

Shaarei Tefillah

Weekly Newsletter

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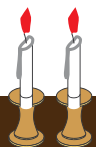


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בס"ד

פרשת ויגש

Shabbos Times



Plag HaMincha	7:10pm
Mincha	7:00pm
Candle Lighting (latest)	8:24pm
Shkiah	8:42pm
Shacharis	9:00am
Latest time for Shema	9:37am
Shiur	7:30pm
Shabbos Mincha	8:10pm
(followed by Seudah Shlishis)	
Shabbos ends	9:32pm

Kiddush

The kiddush this week has been sponsored by
Isaac and Shoshi Berkovits
on the occasion of Isaac's birthday

Farewell for Rabbi Channan

This weeks Seudah Shlishis will be held in honour of
Rabbi Channan in appreciation for all he has done for
Shaarei over the years. He will be moving to Sydney to
take up the position as Rov of the Adass Kehillah.

Shaarei Youth

Shabbos Afternoon Groups
PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO
SHABBOS GROUPS THIS WEEK

Learning with Madrichim
7:30pm

Wednesday night learning
7:45pm - 8:30pm

Starting this week
Shaarei Youth will be running a
program for the boys.
Shacharis 8:30am
(except this Sunday - Taanis)
followed by breakfast and learning
See other flyers for more details.

Halocha from the Daf

The Gemara in Shabbos Daf 79 talks about converting a Sefer Torah into a Mezuzah or Tefillin. The only issue that the Gemara has with this is that a Sefer Torah has more kedusha than Tefillin and Mezuzah, and one cannot downgrade kedusha. From this the Gemara derives that there must be some material on which a Sefer Torah can be written, that would be acceptable for Tefillin and Mezuzah.

Tosafos questions how one would convert a Sefer Torah into a Mezuzah since a Mezuzah requires the Parsha of שמע ויהיה אם שמוע to be written immediately after שמע, yet in a Sefer Torah they are far apart. One of the possibilities that Tosafos suggests is that if שמע ויהיה אם שמוע happens to be written on the top of a column, one can cut it out from a Sefer Torah and write the Parsha of shema on the margin above. The problem with this that Tosafos does NOT address is that this would seem to be a violation of כסדרן – that the mezuzah and Tefillin need to be written in order, since the Parsha of שמע ויהיה אם שמוע will be written prior to the writing of שמע.

The Taz (Y.D. 190) writes that we see from this Tosafos that the requirement of כסדרן by Mezuzah does not require that the parshiyos be written in order, just that within each Parsha each word and letter is written in order. The Shach in Nekudas HaKesef disagrees with the Taz.

Daf HaYomi - We will be starting Shabbos 83a on Sunday

Shiurim and Learning at Shaarei this Week

Hilchos Bosor V'Cholov	Not this week
Gemorah Baba Metziya	Monday Night 7:45pm
Arvei Pesochim	TBC
Hashkofa Shiur (R"Goldman)	TBC
Parsha Shiur	Thursday Night 8:00pm
Mussar	Friday 6:45pm
Daf HaYomi	Mon - Fri 7:15am
	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	Taanis
Monday	8:00am	8:30pm
Tuesday	8:00am	8:30pm
Wednesday	8:00am	8:30pm
Thursday	8:00am	8:30pm
Friday	8:00am	7:00pm

Something for the Shabbos table

The Meshech Chochma writes, that although all three of the Avos communicated with Hashem, only Yaakov is recorded as having a vision of Him at night. The first time was when Yaakov was fleeing to the city of Charan to escape the wrath of his brother Esav and to find himself a wife. In this week's parsha we have the other "night vision" which takes place as Yaakov travels to Egypt to be reunited with his long lost son, Yosef. This uniqueness of Yaakov can be understood symbolically. Various meforshim have suggested that Yaakov was the "Patriarch of Exile". His ability to live with the underhanded Lavan for twenty years and to emerge spiritually unscathed makes him a model for us all.

Specifically on these two occasions when Yaakov is leaving the Promised Land, Hakodosh Baruch Hu reveals Himself to Yaakov at night, as if to say, "My divine presence will even be with you even in the darkness of exile." It is for this reason that, according to the Gemorah (Berakhs 26b), Yaakov instituted Maariv, the prayer of the night.

In a broader sense, Yaakov is the forefather of all life crises. As Dovid Hamelech says in Tehillim Perek 20, "Hashem will answer you in the day of distress; the name of the G-d of Yaakov will strengthen you." Yaakov teaches us, therefore, that if we stick with Hashem, He will be there to help us overcome any hardship.

This weeks Kiddush Roster:

Shoshi Berkovitz
& Dina Szewicz

This weeks Clean Up Roster:

Antony Ossip
& Michael Tenne

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Asara B'Teves - This Sunday

Fast begins 4:44am
Mincha 8:10pm
Fast Ends 9:24pm