

Shaarei Tefillah Weekly Newsletter

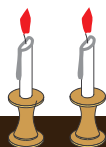
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פרשת חיי שרה



Shabbos Times

Plag HaMincha	6:23pm
Mincha	7:00pm
Candle Lighting (latest)	7:29pm
Shkiah	7:47pm
Shacharis	9:00am
Latest time for Shema	9:42am
Halocha Shiur	6:45pm
Shabbos Mincha	7:15pm
(followed by Seudah Shlishis)	
Shabbos ends	8:32pm

Mazal Tov

Mazal Tov to Jake Begleiter
on the occasion of his Bar-Mitzvah this Shabbos
Mazal Tov to Barak, Belinda and Family

Mishne Berurah Project

If you are interested in joining a new learning program - learning Mishna Berurah weekly please speak to Rabbi Berlin for more details

Halocha from the Daf

Who must give the מחצית השקל?

The Mishnayos at the beginning of Meseches Shekalim discuss the requirement of women and children donating for the half shekel.

According to the Gemorah there are three different levels in regards to children:

- 1) Under 13 years old – we do not demand payment
- 2) Between 13 and 20 years old – we demand payment but we do not exact a pledge (they would take a pledge in order to ensure that people paid the half shekel – this was not done for someone of this age)
- 3) Over 20 years old – we demand payment and exact a pledge

The Korban HaEidah, equates women and children regarding their responsibility to donate the half-shekel, it would seem that women are also obligated to donate the half-shekel. The only distinction between men and women would be that we would not take a deposit from women to ensure their compliance with the law. This conclusion raises a question against the Magen Avraham who writes that women are exempt from the מחצית השקל.

The Mishne Brurah writes that this discussion refers to the extent of the obligation according to halocha. However, the minhag is for fathers to donate a מחצית השקל not only for young sons but even on behalf of an unborn child.

Some say, It is also proper to give a מחצית השקל on behalf of females as well (to fulfil this chumra).

Shaarei Youth

Shabbos Afternoon Groups

Boys Grade 1 - 3 @5:40 - 6:40pm

At the home of Family Schneier

Boys Grade 4 Up @5:40 - 6:40pm

At the home of Family Rosenblum

Drop off and pick up from Shaarei

Learning with Madrichim 6:45pm

Boys Seudah Shlishis

After Mincha

Wednesday Night Learning

7:30pm followed by Maariv

Shaarei Summer Day Camp
Please Note - Dates of day camp
will be 19th - 24th Jan

Daf HaYomi - We will be starting Shekalim 11a on Sunday

Shiurim and Learning at Shaarei this Week

Hilchos Bosor V'Cholov	Sunday Night 8:10pm
Halachic topics	Monday Night 8:40pm
Gemorah Megillah	Tuesday Night 7:40pm
Mussar	Friday - 10 Mins before Mincha
Daf HaYomi	Mon - Fri 5:45am
	Sun - 7:15am, Shabbos 8:15am
Hilchos Shabbos Shiur	Shabbos Afternoon 6:45pm
Halocha Yomi	Daily after Shacharis & Maariv
Shaarei Tefillah Library open daily - Everyone welcome to use this facility	

Davening Times this Week

	Shacharis	Maariv
Sunday	8:00am	7:35pm*
Monday	6:30am	8:25pm
Tuesday	6:45am	8:25pm
Wednesday	6:45am	8:25am
Thursday	6:30am	8:25am
Friday	6:45am	7:00pm
*Mincha & Maariv		

Something for the Shabbos table

The opening posuk of our Parsha notes that Sarah Imeinu was 127 years old when she died. There is another appearance of the number 127 in Tanach. The Megillah tells us that Achashveirosh ruled over 127 countries; and (unsurprisingly) there is a link between these two appearances of the number 127.

Chazal tell us that Rabbi Akiva was once giving a Shiur, and several students were dozing off, Rabbi Akiva remarked 'in the merit of Sarah Imeinu's 127 years, the Jewish People in the 127 countries in the Purim story were saved.' Suddenly, the students stopped dozing off and began fully concentrating on the shiur. Why; what changed? One explanation given is; Rabbi Akiva's words caused the students to realise the value of time. How? If Sarah's spiritually wholesome 127 years saved 127 countries it means that each year that Sarah used productively to perform mitzvos saw another country saved. So each month meant another town saved, each week a neighbourhood saved, each day a block, each minute a road, and each second a family (etc.). Therefore, the students of Rabbi Akiva realised the importance of making use of every second of their time; using it for constructive purposes.

Rav Scheinberg Ztl would always stress, when David HaMelech said 'who is the man who desires life? One who loves days to do good' he was referring to someone who realises the value of time and the importance of making the most of all the time he has available to him in this world.

There is a story told about Rabbi Akiva Eiger, who was once away from home for a conference. He walked past a coffee shop and saw many people sitting outside sluggishly drinking coffee. Asking one of them what they were doing, they replied 'we're killing time.' Rabbi Eiger was shocked; 'killing time!' he cried. 'Why don't you give some time to me? - I wish I had more time!'

Such is the attitude of someone who realises the value of time.

This weeks Kiddush Roster:

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This weeks Clean Up Roster:

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& Aryeh Kraemer**

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