

PARSHAS VAYIGASH

Rav Mordechai Kalatsky December 22, 23 | 10th Teves, 5784

וַיֹּאמֵר יוֹסֵף אָל־אָחִיוֹ אָנֵי יוֹסֹף הַעוֹד אָבֵי חֵי וְלְאֹ־יָכְלוּ אָחִיוֹ לְעָנוֹת אֹתֹוֹ כִּי בַּבְּהַלוּ מִפְּנֵיו:" AND YOSEF SAID TO HIS BROTHERS, I AM YOSEF." (Bereishis 45:3)



The Chafetz Chaim commented the brothers had been puzzled and had many questions from the beginning when they first encountered Yosef who was pretending to be an Egyptian prince. He accused them of being spies and was asking so many peculiar questions and had so many puzzling demands. The brother's had so many unanswered questions about their experience. As soon as they heard," I am Yosef" all their questions were answered. All the confusion and doubts were now clarified and everything made sense.

So too when the entire world will one day hear the words, "I am Hashem" all the questions and difficulties, all the questions about suffering and unfairness will be answered. Everything will be understood and clear. We will see how the hand of the Almighty was behind everything and it was all for the best.

When a person realizes there is a plan and purpose for all difficulties and hardships, it gives meaning to the situation and lessens the suffering. When I find meaning in the difficulties it minimizes the suffering and it is easier to deal with.

A person though does not have to wait until mashiach comes to be aware that there is a purpose behind everything that happens to him. Even if I can't know the exact meaning of what I am going through, the realization that there is purpose will enable me to handle the situation in a more positive, less stressful way.

For this week when something happens that is frustrating and upsetting, take a moment and realize there is a purpose in what I am experiencing and this situation will allow me to become the best person I can be.

Have a powerful Shabbos!

Rabbi Kalatsky

ZMANIM

Fri Erev Shabbos Parshas
Vayigash Dec 22 Asara B'Teves
Fast begins 6:36 AM
Shacharis 7 AM
Mincha 4:05, CL 4:17 PM
Fast ends 5:25 PM

Shabbos Dec 23rd Shacharis 8:45 AM Mincha 4:10 PM Shabbos over 5:26 PM

Sunday Dec 24th
Shacharis 8:30 AM
Mincha/Maariv 4:20 PM

Mon Dec 25th National Holiday
Shachris 8:30 AM
Mincha/maariv 4:20 PM

<u>Tues - Thurs Dec 26th-28th</u> Shachris 7 AM Mincha/Maariv 4:20 PM

<u>Fri Erev Shabbos Parshas</u> <u>Vayichei Dec 29th</u> Shacharis 7 AM Mincha 4:20, CL 4:21 PM

COMMUNITY NEWS



Dear Kehillah,

We are pleased to announce that we have now combined three of our community financial resources under one umbrella:

The Minneapolis Community Fund

The existing resources include:

GEMACH LOANS: For short-term loans up to \$5,000.

HOUSING LOANS: For families settling into our community.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{FINANCIAL GRANTS:} On a case-by-case basis, generally around Yom Tov time. \end{tabular}$

As this community-wide initiative develops, we strongly urge everyone who is able to set up a recurring donation towards this important project - even if it's only a few dollars per month.

For more information, and to set up your recurring monthly donation now please visit: **WWW.MPLSCOMMUNITY.ORG**

This is also a great opportunity to remind everyone that many people in our community have informally lent out their hard earned savings, never to see it returned. With the Community Fund in place, there is really no reason to take risks. Private loans should certainly continue to be made, but lending them through this Fund will ensure the safe and timely return of your funds.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns,

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HALACHA

Halachos Of Asarah B'teves on Erev Shabbos:

The fast starts at alos hashachar 6:36AM and goes until tzeis hakochavim.

There is no concept of accepting early shabbos thereby ending the fast. The fast ends at 5:25 PM.

The Shulchan Aruch O'ho 550 seif beis paskens that washing and bathing are muttar on a regular fast day.

 $\label{thm:composition} \textbf{Even those who are more mach mir on themselves should not be when the fast comes out on erev Shabbos.}$

One may take a regular shower in honor of Shabbos.

For fast days that have been established because of the Beis Hamikdash being destroyed one should not listen to music. This would apply to Asara B'teves even if it falls out on erev shabbos.

There is krias hatorah and haftorah at mincha. Additionally aneinu is inserted in the silent shemoneh esrei. In honor of shabbos though, we do not say avinu malkeinu, and tachanun.

Mincha will be at 4:05 PM to make sure we are done before shekiyah. If one is running late and it hit shekiyah one may still say aneinu in their shemoneh esrei.

One should be mindful to only start eating after Tzeis hakochavim. However, once one arrives home, the family may start singing shalom aleichem and eishes chayil and then it will be tzeis.

If one is very hungry when he gets home from shul and it is already past tzeis hakochavim one may push off shalom aleichem and eishes chayil until after eating a bit.

Regardless, once tzeis does arrive, one should make kiddush without any unnecessary delay.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is co-sponsored by Shlomo and Miryam Schloss with gratitude to Hashem, the Kalatskys, and our wonderful community for "being there." and by Ariel Guetta לעילוי נשמת

Shalosh Seudos this week is sponsored anonymously in honor of Shragi for finding a speaker every week.



MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to Alexander & Malki Jonas on their Chasuna!

Mazel tov to the parents,

Blair & Michelle Elyse Jonas, and Michelle Glass Jonas!







KI KID'S CORNER

Remember to tell your kids to call the hotline so they can participate in this week's Derech Eretz challenge!



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-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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