

Zmanim & Services

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM
PARASHAT EKEV
AUGUST 24, 2019

Friday Night

Shir Hashirim	6:50 pm
Candle Lighting	7:25 pm
Minha	7:00 pm

*followed by Kabbalat Shabbat /
Arvit*

Shabbat Day

Shaharit	8:45 am
Latest Shema	9:36 am
Pre-Pre-Mincha Shiur	5:50 pm
Pre-Mincha Shiur	6:30 pm
Minha	7:10 pm
Arvit	8:09 pm
Havdala	8:19 pm

Weekly Schedule

Shaharit

Sunday	8:00 am
Mon/ Thu	6:20 am
Tue/Wed/Fri	6:30 am

Minha/Arvit

Sunday	7:20 pm
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Rabbi Haim Jachter

A Must Listen to Shiur on Kashrut in Israel

Finally, we have an opportunity for some clarity on a murky topic that effects all of us at some time in our lives. For years and even decades, I (and many others) have been searching for some authoritative guidance about Kashrut in Israel. We have all heard that Israel Kashrut scene is a complex issue surrounded by considerable controversy, but we have not quite been able to get a clear grasp of the situation and how to manage it. Finally, Rav Aryeh Leibowitz of Yeshivat Shaalvim, whose parents Rhonda and Marty Lebowitz are neighbors and affiliate members of Congregation Shaarei Orah, the Sephardic Congregation of Teaneck), has recorded a Shiur where he presents a candid, straightforward and balanced view of the situation <https://www.yutorah.org/lectures/lecture.cfm/917990/rabbi-aryeh-leibowitz/rabbanut-mehadrin-or-bedatz-an-introduction-to-kashrus-in-israel/>.

Rav Leibowitz sets forth that which is fairly well known: The Rabbanut Regilah, or base level Kashrut service provided by the State of Israel Chief Rabbinate, on the one hand exceeds the Kashrut standards of the OU in a few areas but on the other hand, significantly lags behind it regarding many others. It is stricter in regards to Hadash and Halav Yisrael. However, Rav Leibowitz states that Rabbanut Regilah often accept the opinions that accept gelatin from non-kosher sources and non-Glatt meat, which the OU long ago rejected. Moreover, he states that the frequency of inspections of the supervised facilities also is often far less than what is the norm at OU supervised situations. These are just some of the gaps between their respective levels of Kashrut (other issues include inspection for small insects, Bishul Akum, Hallah, Terumot and Ma'aserot).

Rav Leibowitz explains that he does not intend to impugn the Rabbanut. In fact, the Rabbanut is coming from a very well-meaning and even beautiful place. Israeli Jews differ dramatically from American Jews. The vast majority of Israeli Jews, Rav Leibowitz explains, prefer to observe at least a basic level of Kashrut if it is not difficult. Thus, the Rabbanut seeks to maximize basic Kashrut observance by making basic level Kashrut available to the widest audience possible. They do this, to a great extent, by relaxing the standards.

The American Kashrut audience in North America, by contrast, are for the most part fully observant Orthodox Jews who wish to abide by considerably more than minimal standards. Thus, the OU and other comparable Kashrut agencies certify products and services

at a much higher standard.

American Orthodox Jews, Rav Leibowitz explains, often think of Israel as a place where Kosher food is abundant and available with ease almost everywhere. While to a certain extent this is true, a much more sophisticated and discerning approach is in order. Thus, Rav Leibowitz recommends, as do most Orthodox rabbis, that in Israel one limit their eating to stores certified by either Rabbanut Mehadrin or a respected private Kashrut provider.

Even the term Badatz, he explains, is subject to a multitude of standards. Badatz is an acronym of Beit Din Tzedek. While this term is often associated with the Badatz of Jerusalem's Edah HaHaredit, in reality any private organization can call themselves Badatz. Thus, when told that a service is certified by Badatz, the question one needs to ask is what Badatz. Respected Badatzes include, in addition to that of the Edah HaHaredit of Jerusalem, the Badatz of Rav Mahpood, the Badatz of Rav Landau and the Badatz of Rav Rubin. Rav Leibowitz referred to the website <https://www.kosharot.co.il/> as a respected resource in regards to sorting through the maze of Kashrut organizations in Israel.

