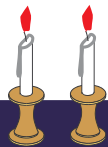




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פרשת וארא



Shabbos Times

Mincha	6:50pm
Plag Mincha	7:11pm
Candle Lighting (Latest)	8:22pm
Shkiah	8:39pm
Shacharis	9:00am
Latest time for Shema	9:58am
Shiur	7:40pm
Shabbos Mincha	5:00pm /
(followed by Seudah Shlishis)	8:10pm
Shabbos ends	9:25pm

Mazal Tov

Mazal Tov to Family Kass
on the occasion of Gadi's Bar-Mitzva
The kiddush after davening has been sponsored in
honour of the Simcha

Shaarei Siyum Hashas

This Monday - Mincha 6pm
followed by the Siyum
See flyer for full details

Halacha from the Daf

To Gaze Upon the Visage of a Gentile King

Rashi explains it is important to see kings of other nations so that when King Mashiach arrives one will have the opportunity to compare how much more honour there is for those that do the will of Hashem compared to the honour bestowed upon gentile kings now. The Shulchan Aruch (OC 224:9) codifies this statement by stating: "It is a Mitzvah to endeavour to see kings, even gentile kings." Our Rabbis esteemed this concept so much that they permitted even expending time from Torah study in order to see gentile kings for the first time. If a king who one has already seen will return with an even larger entourage and military accompaniment, then one may expend Torah study time to go and see him again. Reflecting on the language of this Halacha "to run to encounter gentile kings", Rav Shmuel Vozner writes that it is possible that there is a Mitzvah even if one does not actually see the king, but only his honour guards etc., since he will still have witnessed enough to be able to compare to the honour of King Mashiach. The Poskim discuss the Halachic status of rulers in our times. The Mishnah Berura writes that one need not have the title of king to be suitable for this blessing. The benchmark is whether the ruler has the power to impose a death sentence at his will. Some Poskim write that rulers who have the power to prevent execution thru bestowing amnesty are within the parameters of eligibility for this blessing. However, generally our rulers are dressed very much like the rest of the citizens, and they do not wear lavish garments and many Poskim rule that one does not recite the blessing upon them.

Shaarei Youth

Summer Shabbos Groups
NO Shabbos Groups this week

Seudah Shlishis After Mincha

Summer Avos Ubonim
45 Minutes before Mincha
This Week 7:25-8:10pm

Davening, Breakfast
and learning will continue
till the end of the holidays

Wednesday Night Learning
Not this week

Daf HaYomi - We will be starting Berochos 23a on Sunday



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Shiurim and Learning at Shaarei this Week

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

Davening Times this Week

	Shacharis	Mincha	Maariv
Sunday	8:00am	8:20pm	8:40pm
Monday	8:00am	6:00pm	9:15pm
Tuesday	6:45/8:30am	8:20pm	8:40pm
Wednesday	6:45/8:30am	8:20pm	8:40pm
Thursday	6:30/8:30am	8:20pm	8:40pm
Friday	6:45am	6:45pm	---

Something for the Shabbos table

After the plague of frogs, Pharaoh calls in Moshe and begs him to ask Hashem to remove the frogs. Interestingly, Pharaoh asks that the frogs be removed 'tomorrow' (8:6). Why did Pharaoh not ask for them to be removed immediately? Explains the Ibn Ezra that Pharaoh thought that a star sign had brought the plague of frogs, and perhaps the frogs were going to leave today anyway. So he asked Moshe to remove the frogs tomorrow, just in case the frogs would up and go today so Pharaoh could prove Moshe wrong. Here we see the extent of stubbornness. Pharaoh has already experienced the plague of blood. He has now seen frogs, and Moshe had warned him that these frogs would come. Yet Pharaoh still wants to cling on to the security of believing that there is no Power above him - so he creates his own reality; one in which 'a star sign created the plague' - despite all indications to the contrary. This is a very powerful lesson, how often do let ourselves become blinded by our own egos and predeterminations.

This weeks Kiddush Roster:

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Rosh Chodesh Shevat
THIS MONDAY