



Suburban Orthodox Congregation Toras Chaim



SHABBOS SCHEDULE

All minyanim are indoor/outdoor

Shabbos Night

7:00p Mincha followed by

Kabbolas Shabbos

7:53p Candle Lighting

Shabbos Day

8:30a Shacharis (9:43a Krias Shema)

7:40p Mincha

8:00p Daf Yomi (Rabbi Silber)

8:50p Maariv

8:53p Havdalah

9:25p Zoom Daf Yomi

(Yehuda Neuberger)

No Afternoon High School Boys learning



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday 8/9 - 19th of Av

7:15, 9:00a Shacharis

6:30p Plag Mincha (outdoors)

7:55p Mincha/Maariv

Mon-Fri a.m.

6:45a Shacharis (indoors)

6:55a Shacharis (outdoors)

6:30p Plag Mincha (outdoors)

7:55p Mincha / Maariv (indoors/outdoors)

SHACHARIS MINYANIM

We would like to gauge interest in an 8:15a outdoor Shacharis minyan (to replace the 9:00a minyan) In order to ensure that we will get a minyan each day, please contact Rabbi Aryeh Richter if you can attend on a regular basis 732-508-7006

As a reminder, masks must be worn at all minyanim, both indoor and outdoor.



WEEKLY SHIURIM

Sun 8:00a Daf Yomi

Mon - Fri

5:45a Tzidkas HaTzadik

5:55a Daf Yomi

Online Emunah Minute

EMUNAH MINUTE MONTHLY SPONSOR:

Leah Sol as a mazal tov to Rabbi & Rebbetzin Silber and Shoshana Bizouati on the birth of a new granddaughter

Thurs

Online Virtual Shabbos Drasha

Zoom Beis Midrash: zoom.us/

j/4591668597, password 7504 | audio:

(929)205-6099, code: 4591668597

Parshas Eikev

18 Av | August 8, 2020

Candle Lighting
7:53p

Havdalah
8:53p

Torah Reading
Devarim 7:12 - 11:25

Hafarah
Yishayahu 49:14 - 51:3
Candle Lighting 8/14
7:45p



TAMING THE WILD BEAST

RABBI SHMUEL SILBER

"And it will be, because you will heed these ordinances and keep them and perform, that the Lord, your God, will keep for you the covenant and the kindness that He swore to your forefathers." (Devarim 7:12)

In the opening verse of this week's Parsha, Moshe creates a simple paradigm: If we live up to the word of God, God will deliver on the promises He made to the Patriarchs. But for the fledging Jewish nation, more important than the promises of livestock and produce, was the promise of protection and victory in the wars against the kingdoms of Canaan. Moshe reminds us that in the same way that God brought Pharaoh to his knees, He can and will do the same with Canaanite kingdoms.

Moshe continues and says, *And the Lord, your God, will drive out those nations from before you, little by little. You will not be able to destroy them quickly, lest the beasts of the field outnumber you.* (7:22) The battle for Canaan will not be quick. Not because our enemies are too fierce. But rather, out of concern that if we conquer more land than we can settle, wild animals will overrun these conquered areas and pose a threat to the nearby inhabitants. What a strange statement! Moshe has just told the people that there is going to be Divine protection and intervention and yet, now we are worried about the beasts of the field? The same God who can bend and manipulate the laws of nature can certainly keep the animals at bay. The same God who will instill fear into the hearts of the Canaanite soldiers could also instill fear within the animals, causing them to retreat from before the Jewish people. How are we to understand this statement of Moshe?

The Modzitzer Rebbe (Rav Shaul Yedidiah Elazar of Modzitz) provides an amazing insight. When forced to fight, man must draw on his animalistic instincts. When forced to kill, man gives up (loses) some part of his humanity. Life often calls for such drastic measures. Wars must be waged for the needs of the nation and for the actualization of Jewish destiny. The soldier must kill; the soldier must be prepared to take the life of another if this is what the mission calls for. However, there is a reality that must be acknowledged. There is collateral damage on a personal level. After fighting a war, after taking a life, the soldier is no longer the same. Once those feelings and instincts that allowed one to kill have been unleashed, it is not easy to simply bottle them up. This, explains the Rebbe, is the meaning of the pasuk. Why not just go to war with all of the Canaanite nations at once? Why will God drive them out "little by little"? To which God answers, *"Pen Tirbeh Alecha Chayas HaSadeh* (Lest the beasts of the field become too much upon you.)" The beasts to which the Torah refers, are not the animals that inhabit the land of Israel, but rather, the animal that dwells within. God explains, If I have you engage in constant fighting, constant bloodshed, constant war – the animal within will overwhelm you and can extinguish your humanity. Therefore, I will clear out the nations slowly. You will have to fight, but you will also have time to heal. The mission will be accomplished but at a slower pace to allow for the preservation of the *Tzelem Elokim* (the Divine Image) within each and every soldier.

