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פרשת צו *Parashat Tzav*

Shabbat April 4th, 2020, י' ניסן תש"פ / 10 Nissan 5780
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Shabbat Prayer Times - Shabbat HaGadol

Times for tonight and information regarding Tefilot at home:

Candle Lighting at 7:29 p.m.

Sunset at 7:47 p.m.

One may take Shabbat early, but not earlier than 6:27 p.m.

Any recital of Shema prior to 8:12 p.m. must be recited again before bed.

Tonight's Arbit Tefila is the same of every Shabbat, however, because we are not praying with a minyan, we do not recite the blessing of Me'En Sheva following Amida.

Obviously, there is no Kaddish or Barechu as well.

(One may still recite the small paragraph of Vaychulu after Amida by himself while standing)

Tomorrow's times:

Sunrise is at 6:53 a.m.

Latest Shema is at 10:06 a.m.

Latest Shahrarit Amida is at 11:11 a.m.

With no sefer Torah, it is still important to read Parashat Tzav and Haftara of Shabbat HaGadol from a Humash.

Earliest time to say Minha is 1:54 p.m.

Seuda Shelishit must begin before sunset which is at 7:48pm. Best to recite Minha prior to Seuda Shelishit.

When praying Minha, include "VaAni Tefilati even though there is no Sefer Torah.

The custom is to recite the paragraph of "Hasde" prior to Arvit of Motsae Shabbat.

The paragraph of Shuva isn't recited this Saturday night. One begins with "VeAta Kadosh" after Amida. Shabbat concludes at 8:33 p.m. Shabbat Shalom!

Nahalot

Shalom Abraham ז"ל, Maryse Benisti ז"ל 10 Nissan / Shabbat April 4th

Haim Amiel ז"ל, David Hochman ז"ל 11 Nissan / Sunday April 5th

Samuel Elfassy ז"ל, Solange Azoulay Himelfarb ז"ל, Robida Assayag ז"ל 12 Nissan / Monday April 6th

Lucy Bensimon ז"ל 13 Nissan / Tuesday April 7th

Maguy Pinto ז"ל, Rahamim Sultan ז"ל 14 Nissan / Wednesday April 8th

Preciada Beniluz ז"ל 15 Nissan / Thursday April 9th

Fortune Cohen ז"ל, ArieH Lieb ז"ל, Chaim Tzvi Michael ז"ל 16 Nissan / Friday April 10th

Nahalot for the following week

Jose Sevi ז"ל 18 Nissan / Sunday April 12th

Nahum Dallal ז"ל 21 Nissan / Wednesday April 15th

Lola Cohen ז"ל 22 Nissan / Thursday April 16th

Jacob Dayan ז"ל 23 Nissan / Friday April 17th

Torah Bites

By Rabbi Kadoch

Tzav – Korban Minha

The Korban Minha of the Kohen Gadol was an offering brought every day in the Bet HaMikdash, half of the amount in the morning and half of it, in the afternoon. This korban was officially called “Minha Havitin.” This minha was also brought by a regular Kohen on the first day of his service in the Temple. First the Kohen would bring 1/10 of an epha of fine flour and would knead it with water. He would then place it in boiling water where it would boil for a period of time and then he would place it in the oven to bake. After baked he would put in this pan-like utensil called a mahavat where he would break it into pieces and then place it on the altar. The Me’am Loez brings nine reasons why this korban was performed.

1) In general, the eyes of the people were always focused on the Kohen Gadol, who throughout history was the spiritual leader of the people. He would pray on their behalf and atone for their sins with his tefilot. As a result he needed to be clean from sin in order to pray for others. Being that it’s impossible for a person not to bear any sin, God commanded that he bring a sacrifice every day so he is clean from sin.

2) There is a great lesson the commoners would learn from the Kohen Gadol that they themselves would have to bring a sacrifice for their sins. By witnessing him bring a korban daily, it would entice us to bring a korban when we slip in our divine service.

3) We don’t want to be embarrassed to bring a sacrifice when we sin. Think about it, when we would bring a korban hatat or asham, everyone will look at us and know that we sinned. This might cause us to refrain from bringing korbanot. By seeing him bring his korban for his own sins, and not being embarrassed, we won’t be embarrassed as well.

4) Even the poor individuals wouldn’t be embarrassed to bring a korban of this type. Since it contains flour, by seeing the Kohen bring it and not something more expensive, they will have no issue bringing it themselves.

5) This way, the Kohen Gadol will humble himself in front of God by bringing a Korban that is normally brought by the destitute.

6) To display to the Jewish people that the Kohanim who eat the leftover of the Minha offering (what wasn’t scooped) is not in order to fill their bellies but rather only because God commanded them to eat it. The reason this is true is because what was scooped is burned kalil - completely.

7) The service involves scooping some of the flour and placing it on the mizbeah. What wasn’t scooped was then eaten among the Kohanim. Sometimes, the Kohen would purposely scoop less than required so he can have more to eat. To atone for this sin, this korban is brought daily.

8) God wanted that there be a communal and an individual offering every day. The two daily (tamid) offerings were considered the communal offerings and this Korban Minha by the Kohen Gadol was considered the individual offering.

The repercussions of the sin of the Golden Calf made by Aharon is still being lived to this day. Therefore, the Torah commanded that the Kohen Gadol of his time, in place of Aharon, be commanded to bring an offering to act as protection from the fallout of this sin. Since the consequences of this sin is felt over time, the command was for the Kohen Gadol to bring the Korban Minha, half during the day and half during the afternoon.

Update from the Rabbi and the Board:

Dear Friends,

As we continue to be impacted by the COVID-19 coronavirus (COVID-19) it is important to maintain our spirits and devotion to Hashem and we would like to remind the Kahal to stay safe and protect themselves.

1. Rabbi Kadoch is continuing his nightly Shiurim via Video and Teleconference to keep members connected to Torah and focused on their spiritual wellbeing.
2. The building is closed to all but the office is open, by appointment only, please contact our office administrator, Sully Mamann at sully@kehilacentre.com or on her mobile at +1-416-906-4417. Sully is available from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday to Thursday and from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Fridays.
3. Due to the building closure, we are not accepting any new appointments for the Mikve.

Sully has been calling on our members to make sure everyone is safe and we want to remind everyone that we have a number of people in the community who are isolated due to quarantine, sickness or lack of mobility and who might need a hand with shopping, picking up medicine and other necessities of life. If you know of anyone who needs help, please let the office know and we will help to arrange assistance. On the same note, we will need volunteers for this important endeavour and welcome anyone interested in volunteering.

We pray that Hashem bring an end to all sicknesses and calamities so that we can live a life of health and wellbeing around the people we cherish.

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