



Candle Lighting
8:04p

Mincha
7:00p

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8:09p



SHABBOS SCHEDULE

Shabbos Night

7:00p Mincha followed by
Kabbolas Shabbos
8:04p Candle Lighting & Zman Minyan

Shabbos Day

9:00a Shacharis (9:24a KS)
5:55p Early Mincha
6:20p Daf Yomi (Yehuda Neuberger)
7:15p Pirkei Avos (Rabbi Silber)
8:00p Mincha followed by
Shalosh Seudos
9:05p Havdallah



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Week of 5/27- 13th of Sivan

Sun

7:15, 8:00, 9:00a Shacharis
6:40p Plag Mincha
8:10p Mincha/Maariv

Mon, Memorial Day

7:15, 9:00a Shacharis
6:40p Plag Mincha
8:10p Mincha/Maariv

Tues - Thurs, Fri a.m.

6:45, 9:00a Shacharis
6:35p Plag Mincha
8:05p Mincha/Maariv
9:05p Late Maariv



WEEKLY SHIURIM

Sun-Mon

8:00a Daf Yomi

Tues - Fri

5:45a Gan HaEmunah
5:55a Daf Yomi

Mon - Thurs | 8:15- 9:30p

IJC Night Kollel

Wednesday

9:30a Insights on Tehillim & the Parsha
(for women at BJSZ)

Thursday

8:00p Likutei Moharan (for men)

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DEATH & DETERMINATION

RABBI SHMUEL SILBER

It is in this week's Parsha that we are introduced to an important personality – the Nazir. He is a man who takes a vow to abstain from drinking wine, cutting his hair and coming in contact with the dead in order to attain a higher level of life sanctity. The Nazir is a person who has lost his way, become too entrenched in the material world and is looking to hit the reset button. His behavior is extreme, but it is designed to allow him to ultimately find the middle path of synergistic partnership between body and soul.

Yet, sometimes the best laid plans go awry.

“If someone in his presence dies unexpectedly or suddenly, and causes the Nazirite head to become defiled, he shall shave off [the hair of] his head on the day of his purification; on the seventh day, he shall shave it off. And on the eighth day, he shall bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons to the Kohen, at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. The Kohen shall prepare one for a sin offering and one for a burnt offering and atone on his behalf for sinning by coming into contact with the dead, and he shall sanctify his head on that day. He shall consecrate to the Lord the period of his abstinence and bring a lamb in its first year as a guilt offering; the previous days shall be canceled because his naziriteship has been defiled.” (Bamidbar 6:9-12)

The Nazir tries his best, but an unavoidable circumstance puts a corpse in his proximity. The days observed fall by the wayside and the Nazir must restart the fulfillment of his vow. The Beis Yisroel (Rabbi Yisroel Alter of Gur, 1895-1977) explains that the Torah is conveying to us a deeper message. The Nazir represents a person looking for more out of life. He realizes that he is not living the life he should be living, he is not becoming the person he is capable of being. So, he decides to make a dramatic life change. At times, we must bring life to a grinding halt in an effort to recalibrate and plot a new course for the future.

The Nazir found the strength and adopted a new approach (for a limited amount of time). But then he failed. He finds himself in

proximity to a corpse and everything ends; he must start all over again. Here he was trying to better himself and his vow ends in failure. He is *tamei* (impure) and back to square one. But it is here, in these details that God teaches us how to deal with failure. “V'kidash es rosho ba'yom ha'hu (and he shall sanctify his head on that day).” On the day he finishes his purification process, he gets back up and starts all over again. There is no time for lamenting, there is only time to dust off and start again. As King Solomon wrote in Proverbs (24:16), “For a righteous man can fall seven times and rise, but the wicked shall stumble upon evil.” Everyone stumbles and falls, the righteous get back up, the wicked stay down.

There is one more piece. The above-mentioned section ends, “... the previous days shall fall away (be cancelled).” In order to have a meaningful second chance and new beginning, one must let go of the feelings of pain and failure of the past. In the aftermath of failure, we often think to ourselves, “I wasted so much time and resources on this initiative, idea, mission which never materialized.” A person could feel demoralized in the wake of failure and that prolonged feeling could prevent a person from trying again and believing that things can be different in the future. But, we must let go in order to move on.

The message of the Nazir is a message for us all. We all fail and we all fall; this is an inevitable reality of the human condition. What must be our response to life's failures? Get back up and try again. Clean our wounds, let go of the past and make another go at it. We may not identify with the restrictions of the Nazir, rather his quest for holiness and elevation should inspire us all.



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