavan* (4 opinions)? (2) Why did he hate *Bnei Yisrael*? (b) From whom did he get his donkey? (c) From whom did he gain his power of sorcery? (d) How did he suffer during the 10 *makot* in *Mitzrayim*? (*Bamidbar* 22:21)
- (a) Why does the *Torah* (*Bamidbar* 23:1) spell the word '*eilim*' (rams) with an extra letter *yud*? (b) In contrast to *Avraham* who passed *Hashem's* 10 tests, which 10 tests from *Hashem* did *Bilam* fail? (*Bamidbar* 22:12-35; 23:1)
- (a) When "*Balak* and *Bilam* offered ('*va-ya'af*) a bull and ram on each altar" (23:2), why does the *Torah* use the singular? (b) (1) What was *Balak's* reward for offering 42 *korbanot* (7 bulls and 7 rams in 3 places) to *Hashem*? (2) What rule concerning the performance of *mitzvot* do we learn from this? (*Bamidbar* 23:2,14,30)
- (a) Why did *Bilam* call his father "*Bilam's son*"? (b) When saying: "How good are *ohalecha* (your tents), *Ya'akov*, *mishkenotecha* (your dwelling places), *Yisrael!*," to what do "*ohalecha*" and "*mishkenotecha*" refer (3 explanations)? (c) To what does "his king shall be exalted over *Agag*" refer? (*Bamidbar* 24:3,5,7)
- (a) Why does the *Torah* tell us that the people ate before bowing down to *Ba'al Peor*? (b) Why did the man of *Bnei Yisrael* [*Zimri*] bring the *Midyanite* woman [*Cosby*] in the sight of *Moshe* and *Bnei Yisrael* (2 explanations)? (c) Which 12 miracles did *Hashem* perform for *Pinchas* when he killed *Zimri* and *Cosby*? (*Bamidbar* 25:2,6)
- In the *haftara*, when the *Navi* says that *Bnei Yisrael* should "know *Hashem's tzidkot* (benevolences)" by remembering "what *Balak* king of *Moav* plotted and what *Bilam ben Be'or* answered," to what *tzidkot* does the *Navi* refer (2 views)? (*Michah* 6:5)

Learning Opportunities

<p>· The Amud Yomi shiur meets week nights at 9:30 P.M. at Rinat Yisrael. For more information, contact Mordechai Ungar, (201) 741-3920.</p> <p>Motzaei Shabbat</p> <p>Rabbi Reisman's satellite <i>Navi shiur</i>: 10:30 P.M. at Keter Torah.</p> <p>Sunday</p> <p>· The Yeshiva University Kollel and Midreshet Yom Rishon programs are on summer break. Recordings of previously <i>shiurim</i> may be accessed on the www.yutorah.org, www.kollelyomrishon.com and</p>	<p>www.midreshetyomrishon.com websites.</p> <p>· The Chofetz Chaim Women's Learning Group will meet this Sunday, June 27th, at the Schuss home, 110 Cherry Lane.</p> <p>Wednesday</p> <p>· Rabbi Zvi Sobolofsky's Wednesday evening <i>shiur</i> takes place at Bnai Yeshurun at 9:15 P.M.</p> <p>Thursday</p> <p>· Rabbi Yissocher Frand's weekly <i>shiur</i> will be broadcast at 9:00 P.M. at Keter Torah.</p> <p>· Each Thursday evening, at 8:30 P.M., at the Yeshiva Gedolah, 1443 Palisade Avenue,</p>	<p>Rabbi Roberts gives a Parasha Shiur, followed by <i>maariv</i> at 9:30 P.M.</p> <p>Friday</p> <p>· The Bergen County Kollel for Baalei Batim meets on Friday mornings from 8:00 to 9:45 A.M. in the basement of the shul. <i>Shiurim</i> include <i>mussar</i>, <i>gemara</i> and <i>halacha</i>. You can attend one or more of the <i>shiurim</i>. For more information, call Bob Oppenheimer, (201) 280-1780, Hertzal Benji, (201) 261-1453, or David Sivetsky, (201) 836-8291.</p>