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One point to clarify: Every once in a while, one hears the claim “Kosher is Kosher, either it is Kosher or not”. However, as anyone with even a basic level of knowledge knows, it is not at all that rudimentary. Such a claim is comparable to saying “either it is car or it is not a car”. Anyone with any level of familiarity with the car market knows that there is an enormous variety of levels of automotive quality. We all know better than to say “either he is a doctor or he is not a doctor”. We should apply at least the same level of sophistication in regards to Kashrut, especially in Israel.

Bottom line, all readers are urged arm themselves with the information Rav Leibowitz provides at <https://www.yutorah.org/lectures/lecture.cfm/917990/rabbi-aryeh-leibowitz/rabbanut-mehadrin-or-bedatz-an-introduction-to-kashrus-in-israel/>. Once armed with this information, have a discussion with your family rabbi who can best tailor the information to meet your family’s needs. After all, the best Kashrut consumer is an informed Kashrut consumer, especially in regards to Israeli Kashrut.

Announcements

- ❖ **Please Note:** There is no kiddush this week due to a social hall rental. To sponsor towards the kiddush fund, please visit <https://www.sephardicteaneck.org/form/kiddush-fund-donation.html>.
- ❖ **Seudah Shelisheet** is sponsored by Joyce and Carmi Mizrahi for the azkara of שרה חתון בת חביבה. To sponsor seudah shelisheet please visit <https://www.sephardicteaneck.org/form/seudah>.
- ❖ **Our** heartfelt condolences to our member, Linda Esses on the passing of her beloved mother, Arleen Cohen, Chana Rivka bat Libi Raizel and Yehuda. Shiva will be observed at the home of Janice and Steven Jacobs, **15 Laurel Court, Bergenfield, New Jersey. Shiva Saturday night - from 9:00PM to 11:00PM, Shaharit at 7:30AM, Minha/Arvit at 7:30PM daily.** Shiva will be completed after Shaharit on **Wednesday morning, August 28th.** The family requests **no visitors from 5:30PM to 6:30PM or after 9:30PM.** To send a donation card through Shaarei Orah, please contact office@sephardicteaneck.org. May the families be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.
- ❖ **The Ohayon family** invites everyone to their chanukat habayit at 446 Ogden Avenue, Teaneck at **9:15PM Motzei Shabbat, August 24th.**
 - ❖ **We** welcome Rachelle and Shlomo Amar who recently joined as affiliate members.
- ❖ **We** are excited to announce that as of **today, Friday, August 23th,** we are on a Shaharit minyan streak of **84 consecutive days!** Stay tuned for our big Kiddush celebration if we hit the 100-minyan mark. Thank you, Ari Stein, for all your help with the daily minyan and thank you to all of our participants. Let's keep this streak alive! For updates and suggestions or if you would like to contribute towards this celebration, please contact Cesare Pinto - cesarepinto11@gmail.com.
- ❖ **Reminder:** Rabbi Jachter's Tuesday night class will not take place during the Summer.
- ❖ **High Holiday Seating:** Early bird pricing ends on **8/29/19.** Women's section seating is sold out for Rosh Hashana and almost fully sold for Yom Kippour. Limited ballroom chair seating may be available. Please contact the office for more details. Men's section almost completely sold out for both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippour. Please make your reservations today. Questions? Contact office@sephardicteaneck.org. To discuss payment options please email finance@sephardicteaneck.org
- ❖ **Happy Birthday** to Lillian Simhon (Aug 23), Devorah Shoshana Fink (Aug 24), Osher Lari (Aug 25), Ezra Chechik (Aug 25), Elliot Anapolle (Aug 26), Andrew Fink (Aug 26), Yoni Steiner (Aug 26) and Amichai Tzion Benson (Aug 29).
 - ❖ **The deadline for all submissions to the weekly newsletter is Thursday at 10AM. Thank you for your cooperation.**
 - ❖ **Come and participate in our wonderful classes. See details on the back page of the newsletter.**
- ❖ **CONSTRUCTION NOTICE:** Construction is being done on Ogden Avenue on Friday, August 23rd and Monday August 26th. There will be limited street parking. Everyone should either walk to synagogue or plan on parking on other streets. As always, please be respectful of our neighbors on the surrounding streets and do not block driveways. Thank you for your cooperation.

