SHABBOS SCHEDULE
Sign up for Minyan Updates. See email for link.

Shabbos Night
7:00p Mincha followed by Kabbolas Shabbos
8:13p Candle Lighting

Shabbos Day
8:30a Shacharis (9:31a Kiras Shema)
8:00p Mincha
8:20p High School Boys Learning
8:20p Daf Yomi (Rabbi Silber)
9:10p Maariv
9:13p Havdallah
9:45p Zoom Daf Yomi
(Yehuda Neuberger)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE
Sunday 7/19-27th of Tammuz
7:15, 9:00a Shacharis
8:20p Mincha/Maariv
Mon - Fri.
6:45a Shacharis (indoors)
Wednesday, Rosh Chodesh 6:30a
6:55, 9:00a Shacharis (outdoors)
Wednesday Rosh Chodesh 6:45, 9:00a
8:20p Mincha / Maariv (indoors/outdoors)

WEEKLY SHIURIM
Sun 8:00a Daf Yomi
Mon - Fri
5:45a Tzidkas Hatzadik
5:55a Daf Yomi (Wed 5:45a)
Online Emunah Minute
Tues 4:30p Kids in the Beis
Thurs
Online Virtual Shabbos Drasha
Shabbos
Btwn Mincha and Maariv
High School Boys Learning with Rabbi Aryeh Richter. [Outdoors]

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Parshas Matos-Masei
26 Tammuz | July 18, 2020
Candle Lighting Havdallah Torah Reading Hafarah

ACCIDENTS HAPPEN, BUT THEY SHOULDN'T RABBI SHMUEL SILBER

“The Lord spoke to Moses saying: Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, When you cross the Jordan to the land of Canaan, you shall designate cities for yourselves; they shall be cities of refuge for you, and a murderer who killed a person unintentionally shall flee there. These cities shall serve you as a refuge from an avenger, so that the murderer shall not die until he stands in judgment before the congregation. The cities that you provide shall serve as six cities of refuge for you. You shall provide the three cities in trans-Jordan and the three cities in the land of Canaan; they shall be cities of refuge. These six cities shall be a refuge for the children of Israel and for the proselyte and resident among them, so that anyone who unintentionally kills a person can flee there” (Bamidbar 35:9-15)

Accidents happen, or so the famous adage goes. While this is true, the Torah teaches us that we are responsible for our actions, both intentional and unintentional. And so, if one accidentally killed another, he must run to the Ir Miklat, the City of Refuge, to escape the vengeful wrath of the Goel HaDam (literally, redeemer of blood, relative of the victim). These cities were strategically scattered throughout the land to provide refuge in times of need.

It is clear that the Torah assigns some degree of fault to the perpetrator, otherwise he would have been totally exempt and the Goel HaDam wouldn’t have right to revenge. The accidental killer did something wrong, and exile is his punishment. In Judaism, punishment is rehabilitative and not punitive. So, what is he supposed to learn during and from his time in the Ir Miklat?

Ray Yosef Shalom Elyashiv z’t’l (1910-2012) provides a beautiful insight. The Gemara questions why the accidental killer should be subject to any punishment. After all, as we said before, accidents happen. To which the Gemara responds, “D’ibayey L’iyunei (he should have been more cognizant and aware). Accidents are often the result of not being attentive to the task at hand. But it is not only tragic accidents which occur when not paying attention. Sometimes, we fail to progress and move our lives forward because we are too busy multi-tasking. There are times when we fail to place our full strength and abilities into a particular endeavor and therefore, we remain stagnant. The accidental killer is the extreme example of one who lives life without focus. This is a dynamic many of us struggle with. We begin something meaningful and beautiful and then lose focus on the intended aspiration. We create lofty goals and then get busy with other things. How many projects have we started only to lose focus and move on to something else? How many dreams have never materialized simply because we stopped paying attention?

