



# Chatam News and Notes

Shabbos Parshas Tetzaveh- Parshas Zachor

March 7 - 11 Adar 5780

## Friday Night

Mincha..... 12:23 (Main Minyan), 5:25 (MM+Upstairs)  
Candle Lighting .....5:20

## Shabbos Day

Shacharis .....8:00 (MM), 8:30 (UP)  
Sof zman krias shema .....8:56  
Minchah..... 1:00 (MM), 5:10 (MM)  
Seudah Shlishis + daf yomi siyum on Brachos .....after Mincha  
Shkiah .....5:43  
Maariv/Havdalah ..... 6:20 (MM)

## Shabbos Shiurim

### Men

Daf Yomi (English, Rav Stein) ..... one hour before Shacharis  
Halachah (English, Rav Stein) ..... after Shacharis  
Daf Yomi (English, Dr. Kasser) .....4:10  
Avos uBonim .....7:30

### Women

Parshas haShavua (English, Rochelle Becker) .....3:30

## Sponsorships

Looking to find a meaningful way to honor a loved one's yahrzeit, celebrate a birthday or siyum, or just be part of our dynamic community? Consider a sponsorship!

**This week, avos uBonim is sponsored by Alan and Judith Abrahams. This week, the upstairs' kiddush is sponsored by Moshe and Dina Manheim in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.**

This week, sponsorship is still available for seudah shlishis for 200 NIS (contact Dov Kurz for details).

## Purim Schedule

### Ta'anis Esther

Fast begins .....4:37  
Shacharis .....6:15  
Mincha..... 1:30, 5:10  
Shkia .....5:44

### Purim night

Maariv followed by megilla ..... 6:05 (MM)  
Communal Break-Fast .....after megilla (MM)  
Quiet megilla reading ..... 6:15 (UP)  
Second megilla reading ..... 9:00 (MM)

### Purim day

Shacharis followed by megilla..... 7:00 (MM)  
Second megilla reading ..... 10:00 (MM)  
Avos uBonim ..... 12:30 (MM)  
Children's abridged megillah reading ..... 1:00 (UP)  
Minchah..... 1:30 (MM)  
Ma'ariv..... 6:05 (MM)

## Dvar Torah by Dr. Kasser

This week's parsha deals with the various garments worn by Kohen Gadol and regular Kohanim. The last garment described that is specific to the Kohen Gadol is the tzitz. Unlike the other garments of the Kohen Gadol, this garment is made entirely out of pure materials, a band of pure gold that rests upon the Kohen Gadol's forehead and a string of pure techeles which ties the band in place. In contrast, the Efod, Choshen Mishpat and the me'il use multiple materials for their making. Perhaps the difference in number of materials is due to their differences in purpose. The Efod and Choshen Mishpat, which contain stones upon which the names of the 12 tribes are engraved, serve as a constant zikaron to G-d of Bnei Yisrael (28:12, 29-30). Given the plurality of Bnei Yisrael, it is not surprising that these garments are made from a plurality of materials. In contrast, the tzitz seems to have a focused purpose, "and it shall be on the forehead of Aharon, and he shall bear the iniquity of the holy sacrifices that are consecrated by Bnei Yisrael . . . to make them desired before G-d" (28:28).

The Talmud clarifies that the iniquity that the tzitz makes wanted by G-d is limited to tumah, primarily of the sacrifices themselves, but occasionally of the Kohen offering the sacrifice as well. Although it is a matter of debate, we pasken that the tzitz is only effective when it is worn on the forehead of the Kohen Gadol. R' Hirsch provides a beautiful explanation why the tzitz functions as it does.

Tumah is related to the base needs of man, survival and reproduction. Thus, death and reproductive byproducts are the primary sources of tumah. It is man's purpose to use their free will to elevate themselves above their physical drives and needs and to live a life focused upon servitude to G-d. The

## Elevator Campaign



We have raised 230,000 out of the 300,000 needed towards the elevator campaign! If you would like to help, please donate by giving a check made out to Chatam to David Levitt or by making a bank transfer to Bank Habeinleumi (31), snif Rechovot (029), account number: 409644544, account name: Chatam. All donations are tax-deductible and are considered maaser. For questions, contact Shira Kasser.



