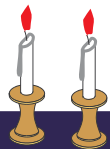




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פרשת פנחס



Shabbos Times

Mincha	5:09pm
Candle Lighting	5:09pm
Shkiah	5:27pm
Shacharis	9:00am
Latest time for Shema	9:56am
Halocha Shiur	----
Shabbos Mincha	4:55pm
(followed by Seudah Shlishis)	
Shabbos ends	6:12pm
Avos Ubonim	7:30pm

Sponsorship

If you would like to sponsor a Kiddush, Seudah Shlishis or Avos Ubonim please email office@shaarei-tefillah.com

Halacha Corner

RECITING SHE'HECHIYANU DURING THE THREE WEEKS

The Shulchan Aruch (551:17) recommends that one refrain from reciting a she'hechyanu on new clothing or fruits during the three weeks. The Magen Avraham (42) explains that since this period is a time of tragedy it is inappropriate to thank Hashem for allowing us to reach this time. The prohibition to recite a she'hechyanu is not based on a prohibition of simcha, but actually reflects the very nature of the day.

Buying something new

Since it is prohibited to recite a she'hechyanu one should refrain from any purchases that would require a she'hechyanu (e.g. expensive clothing, cars etc.). Where the custom is to recite the brocha the first time the item is used, rather than at the time of purchase one may purchase the item during the three weeks. When purchasing a house it seems that one has the option of reciting the she'hechyanu either at the time of the closing or the moving day. One of these days should be scheduled for a time outside of the three weeks to avoid an obligation in saying a she'hechyanu during the three weeks.

It should be noted though, that there is no prohibition to recite a hatov v'hameitiv during the three weeks, and one may therefore make a purchase that will benefit a group of people (e.g. a family car – Igros Moshe OC III:80).

Shaarei Youth

THIS WEEK!!

**SHAAREI YOUTH SHABBATON
@BRIGHTON SHUL**

Shaarei Girls Kiddush

Shabbos Afternoon Groups
NO Groups this week

Sudah Shlishis

No boys Seudah Shlishis this week

Motzei Shabbos Avos Ubonim

This Week 7:30-8:15pm

Treat - Potato Knish

Wednesday Night Learning
7:30-8:15pm

Rosh Chodesh Av

NEXT FRIDAY

Daf HaYomi - We will be starting Temurah 9a 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 Sukka
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	5:15pm	5:35/9:45pm
Monday	6:30am	5:15pm	8:15/9:45pm
Tuesday	6:45am	5:15pm	8:15/9:45pm
Wednesday	6:45am	5:15pm	8:15/9:45pm
Thursday	6:30am	5:15pm	8:15/9:45pm
Friday	6:20am	5:15pm	---

Something for the Shabbos table

Rashi explains that after Pinchas killed Zimri, the Jewish people began to shame him by recalling the fact that his maternal grandfather (Yisro) had been an idolater. Therefore, the Torah specifically emphasizes his paternal descent from Aharon HaKohen. If the people knew of the law that zealots may kill one publicly engaged in such an act, why did they insult him? If they were unfamiliar with the law and viewed him as a cold-blooded murderer, of what benefit was it to Pinchas to point out his paternal lineage, and in what way did it change the reality that one of his grandfathers had served as a priest for idol-worship and that in their minds, he had needlessly killed the leader of a tribe?

Rav Meir Shapiro explains that the value of a mitzvah is measured by the degree to which its performance runs counter to one's natural inclinations and therefore represents a more difficult test of his devotion to Hashem. It is for this reason that the Akeidah is considered to be a test for Avrohom more than for Yitzchok. The central attribute of Avrohom's Divine service was chesed – kindness, while that of Yitzchok was gevurah – strength. The willingness to personally sacrifice one's own son to Hashem is difficult for any father, but its challenge was significantly more for one whose entire life was devoted to the trait of kindness, and it is for this reason that it is considered to be a unique test for Avrohom. The Jews attempted to minimize the greatness of Pinchas' act not by insinuating that he was a cold-blooded killer, but by hinting that it had come easy to him as a result of his being descended from an idolater who was accustomed to cruelly killing animals as part of his idol worship. The Torah therefore emphasizes that this act was indeed performed with great personal difficulty and internal resistance, as his natural instincts came not from his allegedly merciless maternal grandfather, but rather from his paternal grandfather Aharon HaKohen – a man whose entire life was dedicated to the love and pursuit of peace.

This weeks Kiddush Roster:

Rina Jacobs
Leah Lawrence

This weeks Clean Up Roster:

Ezra Abrahams
Brett Cohen

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