

Shaarei Tefillah

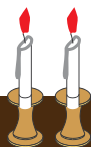
Weekly Newsletter

שערי תפילה



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בס"ד



Shabbos Times

Plag HaMincha	6:14pm
Mincha	7:00pm
Candle Lighting (latest)	7:17pm
Shkiah	7:35pm
Shacharis	9:00am
Latest time for Shema	9:52am
Shiur	6:25pm
Shabbos Mincha	7:05pm
(followed by Seudah Shlishis)	
Shabbos ends	8:18pm

פרשת בראשית

Shabbos Bereishis Kiddush

The Kiddush this week has been sponsored by our
Choson Bereishis - John Fleishmann

Thank You

Shaarei Tefillah would like to thank all those who helped make Yom Tov and in particular Simchas Torah the great success it was. A special note of thanks goes to the Events Committee.

Special Shiur this Shabbos afternoon

R' Menachem Yaakov Zuckerberg will be giving part 2 of the Shiur he began on Yom Tov.

Shabbos Afternoon @ 6:25pm

Shaarei Youth

THIS WEEK:

Boys Seudah Shlishis

RESTARTING AGAIN

NEXT WEEK!!

SHABBOS AFTERNOON

Shabbos Groups - Boys Grade 1 up
Also, your chance to learn with one of the Madrichim!!

Wednesday night learning

Join us for learning after Mincha /
Maariv - This week 8:00-8:45pm

'My Shul cards'

Start collecting - Level 2
more cards due to come out soon....



Daf HaYomi - We will be starting Shabbos 13a on Sunday

Shiurim and Learning at Shaarei this Week

Gemora Succah	Sunday Night 8:00pm
Gemora Kesubos	Monday Night 8:00pm
Arvei Pesochim	TBC
Hashkofa Shiur (R"Goldman)	Wednesday Night 8:00pm
Chavrusa learning	Wednesday Night 8:00pm
Daf HaYomi	Mon - Fri 5:45am
	Sun - 7:15am, Shabbos 8:15am
Hilchos Shabbos Shiur	Not this Week
Halocha Yomi	Daily after Shacharis & Mincha

Davening Times this Week

	Shacharis	Mincha/Maariv
Sunday	8:00am	7:20pm
Monday	6:30am	7:20pm
Tuesday	6:20am	7:20pm
Wednesday	6:20am	7:20pm
Thursday	6:30am	7:20pm
Friday	6:45am	7:00pm

Something for the Shabbos table

This week we read about the argument between Kain and Hevel which results in the first murder in history when Kain kills Hevel. The Torah explains that both Kain and Hevel brought offerings, or gifts, to Hashem. Kain, a farmer, brought an offering from his fruits. Hevel, a shepherd, gave from his sheep. Seemingly, both did an almost identical thing – they offered some of their produce, be it fruit or sheep, to Hashem as a gift. Yet for some reason Hashem accepted Hevel's offering and rejected that of Kain.

Why did G-d only accept the offering of Hevel and not Kain? More fundamentally, what was the point of the offering in the first place? What does G-d do with fruit and sheep anyway?

It is a philosophical necessity that G-d, as an Infinite Being, lacks nothing. He wants nothing since He lacks nothing to want. Neither fruit or sheep are of any intrinsic benefit to an Infinite Creator. So what is the point of them?

An offering, or gift, is an expression of a relationship. The act of giving expresses and nurtures the relationship between giver and recipient. The gift itself is of no intrinsic significance. It is the relationship which it both expresses and nurtures which is. Imagine the example of two recently engaged couples both of whom are purchasing engagement rings. One husband-to-be spends weeks designing the perfect ring for his fiancé – carefully considering the shape of the diamond, its sparkle, the best way to have it set on the ring in order to bring out its true shine and beauty. The other, too busy to spend any time getting caught up with such trivialities, simply gives his fiancé a signed cheque and tells her to go find a ring she likes. In both cases the engagement ring will truly express the nature of the relationship – in one case a close and personal loving relationship, and in the other an impersonal and severely lacking one.

It is clear from a closer reading of the Torah narrative, and the explanation provided by the key commentaries, that Hevel expended great effort to give of the best of his flock, whilst Kain presented the cheapest poorest produce. Whilst Hevel sought to prepare the most suitable offering he could, Kain just grabbed the first thing he could find.

The difference between them is not the value of their gifts, but the inner attitudes they reveal. Hevel understood what it meant to 'give' something to Hashem. The Torah, through the story of Kain and Hevel, is communicating to us very clearly how we are supposed to relate to Mitzvos, the framework within which Hashem has told us live. Hashem doesn't need our empty actions. An action is a shell. They are the necessary means through which we can, and should, get the most out of our interaction with ourselves, the world around us, and Hashem.

This weeks Kiddush Roster:

Belinda Begleiter
& Chana Deutsch

This weeks Clean Up Roster:

Aaron Max
& Greg Cohen

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