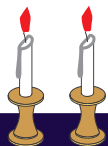




Shaarei Tefillah | שערי תפילה

פרשת חיי שרה



Shabbos Times

Mincha	6:35pm
Plag Mincha	6:50pm
Candle Lighting (Latest)	8:03pm
Shkiah	8:20pm
Shacharis	9:00am
Latest time for Shema	9:30am
Shiur	7:20pm
Shabbos Mincha	7:50pm
(followed by Seudah Shlishis)	
Shabbos ends	9:09pm

Kiddush

The Kiddush this week has been sponsored by
Mordechai & Chaya Rochel Teichman
on the occasion of the birth of their Daughter
Pearl
Mazal Tov to the Grandparents
& the Great Grandmother

Seudah Shlishis

The Seudah Shlishis this week will be in honour of
Zvi Berlin
who is leaving to go to Yeshiva next week

Shaarei Youth

Special Girls Kiddush
in honour of the Madrichot
who are leaving to go to Sem

Summer Shabbos Groups
Boys Prep - 2 @6:20 - 7:05pm
Boys Grade 3 - 5 @6:20 - 7:05pm
Drop off at Shaarei

Tisch with Rafi@6:20pm
all Grade 6-8 boys welcome!

Summer Avos Ubonim
This Week 7:05-7:50pm

Wednesday Night Learning
7:40-8:25pm

REMINDER - KEEP SELLING
RAFFLE TICKETS!!

Insight from the Daf

The Mishna tells us that just as there is a prohibition of ona'ah to cheat someone through money, there is also a prohibition to cause them pain verbally. The mordechai (306) says that based on the Gemorah that considers ona'as devarim to be "not returnable", it would follow that one receives malkus for violating ona'as devarim. The obvious difficulty with this is that ona'as devarim is a la'av she'ein bo ma'aseh (a negative commandment where there is no action) which one does not receive malkus for violating. The sefer Hachinuch explicitly argues with this mordechai and says that since it is a la'av she'ein bo ma'aseh there isn't any punishment of malkus. The Nimukei Yosef explains based on the Gemorah 59a that only עַם שְׂאֵתָךְ בְּתוֹרָה וּבִמְצוּוֹת are included in ona'as devarim, that the issur of ona'as devarim doesn't apply when one speaks harshly about one who is not a Ya'arei Shamayim. Although the Gemorah excludes one who is a rasha from this issur (meaning that it is mutar to offend him), it seems a little strange why the Nimukei Yosef raises the bar so high, and insists that there isn't a violation to speak against someone who is not a Ya'arei Shamayim.

Daf HaYomi - We will be starting Bava Metziya 62a on Sunday



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Shiurim and Learning at Shaarei this Week

Sunday Morning - After Shacharis	Meseches Kehillah
Monday Night - After Maariv	Derech Hashem
Tuesday Night - After Maariv	Hashkafa (AleI Shur)
Tuesday & Thursday - After Maariv	Gemora 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	8:05pm	8:25pm
Monday	6:30am	5:30/8:10pm	8:30pm
Tuesday	6:45am	5:30/8:10pm	8:30pm
Wednesday	6:45am	5:30/8:10pm	8:30pm
Thursday	6:30am	5:30/8:10pm	8:30pm
Friday	6:45am	6:40pm	---

Something for the Shabbos table

In his explanation of the heart breaking loss of Sarah at the beginning of this week's Parsha, Rashi makes a seemingly outlandish claim that all of her 127 years were כולן שוין לטובה (Bereishis 23:1), all equal in goodness! If we merely review a short summary of Sarah's life, we find a righteous woman who suffered childlessness for nearly a century, had a maidservant intensify her pain by giving birth to a violent child of her own, endured abduction by two different kings, and left this world with one final vision of her only son being bound for sacrifice (Pirkei D'Rav Eliezer 32). How can Rashi possibly suggest all of Sarah's years were "equal in goodness"? In order to fully internalize the answer, Rav Yisroel Reisman shares an incredible story in his inspiring Pathways to the Prophets: My brother's close friend tragically lost his wife due to illness and eventually needed to start dating again – not only in search of a wife, but also for a loving mother for his houseful of children. During the difficult transition, this father was approached by his oldest son, who was about to embark on the dating journey himself, and was asked how he had the emotional energy to start all over again. "You're absolutely right, I am quite uneasy about dating again, but I'm praying the Almighty grants me clarity the same way Eliezer was given a sign while searching for Yitzchak's soul mate. Although I'm not asking for water to miraculously rise up from a well as it did for Rivka, I am putting myself in His Hands to open my eyes when I find the right wife and mother." At 8:30 that evening, the father nervously phoned his first shidduch prospect at their pre-designated time. Unfortunately, the woman on the other end of the line sounded flustered as she said, "I have to apologize. I know that we were planning to speak at 8:30, but I have an emergency. I have little children, and one of them just flushed a toy down the toilet, and it is overflowing. All the water is coming up toward me, so I can't talk right now. Please call back in an hour." The father hung up the phone with a big smile on his face, thinking about the sign he was just sent from above. The couple is now happily married.

We can almost feel the heartache and desperation this widowed mother felt in losing a potentially wonderful father and husband due to her toddler's desire to test the limits of modern plumbing. However, taking a step back to see a panoramic view grants us the ability to see how the overflowing bathroom truly was as a Heavenly gift! There is no question all of Sarah's trying tests were immensely painful, but our matriarch utilized each experience as an opportunity for growth. Seeing the good in each situation while developing greater sensitivity and empathy to help others transcend their own predicaments allowed Sarah to say her 127 years were truly "all equal in goodness." Although we might not recognize how the overflowing water is a gift right now, at the end of the day we'll all appreciate כולן שוין לטובה.

This weeks Kiddush Roster:

Chana Deutsch
& Chana Franck

This weeks Clean Up Roster:

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Rosh Chodesh Kislev

Next Thursday