

PARSHAS TETZAVEH

Rav Mordechai Kalatsky February 23, 2024| 14th Adar Aleph, 5784

וְאַמָּה תְּצֵוֶה | אָתִ־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרְאַל וְיִקְרוֹּ אַלְיךְ שֵׁמֵן וֵיֵת זְרָ כְּתִית לְמָאוֹר לְהַעֲלָת בֶּר תְמִיד: AND YOU SHALL COMMAND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL THAT THEY BRING TO YOU PURE OLIVE OIL BEATEN FOR THE LIGHT TO CAUSE THE LAMP TO BURN ALWAYS." (Shemos 27:20)



The Medrash explains that Hashem does not need our light but you shall make light for Him just as He makes light for you. It is similar to a blind person walking along with someone and the person with sight led the blind person the entire way. When they reached their destination, the sighted person asked the blind person to please go into the dark house and light the fire so he can see. "I want you to do this" said the sighted person, "so you will not feel indebted to me. Now you have done something for me in return."

Rabbi Yeruchem Levovitz commented that from here we see what total kindness is. There could be many ulterior motives when we do kindness for someone else. The ultimate kindness is to do it without any expectations for anything back in return, even a thank you. When we do a favor for someone our attitude should be to totally help the next one and it should not have anything to do with me.

Many people feel resentment towards people who show no appreciation or gratitude for what they did for them. While it is true they should feel gratitude, that is not the reason for the kindness but a byproduct. When I can step into kindness just for kindness then I will be free of many negative feelings and uncomfortable situations to the people who don't appreciate all I have done for them.

For this week if we feel unappreciated for the good we have done we should say to ourselves that this is an opportunity to bestow kindness in the fullest sense and revel in the ability to give in such a powerful way.

Have a stupendous Shabbos!

Rabbi Kalatsky

ZMANIM

Friday Erev Shabbos Tetzaveh Purim Katan Feb 23rd Shachris 7 AM Mincha 5:35 PM CL 5:34 PM

Shabbos morning Feb 24th

Shachris 8:45 AM Mincha 5:20 PM Shabbos over 6:44 PM

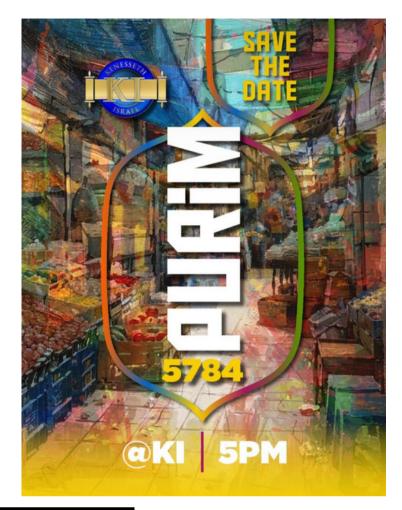
Sunday Feb 25th

Shacharis 8:30 AM Mincha/Maariv 5:40 PM

<u>Mon-Thurs Feb 26th-Feb 29th</u> Shacharis 7 AM Mincha/Maariv 5:40 PM

Friday Erev Shabbos Key Sisa March 1st Shachris 7 AM Mincha 5:45 PM CL 5:43 PM

COMMUNITY NEWS







HALACHA

When saying Vayechulu in the Friday night kiddush, one should look at the candles. When saying the brachos on the wine and kiddush, one should look at the wine in the cup and focus one's attention on it. If that is not possible, one should look at the cup. Those who are listening to kiddush should also do that. If looking at the cup or candles will disturb one's concentration, then he should just look at the candles when he begins vayechulu and at the cup when he begins the beracha.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is sponsored anonymously in honor of the community of Kenneseth Israel Congregation

Shalosh seudos is sponsored this week by Mark and Sabrina Danelich in honor of the 6th yahrzeit of Mark's mother, Shayna bas Bentzion a"h



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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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