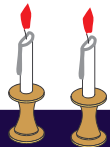




Shaarei Tefillah | שערי תפילה

פרשת שופטים



Shabbos Times

Mincha	5:48pm
Candle Lighting	5:48pm
Shkiah	6:05pm
Shacharis	9:00am
Latest time for Shema	9:23am
Halocha Shiur	5:15pm
Shabbos Mincha	5:35pm
(followed by Seudah Shlishis)	
Shabbos ends	6:47pm
Avos Ubonim	8:15pm

Kiddush

The Kiddush this week has been sponsored by
Adam & Lanie Goldberger
in honor of the first Yahrzeit of Lanie's father

Seudah Shlishis

The Seudah Shlishis this week has been
sponsored by
Yossi Franck and Judy Lebovitz
in honor of their fathers Yahrzeit

Halocha from the Daf

The Beraisa (Bava Kama 97) reports that the coins of Yerushalayim had Dovid and Shlomo on one side of the coin and the coins of Avrohom Avinu had an old man and woman on one side and a young man and woman on the second side. Tosafos explains that the coins had the words אברהם and שרה written on the coins and the Gemara should not be understood to mean that there were images of people minted onto the coins. What leads Tosafos to offer this explanation, rather than explain that there were images of people on the coins, is the concern for the prohibition against making images of people.

Rav Yaakov Emden writes that since Tosafos did not answer that it was permitted to have the image of a person since it was only an image of a face on the coin, we may conclude that the prohibition against human images is violated even if there is no more than the image of a face.

The Shulchan Aruch rules that the prohibition against making human images is limited to where the image protrudes but if the image does not protrude, e.g. an image that is drawn on a wall, it is permitted. The Taz notes that the Tur cites the opinion of Ramban who maintains that a human image is prohibited regardless of whether it protrudes, therefore, one should not even make images that do not protrude.

Shaarei Youth

Boys Youth Kiddush

Winter Shabbos Groups

Boys Prep - 2 @5:05 - 5:35pm
Boys Grade 3 - 5 @5:05 - 5:35pm
Boys Grade 6 - 8 @5:05 - 5:35pm
Drop off at Shaarei

Seudah Shlishis After Mincha

Wednesday Night Learning
7:30-8:15pm

COMMUNAL AVOS UBONIM
THIS WEEK @WERDIGER HALL
8:15PM

Bring your own Seforim

Daf HaYomi - We will be starting Bava Kama 103a 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	5:50pm	6:15/8:15pm
Monday	6:30am	3:00pm	8:15pm
Tuesday	6:45am	3:00pm	8:15pm
Wednesday	6:45am	3:00pm	8:15pm
Thursday	6:30am	3:00pm	8:15pm
Friday	6:45am	5:53pm	---

Something for the Shabbos table

The Torah says that we should not tolerate the presence of witches sorcerers or any people who seek out the future through forbidden means. Rather, "Tamim Tehiyeh" - You Should Be Perfectly Faithful To Hashem Your G-d.

The Rashbam says that we should only search out the future from Hashem and not from the dead. Hashem gave power to the Ruach HaTumah to test us. These powers are tricks of the Yetzer Hara. Why is this such a test? Why would people want to seek out the advice of witches?

The Sefer HaChinuch (Mitzvah 62) discusses the Mitzvah of killing witches (Shemos 22:17). He says that all magical practices are forbidden because these practices try to upset the nature of the world as Hashem has created it. Hashem wants the world to be settled and to run according to His design and they are going against the will of Hashem. That is why we are commanded to remove all those who practice these magic's from the world. Hashem gave everything in the world a particular job to be carried out for the good of all man. And each creation has been given a spiritual power to empower it to do a job in the physical world. There is not a single blade of grass in the physical world below that does not have a Mazel in the world above telling it to grow (Beraishis Rabbah 10:6).

Besides their individual jobs, every creation can be mixed with other creations to do certain other jobs or produce new substances. But we are not allowed to do the mixing (shatnez). Hashem knows that ultimately these mixtures are bad for mankind. So by practicing magic we are meddling with physical and spiritual forces, we are upsetting Hashem's template.

The Sefer HaChinuch says that any good done by altering nature does more harm than good both to the world and to the people who wield these powers and in ways we cannot fathom.

This weeks Kiddush Roster:

Wendy Faraday
& Rivki Fogelgarn

This weeks Clean Up Roster:

Danny Karp
& TBC

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Sunday between Mincha & Maariv
Speaker this week
Rabbi Aryeh Goldman