

Shaarei Tefillah

Weekly Newsletter

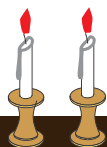
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בס"ד

פרשת וישלח



Shabbos Times

Mincha	6:25pm
Plag Hamincha	6:41pm
Candle Lighting (latest)	7:52pm
Shkiah	8:10pm
Shacharis	9:00am
Latest time for Shema	9:32am
Halocha Shiur	7:10pm
Shabbos Mincha	7:40pm
(followed by Seudah Shlishis)	
Shabbos ends	8:57pm

Kiddush

This weeks kiddush has been sponsored by Rabbi Berlin's Wednesday night Gemorah Shiur on the occasion of completing Meseches Makkos

Halocha from the Daf

The Gemorah in Yoma (7b) tells us that a person should constantly touch his Tefillin. This is learnt from the Tzitz. The purpose of this Halacha is so that one won't be מסיח דעת (divert attention) from fulfilling the mitzva of Tefillin. It seems strange that according to Halacha it is permitted for a person to nap while wearing Tefillin (practically this is not advised!!), yet surely one who is sleeping is not focused on the fact that he is wearing Tefillin. It was also the custom that people would wear their Tefillin the entire day, how was it possible to maintain attention towards ones Tefillin throughout the day?

Based on these questions, the Rishonim write, and Shulchan Aruch rules; that the prohibition of diverting one's attention from Tefillin refers to diverting one's attention from fear of Hashem that results from focusing on bodily needs or engaging in laughter and lightheaded behaviour.

If, however, one maintains his focus on fearing Hashem and recognizes that he stands before Him, it is not considered to have diverted his attention from his Tefillin even if he's busy working and isn't specifically thinking about his Tefillin. The Mishne Brurah says that one who is wearing Tefillin should refrain from idle talk. The Ben Ish Chai brings a custom to write the word 'Tefillin' on a piece of paper and leave it in ones siddur - in order to remind oneself to have the correct focus while wearing Tefillin.

Shaarei Youth

Shabbos Afternoon Groups

Boys Grade 1 - 3 @6:00 - 7:00pm
At the home of Family Schneier

Boys Grade 4 Up - Due to many of the Madrichim being away - There will be No older groups this week

Learning with Madrichim 7:10pm

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

Shaarei Youth Raffle

Make sure you don't miss out!

buy your tickets from one of many S.Y. members
for more details please contact R' Fogelgarn or Zvi Berlin

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

Shiurim and Learning at Shaarei this Week

Hilchos Bosor V'Cholov	Sunday Night 8:30pm
Halachic topics	Monday Night 8:30pm
Gemorah Megillah	Tuesday Night 7:15pm
Mussar	Friday - 10 Mins before Mincha
Daf HaYomi	Mon - Fri 5:45am
	Sun - 7:15am, Shabbos 8:15am
Hilchos Shabbos Shiur	Shabbos Afternoon 7:10pm
Halocha Yomi	Daily after Shacharis & Maariv
Shaarei Tefillah Library open daily - Everyone welcome to use this facility	

Davening Times this Week

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

Something for the Shabbos table

At the beginning of the Parsha we are told how Yaakov approaches Eisav with his two wives, two maidservants and his eleven children. The medrash asks why the passuk makes no mention of Dina. The medrash explains that Yaakov hid her in a box, so that Eisav would not see her and want to take her as a wife. The medrash says that on Yaakov's actions Hashem said the passuk – "he withholds from his friend kindness".

What was the kindness that Yaakov held back from Eisav? Rashi explains that if he had allowed him to marry her, then maybe she could have influenced him to do Teshuvah. The medrash continues that Hashem said to Yaakov, "because you didn't want to marry her to someone who was at least circumcised, she will be taken by someone who isn't even circumcised". Hence the immediate episode following the meeting of Yaakov and Eisav is that of Dina and Shechem.

The Alter of Slabodka explains that we see from here how severe it is to hold back from doing Chesed to another person. If already with someone like Eisav who was on his way to kill Yaakov we see that one should still do Chesed to him, how much more so with regular people who are in need of a good turn.

The real problem asks The Alter is that surely Yaakov had a good reason why he didn't want his daughter to marry the wicked Eisav? The Gemorah says explicitly about someone who marries their daughter off to an Am Ha'aretz that it is like tying her up and putting her in front of a lion! Eisav wasn't just a regular Am Ha'aretz he was a rasha. Furthermore it was probably forbidden for Yaakov to let her marry Eisav. As much as he was obligated to do chesed to his brother, he also had to do kindness to his daughter and not let her be taken by the rasha. If Yaakov was totally justified in what he did, why then [even on his level] was anything wrong that he got punished?

The Alter explains that it must be that the action of Yaakov was not wrong rather his mind-set. Yes, he was correct by hiding her in a box, but he should have; on his level, been pained over the fact that he couldn't be mekarev his wicked brother. The fact that it didn't ache him that he wasn't able to let his daughter marry Eisav, was a complaint against him. The Alter adds that of course Yaakov agonized over not giving her, but on his level he should have been more aggrieved.

This weeks Kiddush Roster:

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& Chumi Franck**

This weeks Clean Up Roster:

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& TBC**

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Chanukah BBQ

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@ Murumbeena Park, Kangaroo Rd