

Zmanim & Services

PARASHAT KI TETZE
SEPTEMBER 14, 2019
14 ELUL 5779

Friday Night

Shir Hashirim 6:45 pm
Minha 6:55 pm
Candle Lighting 6:51 pm
*followed by Kabbalat Shabbat /
Arvit*

Shabbat Day

Shaharit 8:45 am
Latest Shema 9:43 am
Pre-Mincha Shiur 5:15 pm
Mincha 6:35 pm
Arvit 7:34 pm
Havdala 7:44 pm

Weekly Schedule

Shaharit

Sunday /Selihot 7:00 am
Followed by Shaharit
Mon - Fri/Selihot 5:20 am
Followed by Shaharit

Mincha/Arvit

Sunday 6:45 pm



Rabbi Haim Jachter

Fighting Price Gouging by Adopting a Lenient Opinion – Possible Contemporary Applications

It is possible that if the Rabbanim feel that the local merchants are taking advantage of the Jewish community and overcharging for various religious-based needs, they may instruct the community to fight back and rely on lenient Halachic opinions. Precedent for adopting a lenient approach to fight price gouging may be found in Pesachim 30a, Sukkah 34b, Keritut 8a, Teshuvot Tzemah Tzedek 28, Kaf HaHaim 242:12 and Rav Meir Mazoz (Tehumin 35:91-102).

The Gemara presents cases where Rabbanim advised following more lenient opinions regarding Hametz after Pesah, Hadassim and the number of Korbanot required of a woman who gave birth to multiple children. In the contemporary context, Rav Meir Mazoz (a major Halachic authority in the Sephardic community) argues for relying on the Heter Mechirah (the sale of Israeli land by the Israeli Chief Rabbinate to avoid Shemittah prohibitions) rather than being forced to purchase poor quality products at unreasonable prices that satisfy the stricter approach to Shemittah.

The Kaf HaHaim mentions an opinion that limits the permission to where there is at least a one third price gouge. However, he does not subscribe to this limitation. Instead, he leaves it to the judgment of the leadership of the specific community that is being impacted.

The situation which the Kaf HaHaim addressed was a community that is being overcharged for fish for Shabbat. As is well known, the Gemara (in the famous story of Yosef Mokir on Shabbat 119a: The Kabbalah enthusiastically encourages this practice) indicates a preference for us to eat fish on Shabbat. The Kaf HaHaim writes that community leadership can decide to forego fish on Shabbat if they believe the community is being taken advantage of.

It would seem also that if community leaders deem butchers to be charging Sephardic Jews unreasonable prices for Bet Yosef Halak meat, they may advise congregants to purchase meat that satisfies the not as strict Ashkenazic standard of Glatt Kosher. Although Rav Ovadia Yosef strongly encourages Sephardic Jews to consume only Halak meat, he permits relying on the more lenient Ashkenazic version of Glatt in case of

great need (Teshuvot Yabia Omer 5 Yoreh De'ah 3).

I recently applied this idea when reviewing an Eruv in the Midwest. The community is forced to use a specific company to install Lechis when needed on utility poles. The company is the only one approved by the local utility company to perform this work on its poles. Taking advantage of the situation, the company charges exorbitant prices for its services (\$200 per Lechi; the usual charge ranges from \$50 to \$75 per Lechi).

I told the community that in such a case they may rely on the lenient approach of Rav Moshe Feinstein who believes that a Lechi is not necessary unless there is a significant change in direction in the wire used for the Eruv. Rav Zvi Pesah Frank and Rav Mordechai Willig agree with Rav Moshe. While in ordinary circumstances we make considerable effort to accommodate Rav Hershel Schachter's opinion that Lechis should not be more than .05 to 0.1 miles apart, in case of great need we may rely on the more lenient view of Rav Moshe, Rav Zvi Pesah and Rav Willig.

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Those who provide Halachic based services to the Jewish community deserve to make a proper living like anyone else. However, it is intolerable for them to take advantage of the community by price gouging. There is ample basis in the Gemara and contemporary Poskim for the community to fight back by relying on lenient views. May we never have the need to wage this battle and that pricing conflicts as well as all conflicts be resolved peacefully without resort to drastic measures.