The Rebbe's insight teaches us a valuable lesson. What I do determines who I am. The actions we engage in shape and mold our very character and essence. If we want to become good and holy people, we must engage in good and holy behaviors. Yet at times, we engage in certain activities that we know are detrimental (to our body or soul), but we convince ourselves that these actions will not color who we are. *Pen Tirbeh Alecha Chayas HaSadeh*. If we act like the animal, the inner animal will dominate and eclipse the beauty and holiness we possess within. There are times when we must unleash the animal within, but we must have a plan how to rein it in, assess the damage, and create a space in which to repair and heal.

Moshe teaches us a most poignant and important lesson. Who we are is determined by what we do. Our actions define us; our actions solidify our identity. Let us find the strength to make the right decisions and choices, but when we fall and when we fail, let us find the courage to rein in the beasts of the field.

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MEMBER NEWS

MAZAL TOV

Richard & Sharon Buck on the bar mitzvah of their son, Avinoam

Shirley Elbaum on the aufruf and upcoming marriage of her son, Shaan

Jerry & Susan Wolasky on the birth of a grandson to their children, Aaron & Henny Wolasky

BIRTHDAYS

Chavi Abramson, Delia Benn, Lydia Rose Berman, Ruby Blumenfeld, Henry Brem, Eriella Brody, David Brown, Esther Cohen, Ayelet Ehrenfeld, Bernard Fellner, Lisa Gerhardt, Abigail Gross, Avi Kadin, Moshe Lichter, Perri Lichtman, Richard Nudelman, Joanna Rapoport, Moshe Richter, Donna Rosenbloom, Menachem Sheen, Melissa Shnidman, Noam Sonnenschein, Malky Tusk, Alana Weinberg

Yahrzeits

Herman Louis Buck, Clara Oxman, Anna Creeger, Etta Sisovic, Joseph Diener, David Menachem Gordon, Nathan Roth, Samuel J. Siegel, Albert Kramer, Herman Venick, Cyrus Wolf



SPONSORSHIPS

WEEK OF LEARNING: Derek & Fine, Ringo and Rom families

in the merit of a refuah sheleima for Rochel Batya bas Leah

DAY OF LEARNING: Stanley and Cynthia Ringo in the merit of a refuah sheleima for Rachayl Batya bas Leah

Alan & Sherry Steinmetz in honor of the 95th birthday of Adam Steinmetz's grandfather, Mr. Anatole Tennenbaum

DAF YOMI: Aaron & Janice

Schwarzbaum in memory of Aaron's father, Meir ben Shaul z'l

Yehudah & Bracha Buchwalter in honor of Zeidy Buchwalter celebrating the upsherin of his great grandson, Refael Menachem HaCohen Bernstein in Israel

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Natan & Leah Berry in memory of Leah's father, Eliezer Avraham Tzvi ben Pesachya Leib z'l and Moshe Yitzchak ben Asher Zelig z'l on his shloshim

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Gobbie & Shayna Cohn in memory of Gobbie's grandmother, Clara Oxman, Chaya bas Chaim Leib HaLevi z'l

Shmuel & Tzivia Davis in memory of Tzivia's brother Kopel Melech ben Leib z'l



DAVENING B'YICHIDUS GUIDELINES

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General

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.

Kabbalas Shabbos

Sing *Kabbalas Shabbos*

Recite the same davening as recited 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 *tefila* 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 (8:53pm).

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 *Eikev* and the *Haftarah* from *Yeshaya* 49:14 – 51:3.

Recite *Yekum Purkan*. Those davening without a *minyan* only recite the first paragraph of *Yekum Purkan*. Recite *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* of *Pirkei Avos* (Ethics of our Fathers) every *Shabbos* afternoon until *Rosh Hashana*. This week, we study *Perek Revi'i* (Chapter 4).

Shabbos Mincha

Recite *Ashrei* and *Uva Le'tzion*, the *Amidah*, *Tzidkascha* and recite *Aleinu*.

Seudas Shlishis

Seudas Shlishis should begin before *Shkia* (8:10pm).

Maariv – Motzai Shabbos

Maariv begins at 8:53pm.

The same davening as in shul, including the supplemental *tefila* of *Atah Chanantanu* 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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Avraham & Shaindy Kelman with the hope that Tisha B'Av will soon become a Chag filled with joy in the eternal Beis HaMikdash

DAF YOMI LEARNING SPONSOR

Beginning on the 18th of Av (the Yahrzeit of Herman Venick z'l), the Siyum on Maseches Shabbos, and the study of the first Perek of Eruvin are dedicated in memory of Herman Venick, חנא ישראל בן ראובן ז"ל by Jeffrey & Sherri Venick and Steven & Holly Venick. Herman was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and long-time pillar of our kehilla. May our collective learning serve as an aliyah for his neshama

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