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Shabbos Parshas Shemini

FRIDAY NIGHT

- » Candles 7:32 PM
- » Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 7:00 PM

SHABBOS DAY

- » Shacharis followed by Kiddush 8:30 AM (Parshas Parah is read)
- » 15-min Pirkei Avos Shiur for Women following Kiddush
- » Women & Children S" S 6:00 – 7:30 PM
- » The World of Tefilla with Rabbi Avraham Chaim Bloomenstiel 6:35 PM
- » Mincha 7:20 PM
- » Sunset 7:51 PM
- » Talmud Shiur: Gemara Avoda Zara following Mincha
- » Shabbos Ends 8:41 PM

A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "YOU WILL NEVER GET AHEAD OF ANYONE AS LONG AS YOU KEEP TRYING TO GET EVEN WITH HIM."

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Men

- » Hillel 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

- » Sipke Grune bas Lillian (Mother of Jeff Luftig)
- » 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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- » Aharon (Rhone) ben Avraham in honor of Rosh Chodesh Nisan

and in anticipation of Pesach.

CTC WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH

For Men

- » Gemara Bava Kama, Mon - Fri, 6:00 - 6:30 AM
- » **Shacharis, 6:30 AM**
- » Dirshu Amud HaYomi: Sunday - Friday, 12 -1 PM, On Zoom with Rabbi Yaakov Rich. Email Rabbi Rich for the Zoom Link
- » **Mincha, Sun - Thur, 7:15 PM**
- » Marriage Chabura for men, Sun, 7:30 - 8:00 PM
- » Hilchos Pesach (Through Pesach), Mon - Thur, 7:30 - 8:00 PM
- » Mesillas Yesharim, Sun - Thur 8:00 - 8:15 PM
- » **Maariv, Sun - Thur, 8:15 PM**
- » Gemara Bava Basra, Sunday - Thursday, 8:30 - 9 PM

For Women

- » Parsha Shiur for Women with Rabbi Michael Bodenheimer, Sundays, Cancelled Through Pesach

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REBUILDING PROJECT by Marshall Lestz.

(We are excited to share this column with you each Shabbos in the spirit of helping to repair our relationships and thereby contribute to rebuilding the Beis HaMikdash.)

UCH, THAT GUY

WE ALL HAVE A "that guy" in our lives. You know, you walk into a party and you see him and say, "Uch, that guy." Or you turn down an

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aisle in the grocery store and ... "No, not that guy."

It's the dreaded "That Guy Syndrome." That one person who really rubs us the wrong way, or who we had a falling out with, or who never stops talking or is just really cold or mean or brash or does whatever that thing is you can't stand. We can't help but think how much smoother our lives would be if "that guy" would just go bye-bye. Move to another planet or something.

But guess what ... we'll always have a "that guy" in our lives. Because "that guy" is ... Hashem's Guy! He's like Hashem's special agent. Hashem puts him or her into our lives to help us work on patience, or judging others favorably, or not speaking lashon hara, or seeing the good in people, or being kind when it's difficult, or working on not rolling our eyes...

Hashem says, "That guy" is your guy! I chose him or her just for you! You're welcome!" And we're like, "You're welcome??! Huh? You're really not doing me any favors, Hashem." And Hashem says, "YES I AM! I'm doing you BIG favors. In fact, doing favors is kinda My thing; it's one of My specialties! And 'that guy' is a special favor I whipped up just for you. I want you to use as much of the awesome potential I endowed you with! And 'that guy' is here to help you do that!" Let's challenge ourselves: When we run into that difficult person in our life, instead of thinking, "That guy," let's think, "That guy ... who Hashem custom-made just for me," or "That guy ... who's motivating me to do what I thought was impossible," or "That guy ... who's helping me discover how magnificent I can be."

May we continue on the path of seeing the challenging people in our lives as G-d given opportunities for tremendous growth. So much so that one day we can actually go from thinking about such a person as "That guy" to "That guy, my friend."

Have a growth-filled Shabbos, everybody.
Keep on Building!

TIDBITS

This week is Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Nissan. Rosh Chodesh is on Tuesday, April 9th. The molad is on Monday night at 10:57 PM and 7 chalakim.

According to most opinions, the words "U'lechapas Pasha" are no longer added in Mussaf of Rosh Chodesh.

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levana is Thursday night, April 11th. The final opportunity is Monday night, April 22nd. Parashas HaChodesh is leined this Shabbos, the Shabbos preceding Rosh Chodesh Nissan. Many congregations say Yotzros during Shacharis and Mussaf. Two Sifrei Torah are taken out, and the special maftir of Parashas HaChodesh (Shemos 12:1-20) is leined from the second sefer. The haftarah for Parashas HaChodesh is leined. Av Harachamim is omitted.

