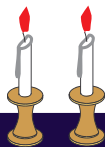




Shaarei Tefillah | שערי תפילה

פרשת מקץ - שבת חנוכה



Shabbos Times

Mincha	6:50pm
Plag HaMincha	7:08pm
Kabolas Shabbos	7:35pm
Candle Lighting (Latest)	8:23pm
Shkiah	8:41pm
Shacharis	9:00am
Latest time for Shema	9:35am
Halocha Shiur	7:40pm
Shabbos Mincha	8:10pm
(followed by Seudah Shlishis)	
Shabbos ends	9:31pm

Shaarei Youth

Boys Youth Kiddush

NO Shabbos Afternoon Groups

Learning with Madrichim 7:40pm

Seudah Shlishis After Mincha

Shaarei Summer Day Camp
Please Note - Dates of day camp
will be 18th - 23th Jan
Enrol now to avoid disappointment!!

Shaarei Summer Program
Shacharis 8:30am
followed by breakfast and learning

Shaarei Youth Raffle
make sure to sell your tickets

Kiddush

This weeks Kiddush has been sponsored by
Danny & Adina Karp
on the occasion of Yehuda's Birthday

Chanukah Picnic

Reminder - Chanukah Picnic
This Sunday 21st December 2014
at Albert Park from 11:30am - 2pm
See other flyer for full details

Halocha from the Daf

Hashem protects the simple

The Gemara declares that although it is dangerous to give a baby a bris on a cloudy day, nevertheless, it is permitted nowadays because Hashem "protects the simple." The Ritva writes that one who is concerned about the possible danger has the option to not act "simply" and may delay the bris until the clouds clear.

The Tzitz Eliezer, cites this comment to support his position in a dispute he has with Rav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach concerning the parameters of this principle. Rav Auerbach, writes that the principle "Hashem protects the simple" applies whenever people do not treat a particular behaviour or condition as dangerous. This is also the way Rav Auerbach sets up the parameters of Pikuach Nefesh. Rav Auerbach writes that people's perception of danger is what defines the principle of Pikuach Nefesh. Consequently, when there is a perception of danger one is even permitted to desecrate Shabbos, even though medically there may not be any danger. The Tzitz Eliezer, however, disagrees, and poses the following challenges to Rav Auerbach. Nowadays, doctors do not perceive metzitza as a medical necessity; does that mean that it is no longer required? Another example relates to Chazal's assertion that a woman up until three days post-delivery is considered to be dangerously ill. If people no longer consider a post-delivery woman dangerously ill does that mean that it is not permitted to desecrate Shabbos on her behalf? Therefore, Rav Waldenberg, writes that we only apply the principle that "Hashem protects the simple" in those cases identified by Chazal.

Daf HaYomi - We will be starting Yevamos 78a on Sunday



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Shiurim and Learning at Shaarei this Week

Halachic topics	Not this week
Gemorah Megillah	Tuesday 7:45pm
Gemorah Kiddushin	Not this week
Mussar	Friday - 10 Mins before Mincha
Daf HaYomi	Mon - Fri 5:45am
	Sun - 7:15am, Shabbos 8:15am
Hilchos Shabbos Shiur	Shabbos afternoon 7:40pm
Halocha Yomi	Daily after Shacharis & Maariv

Davening Times this Week

	Shacharis	Mincha / Maariv
Sunday	8:00am	8:30pm
Monday	6:30am	8:30pm
Tuesday	6:30am	8:30pm
Wednesday	6:30am	8:30pm
Thursday	8:00am	8:30pm
Friday	8:00am	6:50pm

Something for the Shabbos table

Many years ago there was a group of Kanai'im that made our nation proud. They saved Judaism from almost certain extinction. These brave Kana'im took on Antiochus and his entire army with no support from their own people who either sided with the enemy who spread its Greek culture or were too afraid to stand up. Who were these Kana'im? Rav Shimshon Pincus describes them as thirteen Yeshiva boys. What were they thinking? Were they mad? Why didn't they just say some Tehilim or commit to learn an extra hour of Gemara each day to ward off the evil enemy?

Rav Elchonon Wasserman zt'l explains that on Purim Haman wanted to physically wipe out the entire Klal Yisroel. This he says is a gezeira from Shamayim, "Maasei Hashem". It is a wakeup call from Hashem that it is time to do Teshuva or else. Our response in such a circumstance is not to wage war but rather to mend our ways. That is the whole goal of the evil decree. Chanukah on the other hand, he says, is called "Maasei Satan". It is not a decree against our physical existence, it is a battle waged against religion. A response of Tefillah and Teshuva is not appropriate in this case. Here we need to go out defend "Kavod Shamayim", with no concern for our physical well-being, up to the point of Mesiras Nefesh. We need to make a statement that without our Torah, life is simply not worth living. Our personal existence is not important to us, we live for Hashem.

This weeks Kiddush Roster:

Shana Reubin
& Brocha Hurwitz

This weeks Clean Up Roster:

Danny Karp
& Anton Lawrence

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Ladies Shiur

This Shabbos morning there will be
a ladies shiur given by
Mrs Amanda Teller
All ladies and girls welcome

Rosh Chodesh Teves

This Monday & Tuesday