

CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM WISHES YOU A WONDERFUL

Shabbos Parshas Pinchas

FRIDAY NIGHT, JULY 26TH

- » Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 7:00 PM
- » Candles 8:12 PM
- » Shabbos Begins 8:30 PM

SHABBOS DAY, JULY 27TH

- » 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 7:15 PM
- » Mincha 8:00 PM
- » Sunset 8:29 PM
- » Talmud Shiur: Gemara Avoda Zara following Mincha
- » Maariv 9:11 PM
- » Shabbos Ends (50 min) 9:19 PM
- » Rabbeinu Tam (72 min) 9:41 PM

A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "WHERE THE HEART IS WILLING, IT WILL FIND 1000 WAYS, BUT WHERE IT IS UNWILLING, IT WILL FIND 1000 EXCUSES."

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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CTC SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH (Week of July 28, 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, 7:40 - 8:10 PM
- » Mesillas Yesharim, Mon - Thur 7:40 - 8:10 PM
- » **Mincha/Halacha/Maariv, Sun - Wed, 8:10-8:45 PM**
- » Gemara Bava Basra, Sunday - Wednesday, following Maariv for 30 minutes
- » **CTC Beis Medrash in conjunction with Dallas Kollel, Thursdays following 8:10 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.)

THEREFORE WHAT?

Okay, so here's the deal, I want to add a couple words to the Modeh Ani prayer that we say every morning. Don't worry, I'm not going rogue. I don't want to CHANGE the prayer, I just want to suggest saying or thinking a couple additional words AFTER we finish reciting it.

As we know, our beautiful Modeh ani prayer is an expression of gratitude to G-d that we say upon waking in the morning. The words are: "I gratefully thank you, O living and eternal King, for you have returned my soul within me with compassion-- abundant is your faithfulness." (ArtScroll Siddur) We're essentially thanking G-d for another day of life! Thank G-d we're alive! This recognition makes sure that we start the day with a big picture perspective. And when we take it to heart, it's a powerfully uplifting experience. Unfortunately, we all too often let these words come and go. The moment slips away and that surge of gratitude fizzles out. That's where the extra words come in...

What if after we finish saying Modeh ani every morning, we added the words: "therefore, WHAT?"

"I gratefully thank you, O living and eternal King, for you have returned my soul within me with compassion-- therefore WHAT?" I mean, what baby step am I going to take today to demonstrate that I don't take my life for granted? How will I show You, Hashem, that I'm truly thankful? I just told

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You that I'm grateful for another day of life-- I don't want that to be lip service; I want it to be REAL service! Therefore WHAT? How will I use this amazing gift You gave me called "another day of life," and use it to grow a little closer to You and fulfill a little more of my remarkable potential?

Let's look at saying Modeh ani not just as a way to start the day, but as a way to live the day! Let's allow those words to reverberate long after we get out of bed. After all, they're not just words to wake up to. They're words to live up to.

Have a spectacular day everybody.

Keep on Building!

TIDBITS

The Y'mei Bein Hametzarim, the Three Weeks, began at nightfall (shekiya) on Monday evening, July 22nd (see Tidbits to Parashas Balak for more information). The haftarah of Parashas Mattos (Yirmiyah 1:1-2:3) is leined this Shabbos. This haftarah is the first in the series of the Shalosh D'Puranusa, the Three Haftarahs of Chastisement, that are leined on the three Shabbosos leading up to Tisha B'av.

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.

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

The Nine Days begin on the evening of Rosh Chodesh Av, Sunday evening, August 4th.

Tisha B'av begins on Monday evening, August 12th.

Shabbos Nachamu is Parashas Va'eschanan, August 17th.

PINCHAS: Pinchas and his descendants are rewarded with Kehuna • Commandment to wage war against the Midianites • The generation of the 40th year in the Midbar is counted • Eretz Yisrael is to be divided among the Shevatim • The Bnos Tzela Chad request their father's portion of the land • Hashem informs Moshe that he will pass away before entering the land • Yehoshua bin Nun is appointed as Moshe's successor • The daily Korban Tamid • The Korbanos Mussaf of Shabbos, Rosh Chodesh, and the Holidays

Haftarah: The haftarah of Parashas Mattos is leined. The Navi Yirmiyah (1:1-2:3) foretells of the impending destruction of Yerushalayim because of the sins of the Bnei Yisrael. The haftarah ends with predicting the future redemption, "Zacharti lach chessed ni'urayich", that Hashem will remember the nation's earlier good deeds and grant their return to Eretz Yisrael.

Parashas Pinchas: 168 Pesukim • 6 Obligations

1) Abide by the laws of inheritance. 2) Bring the morning and evening Korban Tamid. 3-5) Bring a Korban Mussaf on Shabbos, Rosh Chodesh and Chag HaShavuot (The Korbanos Mussaf for other Yamim Tovim were commanded previously in Parashas Emor). 6) Hear the shofar on Rosh Hashanah.

Mitzvah Highlight: The Chinuch explains that beginning and ending our day with the Korban Tamid helps remind us of our round-the-clock obligation to serve Hashem.

"And on the Shabbos Day [you shall bring] two male lambs at one year old, unblemished" (Bamidbar 28:9)

The Midrash says that the two lambs brought for the korbanos mussaf of Shabbos must be identical in appearance.

Rav Moshe Feinstein zt"l explains that the two lambs correspond to the two mitzvos of Shabbos, Zachor and Shamor. The mitzvah of Zachor, to commemorate, is to honor the Shabbos and partake in oneg Shabbos, a mitzvah which is easily accepted and enjoyable to a person. The mitzvah of Shamor, however, is to guard and abide by the Shabbos prohibitions from performing melachah. Such prohibitions may feel restrictive, and at times one may think he is losing out financially or in some other way. But this is not the case. Shabbos is the source of all blessing, and all success and berachah attained during the work week is derived from Shabbos.

The Torah equates Zachor and Shamor to convey that just as one relishes in the delights of oneg Shabbos, one should equally delight in the Shamor prohibitions, and know that keeping Shabbos in the fullest way will secure much blessing and benefits in the coming week and beyond.