

**NUMBER 14 – PARSHAS BESHALACH
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The Accident

Each year at this time I am forced to remember a very difficult time. Odeya came back from giving a class to kids from a public school. She taught them about the Exodus of Egypt and all of the wonders that Hashem performed. As she arrived home I went to greet her with our daughter as the big van started to roll out. I ran around the back of the van to warn the cars on the street. I got around the back to see Odeya and Chani being knocked under the van. I ran to see what had happened to her.

As the ambulance arrived, I was surrounded by people helping and watching. Odeya was not in a good state, as she couldn't breathe and was bleeding. I didn't know what was happening, full of questions, fear, pain. I felt helpless to see my life on the floor and all I could do is just stand by and wait. Only in the ambulance could I say a few kappitlach of tehillim. Only there when they attached the oxygen did I rest a little. Odeya was half awake. As we arrived at the hospital I had to wait outside as they did the first assessment. I called a friend of mine in Israel who was serving in the army and I knew he could send a fax to the Rebbe's grave because of his position in the army (little did I know that he was in bunker up North being bombed by Hizbulla terrorists. From the bunker he sent the fax).

As I walked in and saw Odeya, I almost fainted. The doctors sat me down and then we were rushed from one room to the next. Each and every moment was agonizing as we didn't have any answers. What was the damage, what will be the treatment? As we had each and every test, we were surprised to see that they came back negative. We weren't sure what the actual damage would be. The only damage (in the end) was a cut to the ear which needed surgery and punctured lungs which were beginning to heal. The doctors couldn't explain nor fathom how this van did not kill or at least paralyze her. Only at 1 am could I leave her knowing that she was stable and sleeping. I was lost.

As we spoke to other doctors they told us that this is clearly a miracle. Rolling cars have killed, yet this van did not. Why Odeya had to suffer such pain and experience such a horrific ordeal, only Hashem knows. What we do know is that Hashem revealed huge mercies and benevolence. Therefore we are full of thanksgiving to Hashem.

Please join us this Shabbat at the Kiddush as we thank Hashem for his great mercy.

Shabbat Shalom!

Rabbi Shalom White

C A L E N D A R

6:30 pm	Mincha, followed by Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv
7:30 pm	Candle lighting*
9:00 am	Shiur
10:00 am	Shacharit
12:00 pm	Kiddush
6:00 pm	Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit
9:06 pm	Shabbat ends



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* If your husband is davening Maariv at Shule, light candles at 7:30pm in order to bring Shabbos in at the same time.

Sunday time:

Minyan 8:00am

Weekday times:

Shacharit: Monday – Friday at 6:20 am

SHIURIM

WEDNESDAY:

7:30 pm – “The Jewish Way in love and marriage” – this weekly shiur series is given by Rabbi White at Chabad House.

BROCHA SPONSORSHIP

This week's brocha is sponsored by **Rabbi and Odeya White** as a thanksgiving to Hashem for the miracle in healing Odeya one year ago when she was involved in a terrible car accident.

Next week's brocha has not been sponsored yet. Please contact Nikki if you are interested.

UPCOMING EVENTS

One Shabbat One World – Shabbos Dinner at Chabad House – tonight!

Please let Nikki know if you will be attending the dinner as we have to prepare numbers for catering. nikki@chabadwa.org. \$50 per family, \$20 per person. Pre-payment is preferred please.

A new spiritual experience - davening in Kalamunda – Sunday, 27 January

Join Rabbi White at Chabad House at 7 am on Sunday, 27 January. From there the davening group will drive in convoy to Kalamunda. There will be a half hour walk in the forest followed by davening, followed by breakfast. All those interested, be at Chabad House at 7 am.

Beyond Belief – Sunday, 3 February

The next highly acclaimed JLI course is starting on Sunday, 3 February at the Jewish Centre - Sign up now! www.myJLI.com.

Shabbat Shalom everyone!