

# KI BULLETIN



## PARSHAS VAYECHI

Rav Mordechai Kalatsky  
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גור ארִיָה יְהוּדָה מִטֶּרֶף בְּנֵי עֲלִיָּת כְּרַע רִבֵּץ כְּאַרְיֵה וְכִלְבִּיָּא מִי יִקְיָמוּ:  
YEHUDA IS A LION'S WHELP, FROM THE PREY, MY SON, YOU  
HAVE GONE UP. (Bereishis 49:9)



Rashi says Yehuda rose up through two actions. First, he was responsible for the selling of Yosef instead of killing him. Second, he saved Tamar through publicly embarrassing himself.

The Kuzari states that someone who rules over himself and his impulses is the definition of a righteous person. Such a person is a true ruler and will be able to lead others with the same integrity that he rules over himself. This is why Yehuda merited being the ruler and having all future kings come from his tribe.

You can see the tremendous outcomes of ruling over yourself. A person who exudes inner strength and self-confidence draws people to choose him as their leader.

When Yehuda admitted publicly what he did and embarrassed himself to save Tamar it took tremendous self-discipline and that ability to rule over himself made him a true king.

For this week when something comes up that I need to apologize for and it is difficult to admit the wrong that was done, realize when I admit the mistake to someone else I am becoming a true leader.

Have an empowering Shabbos!

Rabbi Kalatsky

## ZMANIM

### Fri Erev Shabbos Parshas Vayechi Dec 29th

Shacharis 7 AM

Mincha 4:25 PM, CL 4:21 PM

### Shabbos Dec 30th

Shacharis 8:45 AM

Mincha 4:10 PM

Shabbos over 5:31 PM

### Sunday Dec 31st

Shacharis 8:30 AM

Mincha/Maariv 4:25 PM

### Monday Federal Holiday Jan 1st

Shachris 8:30 AM

Mincha/Maariv 4:25 PM

### Tuesday-Thurs Jan 2nd-4th

Shachris 7 AM

Mincha/Maariv 4:25 PM

### Fri Erev Shabbos Parshas Shemos Jan 5th

Shacharis 7 AM

Mincha 4:30 CL 4:28 PM

# COMMUNITY NEWS



5th ANNUAL  
**ירחיכלה & שבת**  
DECEMBER 29 - JANUARY 1  
WITH RAV YEZHEKEL CZIMENT

WE INVITE THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY TO

*Please Join us!*

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SHABBOS PARSHAS VAYECHI, DECEMBER 29-30

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FRIDAY NIGHT

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8:30 PM Oneg Shabbos with Rav Czimment  
AT THE HOME OF RAV & REBBETZIN GIBBER, 2624 LYNN

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SHABBOS DAY

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Divrei Torah by Rav Czimment after Davening at Bais Yisroel


Divrei Torah by Rav Czimment during Shalosh Seudos in Keneseth Israel

Dedicated by Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Leon of Chicago, IL.  
רחב ראובן לוי בן שמואל אבא'ל, רבב רבב Gross, commemorating his first yartzeit



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Sunday, Jan 7 - **Machine Shop** - 6:00-8:00pm



**תהילים**

Join the Women's  
Tehillim Conference Call  
with Rebbetzin Kalatsky

1 - Shmiras HaLashon  
2 - Hilchos Shabbos  
3 - Perakim Tehillim

9:30 - 9:45 PM Nightly  
9:30 AM Friday Mornings

**971-224-6611**  
code: 694613#

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.

**FINANCIAL GRANTS:** On a case-by-case basis, generally around Yom Tov time.

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](http://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,

Rabbi Yechezkel Greenberg  
Rabbi Mordechai Kalatsky  
Rabbi Shlomo Kutoff

# HALACHA

There is an obligation to light candles for Shabbos on Friday in every Jewish home. Most mefarshim hold it is a Rabbinic origin.

Shabbos candles must be lit specifically for the sake of shabbos. If they were lit for some other purpose without shabbos in mind one cannot fulfill the mitzvah of the shabbos candles with them. They must be extinguished and relit specifically for Shabbos.

There are 3 reasons given for shabbos candles: Honoring Shabbos, Oneg Shabbos, and Shalom Bayis. The celebration of Shabbos is a cornerstone of Jewish faith, and as such it is only fitting that Shabbos be treated as an honored occasion. For this reason, our chachamim said candles should be lit to brighten the Shabbos meal. Lighting candles is therefore a fulfillment of the mitzvah of Kavod shabbos, honoring Shabbos.

# KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is sponsored by Blair & Michelle Elyse Jonas in honor of the chasuna last week of Alexander and Malki Jonas.

Shalosh seudos still available.



# MAZEL TOV

**Mazel Tov to Elimelech Heisler on his Afruf, and to parents Rabbi & Mrs. Yosef Heisler!**

**Mazel Tov to Rabbi Mike & Chana Filkins on the birth of their daughter, Rivka Miriam!**

***May they be zoche to Torah, ben torah, Chuppa and Maasim tovim!***



KI extends condolences to Mrs. Wendy Runge and family, on the death of her mother, Mrs. Ina Weiner, Chaya bas Yoel Moshe A"H.





## 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 Yescharim (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)

### Sponsor a Kiddush at KI

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