

CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM WISHES YOU A WONDERFUL

Shabbos Parshas Pekudei

FRIDAY NIGHT, MAR 28

- » Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 7:00 PM
- » Candles 7:27 PM
- » Sunset 7:45 PM

SHABBOS DAY, MAR 29

- » **Shacharis followed by Kiddush 8:00 AM.**
- » 15-min Pirkei Avos Shiur for Women following Kiddush
- » Women & Children S"Y Canceled this Shabbos
- » Mincha 7:15 PM
- » Sunset 7:45 PM
- » Maariv 8:27 PM
- » Shabbos Ends (50 min) 8:35 PM
- » Rabbeinu Tam (72 min) 8:57 PM

A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "MAKE IMPROVEMENTS, NOT EXCUSES. SEEK RESPECT, NOT ATTENTION."

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Men

- » Aharon Mishulem Faish ben Rus Beilah (Friend of Jonathon Marcelino)
- » Daniel Ze'ev ben Miriam (Brother of Josh Rothstein)

Women

- » Devorah bas Heni (Friend of Aviva Bass)
- » 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)

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

- » **Kiddush is sponsored by the members of the Guarantee Kiddush Club.**

CTC SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH (Week of Mar 30, 2025)

- » 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.

- » Mishnayos Shabbos 7:00 PM
- » **Mincha/Maariv 7:30 PM**
- » Gemara Bava Basra 8:00 - 8:45 PM
- » Pesach Pointers for Women: A Practical Guide: on Zoom with Rabbi Rich, Sun - Thur, 9:30-9:40 PM. Text or Email Rabbi Rich for the Zoom Address.

TIDBITS

Parashas Pekudei - Hachodesh • March 29th • 29 Adar 5785

This week is Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Nissan. Rosh Chodesh is on Sunday, March 30th. The molad is Shabbos morning at 7:46 AM and 1 chelek. The actual molad will have already occurred before Birkas HaChodesh is recited. Some gabbaim note this by announcing that "the molad was" or "der molad iz gevehn".

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levana is Tuesday evening, April 1st. The final opportunity is at 7:47 PM on Leil Haseder, Motzaei Shabbos, April 12th.

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 Hara-chamim is omitted.

Kel Mallei (recited by one who has yahrzeit) may not be said during Chodesh Nissan and is also not recited before Mussaf when Mevorchim HaChodesh is said. It may not be recited at Mincha on Shabbos due to it being Erev Rosh Chodesh.

Chodesh Nissan begins this Motzaei Shabbos, March 29th. 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.

As Rosh Chodesh begins on Motzaei Shabbos, one who extends his seudas shelishis eating past sundown is in a quandary whether to say Retzei or Ya'aleh Veyavo, or both, in bentching. Some are careful not to eat bread after tzeis hakochavim (for this purpose 35-40 minutes after shekiya) and then only say Retzei. Speak to your Rav.

Shabbos Parshas Pekudei

The berachah of Bircas Ilanos (a blessing on a newly blossomed fruit tree) is commonly said beginning in the month of Nissan. Some say it should specifically be said during 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.

Parashas HaChodesh is leined this Shabbos Parashas Pekudei; it is Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Nissan as well.

Leil Bedikas Chametz is Thursday night, April 10th.

Shabbos Hagadol is Erev Pesach. Pesach begins on Motzaei Shabbos, April 12th.

PEKUDEI: An accounting of the precious metals and materials collected for the Mishkan • The Bigdei Kehunah are fashioned • Everything is completed as Hashem commanded • Moshe blesses the workers • Hashem commands Moshe to erect the Mishkan • On Rosh Chodesh Nissan, Moshe erects the Mishkan and anoints the Keilim • Moshe dresses Aharon and Aharon's sons in the Bigdei Kehunah and anoints them • The Ananei HaKavod rest on the Mishkan • Hashem's Glory fills the Mishkan and Moshe cannot enter • The Bnei Yisrael travel based on the movement of the Ananei HaKavod • Chazak Chazak V'nis'cha-zeik!

PARASHAS HACHODESH: This special maftir 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.

HAFTARAH OF PARASHAS HACHODESH: 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 Pekudei • 92 Pesukim • No mitzvos listed

"These are the accountings of the Mishkan, the Mishkan of the testimony" (Shemos 38:22)

The Midrash on this pasuk explains that the repetition of the words "HaMishkan, Mishkan" alludes to the two Batei Mikdash that were tragically destroyed due to sin. Why, at this juncture of the inauguration of the Mishkan, does the Torah allude to the destruction of the Batei Mikdash?

Rav Moshe Feinstein zt"l explains: In our parashah, Moshe Rabbeinu made a public accounting of all the materials donated to the Mishkan, and detailed the way in which they were used. This public accounting served a dual purpose: firstly, that no one should suspect him of misappropriating the materials, and secondly, that he personally should not be tempted to do so! Surprisingly, Moshe Rabbeinu, the greatest of our prophets and a G-dly man, felt it appropriate to safeguard himself from succumbing to petty thievery.

Rav Moshe zt"l explains that the generation of the Churban was lax in instituting safeguards from sin; this was the polar opposite of the zehirus and vigilance demonstrated by Moshe Rabbeinu in our parashah. Tragically, by placing too much faith in their ability to resist temptation, they neglected to establish adequate protections against transgressions to which they eventually succumbed. Ultimately, this led to the destruction of the Batei Mikdash, that, the Midrash says, our pasuk is alluding to. One must be careful to never 'let his guard down' as these gedarim are a primary component of Avodas Hashem. Through proper zerizus and zehirus, we will bez"H be zocheh to the rebuilding of the Bais HaMikdash speedily in our days.