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Shabbos Parshas Nitzavim - Vayeilech

FRIDAY NIGHT, SEPT 27TH

- » Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 7:00 PM
- » Candles 6:58 PM
- » Shabbos Begins 7:16 PM

SHABBOS DAY, SEPT 28TH

- » Shacharis followed by Kiddush 8:30 AM
- » 15-min Pirkei Avos Shiur for Women following Kiddush
- » Women & Children S"CS 5:30 - 7:00 PM
- » Beis Medrash Learning 5:45 - 6:45 PM
- » Mincha 6:45 PM
- » Sunset 7:15 PM
- » Talmud Shiur: Gemara Avoda Zara following Mincha
- » Maariv 7:57 PM
- » Shabbos Ends (50 min) 8:05 PM
- » Rabbeinu Tam (72 min) 8:27 PM
- » **SELICHOS BEGINS SATURDAY NIGHT 1:20 AM**

A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "WE HAVE AN INSATIABLE CURIOSITY TO KNOW EVERYTHING, EXCEPT WHAT IS WORTH KNOWING."

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Men

- » Hillel ben Simcha (Jeff Lubin)
- » Daniel Ze'ev ben Miriam (Brother of Josh Rothstein)

Women

- » Devorah bas Heni (Friend of Aviva Bass)
- » Michal Leah bas Devora (Daughter of Devorah bas Heni)
- » Sipke Grune bas Lillian (Mother of Jeff Luftig)
- » 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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- » Luis & Mellisa Borrayo

CTC SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH (Week of Sept 29, 2024)

- » 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.
- » **Mincha/Mussar on Yomim Noraim/Maariv 6:55 PM**

» Gemara Bava Basra following Maariv

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.)

MAYBE THE KOTEL IS LEAVING US A MESSAGE

When a "crack" develops in one of our relationships, the natural tendency is to pull back. We distance ourselves from the other person, because something like anger, jealousy, or bitterness has come between us.

So what do we do? How do we fix those cracks? Well, maybe a little observation about the Kotel (the Western Wall) can offer us some guidance.

We all know that thousands and thousands of Jews pour their hearts out to Hashem at the Kotel every year. Many of them leave written notes there. Notes written by people pleading with Hashem, and/or thanking Hashem from the bottom of their hearts. These are basically love letters written to Hashem!

And where are they placed?...

In the cracks of the Wall!

Maybe it's the same with us. To mend the cracks in our relationships, we need to fill them with love. So, what if—instead of focusing on why we're struggling with a family member or co-worker or shul neighbor-- we try to focus on what we like, respect, or love about that person? Think of all the things we can feel grateful to the other person for. Focus on his or her positive qualities. And then, to the best of our ability, speak to the person with an open heart and all the sincerity in the world. Like Jewish wisdom teaches, "Words from the heart, enter the heart."

Then, G-d willing, just like the cracks in the Kotel disappear when they're overflowing with all those notes, the cracks in our relationships will disappear as well.

May all our days be "filled up" with an abundance of love and shalom!

Have a fantastic day, everybody.

Keep on building!

TIDBITS

Parashas Nitzavim-Vayeilech • September 28th • 25 Elul 5784

Selichos (for Ashkenazim) begin this Motzaei Shabbos, September 28th. Selichos are generally recited each morning before davening, although some say it the night before (after chatzos, according to many). One should say Birchas Hatorah each morning prior to reciting Selichos. Selichos, and especially the Yud Gimmel Middos (Hashem, Hashem...), should be said with concentration and sincerity. It is more worthwhile to daven at one's

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own pace than to rush through to keep up with the minyan. However, when the congregation reaches the Yud Gimmel Middos, one should say it along with them. When the congregation reaches Tachanun, one should say Tachanun along with the congregation and need not return to make up for what he skipped. Someone saying Selichos without a minyan omits the Yud Gimmel Middos, as well as the Aramaic passages following Tachanun (Machei Umasei etc.). There is a minhag for the Sheliach Tzibbur of Selichos to serve as the Sheliach Tzibbur for the other Tefillos that day.

