

#### **PARSHAS VAERA**

Rav Mordechai Kalatsky January 12, 2024 2nd Shevat, 5784

הַעְתִּירוֹ אֶל־יִ-הֹוָה וַרָּב מִהִיּת קֹלָת אֱ-לֹהֵים וּבָרֶד וַאֲשַׁלְּחָה אֶתְכֶּם וְלָא תֹסְפוּן

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 taken on that has fallen to the wayside and restart the journey!

Have a powerful Shabbos! Rabbi Kalatsky

#### **ZMANIM**

Fri Erev Shabbos Parshas
Vaera Jan 12th
Shacharis 7 AM
Mincha 4:35, CL 4:35 PM

Shabbos Jan 13th
Shacharis 8:45 AM
Mincha 4:20 PM
Shabbos over 5:46 PM

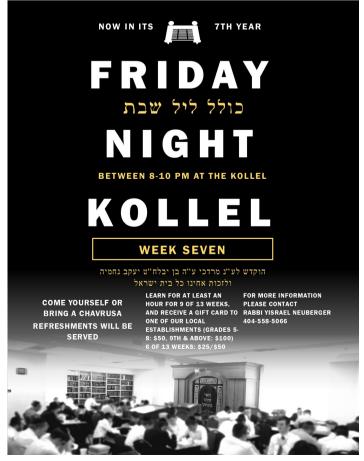
Sunday Jan 14th
Shacharis 8:30 AM
Mincha/Maariv 4:40 PM

Mon - Thurs Jan 15-18th Shachris 7 AM Mincha/Maariv 4:40 PM

Fri Erev Shabbos Parshas
Bo Jan 19th
Shacharis 7 AM
Mincha 4:45 PM, CL 4:44 PM

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**







### **HALACHA**

When a woman lights the candles, she should set fire to most of the wick so the flame will be burning well by the time she removes her hand after completing the lighting. This is the manner in which the lights of the Menorah were lit in the Bais Hamikdash.

The time after she lights the candles and recites the beracha is an auspicious time to daven. She should daven that Hashem should bless her with sons and daughters who are yirei shamyim and beni Torah. She may also daven for any other needs at that time.

### **KIDDUSH**

Kiddush this week, 1/13/24 sponsored by Alina and Alexander Portnoy in honor of the wedding of Abby and Eli Hirsch.

Last week was sponsored anonymously.

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May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman B'Yisrael

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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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