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Each Tuesday and Thursday morning, **Keter Torah** presents **Torah in the AM**: 9:00 to 9:40 A.M. - *Navi chavura* on Melachim Aleph; 9:45 to 10:45 A.M. - Rabbi Menachem Meier's *Talmud shiur* on *Bava Metzia*, Chapter 5; 10:50 to 11:40 A.M.-Rabbi Meier's *shiur* on Jeremiah (Thursday only); 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon - Rabbi Baum's *shiur* on *Sefer Ezra* (Tuesday only)

Answers to Parsha Questions:

- (a) (1) Because: (i) 23:22 mentions *yetziat Mitzrayim*; (ii) 24:9 teaches that *Hashem* guards us when we go to sleep and wake up, so we rest serenely like a lion and cub; (2) to prevent a *torach tzibur* (burden on the *kahal*) (*Berachot* 12b). (b) He was a known war hero and superior magician (*Rokeach*). (c) When *Bnei Yisrael* crushed *Sichon* and *Og*, *Balak* knew *Moav* could not defeat *Bnei Yisrael* militarily. The *Midyanites* told him that *Bnei Yisrael's* leader, *Moshe*, who had lived among them, was able to destroy *Mitzrayim* with his mouth, by praying to *Hashem*; the way to defeat *Bnei Yisrael* was to convince *Hashem* to let *Moav* destroy them. *Balak* knew that *Bilam* was a powerful magician who would know the proper words and the right time to curse *Bnei Yisrael* (*Bamidbar Raba*). (d) (1) *Balak* consulted *Midyan* concerning *Moshe's* background, since *Moshe* had lived in *Midyan*; he wanted to know if *Bilam's* curse would be sufficient; (2) the *Emori* had used *Bilam's* curse to defeat *Amon* and *Moav*, yet they also prepared for military action; *Balak* needed *Midyan's* help militarily (*Rashi*). (3) Even if *Moav* could stop *Bnei Yisrael* through *Bilam*, *Balak* did not want *Bnei Yisrael* to surround *Moav* by conquering *Midyan* (*Oznayim la-Torah*).
- (a) (1) *Bilam* was: (i) his son (*Sanhedrin* 105a). (ii) his grandson (*Zohar*). (iii) *Lavan* himself (*Tanchuma – Vayeitzei*). (iv) his *gilgul* (reincarnation) (*Etz Yosef*). (2) *Bilam* believed that *Ya'akov*, *Bnei Yisrael's* ancestor, had made him poor by robbing *Lavan's* possessions (*Sanhedrin* 105a). (b) *Ya'akov* gave the donkey, which *Hashem* had created on the 6th day of Creation (*Avot* 5:8), to *Bilam* so that he would not advise *Pharaoh* to issue an evil decree against *Bnei Yisrael*; the gift did not help, and *Bilam* advised that *Bnei Yisrael* be forced to make bricks (*Medrash Agada*). (c) When *Hashem* cast the angels *Aza* and *Aza'el* from heaven, they taught *Be'or* and his son *Bilam* sorcery (*Zohar*). (d) Before the *maka* of hail, *Moshe* told the *Mitzrim* to take their servants and livestock from the fields; *Bilam* did not listen – his assets were destroyed (*Targum Yonatan – Shemot* 9:21).
- (a) The *yud* hints at the 10 trials that *Avraham* passed – the 10th was the *akeida*, sacrificing a ram instead of *Yitzchak*; *Bilam* hoped that offering 7 rams would outweigh the merit of *Avraham's korban* (*Rokeach*). (b) (1) When *Hashem* told *Bilam* not to go with *Balak's* envoys, he did not obey; (2) when *Hashem* told him to go but not curse *Bnei Yisrael*, he intended to curse them; (3) when the donkey turned from the path, he ignored it; (4) it pressed his foot against the wall, but he ignored its meaning; (5) it crouched down to stop him, but he ignored it; (6) the miracle of it speaking did not impress him; (7) he saw the angel but did not repent; (8) he felt he could bribe *Hashem* with altars at *Bamot Ba'al*; (9) *Rosh ha-Pisga*; and (10) *Rosh ha-Peor* (*Vilna Gaon*).