Shorashai Orah

Chesed Opportunity: A young widow living in Teaneck, whose husband was a Talmid of Rabbi Jachter, is in need of babysitting coverage on **Sunday mornings** from **9:45-11:15** each week and as needed, when she has to work, from **11:15AM to 1:30PM/2:00PM**. Looking for our babysitting-age girls to volunteer for this important chesed on a rotating basis. The individual has two daughters (ages 6 and 2) and lives in Terrace Circle. **Please respond to Erica Ohayon - shorashai.orah@gmail.com.**

A Story – On Kindness

A cab driver picked up his passenger in the dead of the night. An elderly woman stood outside the building with a suitcase. He smiled at her and walked her to the car and carried her case into the trunk of the cab.

As they settled into drive, he asked her where she wanted to go... After giving him the address, she asked... Can we drive through downtown to get there?

It'll be longer...he said. The woman smiled.... I don't mind, I'm going to the hospice tonight.

The cab driver looked in the rear-view mirror. Her eyes were glistening.... I don't have any family left.... she continued. The doctor says I don't have very long.

He quietly reached over and shut off the meter. They drove for two hours with the woman showing the cab driver various buildings where she grew up, where she worked, where she met her husband.

As the sun started rising, they stopped outside the hospice where two orderlies greeted them. The cab driver carried her suitcase for her as she was already seated in a wheelchair to be taken in.

How much do I owe you? she said. The cab driver said...Nothing at all. You have to make a living.... She answered. Oh, there are other passengers...He responded. Almost without thinking, he bent and gave her a hug. She held onto him tightly. Their hug ended with her remark.... You gave an old woman a little moment of joy.

After a slight pause, she added.... Thank you.

Moral: We never get to know the stories of the people we meet. A little kindness and love are all that is needed to make a difference in the world.

Dvar Torah by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin

The Torah states:

"And you shall eat and be satisfied and bless the Almighty, your God, for the good land which He gave you. Guard yourself lest you forget the Lord, your God, and do not observe His commandments and His laws and His statutes which I command you this day" (Deut 8:10-11).

What lesson for life are we to learn from the juxtaposition of these two verses?

In the blessings we make after eating a meal, in addition to thanking the Almighty for the land of Israel, the Sages have included thanking Him for the Covenant with Him and for the Torah which He gave us. This ensures that we focus on a Higher level, rather just the food and materialism -- which would cause us to forget the Almighty.

Therefore, this is the lesson we learn from the juxtaposition of these two verses: If you will eat and are satisfied and bless the Almighty for just the land itself -- then (verse 11) you must be on guard not to forget the Almighty and His commandments (Chasam Sofer; Toras Moshe). When you eat in order to live and live in order to do good deeds, then your eating is elevated to a spiritual level!

Source – Aish.com

Wisdom of The Week by Ezra Ghazal

It is clear to me that one can't be Jewish without Israel. Religious or non-religious, Zionist or non-Zionist, Ashkenazi or Sephardi – all these will not exist without Israel – Elie Wiesel

Weekly Riddle

Tom's height is six feet, he is an assistant at a butcher's shop, and wears size 12 shoes. What does he **weigh**?

Answer is located on the back sheet, guess before you look!!!

Time to Smile

The key to eating healthy is not eating any food that has a TV **commercial**.



