

NER AVRAHAM NEWSLETTER

Ner Avraham - A caring Kehilla of learning and growth in the heart of Yerushalayim



Parshas Pikudei פרשת פקודי

Candle Lighting 5.12pm

Early candle lighting 5.02pm

Mincha Erev Shabbos 5.30pm Rabbi Wolff will speak before Maariv

Maariv 6.20pm

Shacharis 8.00am *followed by Kiddush*

Daf Yomi 4.10pm

Mincha 5.10pm followed by seuda shlishis

Maariv Motzai Shabbos 6.25pm

Havdalah in Shul

Message From Rabbi Wolff

After reading in the past few weeks about the plans for the Mishkan and all that Bnei Yisrael gave and did towards it, we finally read in our parsha about all of the work of the Mishkan being executed and completed.

We are told (39:33) that they brought the Mishkan and all of its vessels and parts to Moshe. Rashi, based on the Midrash Tanchuma, explains that the workers attempted to put up the physical structure of the Mishkan but were unsuccessful in doing so. This gave Moshe Rabbeinu, who was not involved in the physical making of the Mishkan, the opportunity to actually set it up for functioning. Moshe questioned Hashem how he could possibly accomplish this and Hashem told him, "You work on it and it will stand on its own."

There are many lessons to be learned from this Midrash. Certainly one very powerful one is that Hashem has a role for everyone to play and although others may not have succeeded at something, you never know if your efforts might make the difference. After all, we are only able to accomplish anything with the help of Hashem and maybe we, like Moshe Rabbeinu, are the ones who have that opportunity. However, while we may think like Moshe, "How is it humanly possible to get this done?" we must keep in mind that the Mishkan was put into place when Hashem said, "Work at it - it will look like you are doing it, but it will really be happening with My power."

On Purim, we will say "In the days of Mordechai and Esther." These were people who understood the message that the opportunity and responsibility to act was theirs, but the results were entirely due to the hand of Hashem. Wishing everyone a wonderful Shabbos and only b'suros tovos!



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This Week's News

מזל טוב

Mazal tov to Jeremy and Adi Learman on the birth of a new granddaughter.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is being sponsored by Getzel and Devorah Rosenzweig in memory of his father, Yitzchok ben Avigdor z"l, whose yahrzeit is on 11 Adar.

SHALOS SEUDAS

Shalos seudas is being sponsored this week by Dr. Avi and Elin Freilich in memory of Dr. Freilich's father, R' Yitzchak Dov ben Avraham Yaakov, whose yahrzeit is on 12 Adar.



Halacha Hotline

Question:

For Mishloach Manos on Purim, do I need to send foods that have different brachos and do I need to include a drink?

Answer:

One needs to send **two types of ready-to-eat food to one person** to fulfill their obligation of Mishloach Manos. (The more people one sends to, the better - although more Matanos L'evyonim is better than more Mishloach Manos).

The definition of a type of food does not depend on its bracha, but rather on its taste or name. So even if you send different varieties of nuts which are all *borei pri ha'eitz*, you have fulfilled your mitzvah. You also do not need to send a drink, although one food and one beverage do satisfy your obligation (but not 2 beverages).

It is quoted in the name of Rav Elyashiv zt"I that water and seltzer (soda water) do not qualify as a beverage for the sake of the mitzvah. Of course, if you have many other foods already, you can include water, tea bags, non-edible items, etc...

The main purpose of this beautiful mitzvah is to increase friendship, respect, and camaraderie between people. Whatever we can do to further this cause will bring great bracha to Am Yisrael, especially in these difficult times.

Rabbi Wolff is available to answer shailahs on 054 840 7939

Weekday Minyanim

Shacharis - 7.15am Mincha - 2pm Maariv - 8.30pm

We would encourage those who are able, to support the weekday Maariv minyan. All are welcome to attend the evening shiurim at 8.00pm Sunday - Thursday.



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A Living Memory



This past week Ner Avrahm received its long awaited Memorial Board.

Many of our mispallelim and friends contributed to this project - seeing it as a way to memorialize the memories of their loved ones in a respectable fashion

The Board was dedicated by our friends Michael Greene and his son Nate. We thank them for their generosity and kindness.

Although we all know that the truest way to perpetuate the memories of our loved ones is to live an uplifted life full of meaning, our Memorial Board is a very significant step in the direction of bringing to life the memories of our loved ones in our Shul setting.

There are still plaques available for dedication and all are invited to seize this special opportunity. Please speak to Rabbi Silberstein directly or contact the office on 0586049524.

RABBI SILBERSTEIN'S THURSDAY NIGHT SHIUR

Please note that as it is **Taanis Esther** next **Thursday, 21 March**, Rabbi Silberstein will **NOT** be giving his evening shiur.







PURIM AT NER AVRAHAM

TAANIS ESTHER

Thursday March 21

Fast begins: 4:29am

Shacharis: 7:15am

Mincha #1: 2:00pm

Mincha #2: 5:15pm

(Shiur between Mincha and Maariv)

Maariv 6:15pm

Fast ends 6:18pm

EREV PURIM

Sunday Night March 24

No 2:00pm Mincha

Mincha Erev Purim 5:45pm

(Shiur between Mincha and Maariv)

Maariv 6:20pm

Followed by Megilla Reading



PURIM DAY

Monday March 25

Shacharis 7:15am

Megilla Reading (8:00am approx)

Second Megilla Reading 9:30am

Mincha 1:00pm

Maariv 7:30pm