



**זמני הדיקת הנרות**

Candle Lighting Times for  
New Albany, OH (Based on Zip Code  
43054):  
Shabbat Candle Lighting: 8:46 pm  
Friday, Jul 3  
Shabbat Ends: 9:53 pm  
Shabbat, Jul 4  
Torah Portion: **Balak**



**Schedule of Services**

The Lori Schottenstein Chabad Center offers a full schedule of Shabbat services.  
Come and be inspired for the rest of the week! For more information, please call us at 614-939-0765.  
**17 Tammuz 5775**  
**Saturday, July 4, 2015**  
**Morning Services: 9:30 a.m.**  
**CKids - ages 5-12: 10:45 a.m.**  
Torah and Tea: 10:00 a.m.  
*"This class is now Dedicated in Memory of Rashi Minkowitz, ob"m, a community leader, mother and Shlucha*  
**Tot Shabbat for 4 and under: 11:00 a.m.**  
**KIDDUSH - 12:00 pm**  
**18 Tammuz, 5775**  
**Sunday, July 5, 2015**  
Shachrit: 9:45 a.m.  
(The fast of the 17th of Tammuz is observed today.)

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**לחמדות**

**Upcoming Events**  
**Thurs night Parsha class**  
Jul. 9, 2015 - 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
**More Info »**  
View all upcoming events

**פרשת השבוע**

**Parshat Balak**

**Balak**, the king of Moab, summons the prophet **Balaam** to curse the people of Israel. On the way, Balaam is **berated by his donkey**, who sees, before Balaam does, the angel that G-d sends to block their way. Three times, from **three different vantage points**, Balaam attempts to pronounce his curses; each time, **blessings** issue forth instead. Balaam also prophesies on the **end of the days** and the coming of **Moshiach**.  
The people fall prey to the charms of the daughters of Moab, and are enticed to worship the idol **Peor**. When a high-ranking Israelite official publicly takes a Midianite princess into a tent, **Pinchas** kills them both, stopping the plague raging among the people.

**Chabad Hebrew School**  
For more information:  
[www.chabadhs.org](http://www.chabadhs.org)  
Call 614-939-0765 or 614-578-9318 or email [hebrevschool@chabadhs.org](mailto:hebrevschool@chabadhs.org)

**מגזין שבועי**

This Week @ [www.ChabadColumbus.com](http://www.ChabadColumbus.com)

- parshah**  
**Privacy and Modesty**  
Our role as Jews is to be an example. The Torah describes us, thousands of years ago, as expressing the virtues of modesty and privacy.
- Judaism 101**  
**What to Expect at a Brit Milah**  
What is expected of you at a traditional brit milah, and what should you expect?
- your questions**  
**Why Do Jews Toast L'Chaim—To Life?**  
Is there a uniquely Jewish reason for this custom?
- current**  
**The "Leap Second" and What It Means to You**

Dear Friend,

This week in Germany a 94-year-old former SS sergeant who served in Auschwitz testified that he helped the infamous death camp function through his role of sorting cash and valuables seized from Jews after their arrival in cattle-cars. Oskar Groening told the Lueneberg state court, "There was a self-denial in me that I finally find impossible to explain. Perhaps it was also the convenience of obedience with which we were brought up, which allowed no contradiction. This indoctrinated obedience prevented registering the daily atrocities as such and rebelling against them."

And so the "Accountant of Auschwitz" continued his work: pretending to guard prisoners' baggage on the trains, when his main task was to collect and tally money stolen from the new arrivals and send it to Berlin.

In this week's Torah portion, we read the biblical narrative of the heathen prophet Bilam and his talking donkey. At one point, an angel blocks the donkey's path, and the animal halts. When Bilam strikes the donkey, it asks, "Why did you hit me?" Realizing that an angel is blocking the donkey, Bilam apologizes, saying, "I have sinned because I did not know."

The question often asked about this exchange is if Bilam genuinely did not know, why was his action a sin? The answer is that someone with the prophetic and spiritual powers of Bilam cannot be excused for being unaware of an angelic presence right in front of him.

Likewise, if Oskar Groening had the intellect to be entrusted with his role at Auschwitz, he surely had the ability to recognize the immorality of his actions. Claiming that daily atrocities were not "registering" is no excuse.

