

# Shaarei Tefillah Weekly Newsletter

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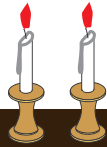


Sha'arei Tefillah

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## Shabbos Times



|                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Mincha                        | 4:55pm        |
| Candle Lighting               | 4:55pm        |
| Shkiah                        | 5:12pm        |
| Shacharis                     | 9:00am        |
| Latest time for Shema         | 10:00am       |
| Halocha Shiur                 | 4:10pm        |
| Shabbos Mincha                | 4:40pm        |
| (followed by Seudah Shlishis) |               |
| Shabbos ends                  | 5:58pm        |
| <b>Avos Ubonim</b>            | <b>7:00pm</b> |

## Mazal Tov

**Mazal Tov to Boruch Chalk & Michal Faraday  
on the occasion of their upcoming wedding**

Boruch's Aufruf will take place this Shabbos  
morning at Shaarei

The Kehillah is invited to a kiddush after  
davening taking place at 27 Milburn Grove

**Mazal Tov to Families Chalk and Faraday**

## Shaarei Youth

### Shabbos Afternoon Groups

Boys Grade 1-3 3:30-4:40pm  
Please meet at the Shul

### Pre Mincha Learning

All boys grade 4-7 4:10-4:40pm

### Seudah Shlishis After Mincha

**Wednesday Night Learning**  
7:30pm

### Boys School Holiday Program

Shacharis 8:30am  
followed by breakfast & learning

**Avos Ubonim**

**This Motzei Shabbos 7:00pm**

## Halocha from the Daf

### Davening for too much rain to stop

The Gemorah in Taanis Daf 22 asks 'What is the reason we do not daven for excessive rain to stop? The Gemorah answers 'because we do not daven about stopping an abundance of good'.

According to the Gemorah's conclusion, in Eretz Yisroel they would not daven that there was too much rain because we do not ask Hashem to disrupt the flow of brocha. In Bavel, on the other hand, too much rain was damaging to property, causing houses to collapse; therefore, it is permitted to daven that the excessive rain should discontinue. The Shulchan Aruch (576:11) paskens that since excessive rain causes houses to collapse in Tzefas they would daven that it should stop. According to this many modern day poskim write that since our houses are structurally sound we do not daven that rain should cease unless it is damaging to produce. For example, in Eretz Yisroel many summer vegetables are grown during the winter months. Since they are by nature summer vegetables, too much rain will be damaging. Therefore, it would be appropriate to daven that the rain should cease.

**Daf HaYomi - We will be starting Taanis 25a on Sunday**

### *Shiurim and Learning at Shaarei this Week*

|                       |                                |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Halachic topics       | Monday 8:30pm                  |
| Gemorah Megillah      | Tuesday 7:30pm                 |
| Gemorah Kiddushin     | Tuesday & Thursday 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 4:10pm       |
| Halocha Yomi          | Daily after Shacharis & Maariv |

### *Davening Times this Week*

|                  | Shacharis | Maariv  |
|------------------|-----------|---------|
| Sunday           | 8:00am    | *5:00pm |
| Monday           | 6:30am    | 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*

Bilam blesses the Bnei Yisroel with the famous words  
מה טוב אהלך יעקב.

Two Gemorah's offer contradictory explanations about what the brocha refers to. The Gemorah in Bava Basra (60a) says that this refers to the wonderful homes of Bnei Yisroel whose doors don't directly face each other and are the epitome of Tznius, modesty and refinement, which Bilam saw and marvelled at. Another Gemorah in Sanhedrin (105b) implies that this Brocha is referring to the Yeshivos and Batei Knesses that will never cease to exist. The Gemorah says that we see from Bilam's brocha what his intentions were. In this case he wanted to curse us that there should be no Yeshivos and Shuls.

Rav Moshe Feinstein in Darash Moshe explains that there is no contradiction here. When Bilam saw the beautifully set up homes, he believed that the homes are so wonderful that we do not need Yeshivos. The upbringing we receive at home is sufficient. While that is true says Rav Moshe, it is still only half the equation. The other side of Chinuch must come from the Yeshiva, the teachers, and good friends.

This brocha of מה טוב would have ultimately proven to be a curse. Therefore Hashem turned around the "curse" by having Bilam give a brocha that no matter how wonderful our homes are, the Yeshivos and Shuls should always exist for a complete chinuch.

*This weeks Kiddush Roster:*  
N/A

*This weeks Clean Up Roster:*  
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& Avreme Cohney

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