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Shabbos Parshas Achrei Mos

FRIDAY NIGHT, MAY 3RD

- » Candles 7:53 PM
- » Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 7:00 PM

SHABBOS DAY, MAY 4TH

- » 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
- » Abudraham on Tefilla for Men & Women with Rabbi Avraham Chaim Bloomenstiel 6:55 PM
- » Mincha 7:40 PM
- » Sunset 8:12 PM
- » Talmud Shiur: Gemara Avoda Zara following Mincha
- » Maariv 8:54 PM
- » Shabbos Ends 9:02 PM

A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "FOR EVERY MINUTE YOU ARE ANGRY YOU LOSE 60 SECONDS OF HAPPINESS!"

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 Zeldia 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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- » Nechemyah & Sara Rich in honor of Nechemyah's siyum on Maseches Makkos, and in honor of all the members of the shul.

CTC SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH (Week of May 5, 2024)

Men

- » Gemara Bava Kama, Mon - Fri, 6:00 - 6:30 AM
- » **Shacharis, 6:30 AM**
- » Amud HaYomi: Sunday - Friday, 12 - 1 PM, On Zoom with Rabbi Yaakov Rich. Email Rabbi Rich for the link. Finishing Brachos.
- » Marriage Chabura for men, Sun, 7:30 - 8:00 PM
- » Mesillas Yesharim, Mon - Thur 7:30 - 8:00 PM
- » **Mincha/Halacha/Maariv, Sun - Thur, 8:00-8:35 PM**
- » Gemara Bava Basra, Sunday - Thursday, following Maariv for 30 minutes

Women

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

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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.)

YAY! YOU MISSED A SPOT!

I WAS VACUUMING the house before Shabbos one Friday, and I'm sad to say I won't be receiving any "World's Greatest Vacuum-er" trophies any time soon. I typically start off okay, but then quickly go to my patented zig-zag technique. I pretty much vacuum the same way a 4-year-old colors. It's like I'm scribbling on the floor with a vacuum. Straight to the left, diagonal to the right, clockwise, counterclockwise, I'm popping wheelies... By the time I'm done, my vacuum is nauseous. Bottom line—you miss a lotta schmutz when you vacuum haphazardly.

But it hit me—perhaps we can apply this loosey-goosey vacuuming

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technique to dealing with people. Especially those who tend to rub us the wrong way. We need to stop being so good at seeing other people's schmutz! Enough with the expert schmutz detection. When we hone in and zone in on the stuff we don't like, we just keep going over it and over it in our minds! Back and forth, back and forth—great for vacuuming, but not for our relationships! (Or our sanity!)

We need to MISS a few spots—not be so diligent ... you know, be a little less exacting and less discerning. Sure, we're gonna notice some things we don't like, but we don't have to do a "deep clean." Let's instead use our "spot-finding powers" to discover the qualities we LIKE about other people. Hover over all the good stuff. Focus on the fact that this person is created in the divine image! He's just like us. After all, we have schmutz too! And we certainly don't want other people going over our "problem areas" with a fine toothcomb. (Or vacuum).

So let's try being a little less meticulous with spotting the negative in others, and more conscientious in noticing the good. And G-d willing, as we succeed in removing our own schmutz, we'll positively influence others to do the same.

Have an extraordinary day, everybody.

Keep on Building!

TIDBITS

This week is Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Iyar. Rosh Chodesh is on Wednesday & Thursday, May 8th-9th. The molad is Wednesday morning 11:41 AM and 8 chalakim.

Tachanun is not recited until after Rosh Chodesh Iyar and the Yehi Ratzons following Kerias Hatorah are also omitted during this time. In spite of being Mevorchim HaChodesh, Av Harachamim is recited in most Shuls, due to the sefirah mourning period. Tzidkascha is omitted at Minchah on Shabbos.

For this Shabbos, the Shabbos following Pesach, some have the custom to bake a Shlissel Challah. Minhagim include baking a challah in the shape of a key, or baking an actual key within it, among other variations.

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 as well as for the soldiers in battle.

The series of fast days of BeHaB begin on Monday, May 13th.

Pesach Sheini is on Wednesday, May 22nd.

Lag Ba'omer is on Sunday, May 26th.

Shavuos is on Wednesday and Thursday, June 12th-13th.

ACHAREI MOS: Avodas Yom Kippur • Fasting on Yom Kippur • Prohibition of eating blood • Laws of Arayos • Prohibition of sacrificing a child to Molech • See Taryag Weekly for the various mitzvos.

Haftarah: The end of Sefer Amos (9:7-15) discusses how, despite the lengthy exile, the Jewish identity remains distinct. The haftarah ends with the promise that Hashem will restore us to our heritage in Eretz Yisrael, never to be uprooted again.

Parashas Acharei Mos • 80 Pesukim • 2 Obligations • 26 Prohibitions

1) A Kohen may not enter the Beis Hamikdash unnecessarily. 2) The Kohen Gadol shall perform the Yom Kippur service. 3) Do not slaughter offerings outside the Mikdash. 4) Cover the blood of a chaya or a bird after slaughter. 5) Forbidden relations, including any form of intimacy. 6-19) Prohibition on relations with one's: father, mother, father's wife, sister, son's daughter, daughter's daughter, daughter, father's daughter, father's sister, mother's sister, father's brother, father's brother's wife, daughter-in-law, brother's wife. 20-23) Prohibition of relations with a mother and her daughter, a woman and her son's or daughter's daughter, or with one's wife's sister during his wife's lifetime. 24) Prohibition of relations with a niddah. 25) Do not sacrifice a child to Molech. 26) Prohibition of mishkav zachar. 27-28) Prohibition of bestiality.

"After the death of the two sons of Aharon" (Vayikra 16:1)

The Midrash says among the four sins for which Nadav and Avihu, the sons of Aharon, deserved death was they did not confer sufficiently with each other in determining whether to bring unauthorized ketores. Rav Dovid Soloveichik zt"l asks as follows: Clearly Nadav and Avihu individually held that they should bring this Ketores. If so, while they surely sinned by not consulting Moshe or Aharon, what would have changed if they had conferred with one another?

Rav Dovid Soloveichik zt"l explains that we see from here the importance of deliberating a decision with our peers. If Nadav and Avihu had deliberated together they would have realized that they should not bring the ketores, and avoided the sin that cost them their lives. Perhaps it can be added that even if Nadav and Avihu decided to go ahead after a proper deliberation, the sin would have been considered far less severe, as it then could have been considered an honest mistake.