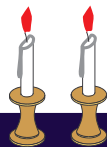




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פרשת תולדות



Shabbos Times

Mincha	6:30pm
Plag HaMincha	6:46pm
Candle Lighting (Latest)	7:58pm
Shkiah	8:16pm
Shacharis	9:00am
Latest time for Shema	9:31am
Halocha Shiur	7:15pm
Shabbos Mincha (followed by Seudah Shlishis)	7:45pm
Shabbos ends	9:04pm

Shaarei Youth

Boys Youth Kiddush

Shabbos Afternoon Groups

Boys Grade 1 - 3 @5:45 - 7:00pm

Boys Grade 4 Up @5:45 - 7:00pm

Drop off and pick up from Shaarei

Learning with Madrichim 7:15pm

Seudah Shlishis After Mincha

Wednesday Afternoon Learning

8:15 - 9:00pm (followed by 2nd Maariv)

Shaarei Summer Day Camp

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

Enrol now to avoid disappointment!!

Kiddush

**Reb Menachem Yaakov and Rivki Zuckerberg
invite the kehillah to a kiddush this week
in honor of the birth of their daughter
Chana Leah**

Halocha from the Daf

The Gemorah in Yevamos Daf 46 says If a person converting immersed but was not circumcised, Rabbi Yehoshua says he is a valid convert, the Chachamim say he is not a convert unless he is circumcised and has immersed.

Rebbi Yehoshua maintains the conversion is valid because we find that the women who left Mitzrayim converted without circumcision, therefore circumcision is not essential for a valid conversion. Chachamim disagree because we do not derive a possibility from impossibility. Therefore, the relationship between circumcision and the validity of circumcision cannot be derived from women. The Shulchan Aruch follows the opinion of Chachamim and circumcision is essential for a valid circumcision. Rav Tzvi Pesach Frank, the Har Tzvi, was asked about a potential convert who, due to medical conditions, could not safely be circumcised. It was suggested that although circumcision is essential for a valid conversion, perhaps this case was different. He suggests that our Gemara has bearing on this question. The reason the Chachamim disagreed with Rabbi Yehoshua was because we do not derive a possibility from an impossibility. It could be argued that a person who due to a medical condition cannot be circumcised should be considered in the category of one for whom it is impossible to be circumcised, like women, and circumcision should not be essential.

Rav Tzvi Pesach Frank concludes this response, however, with a certain degree of uncertainty. He is uncertain whether one can equate something that is physically impossible, with something that is physically possible but medically dangerous.

Daf HaYomi - We will be starting Yevamos 50a on Sunday



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Shiurim and Learning at Shaarei this Week

Halachic topics	Monday 8:40pm
Gemorah Megillah	Tuesday 7:30pm
Gemorah Kiddushin	Tuesday & Thursday 8:40pm
Mussar	Friday - 10 Mins before Mincha
Daf HaYomi	Mon - Fri 5:45am
	Sun - 7:15am, Shabbos 8:15am
Hilchos Shabbos Shiur	Shabbos afternoon 7:15pm
Halocha Yomi	Daily after Shacharis & Maariv

Davening Times this Week

	Shacharis	Mincha / Maariv
Sunday	8:00am	8:05pm
Monday	6:30am	8:05pm
Tuesday	6:45am	8:05pm
Wednesday	6:45am	8:05pm
Thursday	6:30am	8:05pm
Friday	6:45am	6:35pm

Something for the Shabbos table

In this week's Parsha the Torah relates to us the birth and growth of Yaakov and Eisav, the twin sons of Yitzchok and Rivka. About them the Torah states: 'And the children grew, and Eisav was a skilled hunter, a man of the field. Yaakov was a simple man, who dwelled in tents'. Chazal say that Yaakov engaged in spiritual and intellectual pursuits in the study halls of Shem and Eiver.

The Posuk says "And Yaakov was cooking food when Eisav came exhausted from the field. 'Give me some of that red stuff, because I'm exhausted' said Eisav. 'Sell me your birthright today,' replied Yaakov. 'I'm going to die (anyway), what do I need a birthright for,'" concluded Eisav. Eisav sold his birthright which had only to do with spiritual entitlements, for a portion of red lentils, and he didn't even give it a second thought.

The Stipler, writes that Eisav thought the whole issue of the birthright was a big joke. The Midrash states that Eisav brought a group of friends who joined in the fun of belittling the birthright and lauded Eisav for getting the better end of the deal.

It was only years later when Yitzchok decided to give a brocha to Eisav, his first born. Rivka overheard the conversation between Yitzchok and Eisav and tells Yaakov to take the brochos. When Eisav realises what has happened he cries an extremely great and bitter cry. Now he realised that he sold the birthright for a bowl of lentils!

This event in the life of Eisav teaches us a great lesson; it analogizes the choices we face in our own lives, and their repercussions. The bowl of lentils represents the material world. Wholehearted pursuit of the material world is often at the expense of spiritual growth, and the opportunity to develop a relationship with Hashem.

Material attainment often ends in disappointment. What was absolutely ridiculous to Eisav before was a source of extreme pain and regret at a later point in his life.

This weeks Kiddush Roster:

Esther Kass
& Candi Ossip

This weeks Clean Up Roster:

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& Adam Feldman

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Rosh Chodesh Kislev

This Sunday