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## Dvar Torah (continued)

gold band of the tzitz was engraved with the phrase "Kadosh leHashem," reserved for G-d. This statement counters the forces of tumah and asserts that, although there may have been a temporary lack of concentration, we remain singularly dedicated to our elevated purpose. The tzitz is made from pure materials to reflect this purity of purpose and direction. It is similarly made of the most elevated materials, gold and techelet. This explains why the tzitz must be worn on the forehead of the Kohen Gadol to be effective. The Kohen Gadol embodies the entirety of the Jewish nation, and it is only when our national focus of Kadosh leHashem is placed at the front of his mind that temporary lapses of tumah can be overridden.

May we always keep the lesson of the tzitz in our thoughts!

## Tefillah During the Week

Shacharis..... Su-F, 6:30 (6:15 on Rosh Chodesh and fast days)  
Minchah ..... Su-Th, 12:30  
Maariv ..... Su-Th, 9:00

## Shiurim During the Week

### Day – Men

Daf Yomi (English, Rav Stein) ..... Su-F, one hour before Shacharis  
Halachah (English, Rav Stein)..... Su-Th, 10:00-10:30  
Daf Yomi blyun (English, bChavrusah & Rav Stein) ..... Su-Th, 10:30-12:30  
Halacha (English, Rav Stein)..... F, 11:15-12:00

### Night – Men

Daf Yomi (English, Dr. Kasser)..... Su-Th, 8:00-9:00  
Mesechta Beitzah (English, bChavrusah & Rav Ashenberg) ..... Su-Th, 8:00-9:00  
Mishlei (English, Rav Stein)..... Su, 8:15-9:00  
Shaarei Teshuva (English, Rav Stein)..... Su, 9:15-10:00  
Mesechta Beitzah (Hebrew, Rav Hakarmi) ..... M&Th, 9:15-10:00

### Night – Women

Hilchos Tefilla (English, Rav Ashenberg) ..... cancelled

## Memberships

- We are now offering higher membership levels in order to ensure that our community can be provided with the highest level of education and programming.
- If you are interested in using your ma'aser money to help make sure Chatam stays financially viable in years to come by joining at a higher membership level, please contact Shira Kasser.

## Upcoming Events

Please join our Thursday Night Mishmor. This week, on Mar 5<sup>th</sup>, a special Purim-themed mishmor on the topic of "Achizas Einayim: The History and Halacha of Magic" will be presented by R' Meir Tulkoff who has over thirty years of experience as a professional illusionist and has conducted extensive consultations with great Halachic authorities. At 8:15 there will be preparation with mareh mekomos, while the shiur will be at 9:15. Chulent will be served! If you would like to present a mishmor on a future Thursday night, please be in touch with Eli Julian. The shiur can be based on olamot.net and Rav Ashenberg will happily help with the preparation.

There will be a community break-fast after megillah reading on Purim night. Suggested donation of 50 NIS per couple or 100 NIS per family to cover the cost of the food. Please be in touch with Shira Kasser about sponsorship opportunities.

On Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m., Rabbi Yitzchak Breitowitz of Jerusalem (formerly of Silver Spring) will give a lecture at Berman's. The event is sponsored by the Shankman family in honor of the first yearzeit of Dr. Sidney Shankman.

## Mazel Tov

Mazel tov to Aviva and Charles Hexter on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Hagai, son of Efrat and Avi Hexter of Jerusalem.

Mazel tov to Mordechai and Robyn Lehrer on the birth of a boy. Special mazel tov to the proud grandmother, Hilary Lehman.

## Thank you

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Thank you to those who will be reading the megillah: Avi Block, Yaakov Daniel Deutscher, and Baruch Schiffmiller.