

KI BULLETIN



PARSHAS SHOFTIM

Rav Mordechai Kalatsky
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וּדְבְרוּ הַשּׁוֹטְרִים אֶל־הָעָם לֵאמֹר מִי־הָאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר בָּנָה בֵּית־חֹדֶשׁ וְלֹא חָנָךְ יָלַךְ וְיָשָׁב לְבֵיתוֹ פְּרִימוֹת בְּמִלְחָמָה וְאִישׁ אֲחֵר יִחְנֹכֶנּוּ:

THE POLICE SPEAK TO THE NATION: WHO IS THE MAN WHO BUILT A NEW HOUSE AND HAS NOT YET STARTED TO LIVE IN IT, HE SHOULD GO AND RETURN TO HIS HOUSE, LEST HE DIE IN THE WAR AND ANOTHER MAN WILL (LIVE IN IT) (Devarim 20:5)



Rashi adds: This causes a person much emotional pain. Rabbi Chasman commented on this that the fact in case he dies in battle and he himself will not live in the house he built is not strong enough to free him from serving in the army. What is? The fact that someone else will live in his house. Even though rationally there is no difference to him in any practical way whether or not someone else lives there, nevertheless emotionally this can cause great pain.

Why should it bother someone more because another person will benefit from labors when he is unable to benefit himself? Although that is true and comes from a faulty character trait it is still true and the nature of people.

This attitude is so natural and strong that it is taken into account when the morale of the army is concerned. This attitude causes much resentment and pain in people's lives. "I work so hard, why should others gain when they didn't work as hard as me?" someone can say to himself. This attitude is so easy to say to one's self.

The elevated attitude is that even if I don't benefit from my work, I am glad someone else is gaining from it. This is the way of a "giver" and what he will say and think. The negative attitude causes pain whereas the positive attitude gives emotional pleasure. Let us Work on mastering the positive attitude.

For this week whether it is a spouse, child or community member, be happy that you are benefiting someone from the hard work and labor you put in instead of feeling taken advantage of.

Have a fulfilling Shabbos!

Rabbi Kalatsky

ZMANIM

Fri Erev Shabbos Parshas Shoftim Aug 18 - 'ב Rosh Chodesh Elul

Shacharis 7 AM

Early Mincha 6:30 PM, CL 6:47-6:55 PM

Regular CL 7:57 PM

Shabbos, August 19

Shacharis 8:45 AM

Pirkei Avos/Relevant Halachos 6:45 PM

Mincha 7:40 PM

Shabbos Over 9:04 PM

Sunday, August 20

Shacharis 8:30 AM

Mincha 7:50 PM

Mon-Thurs August 21-24

Shacharis 7 AM

Mincha 7:50 PM

Fri Erev Shabbos Parshas Ki Seitzei August 25

Shacharis 7 AM

Early Mincha 6:20 PM, CL 6:38-6:45 PM

Regular CL 7:45 PM

COMMUNITY NEWS




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September 16 & 17

Rabbi Yisrael Lashak has been teaching Jews from all walks of life and backgrounds for the past 20 years. He is a co-founder of NCSY in Latin America and has spent countless hours teaching Spanish-speaking students of all ages, all over North and South America. Rabbi Lashak is also known as a passionate and dynamic public speaker who has thrilled audiences of all sizes and all ages in English, Spanish and Hebrew in twenty-seven different countries.




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WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 23
8:00 PM



45 ימים מפי' זרע

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IT IS OUR PLEASURE TO INVITE YOU TO SHARE IN A

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SUNDAY | א' אלול
August 20
1:00 PM

PROCESSION BEGINNING
AT TORAH ACADEMY AND
ENDING AT BAIS YISROEL

Meyer and Baila Silverberg

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בס"ד



Rabbi Mordechai Kalatsky

Benjamin Hering, Rabbi Emeritus
Chaim Goldberger, Rabbi Emeritus

We would like to start with a giant **Thank You** to the whole Kehilla for making KI such a special place!

Baruch Hashem we hear repeated comments about how lively and inviting the KI experience has become. Hashem should continue to bless us and bring the highest levels of ruchniyus through our tefillah, torah and shiurim. Membership has grown tremendously post-Covid and we routinely welcome dozens of guests to our shul on any given Shabbos. With Hashem's help, we aim to continue to be a warm and welcoming shul in the Twin Cities and beyond.

As a result, KI like every other growing organization, has incurred additional financial burdens. To ensure that KI can continue to host excellent speakers, provide exceptional programs for children and adults alike, produce top shelf kiddushim, and simply maintain our beautiful shul, we are asking for our members to help balance our budget.

Much of KI's funding has traditionally been from sources outside our regular community. Some generous donors have indicated the inability to contribute at the same level going forward. Couple this with increased costs in food, supplies, services, utilities, and building maintenance, we are turning to our kehilla for help.

Our goal is to increase our monthly membership contributions by a minimum of 15%. We hope that this increase will be manageable, and will continue to allow us to deliver our current programming, and help get our community a step closer to breaking even financially.

Board members will be reaching out individually to discuss the drive in the coming weeks. To discuss anything or offer suggestions, please reach out to Rabbi Kalatsky, Dr. Joey Greenberg, or any other KI board member.

Every member and guest should feel welcome in their own home so please be forthcoming with any financial hardships.

Our Membership drive will end on Parsha Ki Tavo, 5783 (September 1st, 2023). We will, b'ezras Hashem, host a special Kiddish September 23rd Parshas Ha'Azinu, in honor of our entire community's generosity and dedication to our beloved home.

This kiddish is sponsored by Rabbi and Rebbetzin Kalatsky and the KI board as a thank you for your upcoming commitment.

Hashem should repay all your chesed 1000 times over!

With much appreciation,
The KI Board

HALACHIC INSIGHT

One of the thirty nine melachos is tochain, grinding. Breaking down a substance into small particles. This melacha applies to non foods as well as to foods; however, we will discuss grinding in regards to foods.

Although the term tochain is defined as grinding food into a powder, it also includes any activity that reduces a large item into very small pieces. Thus, shredding, grating, and chopping are all forbidden under the melacha of tochain. Even dicing is assur. The precise definition of what constitutes dicing as being very small pieces is unclear. Accordingly, one must refrain from cutting any food into pieces generally considered by people to be very small even if they could be cut into even smaller pieces. When cutting onions or other vegetables for a salad, one may not slice the vegetables into what people would call very small pieces.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is sponsored by Simon and BJ Goldman in honor of the engagement of Henry Goldman and Maxine Wiesenfeld. Maxine is the daughter of Jeffrey and Cynthia Wiesenfeld of Great Neck, NY.

Shalosh suedah this week is being sponsored anonymously li'eiluy nishmas Esther bas Yitzchak Issac Mordechai Halevi A"H.



MAZEL TOV



The Women's Shabbos Shiur

August 19th Parshas Shoftim 5:00 PM
at the home of Mr. Aryeh Leib & Mrs. Irina Barannikov
2600 Quentin Ave

Guest Speaker: Rabbi Adam Crystal

August 26th Parshas Ki Seitzei 6:00 PM
at the Chabad Shul, entrance at the back of
The Shagalow's home,
2834 Raleigh Ave

Guest Speaker: Rabbi Yosef Yitzchok Shagalow

SHIURIM



Wednesdays 9am - Mesilas Yesarim (R. Kalatsky)

Thursdays 8pm - Jewish Concepts (R. Kalatsky)

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

Shabbos 8:15am - Parenting (John Ghermezian)

Shabbos-New Relevant Halacha Shailos with Rabbi Kalatsky 15 minutes before mincha

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

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

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