



## PARSHAS VAERA

Rav Mordechai Kalatsky  
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הַעֲתִירוּ אֵלַי הַנְּהַ וְרַב מְהִיֵּת קִלְתֵּי אֱלֹהִים וּבְרַדְדִי  
וְאֶשְׁלַחְהֶם אֶתְכֶם וְלֹא תִסְפְּוּ לַעֲמֹד:

"ENTREAT HASHEM THAT THERE BE NO MORE MIGHTY THUNDERINGS AND HAIL; AND I WILL LET YOU GO, AND YOU SHALL STAY NO LONGER." (Shemos 9:28)



Rabbi Yeruchem Levovitz commented that Pharaoh did not mean to lie when he said he will let the Jews go free. He truly meant it and was not mocking Moshe. The intensity of the plague caused him to truly change. Right after though he reverted back to himself and did not feel the statement he made about freeing the Jews was binding.

This is a general habit of people. When a person is in the midst of difficulty and hardship his ideals can become very high and he truly wants to achieve them. As soon as the situation becomes better though he reverts back to his old self and it is hard to believe it was the same person.

When a person finds himself in a difficult situation and wants to truly change for the better, remember those promises and resolutions when the situation becomes better. It is so easy to forget your previous insights and awareness when everything returns to normal. Grow from difficulty and focus on internalizing and actualizing the resolutions and insights that came out of them.

For this week, think of a resolution I took on that has fallen to the wayside and restart the journey!

Have a powerful Shabbos!  
Rabbi Kalatsky

## ZMANIM

**Fri Erev Shabbos, Parshas Vaera**  
Jan 20

**Shacharis 7 AM**  
**Mincha 4:50 PM CL 4:46 PM**

**Shabbos, Jan 21**  
**Shacharis 8:45 AM**  
**Mincha 4:35 PM**  
**Shabbos is over 5:56 PM**

**Sunday, Jan - 22**  
**Shacharis 8:30 AM**  
**Mincha 4:55 PM**

**Monday -Thursday**  
**Jan 23 – Jan 26**  
**Monday Rosh Chodesh Shevat**  
**Shacharis Mon- Thu 7 AM**  
**Mincha 4:55 PM**

**Fri Erev Shabbos, Parshas Bo**  
**Jan - 27**  
**Shacharis 7 AM**  
**Mincha 5 PM CL 4:56 PM**

# HALACHIC INSIGHT

## PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF HTAMAN:

A PIECE OF KISHKA OR KUGEL MAY BE SUBMERGED IN A POT OF CHOLENT BEFORE SHABBOS IF ONE'S INTENTION IS THAT IT ABSORB THE CHOLENT'S FLAVOR. THIS IS PERMITTED EVEN IF THE KISHKA IS WRAPPED IN ALUMINUM FOIL. HOWEVER, IF ONE DESIRES SIMPLY TO KEEP THE KISHKA HOT, IT MAY NOT BE COMPLETELY SUBMERGED. HOT LIQUIDS MAY BE POURED INTO A THERMOS ON SHABBOS.

## SHIURIM



**Wednesdays 9am** - Mesilas Yesharim (R. Kalatsky)

**Thursdays 8pm**- Jewish Concepts (R. Kalatsky)

**Thursdays 9:15pm** - Mishmar (R. Kalatsky)

**Shabbos 8:15am** - Parenting (John Ghermezian)

**Shabbos Daf Yomi** - 1 hour before Mincha (Zevi Segal)

**Shabbos Nesivos Shalom** - 50 minutes before Mincha - (Sender Russel)

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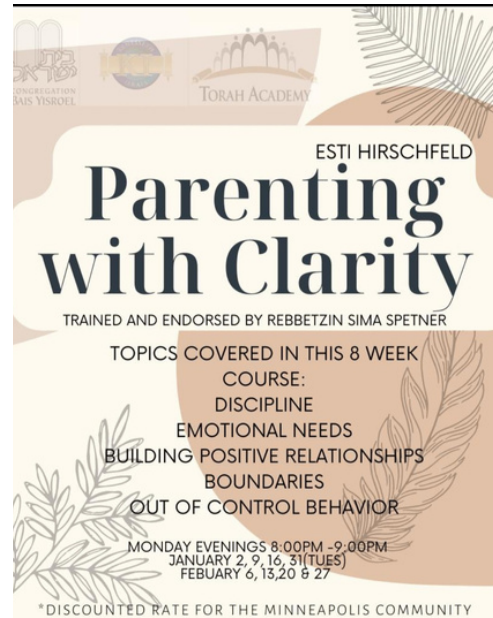
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