

Shaarei Tefillah Weekly Newsletter

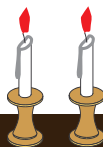
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Sha'arei Tefillah

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פרשת מטות-מסעי



Shabbos Times

Mincha	4:55pm
Candle Lighting	4:55pm
Shkiah	5:13pm
Shacharis	9:00am
Latest time for Shema	10:00am
Halocha Shiur	4:15pm
Shabbos Mincha	4:40pm
(followed by Seudah Shlishis)	
Shabbos ends	5:59pm
Avos Ubonim	7:00pm

Shaarei Youth

Please Note
There will be NO shabbos
afternoon groups during the
school holidays

Boys Seudah Shlishis
after Mincha

Wednesday night learning
This week @7:30 - 8:15pm

Winter Holiday Program
Starting this Friday (5/07)
Shacharis 8:30am followed by
breakfast and learning

Avos Ubonim
this Motzei Shabbos
7:00-7:45pm

Sponsor a Kiddush

Would you like to sponsor a kiddush for your birthday / anniversary or for a Yahrzeit?
Contact Antony or the Rabbi to book in

Yom Tov Seats

All FOST members are reminded to fill out their seat request form this week.
From next week seats will be available to Non FOST members - limited seats available.

Halocha from the Daf

The Gemorah in Pesachim 14b says חרב הרי הוא כחלל - the sword is like the corpse (in regards to its level of tum'ah) Rashi explains this to mean that a metal implement that touches a dead body acquires the same degree of tum'ah as the body itself, i.e. אבי אבות הטומאה.

There are different degrees of tum'ah. The most potent level of tum'ah is a corpse. A corpse which touches a vessel will transfer its tum'ah to the vessel (or person) rendering them an אב הטומאה, a rishon latumah, a rishon will transfer to a sheni, and a sheini to a shlishi.

A metal implement is an exception to this rule. When it comes into contact with either an אב הטומאה or אבי אבות הטומאה, it acquires the same degree of tum'ah as its source.

The Rambam rules that this exception to the rule of the transferral of tum'ah is not across the board. It only applies to tum'ah contracted through direct contact with the source. However this law does not apply to טומאת אהל (that the corpse will transfer tum'ah to that which is found with items under the same roof) and טומאת משא (one who lifts the body, even without touching it, becomes tamei). Tosfos argues that this law would also apply to טומאת אהל. Thus someone who is under the same roof as the metal implement will become tamei.

This has practical relevance in regard to a Cohen. Is it permissible for him to visit a museum that has metal implements which were used in battle and came into direct contact with dead bodies? The Rama and other poskim state that the custom is to be lenient.

Daf HaYomi - We will be starting Pesachim 18a on Sunday

Shiurim and Learning at Shaarei this Week

Hilchos Bosor V'Cholov	Sunday Night 8:00pm
Gemorah Baba Metziya	Monday Night 8:30pm
Gemorah Rosh Hashanah	Tuesday Night 7:30pm
Parsha Shiur	Thursday Night 8:30pm
Mussar	Friday - 10 Mins before Mincha
Daf HaYomi	Mon - Fri 5:45am
	Sun - 7:15am, Shabbos 8:15am
Hilchos Shabbos Shiur	Shabbos Afternoon 4:15pm
Halocha Yomi	Daily after Shacharis & Maariv

Davening Times this Week

	Shacharis	Maariv
Sunday	8:00am	4:55pm*
Monday	6:25am	8:15pm
Tuesday	6:45am	8:15pm
Wednesday	6:45am	8:15pm
Thursday	6:30am	8:15pm
Friday	6:45am	4:59pm

*Mincha & Maariv

Something for the Shabbos table

In this week's Parsha we learn that one who commits unintentional murder runs to the עיר מקלט until the Kohen Godol dies. The Gemorah says that the mother of the Kohen Godol used to send gifts to these people so that they would not daven that the Kohen Godol dies.

What if they do daven? - will their prayers have any effect? The Gemorah explains that the Kohen Godol is in danger because he is responsible for each accidental killing. Had he davened that no stumbling blocks come before the Jewish people, perhaps this crime would not have taken place.

Rabbi Meir Bergman Shlita writes that this answer demonstrates how great the power of tefillah is. Although a person is responsible for his deeds, another person's tefillah can rescue him from wrongdoing. Indeed, the Talmud Yerushalmi takes the power of tefillah even further, saying that the murderer's prayer is a threat to the Kohen Godol because even a wicked person's prayer is answered, even when he prays for something which is objectively wrong.

How can this be? Rabbi Bergman explains that one of the laws of nature is that tefillos are answered. No special Divine intervention is required each time a tefillah is uttered; Hashem has already built a rule into the laws of nature that tefillos, whatever they may be, will be answered in some form.

The Gemorah in Brochos tells us that tefillah is one of the 4 things that need constant chizuk. We often forget how powerful our tefillos can be. The Yerushalmi tells a story of a ship that was sailing the ocean. Suddenly a storm began to rage, the many Non Jewish passengers cried out for help - but to no avail. They turned to the sole Jewish child on board, begging him to pray. The child called out with all his heart to the Ribono Shel Olam and the sea was silent.

When they reached dry land all but the boy disembarked. They asked him if they could get him anything. He replied 'why do you care about a worthless person such as myself?' They replied 'It is us that are worthless, as we are here and our idols are in Babylon - you have your G-d wherever you go!'

This weeks Kiddush Roster:

**Shana Reuben
& Chana Deutsch**

This weeks Clean Up Roster:

**Zalmy Kass
& Craig Goldberg**

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