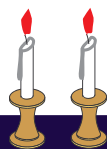




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פרשת ויקהל - פקודי פרשת פרה



Shabbos Times

Mincha	6:10pm
Plag HaMincha	6:25pm
Candle Lighting (Latest)	7:24pm
Shkiah	7:43pm
Shacharis	9:00am
Latest time for Shema	10:23am
Halocha Shiur	6:40pm
Shabbos Mincha (followed by Seudah Shlishis)	7:10pm
Shabbos ends	8:23pm

Mazal Tov

Mazal Tov to Yaakov & Adina Leigh
on the birth of a baby boy

Mazal Tov to Avishai & Chava Josephson
on the birth of a baby boy

Kiddush

This week's Kiddush has been sponsored by
Zahava Kahan

Shaarei Youth

Boys Youth Kiddush

Shabbos Afternoon Groups are back

Boys Grade 1 - 3 @5:40 - 6:40pm

Boys Grade 4 Up @5:40 - 6:40pm

Drop off and pick up from Shaarei

Learning with Madrichim 6:40pm

Seudah Shlishis After Mincha

**Wednesday Night Learning
this week @7:40pm**

Rosh Chodesh Nissan
Next Shabbos

Halocha Corner

THE MINHAG OF NOT EATING MATZAH BEFORE PESACH

It is important to point out that the prohibition is only on Erev Pesach. There are however different opinions as far as when the Minhag is to begin our Matzah withdrawal: The Mishna Berurah quotes a minhag to refrain from Matzah from Rosh Chodesh Nissan, two weeks prior to Pesach. There is also a common Minhag to abstain from Matzah from after Purim, or 30 days before Pesach. Rav Moshe Feinstein (OC 1:155) explains these customs: He deduces from the Yerushalmi that the reason Chazal don't want us to eat Matzah before Pesach is because they want our initial Matzah ingestion to be as a Mitzvah. At what point would eating Matzah interfere with Matzah on Pesach being considered "initial"? Logically this would start from when we begin to prepare for Pesach. There is a dispute in the Gemara (Pesachim 6a) as to when one should begin Pesach preparations; 30 days or two weeks. So although Chazal didn't go so far as to prohibit Matzah from those times, the various customs evolved to refrain from Matzah from those times.

Daf HaYomi - We will be starting Kesubos 41a on Sunday



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Shiurim and Learning at Shaarei this Week

Bein Adam Lechaveiro	Monday Night 8:00pm
Gemorah Megillah	Tuesday 7:00pm
Gemorah Kiddushin	Tuesday & Thursday 8:00pm
Mussar	Friday - 10 Mins before Mincha
Daf HaYomi	Mon - Fri 5:45am
	Sun - 7:15am, Shabbos 8:15am
Hilchos Shabbos Shiur	Shabbos afternoon 6:40pm
Halocha Yomi	Daily after Shacharis & Maariv

Davening Times this Week

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

Something for the Shabbos table

The Torah tells us 'And all the work of the Mishkon Ohel Mo'ed was finished; and the Bnei Yisroel did according to all that Hashem commanded Moshe, so they did (39:32).

This Possuk seems to be the wrong way round though! Shouldn't it first say that the Bnei Yisroel did according to all that God commanded Moshe (regarding the Mishkon), and then say they finished making the items required for the Mishkon? The Oznayim LaTorah explains that the latter part of the possuk actually refers to all the other Mitzvos of the Torah which Hashem commanded Moshe; it does not refer to the building of the mishkon. Therefore, the Torah is teaching that the Bnei Yisroel completed the mishkon and subsequently observed the other Mitzvos. However, if this is so, why would the Torah mention this Mitzvah observance specifically upon completion of the mishkon?

The Oznayim LaTorah answers by quoting the Mishnah: "One Mitzvah leads to another Mitzvah and one sin leads to another sin" (Pirkei Avos 4:2). Hashem created a person with a balanced equilibrium in that he is inclined to do good as well as evil. When a person performs a Mitzvah he inclines his nature to the good. This now makes it easier for him to do more good deeds because he has tilted the balance in that direction. Similarly, if a person sins, he has imbued in himself a disposition to sin because that is the way he has influenced himself. It will now be easier for him to sin. At Har Sinai after receiving the Torah, Klal Yisroel's disposition was strongly in favour of Mitzvah performance to the degree where they approached the lofty level of angels, and actually found it difficult to sin. However, this changed with the golden calf. The sin of idolatry is so severe and damaging to the soul, that it not only negated the impact of the revelation at Sinai but tilted the balance the other way making it easier for them to sin!

The Mitzvah to build the Mishkon was to atone for the sin of making the golden calf. After they completed building the Mishkon, they erased the effects of that sin and once more became inclined to perform Mitzvos. Hence, after they finished manufacturing all the items required for the Mishkon and were ready to put it up, the Torah could state once again that "the Bnei Yisroel did according to all that Hashem commanded Moshe".

This weeks Kiddush Roster:

Shana Reuben
& Shoshie Berkovitz

This weeks Clean Up Roster:

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Ladies Shiur

This Shabbos morning there will be
a ladies shiur given by
Rabbi Kennard
All ladies and girls welcome