

# ShaareiTefillah שערי תפילה

## פרשת בהעלותך



#### **Shabbos Times**

Mincha	4:50pm
Candle Lighting	4:50pm
Shkiah	5:08pm
Shacharis	9:00am
Latest time for Shema	9:54am
Halocha Shiur	4:15pm
Shabbos Mincha	4:35pm
(followed by Seudah Shlishis)	
Shabbos ends	5:53pm
Avos Ubonim	7:00pm

## Shaarei Youth

**Boys Youth Kiddush** 

#### Winter Shabbos Groups

Boys Grade 1 - 3 @4:05 - 4:35pm Boys Grade 4 Up @4:05 - 4:35pm Drop off and pick up from Shaarei

Seudah Shlishis After Mincha

Wednesday Night Learning This week 7:30 - 8:15pm

Avos Ubonim
This Week 7:00-7:45pm

Soccer Tournament Final This Motzei Shabbos

## Mazal Jov

Mazal Tov to Sruli & Chana Deutsch on the birth of a baby Boy Mazal Tov to grandparents Moshe Ephraim & Tzippy Deutsch John & Helen BenPorath

The Sholom Zochor will take place at Shaarei from 8:30-11:00pm

The Bris will take place on Shabbos morning in Shaarei at 11:30am The Seudah will take place at Seudah Shlishis

#### Halocha Corner

Poskim discuss the practice of fasting on the day a parent died and some authorities point to our Gemara as the source for this custom. The Gemara relates that if a person declares, "I will not eat meat or drink wine like on the day my father or Rebbi died etc." This implies that it is known that one does not eat on the day that a parent died, i.e. the yahrtzeit.

Rav Akiva Eiger, however, rejects this proof because one would be forced to say that one should fast on the yahrtzeit of his Rebbi and there is no such custom. Rav Yeshayah Horowitz, the Shelah Hakodesh, in fact maintains that it is proper for a person to show honour to his primary Rebbi by fasting on his yahrtzeit. This opinion is cited by Elya Rabbah but he writes that the purpose of fasting on a yahrtzeit is not to show honour to the deceased but rather it is because on a parent's yahrtzeit one's fortune is bad. Additional reasons are given for the practice of fasting on a yahrtzeit. Some suggest that the fast provides atonement for the deceased. The S'dei Chemed points out that even if one's parents were righteous one should fast to provide them with atonement since it is impossible for a person to live without committing some sort of transgression. Dayan Weiss, the Minchas Yitzchok, cites authorities who address the practice of distributing food and drink to others on a yahrtzeit. They write that pious people saw that people were weaker and were no longer able to fast so they developed another approach, one that could be practiced by all.

Daf HaYomi - We will be starting Nedarim 14a on Sunday

#### Shiurim and Learning at Shaarei this Week

Bein Odam Lechaveiro Gemorah Megillah Gemorah Kiddushin Mussar **Daf HaYomi** 

**Hilchos Shabbos Shiur** Halocha Yomi

**Monday Night 8:30pm Tuesday Night 7:30pm** Tuesday & Thursday 8:30pm Friday - 10 Mins before Mincha Mon - Fri 5:45am **Sun - 7:15am, Shabbos 8:15am** Shabbos afternoon 4:15pm **Daily after Shacharis & Maariv** 

## Davening Jimes this Week

	Shacharis	Maariv
Sunday	8:00am	*4:50pm
Monday	6:30am	8:15pm
Tuesday	6:45am	8:15pm
Wednesday	6:45am	8:15pm
Thursday	6:30am	8:15pm
Friday	6:45am	4:49pm
		*Mincha / Maariv

## Something for the Shabbos table

When Miriam was stricken with Tzoraas, Moshe beseeched Hashem to heal his sister with a remarkably brief tefillah: "Please Hashem, please heal her" [Bamidbar 12:13].

The Gemorah [Brochos 34a] took note of the unusual briefness of this tefillah in the following story:

Once, a student led the tefillos in Rabbi Eliezer's house of study, and his tefillos were unusually lengthy. The other students complained, 'Master, how slow this fellow is!' Rabbi Eliezer responded to them, 'He is no slower than Moshe, who pleaded on behalf of the Jewish people (after the sin of the golden calf) for forty days and forty nights.' On another occasion, a different student led the tefillos. This student recited the tefillos quickly. The other students complained, 'How hasty this fellow is!' This time, Rabbi Eliezer replied, 'He is no hastier than Moshe, who pleaded for his sister's recovery with a few short words.' What determined the length of Moshe's tefillos? Why did his own sister merit only a brief, one-line prayer?

Tefillah serves two functions. The first function is to refine character traits and deepen knowledge - either for the person davening, or for those being davened for. This type of tefillah requires persistence, since correction of flawed traits requires extended effort, and usually occurs gradually over time.

For this reason, Moses needed to daven extensively when he davened for the Jewish people. Why forty days? This period is the time it takes for an embryo to develop. The forty days of Moshe's tefillah indicated a rebirth of the Jewish people, with a new heart and spirit.

There is, however, a second function of tefillah. Sometimes the inner emotions and character traits have already been refined and purified. Tefillah only comes to express that which already exists in the inner soul. In such cases, an extended tefillah is unnecessary; even a brief prayer may express many holy feelings. In the case of Miriam, she had already conceded her mistake. So her healing, both physical and spiritual, required only a short, simple prayer.

Jhis weeks Kiddush Roster:

Jhis weeks Clean Up Roster: **Lenny Faraday** & Elli Franck

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