

Youth Minyan

OHHEL SARA NEWSLETTER

SHABBAT Matot-Masei 1-2 AV 5775

Shabbat Schedule

Candlelighting— 8:06 PM
MIncha & Arvit— 7:05 PM
Shaharit – 8:45 AM-11:20 AM
Shiur by Rabbi Kalendarov – 6:30 PM
Minha & Seudat Shlishi – 7:30 PM
Arvit & Motzei Shabbat - 9:13 PM

Joke of The Week

Avram went into Church, took out his tallis, yarmulke, and proceeded to pray. The clergyman entered to start services: "Will all non-Christians please leave." Avram continued davening." Again the clergyman said, "Will all non-Christians please leave." And again, Avram prayed. Finally, the distraught clergyman moved to Avram. "Will ALL JEWS please leave." At this, Avram removed his yarmulke, packed up his tallis, then went to the altar, picked up a statue of Jesus and said, "Come bubbela they don't want us here anymore."

My wife went to a beauty salon for around two hours. She got a mud pack and looked great for two days! But then the mud fell off.

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What Are These 3 Weeks About?

Well, about 2000 years ago the Romans decided to destroy G-D's House (which was decreed in heaven mostly due to the sin of hatred between Jews).

In the 1st week (on 17th of Tammuz) G-D's house was surrounded by the enemy and hunger killed millions of Jews. However by the end of 3rd week (9th of Av - called Tisha B'av) the enemy burned down G-D's home and millions of Jews were murdered and sold into slavery. Throughout history these 3 weeks have brought even more grief to the Jewish nation .

The Spanish Inquisition, the start of World War 1 , pogroms , and murder of thousands up thousands of Jews occurred within these weeks.

Every year we fast on the 1st day and last day of the 3 week period so that, with the merit of the fast, such suffering and loss should not occur again.

We are also mourning the inability to bring sacrifices to G-D such as meat of animals and wine to pour over the altar. Therefore starting Rosh Chodesh (beginning of the month) of Av we do not eat meat or drink wine so as to show G-d that we mourn that we can't bring these Sacrifices now.

Some laws of mourning are:

- No wine and meat starting Friday 7/17/15 until Monday night 7/26/15.
- Wine and meat are permitted on Shabbat
- Any food cooked with meat should not be eaten even if one will not eat the meat itself
- Meat left over from Shabbat may be eaten Motzei-Shabbat (after Shabbat) by children or even adults
- May use meat pots to cook pareve foods as long as pot is clean first
- A sick person may eat meat if necessary
- No music unless one has depression
- No haircuts starting Saturday night 7/18/15
 - However, one may shave if he feels uncomfortable
- Please buy **NON-leather** shoes now to prepare them for Tisha B'av (starting Saturday night 7/26/15) as we don't wear leather shoes on that day.

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Weekly Schedule

Art Class (5-8yrs)
Sunday 10-11 AM

Sunday Program (5-13yrs)
11:00 AM-12:30PM

Torah and Me With Rabbi B
Wednesday 8:45 PM-9:45 PM

Parsha In a Nutshell

Moses conveys the laws governing the annulment of vows to the heads of the tribes of Israel. War is waged against Midian for their role in plotting the moral destruction of Israel, and the Torah gives a detailed account of the war spoils and how they were allocated amongst the people, the warriors, the Levites and the high priest.

The tribes of Reuben and Gad (later joined by half of the tribe of Manasseh) ask for the lands east of the Jordan as their portion in the Promised Land, these being prime pastureland for their cattle. Moses is initially angered by the request, but subsequently agrees on the condition that they first join, and lead, in Israel's conquest of the lands west of the Jordan. The forty-two journeys and encampments of Israel are listed, from the Exodus to their encampment on the plains of Moab across the river from the land of Canaan. The boundaries of the Promised Land are given, and cities of refuge are designated as havens and places of exile for inadvertent murderers. The daughters of Tzelafchad marry within their own tribe of Manasseh, so that the estate which they inherit from their father should not pass to the province of another tribe.
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In the Parsha of Masei we are told that if Ruben accidentally killed Shlomo, then Ruben should immediately run to a special place called AREY MIKLAT(cities of safety). This way Shlomo's Brother will not be able to enter this city to take revenge and kill Ruben. Ruben will leave that city only when the President Kohen will die. That means he could be stuck in that city for about 20 years. ... WOW!!!! That's a long time!

But how is being in that city for such a long time going to help Ruben become a better person and not fall to this situation again? Well let's see. Who are the majority of people in that city? Well the majority are Kohens and Levis who are all full fledged Rabbis that are learning the laws of Torah all day long. Poor Ruben has no other place to go except to hear the sweet words of Torah which are heard throughout the whole city from morning to night. With time Ruben becomes influenced by this great community of Rabbis and starts to learn Torah also and becomes a refined Torah scholar. He is transformed into a new man, a man of G-D!!!

Now, initially Ruben killed unintentionally and is now in a "Jail City" because he must have done some type of a sin that is causing him to undergo such sorrow. Now that he learns the Torah and understands which sins caused Him to end up In this " Jail City" he immediately repents, becomes a changed Man and now prevents this situation from ever happening again.

We see from here the magic touch and the transformation that G-D's book has on people. It takes a murderer and converts him into a Holy Man of G-D. Clean as crystal. Holier than even an angel. How? Just by learning the Torah laws 15 minutes a day. That's all! Really? Yeah. That's all!!

We shall quote Yalkut Yosef (volume 1 pg 139) "*If one has performed even the worst sins that are known to mankind, he should not waste his time by fasting , because just by learning the holy words of Torah , it immediately cleans all his sins crystal clear as if they never existed (as long as also leaves his wrong ways.)*" Therefore we must set aside every day at least 15 minutes of Torah learning to also merit being a Holy man of G-d.

WEEKLY HALACHA

1. Does one who accidentally prayed without a kippah need to repeat the prayer?
Answer: No
2. If one cannot find his kippah in the morning can he use his own hand to cover his head until he finds it?
Answer: Yes he can, but he cannot pray that way.