

CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM WISHES YOU A WONDERFUL

Shabbos Parshas Pikudei

FRIDAY NIGHT

- » Candles 7:17 PM
- » Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 7:00 PM
- » **Sheva Brachos/Oneg Shabbos/Dessert at the Richs 9:30 PM**
(men & women invited)

SHABBOS DAY

- » Shacharis followed by Kiddush 8:30 AM
- » 15-min Pirkei Avos Shiur for Women following Kiddush
- » Women & Children S"Y 6:00 - 7:30 PM
- » The World of Tefilla with Abudraham shiur with Rabbi Avraham Chaim Bloomenstiel 6:20 PM
- » Mincha 7:05 PM
- » Sunset 7:36 PM
- » Talmud Shiur: Gemara Avoda Zara following Mincha
- » Maariv 8:18 PM
- » Shabbos Ends 8:26 PM

A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "WE'RE NOT HUMANS HAVING A SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE, WE'RE SPIRITUAL BEINGS HAVING A HUMAN EXPERIENCE."

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Men

- » Hill ben Simcha (Jeff Lubin)
- » Daniel Ze'ev ben Miriam (Brother of Josh Rothstein)
- » Yitzchak ben Yocheved (BIL of Moshe Bush)
- » Yehudah ben Yehudis Basya (Friend of Dovid Teitlebaum)

Women

- » Tali bas Aviva (Daughter of Aviva Bass)
- » Chantza Rachel bas Sarah (Mother of Rabbi Feigenbaum)
- » Shayna Leah bas Zeld Rivka (Linda Fern)
- » Shoshana Gittel bas Chaya Leah (Sister of Naomi Goldberg)
- » Naama bas Devorah Miriam (Granddaughter of Rabbi & Rebbetzin Rich)
- » Rena Esther bas Yaffa Gita (Friend of Yael Bodenheimer)
- » Chana bas Hendel (Friend Of Yael Bodenheimer)

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- » the shul in honor of the newly married couples: Manny & Gittel Bloomenstiel; Yossi & Shoshana Schickler; and Elazar & Hadassah Bauer. May you merit to build a Bayis Ne'eman B'Yisroel.

MAZEL TOV

- » Mazel Tov to Robert & Diane Bauer on becoming Elazar & Hadassah Bauer. To Luis & Melissa Borraro we say, "Soon By You!"

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS: SEE DOJLife.com

- » Yad Eliezer Matanot L'Evyonim Purim Cards
- » LifeShare: Community-Based Financial Relief. Before Tragedy Strikes.

CTC WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM

For Men

- » Gemara Bava Kamma, Weekdays, 6:00 - 6:30 AM
- » Dirshu Amud HaYomi: Sunday - Friday, 12 - 1 PM, On Zoom with Rabbi Yaakov Rich. Email Rabbi Rich for the Zoom Link
- » Marriage Chabura for men, Sundays, 7:30 - 8:00 PM
- » Mishna Berura Hilchos Shabbos, Monday - Thursday, 7:30 - 8:00 PM
- » Gemara Bava Basra for men, Sunday - Thursday, 8:15 - 9 PM

For Women

- » Parsha Shiur for Women with Rabbi Michael Bodenheimer, Sundays, 8:00 - 8:30 PM.

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TIDBITS

Parashas Pekudei • March 15th • 5 Adar II 5784

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levana is at 10:14 PM Eastern Daylight Time on March 24th.

As the precarious situation in Eretz Yisrael continues, each person should increase reciting tehillim or performing other mitzvos as a zechus for the many Acheinu Beis Yisrael 'in travail and captivity'.

Daf Yomi - Friday: Bavli: Bava Metzia 16. • Yerushalmi: Terumos 73 • Mishnah Yomis: Nedarim 7:4-5 • Oraysa: Next week is Yoma 74a-76a.

Parashas Zachor, is next Shabbos, Parashas Vayikra.

Taanis Esther is observed this Thursday, March 21st (it is observed earlier due to Shabbos).

Purim begins Motzaei Shabbos, March 23rd.

Shushan Purim is on Monday, March 25th.

PEKUDEI: An accounting of the precious metals and materials collected for the Mishkan • The Bigdei Kehunah are fashioned • Everything is completed as Hashem commanded • Moshe blesses the workers • Hashem commands Moshe to erect the Mishkan • On Rosh Chodesh Nissan, Moshe erects the Mishkan and anoints the Keilim • Moshe dresses Aharon and Aharon's sons in the Bigdei Kehunah and anoints them • The Ananei HaKavod rest on the Mishkan • Hashem's Glory fills the Mishkan and Moshe cannot enter • The Bnei Yisrael travel based on the movement of the Ananei HaKavod • Chazak Chazak V'nis'chazeik!

Haftarah: The haftarah of "Vatishlam" (Melachim I, 7:51) is leined. It describes the chanukas habayis of the First Beis Hamikdash conducted by Shlomo Hamelech. (Sefardim lein the haftarah of "Vaya'as Chiram" - Melachim I, 7:40-50).

Parashas Pekudei • 92 Pesukim • No mitzvos listed

"These are the accountings of the Mishkan, the Mishkan of the testimony" (Shemos 38:22)

The Midrash on this pasuk explains that the repetition of the words "HaMishkan, Mishkan" is an allusion to the two Batei Mikdash, that were

tragically destroyed due to sin. Why at this juncture of the inauguration of the Mishkan does the Torah seek to allude to the destruction of the Batei Mikdash?

Rav Moshe Feinstein zt"l explains: in our parashah, Moshe Rabbeinu made a public accounting of all the materials donated to the Mishkan, and detailed the way in which they were used. This public accounting served a dual purpose: firstly, that no one should suspect him of misappropriating the materials, and secondly, that he personally should not be tempted to do so! Surprisingly, Moshe Rabbeinu, the greatest of our prophets and a G-dly man, felt it appropriate to place safeguards to ensure he would not succumb to petty thievery.

Rav Moshe zt"l explains that the generation of the Churban was lax in instituting safeguards from sin; this was the polar opposite of the zehirus and vigilance demonstrated by Moshe Rabbeinu in our parashah. Tragically, by placing too much faith in their ability to resist temptation, they neglected to establish adequate protections against transgressions that they eventually succumbed to. Ultimately, this led to the destruction of the Batei Mikdash, that the Midrash says our pasuk is alluding to. One must be careful to never 'let his guard down' as these gedarim are a primary component of Avodas Hashem. Through proper zerizus and zehirus, we will bez"H be zocheh to the rebuilding of the Bais HaMikdash speedily in our days.

MATANOS L'EVYONIM: "It is preferable to spend more money on gifts to the poor than on one's seudah and mishloach manos, as there is no greater joy than making the poor and less fortunate happy" (Rambam - Hilchos Purim 2:17). On Purim day, each man and woman must give to two needy people the monetary equivalent of a small meal. An 'individual in need' is classified as someone who is struggling to cover his day-to-day expenses. Maaser funds may not be used for the obligatory amount. One should ensure that his wife and bar/bas mitzvah children fulfill this mitzvah (one can simply ask the gabbai tzedakah to acquire the monies on behalf of his wife or child and provide it to a needy recipient on their behalf). It is proper to train one's chinuch age children in this mitzvah, although the obligation regarding minors is a matter of dispute. Throughout the day, one should give freely to any needy individual who solicits without examining their legitimacy, just as Hashem performed the miracle of Purim without over examining our merits and deeds.