ALLERGY NOTICE

Shaarei Orah is a "nut aware" facility. All food for both public and private events, including our Shabbat youth groups, may not contain nuts or nut products of any kind (this includes products that "may contain" nuts or that were "processed in a facility" that also processes nuts). For more details please contact office@sephardicteaneck.org

UPCOMING EVENTS & MORE...

NEW MOTZEI SHABBOS WOMEN'S SHIUR- All women ages 12-120 are invited to a live streaming shiurim series beginning Motzei Shabbos, **August 31 through November 21, from 9:30pm-10:15pm**. The topics will be varied and the confirmed speakers include: Rabbi Tanchum Cohen, Mrs. Elissa Hochbaum, Dr. Jennifer Klau, Mrs. Lynn Kraft, Rabbi Yoni Levin, Rabbi Chaim Marcus, Rabbi Larry Rothwachs, Rabbi Dovid'l Weinberg, Dr. Rayzel Yaish. Each participant is asked to contribute \$50 for the 10 speaker series. All money collected will be used as compensation for the aforementioned and future speakers for their time. To join this amazing new shiurim series and receive the live streaming link, please email russell.moskowitz@mac.com.

The Shaarei Tefillah Men's Club will hold a Blood Drive on Sunday, September 8, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please register at www.redcrossblood.org with Sponsor Code "Shaare Tefillah" or reach out to Ari Davis at ari.davis1@gmail.com and he can register for you. Shaare Tefillah is located at 510 Claremont Avenue in Teaneck.

Distinguished Israeli journalist and Kiryat Shemona Hesder Yeshiva alumnus Yair Kraus will speak on "Strengthening Israel's North Through Resilience and Security" and the impact of the Kiryat Shemona Hesder Yeshiva and Bizzur program in the Galil on Thursday, **September 12th at 8:00PM** at the home of Gabrielle and Daniel Altman, 727 Dearborn St., Teaneck. For more information, contact michal.natan.1959@gmail.com.

Project Yechi provides financial support for families undergoing cancer treatments. Their annual BBQ will take place at Keter Torah, 600 Roemer Avenue, Teaneck on **September 14, 2019 at 9:15PM**.

Sept. 22, 7:30 PM at Rinat Israel, 389 West Englewood Avenue, Teaneck, Community Wide Program on "Crisis Intervention" Sponsored by IsraAid & the Jack Flamholz Sustainability Project. Everyone knows that Israel is the first "with Boots on the Ground" in time of any World Crisis. Very few know that IsraAid is the organization behind these brave and critical efforts. Come hear Naonel Glick (Voni) Isra Aid's co CEO, and award winning humanitarian leader (Shusterman Fellow, Forbes under 30 List, Tevel BeZedek) inform you on how you can be actively involved. Engaging Crisis Intervention Case Study Workshops for High School students. Please RSVP to bevluch@gmail.com.

Please join us for a support group for loved ones of those struggling with substance abuse and addiction. We meet every other Wednesday night in Teaneck at 8:15 p.m. For more information, please email CCSA at time2talkaddiction@gmail.com.

***** Answer to the Weekly Riddle – Meat.... *****

WEEKLY SHIURIM @ SHAAREI ORAH

- ❖ **Rabbi Jachter:** - Shabbat morning Pre-Sha'harit Shiur at **8:30am** on the weekly Parasha – Shabbat afternoon **Pre-pre Minha** Shiur **80 minutes** before Minha - **Pre-Minha** Shiur **40 minutes** before Minha - **Men and women are invited. Tuesday nights at 8:00 PM** at Shaarei Orah on Kashrut Straight from the Shulhan Aruch (**on hiatus for the summer**). **Weekly e-mail 5-minute Sephardic Shiur of the week - Hebrew version and English version.**
- ❖ **Shlomo Levy** - Wednesday nights, chavruta style learning on Hilchot Shabbat - **9:00 - 10:00 pm** in the Beit Midrash upstairs.
- ❖ **Rabbi Michael Chernlck:** Beginner's Talmud, Tuesday nights, 8:30-9:30 pm

Shaarei Orah Contact Information

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