There is no Shabbos Mevorchim for Chodesh Tishrei. The molad for Chodesh Tishrei is Thursday morning 3:21 AM and 13 chalakim.

Vehi Noam is omitted on Motzaei Shabbos.

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

Rosh Hashanah begins next Wednesday evening, October 2nd. Tzom Gedaliah is on Sunday, October 6th (nidcheh). Yom Kippur begins on Friday evening, October 11th. Succos begins Wednesday evening, October 16th.

NITZAVIM: On the last day of his life, Moshe gathers the people to enter them into an eternal covenant • If one goes astray and serves other gods thinking he will be spared, the curses stated in the Torah will be visited upon him • Hashem will not punish for hidden sins of another, rather only for not uprooting known misdeeds • When you witness the fulfillment of the berachos and kelalos you will be inspired to repent • The mitzvah of Teshuvah (alternatively, learning Torah) is not difficult; it is well within reach • Hashem lets you choose between life and death; choose life!

VAYEILECH: Moshe takes leave of Klal Yisrael • Moshe encourages Yehoshua in front of all of Klal Yisrael • Moshe writes a Sefer Torah • Moshe teaches the mitzvah of Hakhel • Moshe and Yehoshua enter the Mishkan together and receive prophecy • The mitzvah of writing a Sefer Torah • Moshe's Sefer Torah is placed alongside the Aron as a testimony

Haftarah: The haftarah of Nitzavim is leined. The haftarah of "Sos Asis" (Yeshaya 61:10-63:9) is the final haftarah of the Shiva D'nechemta. Yeshaya Hanavi proclaims that we will rejoice in Hashem with the final redemption when we emerge triumphant from exile, enveloped in glory and royalty, similar to a chassan and kallah.

Parashas Nitzavim: 40 Pesukim • No Mitzvos listed. **Parashas Vayeilech:** 30 Pesukim • 2 Obligations

1) Hakhel: In the year after shemittah, on the second day of Succos, all of

Klal Yisrael gathers to hear the king read portions of Mishneh Torah (Sefer Devarim). 2) Write a Sefer Torah or, alternatively, commission one to be written.

Mitzvah Highlight: The mitzvah to write a new Sefer Torah is for the purpose of making Torah accessible. Even if one inherited a Sefer Torah, the mitzvah still applies, as writing another sefer will allow others to benefit from it. A newer sefer is also more appealing to the reader. For these reasons it is important to publish new sefarim and publications on Torah topics (Sefer HaChinuch).

Like poor and destitute people we knock on your door.

A person who falls on hard times financially and finds himself in need of assistance is still very hesitant to approach others for help. At first, he'll perhaps try to drop a hint to people close to him that things aren't going well. Then perhaps he will try some other subtle attempt. However, once a poor man reaches 'rock-bottom', he'll just walk up to the nearest rich man's door and bang in desperation.

The Gemara (Rosh Hashana 16b) says kol shana sherasha b'tchilasa misasheret b'sofa. Any year which begins in poverty, with weak financial markets, will ultimately be a prosperous year. In reality this doesn't seem to always be the case. How can we understand this gemara?

Rav Shlomo Heiman zt"l quotes Rav Naftali Trup zt"l: We often find that those with immediate needs, such as those facing a health crisis or who are in need of a shidduch, daven most intently on Rosh Hashanah. The person who just lost his job is concentrating much harder than the fellow next to him who is in a secure senior position at his firm. But this is not reflective of reality. The reality is that on Rosh Hashana we are all between years and thus we are all "between jobs". Although we often get to keep our positions, we are not guaranteed anything. K'dalim uch'rashim dafaknu delasecha, we come into selichos asking, begging, like one who knows that all their possessions are only due to Hashem's graciousness and mercy.