Many have the custom of reciting the Keil Mallei this Shabbos during Minchah for any yahrzeit which falls in Chodesh Nissan. This is done as Keil Mallei may not be said during Chodesh Nissan and is also not recited before Mussaf when Mevorchim HaChodesh is said. Keil Mallei can also be said after Kerias Hatorah this Monday, Erev Rosh Chodesh Nissan.

Chodesh Nissan begins on Monday night, April 8th. For the duration of the month, Tachanun, as well as the Yehi Ratzons recited after Kerias Hatorah, are omitted from the weekday davening. On Shabbos, Av Harachamim (before Mussaf) and Tzidkoscha (after Minchah) are omitted as well. The Kel Mallei recited by one who has a yahrzeit is also not said. Fasting and hespeidim are generally prohibited as well.

The berachah of Bircas Ilanos (a blessing on a newly blossomed fruit tree) should be said during the month of Nissan. Many have the minhag not to eat matzah from Rosh Chodesh Nissan (some do not eat matzah beginning from Shushan Purim).

One must donate money for Maos Chittim, money which will be used to provide the needy with food during Pesach. The donation may be given from maaser funds.

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

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A Solar eclipse will be visible in North America, April 8th.

Shabbos Hagadol is Shabbos Parashas Metzora, April 20th.

Leil Bedikas Chametz is on Sunday evening, April 21st.

Pesach begins on Monday evening, April 22nd.

SHEMINI: The offerings on the eighth day, Rosh Chodesh Nissan, after the Seven Days of Inauguration • Moshe and Aharon bless the people • Hashem's glory is revealed • Nadav and Avihu offer unauthorized incense; their neshamos leave them as Hashem's fire enters their nostrils • Moshe comforts Aharon, Aharon remains silent • Aharon and his surviving sons are instructed not to show signs of mourning • Kohanim may not serve - and no Jew may render a halachic decision - after drinking wine • Moshe instructs Aharon and his sons to eat of the day's offerings • The Chatas of Rosh Chodesh is completely burned; Moshe is angered that it was not eaten • Aharon explains his rationale for burning that Korban; Moshe admits that Aharon is correct • Laws of kosher and non-kosher animals, fish, birds and insects • Various forms of tumah

Parashas HaChodesh: This special keriah (Shemos 12:1-20) discusses the mitzvah of Kiddush HaChodesh, as well as the commandment in Mitzrayim to sacrifice a sheep for Korban Pesach.

Special Haftarah: The haftarah (Yechezkel 45:16-46:18) details the inauguration of the third Beis Hamikdash that will take place in Chodesh Nissan and the Korban Pesach that will be brought then, in the days of Mashiach.

Parashas Shemini • 91 Pesukim • 6 Obligations • 11 Prohibitions

1) A Kohen may not enter the Mikdash with long hair. 2) A Kohen may not enter the Mikdash with torn clothes. 3) A Kohen may not leave the Mikdash while in the midst of avodah. 4) A Kohen may not enter the Mikdash after drinking wine. 5) Do not eat non-kosher animals. 6) Check animals for their signs of kashrus. 7) Check fish for their signs of kashrus. 8) Do not eat non-kosher fish. 9) Do not eat non-kosher birds. 10) Check for the signs of kashrus of creeping creatures. 11) Tumah of the eight dead sheratzim. 12) Tumah regarding foods. 13) Tumah of a neveilah (dead animal). 14) Do not

eat crawling sheratzim. 15) Do not eat sheratzim that live in plants. 16) Do not eat amphibious sheratzim. 17) Do not eat maggots.

Mitzvah Highlight: The Sefer HaChinuch explains that the Torah forbids certain foods due to their harmful effects on the nefesh. Just as we would never second-guess a doctor's advice without fully understanding the workings of the human body, so too we cannot doubt the negative impact of forbidden foods, as we cannot comprehend the lofty nature and holiness of the Jewish nefesh.

"These shall you abominate from among the fowl... the chasidah" (Vayikra 11:19)

The Sefer Hachinuch explains that non-kosher birds are forbidden because they engage in negative behavior, and these instincts can influence the person who consumes them. Among the forbidden species is a bird called chasidah. Rashi explains that the chasidah earned its name from its characteristic of doing chessed by sharing its food with friends. This seems to be a praiseworthy characteristic; if so, why is the chasidah forbidden?

The Chiddushei HaRim explains that while the chasidah engages in chessed, it does so only for its friends, and only those in its own circle benefit from the kindness. This discriminatory behavior makes the chasidah unfit for Jewish consumption, as the Torah wants us to give freely without discrimination against "outsiders". A Jew is responsible for a fellow Jew's needs - even for those far from himself, whether literally or figuratively. Additionally, a Jew must do chessed simply because he is commanded to do so by Hashem, and not only when he is sympathetic to the cause or the recipient.