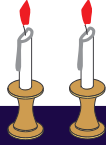




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פרשת לך לך



Shabbos Times

Mincha	6:15pm
Plag HaMincha	6:28pm
Candle Lighting (Latest)	7:35pm
Shkiah	7:53pm
Shacharis	9:00am
Latest time for Shema	9:39am
Halocha Shiur	6:50pm
Shabbos Mincha	7:20pm
(followed by Seudah Shlishis)	
Shabbos ends	8:38pm

Shaarei Youth

Boys Youth Kiddush

Shabbos Afternoon Groups

Boys Grade 1 - 3 @5:30 - 6:45pm

Boys Grade 4 Up @5:30 - 6:45pm

Drop off and pick up from Shaarei

Learning with Madrichim 6:45pm

Seudah Shlishis After Mincha

Wednesday Afternoon Learning

7:50 - 8:35pm (followed by 2nd Maariv)

Shaarei Summer Day Camp

**Please Note - Dates of day camp
will be 18th - 23th Jan**

Siyum on Seder Moed

**The Daf HaYomi Shiur will be making a Siyum
on Seder Moed at the Kiddush
this shabbos morning
Everyone is invited to join us
for this special occasion**

Halocha from the Daf

The Gemorah in Yevamos Daf 24 says that someone suspected of having a relationship with a non-Jewish woman and she converted to Judaism, he may not marry her but if he did we do not require him to divorce her.

Rishonim disagree about the reason one who was suspected of have this relationship is not permitted to marry her even if she converts. According to Rashi the concern is that if he marries her after her conversion it appears to confirm the suspicion. The implication of Rashi's explanation is that the couple would be required to divorce if there was confirmation that this couple had a relationship.

Other Rishonim disagree and maintain that the couple would not be required to divorce even if there was confirmation, and the reason they should not marry is that her conversion is suspect that it was done for ulterior motives.

There was once a Jewish man and a non-Jewish woman who had a civil marriage and then approached a Beis Din to convert her to Judaism. The Beis Din inquired of Rav Chaim Ozer Grodzinski, whether they could convert this woman and if they could, would it be permitted for the couple to marry. Rav Chaim Ozer responded that seemingly it should be prohibited to convert this woman because of the Rishonim who are suspicious that her conversion was done for ulterior motives. However he proceeds to cite the opinion the Divrei Chaim, who was asked a similar question. Although his initial inclination was to prohibit the man from marrying this woman, in his final analysis he refrained from issuing a definitive ruling. The reason was that the man in that case threatened to remain with that woman even if they would not grant him permission to marry. Accordingly, Rav Chaim Ozer concluded that although the couple should not be given permission to marry in his case, if they are already married it would not be required to force them to divorce.

Daf HaYomi - We will be starting Yevamos 29a on Sunday



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Shiurim and Learning at Shaarei this Week

Halachic topics	Monday 8:15pm
Gemorah Megillah	Tuesday 7:10pm
Gemorah Kiddushin	Tuesday & Thursday 8:15pm
Mussar	Friday - 10 Mins before Mincha
Daf HaYomi	Mon - Fri 5:45am
	Sun - 7:15am, Shabbos 8:15am
Hilchos Shabbos Shiur	Shabbos afternoon 6:50pm
Halocha Yomi	Daily after Shacharis & Maariv

Davening Times this Week

	Shacharis	Mincha / Maariv
Sunday	8:00am	7:40pm
Monday	6:30am	7:40pm
Tuesday	6:45am	7:40pm
Wednesday	6:45am	7:40pm
Thursday	6:30am	7:40pm
Friday	6:45am	6:20pm

Something for the Shabbos table

The Ramban asks a fundamental question at the start of our Parsha. Most righteous people in the Torah are awarded an introduction as to who they are before the Torah mentions their deeds, attributes, or righteousness. For example, even before we are told of the burning bush episode, the Torah tells us about Moshe's birth, rescue from the river, and saving the Jew from the Egyptian. Similarly, before being told about Hashem's command to Noach to build the ark, we are first told that Noach was a righteous person. The exception, the Ramban notes, seems to be Avrohom Avinu. With very little introduction in the pesukim as to who Avrohom was, let alone any mention of his merits or righteousness, we are thrust into Parshas Lecha Lecha with Hashem personally speaking to Avrohom to tell him to go to Eretz Yisroel. Why, asks the Ramban, are we not told what righteousness of Avrohom saw him merit this direct call from Hashem?

The Sfas Emes would cite this question of the Ramban more or less each year on Parshas Lech Lecha, and in various years he would give different answers. The first answer recorded in his sefer is as follows: He quotes a Zohar and says that Hashem called out to everyone. It was just that Avrohom was the only one who was listening.

The Mishna in Pirkei Avos reports that every day a 'heavenly voice' (bas kol) goes out from Har Chorev and declares 'woe to the people because of their insult to the Torah, for whoever does not involve himself with the Torah is called 'rebuked'...' The classic question asked is; who exactly is this heavenly voice meant to be heard by? The people who are on a spiritual enough plain to be able to hear such a holy heavenly voice do not need to be reminded to commit to Torah, whilst the people who need this reminder of the heavenly voice are not on a spiritual enough level to hear it?

Rav Pinkus gave an answer to this question, similar to that of the Sfas Emes. He said that this bas kol is indeed talking to us all; it is giving us messages through nature and the happenings of the world around us. We just need to make sure that we are listening.

This weeks Kiddush Roster:

Shana Reuben
& Adina Bankier-Karp

This weeks Clean Up Roster:

Sruli Deutsch
& Avi Jacobs

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Mazal Jov Shaarei

Exactly nine years ago this Shabbos Parshas Lech Lecha, a small group of young men and women came together and held the very first minyan at the newly formed Shaarei Tefillah.

Since then, under the guidance of Rabbi and Rebbetzin Berlin, our kehilla has Boruch Hashem grown in to the vibrant community it is today. May our kehilla continue to go from strength to strength for many more years to come.