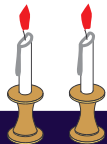




# Shaarei Tefillah | שערי תפילה

## פרשת חיי שרה



### Shabbos Times

|                                                 |        |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Mincha                                          | 6:20pm |
| Plag Mincha                                     | 6:33pm |
| Candle Lighting (Latest)                        | 7:41pm |
| Shkiah                                          | 7:59pm |
| Shacharis                                       | 9:00am |
| Latest time for Shema                           | 9:36am |
| Shiur                                           | 7:00pm |
| Shabbos Mincha<br>(followed by Seudah Shlishis) | 7:30pm |
| Shabbos ends                                    | 8:45pm |

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### Tefillah Insight

In last week's newsletter we taught that answering "Amen, yehei shmei raba" during Kaddish with all of one's strength can annul all harsh heavenly decrees (Shabbos 119b).

The words of our Sages beg the following question: Since Divine justice is very precise, if there is a decree then the person requires this punishment in order to make amends for a transgression. How can he have the decree annulled merely by saying "Amen, yehei shmei raba"?

The purpose of all Divine punishment is to cause us to reflect on our actions so that we redirect ourselves towards serving Hashem properly. When a person says, "Amen yehei shmei raba" with all his strength, holding nothing back, he lifts himself to the height of his powers to sanctify Hashem's Name. Since he has already reached the highest pinnacle of Divine service, there is no longer a need for a harsh decree to motivate him further.

While this might sound easy in theory, in practice this is extremely difficult. Focusing all of one's energy and concentration for every kaddish is no simple task, and one could easily miss the mark. At the same time, a person must be careful not to go overboard, since this could cause others to make fun of his actions, which would be a serious transgression (Mishne Brura 55:5). Focus and insight are crucial to achieving the right balance, so that one can properly sanctify Hashem's Name.

### Shaarei Youth

#### Boys Youth Kiddush

#### Shaarei Girls Kiddush

#### Shabbos Afternoon Groups

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

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

Boys Grade 6 - 8 @5:45 - 6:45pm

Drop off and pick up from Shaarei

#### Summer Avos Ubonim

45 Minutes before Mincha

This Week 6:45-7:30pm

Seudah Shlishis After Mincha

Wednesday Night Learning

7:20-8:05pm

Daf HaYomi - We will be starting Sotah 13a on Sunday



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## *Shiurim and Learning at Shaarei this Week*

|                       |                                |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Tefillah Shiur        | Monday Night 8:35pm            |
| Gemora Megillah       | Tuesday Night 7:15pm           |
| Gemora Kiddushin      | Tuesday & Thursday 8:35pm      |
| Daily Mishne Brurah   | Sunday - Thursday after Maariv |
| Daf HaYomi            | Mon - Fri 5:45am               |
|                       | Sun - 7:15am, Shabbos 8:15am   |
| Hilchos Shabbos Shiur | Shabbos Afternoon 7:00pm       |
| Halocha Yomi          | Daily after Shacharis & Maariv |

## *Davening Times this Week*

|           | Shacharis | Mincha / Maariv |
|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| Sunday    | 8:00am    | 7:45pm          |
| Monday    | 6:30am    | 7:45pm          |
| Tuesday   | 6:45am    | 7:45pm          |
| Wednesday | 6:45am    | 7:50pm          |
| Thursday  | 6:20am    | 7:50pm          |
| Friday    | 6:20am    | 6:25pm          |

## *Something for the Shabbos table*

If you were to ask Eliezer, Avraham's servant, what his proudest moment in life was, he probably would have told you at length the story about how he went to find a wife for Yitzchak. However, throughout this entire episode Eliezer's name is not mentioned once; he is referred to as 'the servant' (and occasionally 'the man'). Why is his name omitted from his greatest achievement in life?

The idea is that just the opposite is true. The word servant (eved) is the greatest praise one can get when it is in reference to someone like Avraham Avinu. A servant is someone who is willing to blend into their master's wishes as opposed to having their own agenda. Eliezer's greatness lies in the fact that he was a true servant of Avraham Avinu - he believed in Avraham's philosophy and taught this to others. Just as Moshe's great accolade is that he is called 'eved Hashem' so too Eliezer's greatness is that he is 'eved Avraham.' It was specifically on this mission to find a wife for Yitzchak, when Avraham was not with Eliezer and Eliezer could have used the trip to do things other than that which he was sent for, we told that he was none other than Avraham's servant - he kept loyally to the task in hand.

*Rosh Chodesh Kislev*

**NEXT THURSDAY & FRIDAY**

### *This weeks Kiddush Roster:*

Atara Tatarka  
Rina Jacobs  
& Chaya Sara Lang

### *This weeks Clean Up Roster:*

TBC

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## *Ladies Shiur*

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