The accidental killer must remain in the city of refuge in order to regain his life focus. The cities of refuge were also home to the Tribe of Levi. The Leviim were individuals with a singular focus. Their tribal mandate was to serve in the Temple and provide religious instruction and leadership for the nation. They demonstrated absolute dedication to this mission and mandate and would allow nothing to derail them. Hence, they were not given additional lands in Israel lest they get distracted with farming and agriculture, and were instead supported through various tithes. They embodied the power of singular focus. When the Jewish people in a moment of panic lost focus and built the Golden Calf, the tribe of Levi maintained their steadfast allegiance to God. Even the possibility of Moshe’s death did not distract them from the greater mission. And so, the accidental killer who is stricken with “life distraction” must remain in the Ir Miklat, where he can observe the Leviim and learn about “life focus.”

We must try to carve out a personal Ir Miklat, a place we can go to steady and regain our life focus. We must take the time to think about what is important. Where do I want to put my energies? What do I want to accomplish? What are the pitfalls I must avoid? Some use Tefillah as an Ir Miklat. Davening provides us with the opportunity to clear our mind and think. Some use learning, others take walks in the forest, and some meditate. We must each create an Ir Miklat that works best for our personal circumstances.

“Accidents happen,” does not hold up under the scrutiny of Divine judgement. May we find the strength to live and lead more attentive lives.
DAVENING B’YICHIDUS GUIDELINES
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GENERAL
A person should set aside a space in their home (or outdoors) for prayer. Those davening without a minyan do not recite the tefilos of Kaddish, Borchu or Kedusha and include the verse of Kel Melech Ne’eman before reciting Shema.

FRIDAY MINCHA
Recite the same Mincha as recited in Shul.
8:13pm Candle lighting for Shabbos

KABBALAS SHABBOS
Sing Kabbalas Shabbos
Recite the same davening as recited in Shul (sing and dance just as you would in shul)
After the completion of Lecha Dodi, no more melacha (prohibited work) may be performed.

FRIDAY NIGHT MAARIV
Recite the same Maariv as recited in shul.
If possible, recite the prayer of Vayechulu following the Amidah along with one other person. If not, the tefilla may be said alone.
Those davening without a minyan omit the prayer of Magen Avos following the Amidah.
Repeat the three paragraphs of Shema after nightfall (9:13pm).

SHABBOS MORNING
Recite the same Birchos Hashachar, Psukei D’Zimra and Shachris as recited in shul
Those davening without a minyan do not recite any tefilos for taking out the Torah Read the Torah portion of Matos-Masei and the Hattorah of Yirmiyahu (Jeremiah) 2:4 – 28 and 3:4.
Recite Yekum Purkan. Those davening without a minyan only recite the first paragraph of Yekum Purkan.
Recite Birchas Hachodesh (a great opportunity to sing with the family!)
The Molad is Monday afternoon 10 minutes and 15 chalokim after 1.
Announce that Rosh Chodesh Av will occur on Yom Revi’si (Wednesday)
Omit Av Harachamim and recite Ashrei and the Mussaf Amidah.
Complete the davening as usual. Those who are not davening with a minyan omit Anim Zemiros.
It is customary to study a Perek (Chapter) of Pirkei Avos (Ethics of our Fathers) every Shabbos afternoon until Rosh Hashana. This week, we study Perek Rishon (Chapter 1).

SHABBOS MINCHA
Recite Ashrei and Uva Le’tzion, the Amidah, Tzidkascha and recite Aleinu.

SEUDAS SHISHIS
Seudas Shlishis should begin before Shkia (8:30pm).

MAARIV – MOTZAI SHABBOS
Maariv begins at 9:13pm.
The same davening as recited in shul, which includes the supplemental tefila of Atah Chanantamu within the bracha of Atah Chonen in the Amidah. After completing the Amidah, we recite Vayehi Noam, Ve’atah kadosh and Vayiten Lecha, followed by Aleinu.

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