

# J.L.C. Connections

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Parshas Va'eschanan  
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Candlelighting: 8:30 pm

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## Friday, July 28

7:00pm Mincha / Maariv [ early ]  
8:30pm Candlelighting  
8:30pm Mincha / Maariv

## Shabbos, July 29

8:45am Shacharis  
*Kiddush is sponsored by  
Rabbi & Mrs. Stoll upon  
the yahrzeit of his father*

Pirke Avos will resume...

8:20pm Mincha / Shalosh Seudos /  
Maariv

## Sunday, July 30

9:15am *Parsha Class*  
(R. Nisenbaum)  
10:00am "The 613 Mitzvos"  
(R. Stoll)

## Monday, July 31

8:00pm Class w/ R. Nisenbaum  
will resume at end of  
summer

## Tuesday, August 1

8:00pm Pirkei d'Rebbi Elazar  
(R. Stoll)

## Wednesday, August 2

8:00pm Nach Still Speaks –  
Tehillim (R. Stoll)

## Thursday, August 3

10:15pm Parsha Class  
(R. Nisenbaum)

### Weekday Minyanim

7:00am Shacharis (M-F)  
8:00am Shacharis (Sun)  
10:00pm Maariv (Sun-Th)

### Class Connection

**R. Nisenbaum:**  
425-436-6200 #352171

"The Torah Podcast" weekly  
at all podcast locations

**R. Stoll:**  
Zoom: 876-619-3551  
Audio: 669-900-9128

## Parsha: Va'eschanan

After his opening remarks, Moshe continued his monologue to the Jewish people. He related how he had hoped after conquering the lands of Sichon and Og that G-d would relent from His decree and allow him to enter the Promised Land. The Midrash mentions that Moshe prayed 515 prayers to be allowed to enter the land, but G-d would not relent. G-d allowed Moshe to climb a mountain to view the land from a distance.

This may have been Moshe's way of warning the people of the importance of keeping the mitzvos properly. Moshe, great as he was, could not realize his lifelong dream of entering the land because of a small deviation from fulfilling G-d's exact words.

Moshe also instructed the people not to add to or detract from the mitzvahs of G-d. The mitzvahs can only exert their Divine influence upon a person when they are observed as the will of G-d. When a person detracts from or adds to a mitzvah, i.e. introduces five or three sections in the tefillin instead of four, they become the product of his own intellect rather than that of the A-lmighty's, and they no longer have the same meaning or carry the same value.

Moshe also reminded them that only by keeping the mitzvahs properly would the Jewish people earn

the respect of their non-Jewish neighbors. Even others recognize the Torah and mitzvahs as the source of the Jews' wisdom.

The people were told that when they enter the Promised Land they would find great abundance. However, they must not succumb to the great dangers presented by prosperity. It is important to remember that all prosperity is a gift from G-d, and that it should not lead them astray.

Moshe also prophesied that the nation would not always follow the Torah properly and would turn to idolatry. They would then be led into exile among the other nations. In exile the people would see for

themselves that no other nation has ever laid claim to the assertions of the Jewish people. No other nation has ever been freed from a country like Egypt amidst all the wonders and miracles like the Jewish people.

The purpose of all these wonders, and of the scattering in exile, is to impress upon the Jewish nation the omniscience of G-d and their responsibility to follow His commandments properly. This message is emphasized by the requirement to repeat the Shema, the Jew's pledge of allegiance to G-d, twice each day. Only when this message is absorbed will the nation enjoy longevity and prosperity in their land.

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*Jonathan Leebow upon the passing of his father*

## Parsha Insights: Va'eschanan

### You should be very careful to care for your souls...(Deut 4:15)

An ascetic was speaking to Rav Yitzchak of Vorke about his extreme practices of abstinence. The tzaddik challenged the man pointedly, "Why do you think that anything in this world really belongs to you?" "Heaven forbid!" exclaimed the surprised man, "I just explained how I avoid taking any pleasure from the physical world. How can you suspect me of thinking that I own this world?" "Yes," replied Rav Yitzchak, "But you afflict your body with all types of fasting and flagellation. Is the body yours that you are allowed to afflict it? Hashem entrusted it to you to care of it, not to harm it."

## Did You Know?

One must affix a mezuzah to each doorpost of one's house. A room whose area is less than 72" X72" does not require a mezuzah. There are different opinions whether a clothing closet, even bigger than the above measurement, requires a mezuzah. It should be affixed without a blessing. There is similar disagreement regarding a room used exclusively for laundry and regarding a garage. There too, a mezuzah should be affixed without a blessing.

**Thought for the Week: Things do not fall into disrepair; men fall into not repairing**  
(A Candle By Day)