Announcements

- ❖ **Kiddush** this week is sponsored by the kiddush fund. To contribute to the kiddush fund, please visit <https://www.sephardicteaneck.org/form/kiddush-fund-donation.html>.
- ❖ **Seudah Shelisheet** this week is co-sponsored by **Ilana and Shlomo Barry** on the occasion of the 20th yahrtzeit of Ilana's mother, Gail Polakoff/Tovah Yaffa bat Tzvi and **Joyce and Carmi Mizrahi** in honor of the azkara of Carmi's brother, Dror Rehavya ben Reuven Nisim. To sponsor seudah shelisheet please visit <https://www.sephardicteaneck.org/form/seudah>.
- ❖ **Rabbi Jachter's Halacha To Go Shiur** weekly sponsorships: **Thursday-9/12/19** - anonymous in honor of Rabbi Jachter for starting this new initiative.
 - ❖ We welcome **Miriam and Sion Vaanunu** who recently joined as full members.
- ❖ **We have completed 100 consecutive days of the weekday Shaharit Minyan!** Let's keep it going! Thank you to **Ari Stein** and **Cesare Pinto** for coordinating the minyan. In honor of this occasion, there will be a kiddush on **September 21, 2019**. To commemorate this momentous occasion and contribute to this special kiddush, please visit <https://www.sephardicteaneck.org/form/kiddush-fund-donation.html> If you have any questions, please contact the office - office@sephardicteaneck.org
- ❖ **Rabbi Jachter's** Tuesday night halacha class has moved to What'sApp! Please visit <https://chat.whatsapp.com/B57KmA6aEyV2t8Hcgpkqu4> to join "R. Jachter's Halacha To Go." Sponsorships in the amount of \$18 are available. To sponsor a shiur in honor or in memory of someone visit https://www.sephardicteaneck.org/form/whatsapp_shiur_sponsor. For help please contact office@sephardicteaneck.org.
- ❖ **Sephardic Selihot** will continue during the week on weekdays at **5:20 AM**, followed by Shaharit and on Sundays at **7:00 AM**, followed by Shaharit. Dedications for Selihot are available 'in honor of/'in memory of/'refuah sh'lema' at various sponsorship levels: **Platinum - \$260, Gold - \$126, Silver - \$52**, Please visit <https://www.sephardicteaneck.org/form/Selihot> to sign up online. You can also sponsor by contacting office (201) 833-0800 - office@sephardicteaneck.org.
- ❖ **High Holiday Seating:** There are a few men's seats available for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippour. This Sunday, September 15th is the final deadline for seating reservations. Visit https://www.sephardicteaneck.org/form/YN2019_5780 to register. If you have not done so, please register for babysitting at <https://www.sephardicteaneck.org/form/babysitting2019>. Children who are not registered will not be allowed to attend groups and must be supervised by adults. Please make your reservations today. Questions? Contact office@sephardicteaneck.org. To discuss payment options please email finance@sephardicteaneck.org.
- ❖ **Happy Birthday** to Leia Rubinstein (Sep 13), Arie Levin (Sep 14), Elijah Ben Albert (Sep 17), Michael Benhamu (Sep 18) and Yehuda Benguigui (Sep 19).
- ❖ **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.**

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 Love and Kindness

A man stopped one day to help an old lady who was stranded on the side of the road. He decided to help her, so he stopped his Pontiac next to her Mercedes and got out. The old lady was a bit frightened and nervous because of his shabby appearance. The man, sensing this, approached carefully and tried to calm her.

He said to her, **“Don’t worry. I’m here to help you. My name is Bryan Anderson.”** He proceeded to fix her flat tire and became dirty and slightly injured in the process. When he was finished, the lady asked him how much she owed him. He responded by telling her that if she really wanted to repay him, she could pass on the kindness to someone else in their time of need.

Later that evening the lady stopped at a small, dingy cafe. The waitress who served her was pregnant and tired. Despite her apparent exhaustion, the waitress was very sweet and friendly. The lady wondered how someone who was so tired from a long day of work could still be so friendly and kind to her.

Then she remembered Bryan. When the lady finished her meal, she paid with a hundred-dollar bill. The waitress went to get change and when she came back, the lady was gone.

She left a note on the napkin... **“You don’t owe me anything. Somebody once helped me, just like I’m helping you now. If you really want to pay me back, do not let this chain of love end with you.”** The waitress found four more one hundred-dollar bills under the napkin.

That night, the waitress went home early. She thought about the lady and the money she left. She wondered how the lady could possibly know how much they needed it. She knew her husband was worried, and she was worried about him. She couldn’t wait to tell him the good news.

Then she kissed him and whispered...” **Now everything will be okay. I love you, Bryan Anderson.”**

Moral: A little love and kindness goes a long way!!!

Dvar Torah by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin

The Torah states:

“When you go out to war against your enemies, and the Almighty, your God, will give him into your hand...” (Deut. 21:10).

The Arizal, a great Kabbalist, noted that the verse refers to the Jewish people in the singular. However, regarding our enemies, it starts out in the plural (“enemies”) and the verse ends referring to them in the singular (“give him” -- instead of writing “give them”). Since this is not a case of poor editorship, what is the lesson that the Torah is coming to teach us?

