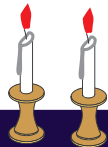




Shaarei Tefillah | שערי תפילה

פרשת קרח



Shabbos Times

Mincha	4:57pm
Candle Lighting	4:57pm
Shkiah	5:15pm
Shacharis	9:00am
Latest time for Shema	10:00am
Halocha Shiur	4:25pm
Shabbos Mincha	4:45pm
(followed by Seudah Shlishis)	
Shabbos ends	6:01pm
Avos Ubonim	7:00pm

Shaarei Youth

Boys Youth Kiddush

Winter Shabbos Groups

Please note - there will be No Shabbos afternoon group during the winter holidays

Seudah Shlishis After Mincha

Avos Ubonim
This Motzei Shabbos
7:00-7:45pm

Wednesday Night Learning
7:30-8:15pm

Kiddush

**This weeks Kiddush has been sponsored by
Justin and Galit Ben-David
on the occasion of David's birthday**

Halacha from the Daf

The Gemorah says that when one is owed money as compensation for embarrassment, and they declared that the money should be given to tzedaka, their word is binding. Why? Because the beis din serves that the "hand" of the poor, and were already זוכה (acquired) it for the poor. Tosafos asks, why not say that even if beis din would not be זוכה it for them, it would anyway have to be given to the aniyim because it is as if he made a vow to give tzedaka? Tosafos answers that since when he said that it should be given to aniyim, it wasn't yet in his hands, it is not binding as a neder to tzedaka. But if he would say "when I get the money, I will give it to tzedaka", Tosafos says that he would be obligated to fulfil his neder. Tosafos then quotes Rabbeinu Chananel who seems to assume that even if he would say "it should be to tzedaka", it would be a binding neder. The person never intended to retract on his neder, he just wanted to be able to borrow the money for the time being. But, Rav Yosef says that he was already zo'cheh for the aniyim through ma'amad shelashtan.

Both answers of Tosafos are brought down in Shulchan Aruch (Y.D. 258:8). If one is owed a debt and says that it should be for tzedaka, it is not a binding neder, but if he says that when he collects it, he will give it to tzedaka, then it is a binding neder. BUT if the money is in the hand of the ga'bai tzedaka, or if he says it in the presence of the gabai and the ba'al chov (where ma'amad shelashtan goes into effect), the gabai acquires it for the aniyim.

Daf HaYomi - We will be starting Bava Kama 40a on Sunday



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Shiurim and Learning at Shaarei this Week

Sunday Morning - After Shacharis	Meseches Kehillah
Monday Night - After Maariv	Rambam Shiur
Tuesday Night - After Maariv	Hashkofa (AleI Shur)
Tuesday & Thursday - After Maariv	Gemorah Beitza
Thursday Night - After Maariv	The Kosher Shmooze
Sunday - Thursday before Maariv	Mishne Brurah Shiur
Monday - Friday 9:40-10:10am	Daily Halocha Shiur
Monday - Friday 5:45am	Daf Hayomi Shiur
Sun - 7:15am, Shabbos 8:15am	

Davening Times this Week

	Shacharis	Mincha	Maariv
Sunday	8:00am	5:00pm	5:20 / 8:15pm
Monday	6:30 / 8:30am	3:00pm	8:15pm
Tuesday	6:45 / 8:30am	3:00pm	8:15pm
Wednesday	6:45 / 8:30am	3:00pm	8:15pm
Thursday	6:30 / 8:30am	3:00pm	8:15pm
Friday	6:45 / 8:30am	5:02pm	---

Something for the Shabbos table

Chazal (Pesachim 119a) tell us that Korach's fabulous wealth ultimately led to his demise. The Medrash elaborates on this idea: "Three gifts were created in this world: wisdom, strength and wealth. One who merits any one of these has the ability to merit everything. However, this is only true when the gifts are Heavenly bestowed... When these gifts do not come from Hashem they will eventually cease. Our Rabbis taught: There were two extremely wise men in the world - Achitofel a Jew and Bilam a gentile - and both perished. There were two strong men in the world - Shimshon a Jew and Goliath a gentile - and both perished. There were two wealthy men in the world - Korach a Jew and Haman a gentile - and both perished. Why? Because their gifts were not from Hakadosh Baruch Hu, rather, they grabbed the gifts for themselves."

What does it mean that these gifts were not given to them from Hashem? Theoretically we could have explained it to mean that although Hashem did not intend for them to have these gifts, nevertheless their intense desire for them caused Hashem to agree to their wishes as Chazal assert, "A man is taken along the path he wishes to take." However, this cannot be the case because Hashem gave Shimshon his strength initially in order to fulfil the prophecy that was told to his parents before he was born that he would deliver Bnei Yisrael from their oppressors. Also, it seems from Chazal that Hashem intentionally endowed Bilam with prophecy and wisdom so that the nations of the world would not be able to claim that had they been granted a spiritual guide they too would have refrained from transgressions.

The Chovos Halevovos writes regarding wisdom, that when it is used properly it is the remedy for all ailments, and when it is misused it develops into a full blown disease which has no cure or treatment. With this in mind, says Rav Wolbe, we can understand the statement of Chazal. All three of the gifts mentioned are given to a person to be utilized in the manner intended by Hashem. The gifts are given as a means of getting to know Hashem. If they are used to this end one will continue to benefit from them, but if they are misused he has in effect "grabbed" them from Hashem and they will not endure.

Hashem grants every person countless gifts and numerous talents. We were endowed with these gifts to aid us in our avodas Hashem. We need to determine if we are using them properly or if we are using them at all. What a waste it would be if we had the talents which would enable us to help others and we simply weren't cognizant of them.

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Ladies Shiur

This Shabbos morning there will be a
ladies Shiur given by
Mrs Sarit Leibovitz
All ladies and girls welcome