

Shabbos Times

Friday, March 6

Candle Lighting: 5:39

Mincha/Maariv: 5:40

Shabbos, March 7

Parsha Shiur: 8:30

Shacharis: 9:00

Krias Shema: 9:17

Gevuros Hashem Shuir: 5:00*

Mincha/ Shalosh Seudos 5:30

Shekiah: 5:58

Nightfall/Maariv: 6:39

*Until Pesach- the Gemara Shiur will be a "Gevuros Hashem" Shiur.

Weekday Times

Shacharis

Daf Yomi: 8:00

Sunday: 8:30

Kollel Boker: 6:20

Monday and Thursday: 6:40

Tuesday, Wednesday and

Friday: 6:40

Mincha

Sunday - Thursday: 6:45

Friday: 6:50

Candle Lighting next Shabbos:
6:47

Kiddush & Shalosh Seudos

Kiddush is sponsored by Tova Saks and family in commemoration of the Yartzeit of Rabbi Joe Saks.

Shalosh Seudos sponsorship is still available.

Guest Rabbi This Shabbos and Sunday:

This weekend we will be joined by Rabbi Aaron Brooks, who is currently learning in the Kollel Elyon at RIETS. As part of their rabbinic development, members of the Kollel spend time speaking in communities, and we are fortunate to host him. Rabbi Brooks will deliver the Shabbos Drasha, and he will also give a shiur on Sunday morning titled: "A Shabbos Wedding?! How Halacha Weighs Human Dignity."

Mazel Tov

Mazel tov to Rabbi Yonah and Mrs. Chaya Raizy Burr on the birth of a granddaughter to their son Shmueli and daughter-in-law in Lakewood.

Thank You

Thank you to Eli Saks for reading the Megillah, Rabbi Federgrun, Rabbi Schon and Rabbi Rabinowitz for running the learning. Thank you Mrs. Federgrun for running the Tehillim. Thank you to Rabbi Elstein for reading an exciting version of the Megillah to the kids. Thank you to Yehuda Leib and Shira Abberbock for sponsoring Women's Tehillim. Thank you to Mrs. Abberbock, Mrs. Tehilla Apfel, Mrs. Federgrun and Mrs. Judowitz for coordinating and preparing the Mishloach Manos. Thank you to Bettina Dunn and Tehilla Apfel for producing the newest edition of the BIOZ cookbook, and to all who contributed to making it such a beautiful publication.

KIDS KORNER

KIDS' KABOLOS SHABBOS

All kids old enough to sit with their parents are invited to join us for kabolos shabbos and will receive a prize!

YOUTH GROUPS

Back on! Beginning @ 9:30 with Shevi Burr.

We encourage our boys to participate and lead the end of davening!

BI POINTS

Given out all Shabbos to all participating kids. Accumulate and earn great prizes!

Upcoming Programs

March 7: Cholent Competition Finals!

Thank you to Meir Marcus for organizing the Chulent competition.

March 7: Boys Night: Bowling and Laser Tag!

March 12: Youth Lego Mishkan Event

March 15: Guest Speaker, Rabbi Hillel Eisenberg

March 19: Whiskey & Wisdom: Chametz Deliveries over Pesach

M'SHULCHAN HAPARSHA - FRESH TORAH FOR YOUR SHABBOS TABLE

This Week, That Thought

The timing of the current war with Iran is extraordinary. The targeted killing of members of the Iranian leadership occurred during the very Shabbos in which we read the parashah commanding us to destroy Amalek.

On Sunday morning, while learning with my chavrusa who lives in Beit Shemesh, a siren suddenly sounded and we were forced to pause. Two minutes later he returned to the Zoom call and explained that although the siren was still blaring, he had heard the rocket land nearby and therefore left his ma'amad. We later learned that the rocket had caused multiple deaths, along with significant injuries and damage.

This reality raises a difficult question: how does one celebrate Purim in the midst of war? Purim is a time to express gratitude for the downfall of those who seek our destruction, a day that commemorates the defeat of an enemy who plotted to annihilate the Jewish people. And we are currently also in a moment filled with fear, anxiety, and profound concern for our brothers and sisters in Israel who are living under threat.

There is no simple answer. Some yeshivos chose to cancel dancing on Purim night, while others limited the more exuberant aspects of celebration during the day. Still others allowed the celebrations to proceed, recognizing the profound spiritual impact that Purim can have on a person's ruchniyus.

Regardless of the approach, the question itself cannot be ignored. This year, we cannot experience Purim as if nothing has changed, nor can we approach it as though it were simply another year.

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Between the Lines

At the same time, our lives must be anchored by certain enduring constants. The Rama offers a powerful framework for this idea through two comments that appear at the very beginning and at the very end of Orach Chaim.

At the opening of Orach Chaim, the Rama cites the pasuk, "Shivisi Hashem lenegdi samid" meaning that a person must place Hashem before him at all times. On a deeper level, this teaching calls for more than simple adherence to Halacha. The goal is not only to observe the law, but to cultivate a heightened awareness of Hashem's Presence in the unfolding events around us. It means recognizing His Hashgacha in the world and understanding that the news we read is not merely the result of political calculations or the decisions of world leaders.

"At the labor of our hands we should eat." In the physical world we toil, but our head does not toil. It is elevated.
-The Kotzker Rebbe

At the very conclusion of Orach Chaim, in the laws of Purim, the Rama cites: "Tov lev mishteh tamid" a person with a good heart feasts constantly. Here, too, there is a charge: to live with a sense of inner elevation, to sustain a spirit of joy and uplift even amidst the turbulence of life.

Even when circumstances shift and daily life is disrupted, these two constants remain unchanged. We are called to live with an abiding awareness of Hashem's Presence, to recognize that reality contains far more than what meets the eye, and to cultivate a life of inner elevation and joy.



Pages of the Past

On September 6, 1970, four commercial aircraft were hijacked by the PFLP and forced to land in Zarqa, Jordan, in an effort, as the hijackers claimed, "to draw attention to the Palestinian problem." Among the passengers was the leading Torah personality, Rabbi Yitzchak Hutner.

The Rosh Yeshiva endured the ordeal under extremely harsh conditions. After three weeks marked by anxiety, hardship, and countless tefillos offered on his behalf, Rav Hutner and those with him were finally released, returning home only two days before Rosh Hashanah, and he addressed the episode on the second night of Sukkos:

"Esav is an heir of the forefathers, and therefore is deserving of his on land. Yishmael, on the other hand, was not considered an heir, and as such has no inheritance of his own....Esav received a land, Har Seir, as an inheritance. Therefore, his descendants, the Christians, never coveted exclusive ownership of our land. The Arabs, however, approach us with envy and wrath, claiming our land as theirs, for they were disinherited. Still harboring seething resentment against us, they desperately try to reclaim Eretz Yisrael as theirs. This is the cause of all of the violence and hatred that we experience today in the Land of Israel."



For the Table

- Have we made any change in our daily lives to reflect the message of "Imo Anochi B'tzarah," to share, even in some small way, in the pain and burden of Klal Yisroel during a time of war? Or, have we changed our routines to express gratitude to Hashem for delivering a significant blow to those who seek our destruction?

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