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Shabbos Parshas Vayakhel

FRIDAY NIGHT, MAR 21

- » Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 7:00 PM
- » Candles 7:21 PM
- » Sunset 7:39 PM

SHABBOS DAY, MAR 22

- » **Shacharis followed by Kiddush 8:00 AM.**
- » 15-min Pirkei Avos Shiur for Women following Kiddush
- » Women & Children S"Y 6:00 - 7:00 PM
- » Mincha 7:10 PM
- » Sunset 7:40 PM
- » Maariv 8:22 PM
- » Shabbos Ends (50 min) 8:30 PM
- » Rabbeinu Tam (72 min) 8:52 PM

A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "COWARDS DIE MANY TIMES BEFORE THEIR DEATHS; THE VALIANT NEVER TASTE OF DEATH BUT ONCE."

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Men

- » Yaakov ben Elisheva (Friend of Jeff Luftig - Andy Barnett)
- » 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)

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

CTC SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH (Week of Mar 23, 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 7:25 PM**
- » Gemara Bava Basra 7:55 - 8:40 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 Vayakhel - Parah • March 22nd • 22 Adar 5785

Parashas Parah is leined this week (the Shabbos before Parashas Hachodesh). Two Sifrei Torah are taken out, and the maftir of Parashas Parah (Bamidbar 19:1-22) is read from the second sefer. Parashas Parah discusses the preparation and use of the parah adumah ashes. Some maintain that this k'riah is a mitzvah d'Oraisa. Many congregations say Yotzros during Shacharis. Av Harachamim is omitted.

Some have the custom to recite a Kel Mallei this Shabbos during Minchah for any yahrzeit which will fall in the coming weeks, through Chodesh Nissan. This is because Kel Mallei may not be said during Chodesh Nissan and is also not recited before Mussaf when one of the Daled Parshiyos are leined. (Next Shabbos, Parashas Pekudei is both Shabbos Mevorchim and Parashas Hachodesh, and Shabbos Minchah next week coincides with Erev Rosh Chodesh). A Kel Mallei can also be said after Kerias Hatorah on Monday or Thursday prior to Chodesh Nissan.

Parashas Parah is this Shabbos Parashas Vayakhel. Yom Kippur Katan is observed on Thursday, March 27th. Parashas Hachodesh is leined next 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.

VAYAKHEL: Moshe gathers the Bnei Yisroel and teaches them about Shabbos - and in particular, the prohibition against igniting a fire • The instructions for collecting materials and constructing the Mishkan • Men, and perhaps even more so, women, bring materials • The Nesi'im bring the precious stones for Avnei Shoham and the Avnei Miluim • Betzalel has been blessed with Divine inspiration and capabilities • Moshe tells the people to stop bringing materials, as even more than needed was collected • Details of the Mishkan boards, cur-

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tains, vessels, and the Courtyard curtains and pillars are all repeated.

Parashas Parah: An unblemished, completely red heifer that has never done any work is slaughtered on Har Hazeisim, a mountain opposite the Beis Hamikdash, and its blood is sprayed in the direction of the Ulam doors • The cow is burned there together with cedar wood, hyssop, and a thread of dyed crimson wool; the resulting ashes are mixed into spring water • This mixture is sprayed onto one who is impure with tumas meis, on the third and seventh days of the seven-day purification process • An impure person (including tumas meis) who enters the Mikdash is punished by kareis • Laws of tumas meis

Haftarah: The haftarah relates the prophecy of Yechezkel (36:16-38), listing the purification process that Hashem will perform upon us at the time of the final redemption.

Parashas Vayakhel • 122 Pesukim • 1 Prohibition

1) Do not carry out a death penalty on Shabbos. Despite the grave sin which deserves severe punishment, the kedushah and serenity of the Shabbos grants a day of rest even to evildoers.

“Every man whose heart inspired him came; and everyone whose spirit moved him, brought the portion of Hashem” (Shemos 35:21)

The Torah describes the contributors to the construction of the Mishkan, as individuals who were “Nesa’o Libo” and “Nad’va Rucho”. What are these descriptions referring to?

The Ramban explains that nedivus halev refers to those who contributed materials and nesa’o libo refers to the craftsmen who performed the actual work. The Ramban writes that in Mitzrayim the Bnei Yisrael worked only with brick and mortar. Nevertheless, craftsmen emerged able to work skillfully with gold, silver and other fine materials. While the Torah acknowledges that, in the case of Betzalel, his ability was a direct blessing from Hashem, how did Betzalel’s assistants acquire their new talents?

The Chofetz Chaim (in Toras Habayis §7) writes that people who come forward with dedication to any form of avodas Hashem are granted the abilities to fulfill the tasks that they undertook. One who possesses a true desire and dedication to rise to the task will merit Divine assistance to fulfill his goals. Even one who seems to be lacking in talent will merit Divine assistance and blessing to be able to grow and achieve.