- (a) One with a *mum* (blemish) may not offer a *korban*; since *Bilam* had vision in one eye (*Rashi – 24:3*), he taught *Balak* to offer the *korbanot* (*Oznayim la-Torah*). (b) (1) *Balak's* offspring were *Rut* and *Malchut Beit David*; (2) one should perform a *mitzva* "afeilu she-lo lishma" (even not for its own sake), "she-mitoch she-lo lishma ba lishma" (for from performing [a *mitzva*] not for its own sake, he will eventually do it for its own sake). Ultimately, *Balak's korbanot* led to *Bnei Yisrael's* being blessed; a malicious act leading to a positive result is rewarded, with *Balak's* offspring including the great *David ha-Melech* (*Sanhedrin* 105b).
- (a) *Bilam* was boasting that he was greater than his father *Be'or* in sorcery (*Rashi*). (b) (1) *Bilam* observed *Bnei Yisrael's* tents and encampments and praised their entrances, which were not aligned opposite each other; i.e., *Bnei Yisrael* were careful about family privacy; (2) he saw prophetically *Mishkan Shiloh* (*ohalecha*) and the *Beit ha-Mikdash* (*mishkenotecha*) (*Rashi*). (3) He saw prophetically and praised *Bnei Yisrael's batei kenesiot* (houses of prayer – *oh-lecha*) and *batei medrashot* (halls of *Torah* learning – *mishkenotecha*) (*Rokeach*). (c) It is a prophecy that King *Shaul* will defeat *Amaleik's* king *Agag* (*Rashi*).
- (a) The effect of eating *mon* was that *Bnei Yisrael* did not need to relieve themselves. To worship *Ba'al Peor*, a person had to relieve himself in front of the idol. The *Midyanite* women fed *Bnei Yisrael* regular food to worship *Ba'al Peor* (*Sanhedrin* 60). (b) (1) *Zimri* lusted after a *Midyanite* woman (*Cosby*) and wanted *Moshe's* permission to have relations with her, just like *Moshe* was permitted to marry a *Midyanite*, *Tzipora* (*Rokeach*). (2) *Zimri* pretended to try to prevent *Bnei Yisrael* from worshipping *Ba'al Peor*; he wanted consent for the men to fulfill their desires within *Bnei Yisrael's* camp away from *Ba'al Peor* (*Sotah* 22b). (c) (1) *Pinchas* was allowed, as a *kana'i* (zealot), to kill *Zimri* and *Cosby* only while they were in the midst of committing an immoral act; they miraculously did not draw apart as *Pinchas* approached them; (2) *Zimri* and *Cosby* became speechless and could not call out to *Sheivet Shimon* for protection; (3) when *Pinchas's* spear passed through them, they remained locked together; (4) the handle and blade did not separate when he rammed them through; (5) when he dragged them outside, an angel lifted the tent, enabling him to emerge upright; (6) *Hashem* gave him strength to hold them up on his spear as he walked throughout the camp; (7) he twirled them around in front of *Zimri's* relatives, and they could not harm him; (8) the spear hardened, so that it did not break under their combined weight; (9) the metal part of the spear elongated so that neither body slipped off; (10) *Hashem* caused *Cosby's* body to remain underneath, as they were positioned when *Pinchas* killed them; (11) they remained alive while he carried them, so that he did not become *tamei*; (12) none of the blood touched *Pinchas* (*Sanhedrin* 82b).
- (a) *Bilam* could not speak unless *Hashem* put words into his mouth; *Hashem's tzidkot* forced him to repeatedly bless *Bnei Yisrael* (*ibn Ezra*). (b) *Balak* hired *Bilam* to curse *Bnei Yisrael* since, each day, there is a *rega* (an instant – 1/16th of a second or 1/58,888th of an hour) when *Hashem* is angered. *Bilam* had *da'at elyon* (knowledge of the Supreme One); he was the only expert able to assess when the *rega* occurs and invoke His anger on *Bnei Yisrael*. Had He become angry, no trace of them would remain. His *tzidkot* were that He did not get angry on the days when *Bilam* sought to curse *Bnei Yisrael* (*Berachot* 7a).