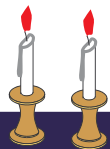




Shaarei Tefillah | שערי תפילה

פרשת שופטים



Shabbos Times

Mincha	5:35pm
Candle Lighting	5:35pm
Shkiah	5:52pm
Shacharis	9:00am
Latest time for Shema	9:36am
Halocha Shiur	5:00pm
Shabbos Mincha	5:20pm
(followed by Seudah Shlishis)	
Shabbos ends	6:35pm
Avos Ubonim	4:35pm

Rabbi Tatz

Rabbi Tatz will be speaking this Shabbos morning.
He will also be giving a ladies Shiur after davening
at approx 11:45am

Kiddush

This weeks Kiddush has been kindly sponsored by
Adam & Lanie Goldberger
in honour of the Yahrzeit of Lanie's father
and by
John Fleischmann and Geoffrey Heimann
on the occasion of their Barmitzva Parsha

Halacha from the Daf

Many later authorities question why a brocha is not recited when we read Parshas Zachor since according to most opinions it is a fulfillment of the mitzvah to eradicate the memory of Amalek. The Kaf Hachaim cites authorities who answer that we do not recite a brocha on destruction even when it is the destruction of our enemies. Proof to this principle is found in our Gemorah. When the Egyptians were drowning in the sea the Ministering Angels wanted to sing a song of praise of Hashem and He rebuked them with the question, "My handiwork is drowning at sea and you want to sing a song?"

The Teshuvos Mishnah Halachos challenged this explanation from the simple fact that Bnei Yisroel sang a song of praise and it was only the Angels that Hashem rebuked. The Mishnah Halachos suggests that the reason a brocha is not recited is that the mitzvah is not confined to time. The mitzvah to recall Amalek is a constant mitzvah and as such there is no brocha recited on the mitzvah as we find by other constant mitzvos that we do not recite a brocha before fulfilling that mitzvah.

The L'horos Nossan proposes that the function of a beracha is to bring to our consciousness that the act of the mitzvah should be done in fulfillment of the obligation. Thus, for example, a brocha is recited before donning tefillin to serve as a reminder that the tefillin are to be donned for the sake of the mitzvah. The mitzvah of reading Parshas Amalek is fundamentally different since the reading of the parsha reminds us of the mitzvah that we are to perform, namely, eradicating the memory of Amalek. There is no need to recite a brocha since the reading of the parsha serves the purpose of a brocha, i.e. to remind us to do the mitzvah for the sake of the mitzvah.

Shaarei Youth

**Friday Night learning
from 9:00pm**

Shiur by Rabbi Schreck @9:30pm

Winter Shabbos Groups

Please Note - due to the early time for
Avos Ubonim - there will be No
shabbos groups this week

Seudah Shlishis After Mincha

Avos Ubonim

**PLEASE NOTE THE EARLY TIME
4:35pm-5:20pm**

**Wednesday Night learning
7:30-8:15pm**

**REMINDER - MELAVA MALKA
THIS MOTZEI SHABBOS**

8:15PM @ST KILDA SHUL HALL

Daf HaYomi - We will be starting Sanhedrin 42a 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
Monday Night - After Maariv	Hashkafa (AleI Shur)
Sun, Tues & Wed - 8:30pm	NIGHT CHABURA - Gittin
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	5:40pm	6:00 / 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	5:41pm	---

Something for the Shabbos table

When a murder takes place between two cities, the elders of the closer city come to the murder site and perform the mitzva of Eglah Arufa. They say "Yadeinu Lo Shafchu Es HaDam", our hands did not spill this blood. The gemara in Sotah explains that of course we are not accusing the tzadikim of murder, but if they let someone leave the city without food and proper escort they are responsible for the murder. Why?

The Gilyon Pninin brings from the Alter of Kelm that when a person is dejected he has less value for his life. This man who was not treated properly upon departure was less enthusiastic about life and quite possibly did not struggle with his murderer to save himself. Therefore his blood is on the hands of those who neglected him.

In a radical twist he brings from Rav Yaakov Neiman zt"l in Darkei Mussar the following important lesson on chinuch. Rav Neiman says that it is not the victim that they are saying they did not let leave without food and escort, but rather the murderer. This person may have needed some attention. Only when he was treated like a non-entity was he able to stand up in such an audacious manner and callously snuff out the life of another human being. The Zikeinim are called to declare that they treated every human with respect and no murderer was created by their lack of caring for anyone.

Often when a child acts up, each age with their own mishugas, it is a cry for attention. One reaction is to scream to stop the terrible behaviour. A more effective response is to deal with the underlying cause. Our parsha is teaching us what tragic results can result if we don't pay attention to the needs of those around us.

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