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Tammuz 3

Rabbi Yehuda Halpert

Shabbat Times



Friday, June 15	
Mincha/Maariv:	7:15 PM
Candle Lighting:	8:11 PM
Shabbat, June 16	
Shacharit:	9:00 AM
Kriyat Shema:	9:10 AM
Mincha / Shalosh Seudot:	8:00 PM
Shkiya:	8:30 PM
Maariv:	9:16 PM
Shabbat Ends:	9:21 PM
Next Friday, June 22	
Mincha/Maariv:	7:15 PM
Candle Lighting:	8:13 PM

Rabbi Halpert's Availability

Rabbi Yehuda Halpert will be here: 6/16, 6/23.
He can be reached via email at RabbiYehudaHalpert@gmail.com, or phone in the evenings at 201-836-3828. In the event of an emergency, Rabbi Halpert can also be reached at 212-909-6951.

Yeshivat Noam Youth Groups

Groups for children ages 2-4 will be located in Room 3 from 9:45am - 11:00am. Morah Shira and Morah Melissa, two Yeshivat Noam teachers, will supervise. Toys and books will be provided by Yeshivat Noam. We ask parents to please send your child with a snack. Signup is on the website.

Chesed Committee

If you or anyone you know has moved in recently or knows somebody moving in, let Yosef Chai Klein or Yael Wine know! Check out ahavatshalomteaneck.com/movingin for more information.



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We welcome your input! Please send your newsletter announcements by Wednesday.

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Weather Report: Friday night: 60°, Clear

Shabbat day: 88°, Sunny with patches of clouds

Welcome - Talia & Ari Roffel and Rivki & Max Tune who recently moved into the community!

Tzeitzchem L'Shalom - to Sarit and Rabbi Jared Anstandig who are moving to Michigan. Thank you for all you have done for our community over the years, and we wish you hatzlacha on your move! Thank you as well for sponsoring kiddush "in thanks to the Ahavat Shalom community for making our time here so special!"

Parent & Me - Kids 0-2 (too young for groups). The program will take place in Room 6 from 10:00 A.M. until the end of davening. Come sing songs, play with toys and schmooze with other parents. Please provide your own snacks and be sensitive to nut allergies. Hope to see you there! (Moms and Dads welcome!) Just a reminder to please help clean up when you leave.

Thank You! Morah Shira, Morah Melissa and Yeshivat Noam for another successful and enjoyable year of Shabbat groups! Thank you for your ongoing commitment and partnership with Ahavat Shalom! There will be groups during the summer, details of which will be release during the coming week!

Looking to buy a home? Are you looking to buy a home in the next two years? Please join Ahavat Shalom on Sunday, June 24th at 9:30 AM at TABC for a First Time Home Buyers' seminar. An exclusive event providing potential home buyers with an in-depth look at home buying that is designed to help plan for the unexpected and avoid many pitfalls first-time buyers encounter. The seminar will feature Jordan (Yishai) Kadry - Mortgage Banker, FM Home Loans, Daniel Lorch - Realtor, Keller Williams, Yael Kasnett - Realtor, Friedberg, David Joyandeh - Attorney, Buckalew Frizzell & Crevina LLP and Michael Chapman - Attorney, The Law Offices of Louis B. Chapman.

Take me out to the Ball Game! Glatt Express is sponsoring Jewish Heritage Day at the Rockland Boulders game on June 24, 2018. Glatt Express has made free tickets available to the Ahavat Shalom community! For tickets, please fill out a request form at www.glattexpress.com/baseball/

Graduation Celebration Kiddush! The Graduation Celebration Kiddush will take place on Shabbat, June 30, 2018 right after davening! If you want to celebrate a graduation, birthday, anniversary, or any other special occasion, please reach out to the Board to sponsor at board@teaneckapartments.com!

Chesed Committee - The Chesed Committee's Community Resource Initiative is open for business! If there is anyone in need of professional services, please reach out to chesed@teaneckapartments.com. Thanks to the generous members of our community, we have set up a professional network to assist you with your professional needs. All correspondence will remain virtually anonymous. Available services include financial planning, tax returns and advice, and therapy/counseling and more.

