

Shaarei Tefillah

Weekly Newsletter

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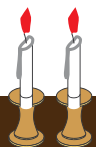


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בס"ד

פרשת מקץ - שבת חנוכה

Shabbos Times



Plag HaMincha	7:06pm
Mincha	7:40pm
Candle Lighting (latest)	8:20pm
Shkiah	8:38pm
Shacharis	9:00am
Latest time for Shema	9:34am
Shiur	7:30pm
Shabbos Mincha	8:05pm
(followed by Seudah Shlishis)	
Shabbos ends	9:28pm

Kiddush

The kiddush this week has been kindly sponsored in honour of the Daf HaYomi Shiur that has now completed 5% of Shas!!

Thank You

Thank you to the events committee and all those who helped organise the Chanukah BBQ and activities. It was a great success, fun was had by all.

Shaarei Youth

Shabbos Afternoon Groups

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO SHABBOS GROUPS THIS WEEK

Seudah Shlishis as usual this week

Learning with Madrichim

Not this week

Wednesday night learning

Not this week

Shaarei Girls function

**this Sunday 16th December
from 3:30-5:30pm @Shaarei**

**Starting from Sun 23rd December
Shaarei Youth will be running a
program for the boys.
See other flyer for more details.**

Halocha from the Daf

The Gemorah in Shabbos 73a deals with the halochas of Borer. How does one set the table with cutlery on Shabbos without transgressing the laws of borer?

It is forbidden to pick individual pieces out of a jumble of silverware and set them on the table in their correct positions. It is permitted, however, to do so if it is done immediately prior to the meal. This means that if the meal is supposed to start at 1:00pm, for example, and it takes about 30 minutes to prepare for the meal, then the table may be set at about 12:30pm, but not earlier. Even if the lady of the house would like to set her table before going to shul or taking a walk, it is forbidden to do so.

When the silverware is not mixed together, it is permitted to take each type of cutlery and set it on the table in its desired place. But it is prohibited to take different types of cutlery from their individual compartments, allow them to mix together in one's hand, and then set them on the table in their correct place. If it is done immediately before the meal, however, then this, too, is permitted.

There are opinions that allow one to throw the mixture over the table, in such a way that they become spread out. Now we do not look at it as a mixture anymore.

Daf HaYomi - We will be starting Shabbos 76a on Sunday

Shiurim and Learning at Shaarei this Week

Hilchos Bosor V'Cholov	Not this week
Gemorah Baba Metziya	TBC
Arvei Pesochim	Not this week
Hashkofa Shiur (R"Goldman)	Not this week
Parsha Shiur	Thursday Night 7:50pm
Mussar	Friday 6:45pm
Daf HaYomi	Mon - Fri 5:45am
	Sun - 7:15am, Shabbos 8:15am
Hilchos Shabbos Shiur	Shabbos Afternoon 7:30pm
Halocha Yomi	Daily after Shacharis & Mincha

Davening Times this Week

	Shacharis	Mincha/Maariv
Sunday	8:00am	8:25pm
Monday	6:30am	8:25pm
Tuesday	6:45am	8:25pm
Wednesday	6:45am	8:25pm
Thursday	6:30am	8:25pm
Friday	6:45am	7:00pm

Something for the Shabbos table

What is so unique about the Mitzvah of lighting the lights on Chanukah that there is a special emphasis on publicising the Miracle? We don't find that we have to eat the korban Pesach on the street. We don't have to put the story of Yetziyas Mitzrayim on the billboards of city. Leining Megillas Esther doesn't have to be done in the town square. These miracles were of no less importance than that of Chanukah?

The Chasam Sofer explains that there is a major difference between the miracle of Chanukah and that of Yetziyas Mitzrayim. Unlike all other miracles the miracle that occurred with the jug of pure oil that burnt for eight days was a miracle seen by very few. Only the Kohanim who were in the Beis Hamikdash saw the miraculous burning of oil. In actual fact it is specifically a miracle of this nature that has most room to deny. Certain other religions of the world base their whole religion on a supposed miraculous occurrence witnessed by few. This is unlike the Jews who stood as a together as a complete nation at Har Sinai, and witnessed the giving of the Torah. It is therefore precisely because the miracle was done on a small scale that we have to do it on a large scale, so as to establish it as true, to give it validity by ensuring that all Yidden get to know about it. Perhaps it goes even deeper. An "on the quiet" miracle can achieve something that a large public one cannot. A big miracle is often done to prove a point. Krias Yam Suf made the whole world tremble. Matan Torah was to reveal the Jews as the Chosen Nation. But a small miracle on one level is much more personal, much closer to the person. It's not always the big actions that speak but the small ones. This shows real endearment from Hashem when He does even a small thing that no one knows about, except you. The act may be less, but the inner love that Hashem has to us is seen more clearly.

This weeks Kiddush Roster:

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This weeks Clean Up Roster:

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