

Shabbos Times

Friday, April 24

Mincha/Maariv: 7:00

Candle Lighting 7:29

Shabbos, April 25

Parsha Shiur: 8:30

Shacharis: 9:00

Krias Shema: 9:33

Counting Towards Sinai: 5:00
at the Schwarzbaum home

Gemara Shiur: 6:25

Boys Perkei Avos: 6:55

Mincha/ Shalosh Seudos: 7:25

Shekiah: 7:49

Nightfall/Maariv: 8:29

Weekday Times

Shacharis

Daf Yomi: 8:00

Sunday: 8:30

Kollel Boker: 6:15

Weekday Shacharis

Monday, Thursday: 6:40

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday:
6:45

Mincha

Sunday-Thursday: 7:35

Friday: 7:00

Candle Lighting next
Shabbos: 7:37

Kiddush & Shalosh Seudos

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Sponsorship is still available.

Thank you

Thank you to the Schwarzbaums and the Habers for sponsoring and organizing the Yom Haatzmaut BBQ.

Please Note

That this shabbos is the KTA Shabbaton. As such, we have no youth leaders available and, unfortunately, we will not have youth groups.

Upcoming Programs

April 25: OU Women's Counting Towards Sinai

April 25: Boy's Shabbos Afternoon Learning Program

April 26: L'Chaim Initiative: Andrea Strongwater

May 3: Guest speaker Jen Airley, Seeing the light of redemption in the ruins and uncertainty.

June 14: Annual Shul Dinner

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!

M'SHULCHAN HAPARSHA - FRESH TORAH FOR YOUR SHABBOS TABLE

This Week, That Thought

I recently revisited an article I shared with the kehillah about Sefirah, Lag Ba'Omer, and the honest struggles of everyday life. When I first wrote it, the words came from a deeply felt place. Reading it again, I could see that it captured exactly where I was at that time.

Now, just a year later, something feels different. The ideas still ring true, but I am not sure my heart would produce those same words with the same intensity. Every moment we live through carries its own texture, and when we reflect on it honestly, it reveals a different layer of who we are. Growth is not only about what we think, but about how we feel those thoughts in real time.

For a Rabbi, this raises a challenge. Much of what I share is, by definition, a reflection of my own inner world, how I experience others, and how I process the world around me. There is no guarantee that what resonates deeply for me will land the same way for you. And even more, an idea or story that feels powerful today may not carry that same weight weeks or months from now. Should something meaningful be shared immediately, while it is alive and present, or held for a more fitting moment, at the risk of losing some of its urgency?

With that in mind, this newsletter includes a story I heard this past Shabbos, shared now while it is still fresh and resonant. And if you would like to revisit last year's article, I would be glad to send it along.

Thank you to Sue Carre for sponsoring this week's Shabbos Reader in heartfelt gratitude for all that Hashem has granted her.

Between the Lines

The Seforno offers a foundational understanding of Kedushah: it is rooted in eternity. That which is true and good endures; that which is false is fleeting. Kedushah, then, is a commitment to what lasts.

At the opening of Parshas Kedoshim, the Seforno describes a progression toward this ideal. The first group of mitzvos parallels the commandments of the first Luchos, shaping our relationship with Hashem. The Torah then turns to how we treat others, especially in situations of imbalance. One must not exploit workers, take advantage of the weak, or favor the powerful in judgment. These mitzvos follow directly because true Kedushah demands integrity in how power is used.

"Anyone who can effectively protest the wrongdoing of his family, his city, or the world, and does not, is held accountable for those sins." - Talmud

This offers a compelling lesson. We are not meant to yield to the loudest voice or the most powerful presence in the room. We are not to be swayed by influence, status, or financial strength. Rather, we are called to align ourselves with what is right simply because it is right. Sometimes that means listening to the quieter voice, the one less amplified but more grounded in truth. It means pursuing truth for its own sake, even when it carries consequences, and even when it challenges those who stand on falsehood.



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Pages of the Past

The story I heard this week is about Rabbi Aharon Felder, zt"l, whose yahrtzeit was this past week. Beyond being a tremendous Talmid Chacham and mechaber seforim, he was a fearless leader and a foundational Rav of B'nai Israel Ohev Zedek, never bending to financial or societal pressure when it came to what was right.

A large company once suffered major losses and its influential leaders tried to shift the blame onto a lower-level employee, an easy target whose reputation they were prepared to sacrifice. They brought the case to a prominent Beis Din, which, under pressure, ruled that the worker must testify in secular court, an overreach of its authority.

When Rabbi Felder heard, he responded within two days. Though he did not know the worker, he recognized the injustice and the Torah's prohibition against abusing power. He challenged the ruling and stood firm despite the potential backlash.

Rabbi Felder acted out of commitment to truth. He did what was right regardless of the cost.



For the Table

- When silence protects the powerful, what responsibility do we carry to speak for those who cannot?
- Do we measure our integrity by what we believe, or by what we are willing to risk to uphold it?