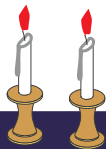




Shaarei Tefillah | שערי תפילה

פרשת בחוקותי



Shabbos Times

Mincha	4:52pm
Candle Lighting	4:52pm
Shkiah	5:09pm
Shacharis	9:00am
Latest time for Shema	9:52am
Halocha Shiur	4:20pm
Shabbos Mincha	3:30pm /
(followed by Seudah Shlishis)	4:40pm
Shabbos ends	5:54pm
Avos Ubonim	7:00pm

Kiddush

This weeks Kiddush has been kindly sponsored by
David and Ilana Cohney
in memory of Ilana's mother - לאה בת שלמה ע"ה
whose Shloshim is this Shabbos
David will be making a Siyum after davening

Avos Ubonim

This weeks Avos Ubonim has been kindly sponsored
by **Family Milder**
in honour of the first Yahrzeit of John's mother

Shaarei Youth

Shaarei Boys Kiddush

Shaarei Girls Kiddush

Shabbos Afternoon Groups

Prep - 2 @4:10 - 4:40pm

Grades 3-5 @4:10 - 4:40pm

Seudah Shlishis After Mincha

Motzei Shabbos

Avos Ubonim

This Week 7:00-7:45pm

SPECIAL TREAT - PIZZA!!

Wednesday Night Learning

7:30-8:15pm

**WINTER MOTZEI SHABBOS
EVENTS**

**Boys Soccer - see other flyers for
more details**

Interesting Halacha

Decorating Shules with flowers on Shavuos

The Rema (OC 494:3) writes that many have the *minhag* to place herbs in *shuls* and their homes over Shavuos to commemorate the giving of the Torah. The Mishna Berura (494:10) explains that there was grass or herbs on *Har Sinai* (See Kaf Hachaim OC 494:53).

The Magen Avraham (OC 494:5) extends this *minhag* to trees, writing that as we are judged on Shavuos over the fruit, the trees should remind us to daven for a good produce (See Shulchan Aruch Harav 494:15). R' Ovadia Yosef (Yechave Daas 4:33) quotes *midrashim* to explain why people place flowers.

The *poskim* (Chayei Adam 131:13, Mishna Berura 494:10; Igros Moshe YD 4:11:5) quote the Vilna Gaon who decried the practice of placing trees in *shuls* as it has become the practice of idolaters. Thus, some *shuls* don't place any plants in their *shuls* (See Aruch Hashulchan OC 494:6). R' Ovadia Yosef (Yechave Daas 4:33) explains however, why this isn't a concern and writes that this is an important *minhag*. Additionally, it seems that while the Vilna Gaon disapproved of laying out trees, there would be no issue with herbs and plants (See Kaf Hachaim OC 494:56).

Daf HaYomi - We will be starting Bechoros 46a on Sunday



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Shiurim and Learning at Shaarei this Week

Sunday Morning - After Shacharis	Meseches Kehillah
Monday Night - After Maariv	TBC
Sun, Tues & Wed - 8:30pm	NIGHT CHABURA-
Wednesday Night - 8:45pm	Meseches Megillah
Thursday Night - After Maariv	Topical Shiur
Thursday Night - Late	
Sunday - Thursday before Maariv	Kitzur Shulchan Aruch
Monday - Friday 5:45am	
Sun - 7:15am, Shabbos 8:15am	Daf Hayomi Shiur

Davening Times this Week

	Shacharis	Mincha	Maariv
Sunday	8:00am	4:50pm	5:30/9:45pm
Monday	6:30am	4:50pm	8:15/9:45pm
Tuesday	6:20am	4:50pm	8:15/9:45pm
Wednesday	6:45am	4:50pm	8:15 /9:45pm
Thursday	6:30am	4:50pm	8:15/9:45pm
Friday	6:45am	4:50pm	---

Something for the Shabbos table

The Parsha opens with Hashem telling us that brocha will follow 'if you walk in (ie. follow) my statutes and keep my mitzvos...' Rashi points out that the phrase 'walking in my statutes' refers to the obligation to toil in the study of Torah.

How does Rashi's explanation follow the wording of the pasuk? One explanation is that if you look closely, the phrase used is 'if you walk in my statutes' ie. a continuous process of movement and steady growth – walking. Rashi knew that the principal way to achieve this growth is by the study of Torah.

Similar to this is an idea that Korach used the phrase 'the nation IS holy,' (Bamidbar 16;3) but Hashem says, 'you WILL BE holy' (Vayikra 19;1). The correct attitude is to never assume that one is holy ie. they have made it spiritually. There is always room to grow; one's attitude is that one will be holy. That's also a reason for the mizbeyach being sloping, to show that just like if you leave a ball on a slope it cannot stay still – it rolls down – so too must we not stay still spiritually; we must always be moving up or else we are probably just moving downwards.

This weeks Kiddush Roster:

Lanie Goldberger
Amanda Teller

This weeks Clean Up Roster:

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Rosh Chodesh Sivan
THIS TUESDAY

Ladies Shiur

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