The Arizal elucidates: The Torah is telling us that if we have unity and are as one when we go out against our enemies, then even though our enemies are very numerous, you will be victorious as easily as if they were just one.

The importance of unity for accomplishment applies not only during times of war against an enemy. It is just as necessary during times of peace. When a group of people will work on any project with a spirit of togetherness, they will accomplish much more than if they would each be doing things as separate individuals.

Source – Aish.com

Wisdom of The Week by Ezra Ghazal

The highest form of wisdom is kindness - Talmud

Weekly Riddle

If two is company and three is a crowd, what is four and five?

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

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Time to Smile

Seen on the door of a repair shop:

WE CAN FIX ANYTHING. (Please knock on the door—the bell doesn’t work.)





SHAAREI ORAH NEWSLETTER



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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...

This Shabbat, following Mincha at **6:35PM** at Keter Torah, 600 Roemer Avenue, Teaneck, Rabbi Steven Weil will speak on "From Wall Street to Main Street to Madison Avenue." Rabbi Weil will also give the drasha at the 9:00am minyan on "Casualties of War," and lead Daf Yomi at 5:35pm.

Project Yechi provides financial support for families undergoing Cancer treatments. Their annual barbecue will take place **Saturday night September 14th at 9:15 PM** at KETER TORAH, 600 Roemer Avenue, Teaneck. Enjoy the evening and lend support to an organization that has helped 350 families in the USA and Israel and has paid out over 2000 rent & mortgage payments.

Hat and clothing sale by The Big Bow Shop, **Sunday September 15th** at 642 Maitland Avenue, Teaneck from **11:30AM-1:30PM**. 15% of all sales to benefit Nechama Comfort.

The Adult Education Committee of Congregation Rinat Yisrael located at 389 W. Englewood Avenue in Teaneck presents a pre-mincha shiur by Rabbanit Shani Taragin, **Shabbat, September 21st at 5:05pm**. Topic: "Rabbi Akiva Celebrates Rosh HaShana." Rabbanit Shani Taragin is a noted author and teacher at Midreshet Lindenbaum, Midreshet Torah V'Avodah, MaTaN, Migdal Oz, Sha'alvim for Women, Lander College, and the Women's Beit Midrash in Efrat and Ramat Shilo.

Yomim Noraim Mikvah Hours for Men 5780/2019 The Teaneck Mikvah will be open for men's use on **Erev Rosh Hashanah and Erev Yom Kippur**. Men will have access to 12 preparation rooms, 2 express changing areas, and 3 mikvaot. One of the three mikvaot will close at 1:00 on Erev Rosh Hashana in order to prepare it for immediate post Rosh Hashanah use. Kindly enter through the Main Entrance of the Mikvah. Mikvah hours are as follows: **Erev Rosh Hashanah, Sunday, September 29th 5:00 AM – 3:30 PM Erev Yom Kippur, Tuesday, October 8th 4:30AM - 3:00 PM** Please be considerate and adhere to the closing times. **Fees: \$25 per person \$54 per family** Kindly shower at home and bring your own towels. Please call the Mikvah at **201-837-8220** or email us at teaneckmikvah@gmail.com with any questions. The Teaneck Mikvah, Florence & Joseph Appleman Building, is located at **1726 Windsor Road**.

The Orthodox Union presents TORAH NEW YORK, indoors at CITIFIELD (Queens, NY) **Sunday, September 22 (9am-6pm)** One Torah. One People. One Place. This is one of the most highly anticipated Torah events of the year. Now in its third year and appropriately timed to coincide with the first day of slichos. Spend a few hours or the whole day studying Torah with over two thousand fellow Jews from across the greater Orthodox community. Exciting programs include children's programming for ages 5-12, a Semichat Chaver program and siyyum, NCSY Torah Bowl, never seen footage of the Rav's Teshuva drasha, a live podcast of Dovid Lichtenstein, and more! Details and registration are online at www.ou.org/torahny or by calling **(212) 613-8300**. Register and enjoy the exclusive offers to Torah New York registrants: Three free months of Rabbi Fohrman's premium Aleph Beta content and 25% off all OU Press books.

The Sephardic Congregation of Fort Lee, located at 323 Tom Hunter Road, Fort Lee, will be hosting a Community Selihot on **Motzaei Shabbat September 29, 2019 at 12:15AM**. Shaarei Orah will be one of the synagogues participating.

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 – Nine..... *****

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. Weekly e-mail 5-minute Sephardic Shiur of the week - Hebrew version and English version.**

❖ **Rabbi Michael Chernlck**: Beginner's Talmud, Tuesday nights, 8:30-9:30 pm

Shaarei Orah Contact Information

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