But sadly, sometimes people who could and should know better do not. Then it is incumbent upon us to enlighten. If Jewish children have a weak grasp of their heritage, it is up to us to do all we can to expose them to their history and traditions. To instill pride and solidify their Jewish identity – not just through conventional means, but also through participation in inspiring Jewish community events when they are young and programs like Birthright Israel when they are young adults.

And when we encounter anti-Israel sentiment on college campuses, embodied today in the dangerous and wrong-headed BDS ("boycott, divestment and sanctions") movement, we must fight ignorance and darkness with knowledge and light. The misinformation promulgated by groups seeking to marginalize Israel must be met at every turn with hard facts about Israel's contributions to the global community and its humanitarian values. We must be creative and even think of lowering the age to participate in Birthright Israel.

The safeguards against the perils of true ignorance are our own vigilance and actions. As statesman Edmund Burke famously said, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

Shabbat Shalom,

Areyah



JOIN US FOR A  
*Special Shabbos*  
at Chabad!  
**Join us on Friday, July 3rd for 7:00 pm Shabbat services.**

**THE WEXNER FOUNDATION**

The Wexner Service Corps is now in its third year of providing leadership training to Columbus Jewish youth. Chabad members Amit Greenshtein, Presley, Evan and Ryan Klinger and Lilli Sher are members of WSC 2015-2016.



The Wexner Service Corps (WSC) is a program designed to inspire and unite Columbus-area Jewish teens to engage in service learning. The WSC is open to high school juniors and seniors who wish to participate in a week-long service trip followed by a year of monthly volunteering and Jewish learning. A select group of Corps members can return for a second year to join the Senior Leadership Cohort (SLC).

The WSC launched in June 2013 with an inaugural service trip to New York and has since served in New Orleans (2014) and Detroit (2015) with 40 teens on each trip. The 2015 trip included students from these schools: Bexley High School, Columbus Academy, Columbus School for Girls, Columbus Torah Academy, Dublin Coffman High School, Gahanna Lincoln High School, Metro Early College High School, New Albany High School, Pickerington Central High School and The Wellington School.

Columbus Jewish teens have cumulatively put in thousands of service hours into serving both the Columbus community and the communities it visits. The Wexner Service Corps was inspired by Hannah Wexner and it is generously supported by Leslie and Abigail Wexner and The Wexner Foundation.

[WATCH A VIDEO](#)

For more information contact: 614.939.6072

**Fun at Camp Kindness!**

This first time ever camp for children and adults with disabilities was created and staffed by Friendship Circle volunteers.



**Camp Gan Israel - fun despite the rain!**

It may be rainy outside, but campers kept busy with special classes, swimming, bowling, ice skating, food crafts, art projects, and games!



**REGISTER NOW FOR THE NATIONAL JEWISH RETREAT**

August 11-16, 2015 / 26 Av-1 Elul 5775  
OMNI SHOREHAM HOTEL, Washington, DC

**DEBATE**  
AT THE  
NATIONAL  
JEWISH RETREAT

**CHAVRUTA DETECTIVE**  
JOIN A STUDY PARTNER FOR A JOURNEY THROUGH ORIGINAL TALMUDIC TEXTS TO SOLVE A MOST FASCINATING CASE.

**8TH DAY in CONCERT**

**THE WILD SPIRITUAL RIDE OF A HOLLYWOOD SCREENWRITER**

**BEIT MIDRASH**  
Immerse yourself in the ancient texts of our tradition in an authentic yeshiva-style experience.

**RELIQS OF THE PAST**  
A PRIVATE COLLECTION OF RARE, HISTORIC JEWISH ARTIFACTS

**CHILDREN IN THE HOLOCAUST**  
A YAD VASHEM SPECIAL EXHIBIT

**60 SECONDS**  
STUMP THE RABBIS  
NO QUESTION TOO CONTROVERSIAL

LifeTown provides life skills training for children with disabilities. We rely on volunteers to make our unique program work. To volunteer, sign up at [Signup Genius](#) or email volunteer coordinator [Nancy Eisenman](#) for more information.

**Weekly Torah study**  
Please join us for "A Journey into the Soul of Torah", a weekly Torah study. The class will continue on Thursdays at 7:30 pm at The Lori Schottenstein Chabad Center. Open to all and free of charge.

**Kiddush Sponsorship Opportunities Available**  
Looking for a meaningful way to recognize a special day? Consider sponsoring a Kiddush. For more information, please contact the Chabad office at 614-939-0765.