Congregation Bnai Yeshurun's Adult Education Committee presents - Dr. Jeffrey Gurock on American Jewry's Historical & Contemporary Scorecard: Using the metaphor of sports to discuss past and present challenges to the American Jewish community. Sunday, June 24, 2018 at 9:00 PM in the CBY Social Hall, 641 West Englewood Avenue, Teaneck. Jeffrey S. Gurock is the Libby M. Klaperman Professor of Jewish history at Yeshiva University. He is the author or editor of 20 books and over 100 scholarly articles and reviews. This lecture is generously sponsored by the Grunstein Family.

Looking for some laughs? London based Orthodox Jewish comedian Ashley Blaker is flying into NY for 5 weeks from May 27 to June 28 and will be performing his unique one-man comedy show on Broadway. Join us for this special, once-in-a-generation opportunity to see an orthodox Jewish comedian on Broadway! Tickets for Ashley's show cost \$43. Contact sisterhood@teaneckapartments.com if you are interested! Depending on the interest, we may be able to get a group discount.



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Guarding Precious Treasures

Following the events of the Korach episode, the Torah clearly delineates the role of the *Kohanim* and *Leviim*. Although they participated in different ways in the service of the *Mishkan*, they are both given the *mitzvah* of *Shemiras HaMikdash* - the guarding of the *Mishkan*, and in subsequent years, the *Beis HaMikdash*. There are two reasons for this *mitzvah*. Rashi (*Bamidbar* 18:2) focuses on the practical goal of guarding the *Mishkan* in order to prevent a non-Kohen from entering. By contrast, the Rambam (*Hilchos Beis Habechira* 8:1) highlights that guarding is not for any practical concern, but rather, it is an expression of honor for the location. The Rambam compares this to a palace that is guarded simply as a sign of respect.

Shemira - guarding - plays an important role in many areas of *mitzvah* observance. There is an obligation to institute safeguards to protect the *mitzvos*. This requirement is derived from the wording of the Torah, "You should guard my precepts" (*Vayikra* 18:30). Guarding the *mitzvos* by instituting rabbinic prohibitions accomplishes two things. On a practical level, it prevents one from violating a Torah prohibition. By not moving a pencil on Shabbos, one will most likely not come to write. But rabbinic restrictions also accomplish another goal. By observing these additional protective measures, we demonstrate our reverence for the Torah laws. Just as the palace of the king must be guarded as an indication of honor and respect, so too, do the *mitzvos* warrant our recognition of their significance.

Although all of the *mitzvos* require protection, the *mitzvah* of Shabbos is unique in that Shabbos observance is described as "guarding the Shabbos." In the realm of *hilchos Shabbos*, there are numerous rabbinic prohibitions. These serve not only to prevent actual Shabbos violation, they also serve to elevate the significance of Shabbos in our eyes. It is precisely because Shabbos is such a precious treasure that we must guard it by meticulously observing every rabbinic safeguard.

The Torah speaks numerous times about guarding and performing the *mitzvos*. *Chazal* interpret guarding as referring to *talmud* Torah. Studying Torah serves a dual function as a guard for Torah observance. First, Torah study lends to practice in a direct manner; one who is not knowledgeable about the intricacies of *mitzvah* observance will not be able to properly perform the *mitzvos*. Torah study also indicates our appreciation of the *mitzvos*. *Chazal* compare the words of Torah to a King's decree. One who analyzes and reviews every nuance of the King's word is showing the proper reverence for the King. Similarly, our involvement in Torah study is an expression of honor and respect for Hashem's Word. By studying Torah, we are guarding our most precious treasure.

We have been entrusted by Hashem with many gifts. *Mikdash, Shabbos, Torah* and *mitzvos* must be guarded as they are our most sacred possessions. By according them the utmost honor and respect, we show true reverence for Hashem Who bestowed these treasures upon us.

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