

CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM WISHES YOU A WONDERFUL

Shabbos Parshas Chukas

FRIDAY NIGHT, JULY 12TH

- » Candles 8:21 PM
- » Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 7:00 PM

SHABBOS DAY, JULY 13TH

- » 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 7:20 PM
- » Mincha 8:00 PM
- » Sunset 8:37 PM
- » Talmud Shiur: Gemara Avoda Zara following Mincha
- » Maariv 9:21 PM
- » Shabbos Ends (50 min) 9:27 PM
- » Rabbeinu Tam (72 min) 9:49 PM

A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "IF YOU ARE TOO BUSY TO LAUGH, YOU ARE TOO BUSY."

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Men

- » Hillel ben Simcha (Jeff Lubin)
- » Daniel Ze'ev ben Miriam (Brother of Josh Rothstein)
- » Yitzchak ben Yocheved (BIL of Moshe Bush)

Women

- » Sipke Grune bas Lillian (Mother of Jeff Luftig)
- » Tali bas Aviva (Daughter of Aviva Bass)
- » Shoshana Gittel bas Chaya Leah (Sister of Naomi Goldberg)
- » Naama bas Devorah Miriam (Granddaughter of Rabbi & Rebbetzin Rich)
- » Chana bas Hendel (Friend Of Yael Bodenheimer)

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- » the members of the Guarantee Kiddush Club: Bloomenstiel, Borrayo, Lurie, Marcelino, Martin, Eliyahu Rich, Rabbi and Rebbetzin Rich and Rothstein families

CTC SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH (Week of July 14, 2024)

Men

- » Gemara Zevachim, Mon - Fri, 6:00 - 6:30 AM
- » **Shacharis, 6:30 AM**

- » Amud HaYomi Sanhedrin: Sunday - Friday, 12 -1 PM, On Zoom with Rabbi Yaakov Rich. Email Rabbi Rich for the link.
- » Marriage Chabura for men, Sun, 7:55 - 8:25 PM
- » Mesillas Yesharim, Mon - Thur 7:55 - 8:25 PM
- » **Mincha/Halacha/Maariv, Sun - Wed, 8:20-8:55 PM**
- » Gemara Bava Basra, Sunday - Wednesday, following Maariv for 30 minutes
- » **CTC Beis Medrash in conjunction with Dallas Kollel, Thursdays following 8:15 PM Mincha for one hour, followed by Maariv and refreshments.**

Women

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

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.)

IF YOU CAN'T LOVE THE ART, LOVE THE ARTIST

Let's say you were invited to the art gallery of your all-time favorite artist. And just to make it fun, let's say time-travel was not a problem, so perhaps you're visiting Da Vince or Picasso... one of the Master artists of all time. And he gives you a one-on-one personal tour of all of his most prized creations. So here's the question-- Would you be just as careful not to damage one of his paintings that you didn't like as you would with one of his paintings that you thought was beautiful?

Of course! You'd be equally careful with both of them. But what about criticizing that one you didn't care for? Would you hold your tongue, or go ahead and tell Da Vince everything you thought was wrong with the Mona Lisa? Obviously, that would be ludicrous. Our great respect for the artist and his supreme talent would keep us quiet. In fact, we'd probably assume that the reason we didn't like one of his pieces was because we didn't fully comprehend its brilliance and beauty. After all, it was created by a master artist, a creative genius who we looked up to.

Friends, let's apply this analogy to our fellow Jews who we're not particularly fond of. We may not adore a certain person's behavior. We might not consider his personality or idiosyncrasies very beautiful. And some of his character traits might strike us as anything but lovely. But we can still treat him with respect because of WHO CREATED HIM! He was hand crafted by the most Masterful Artist and Sculptor in the universe!

If there's someone in our life who we feel like, "I just can't do it... I just

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cannot respect this person," then at least for now, don't respect him for HIS sake, do it for his CREATOR'S. Show HASHEM honor, by honoring this person who Hashem created.

Regardless of how we currently feel about someone, let's remember that he is PRICELESS... a one-of-a-kind masterpiece created by Hashem. The more we're able to focus on that person's G-dly connection and the divine spark that resides within him... the more likely we'll be able to treat him with the dignity he truly deserves.

Have a beautiful and creative day everybody.

Keep on Building!

TIDBITS

Parashas Chukas • July 12th • 6 Tamuz 5784

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levanah in the USA is Motzaei Shabbos Parashas Balak, July 20th.

As the precarious situation in Eretz Yisrael unfortunately 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.

Pirkei Avos: Perek 5

Daf Yomi - Friday: Bavli: Bava Basra 17 • Yerushalmi: Maaser Sheni 39 • Mishnah Yomis: Gittin 9:4-5. Siyum Masechta Gittin is on Monday, Mazal Tov! Next is Masechta Kiddushin • Oraysa: Next week is Succah 30a-32a

Make sure to call your parents, in-laws, grandparents and Rabbi to wish them a good Shabbos. If you didn't speak to your kids today, make sure to connect with them as well!

The fast of Shiva Asar B'Tamuz is on Tuesday, July 23rd and marks the beginning of the Y'mei Bein Hametzarim, the Three Weeks.

CHUKAS: Laws of the Parah Adumah • Miriam dies, the be'er (well) stops producing water, and the people complain • Moshe and Aharon are told to bring water by speaking to the rock; Moshe eventually hits the rock instead • Moshe and Aharon are told of the punishment for their sin • Bnei Yisrael ask for passage through Edom and are rebuffed • Aharon passes away at Hor Hahar • The Canaanites (really Amaleik) attack and are defeated at Chorma • The people complain about the Mon and are attacked by snakes • The 'healing' copper snake • The great miracle of Nachal Arnon • Shiras Habe'er • The defeats of Sichon and Og

Haftarah: The parashah relates the capture of the lands of Sichon by the Bnei Yisrael. The pesukim in Shoftim 11:1-33 tell us that when certain lands of Sichon were initially owned by Amon and Moav they were forbidden to be captured as antagonizing those nations was forbidden. However, once they were captured by Sichon, the Bnei Yisrael were allowed to take them.

Parashas Chukas: 87 Pesukim • 3 Obligations

1) Kohanim should oversee the preparation of the ashes of the parah adumah. 2) Observe the laws of tumas meis. 3) A Kohen shall purify someone who is tamei using the ashes of the parah adumah.

Mitzvah Highlight: Zos Chukas HaTorah - Parah adumah is the prime example of a mitzvah (chok) that we perform solely to fulfill Hashem's command, even though we do not understand it.

"And he hit the rock with his stick. . . because you had not trusted in Me to sanctify Me" (Bamidbar 20:10-11)

Moshe Rabbeinu performed a great miracle of bringing forth water from the rock. However, Moshe was punished and barred from entering Eretz Yisrael because he hit the rock instead of speaking to it. Rav Moshe Feinstein zt"l states that this was a neis no matter what means was used to bring forth this supernatural occurrence. What was lacking by Moshe's failure to speak to the rock?

Rav Moshe explains that this event was intended to demonstrate the importance of delivering words of instruction even to one who may not be able to fully grasp the concept. For example, a young child who appears to a parent as not quite ready to understand a certain message. Hashem demonstrated that just as a Divine message can penetrate even a rock and compel it to serve Hashem, we must speak to and be mechaneich even someone with limited understanding, as eventually the lessons will penetrate.