

PARSHAS CHUKAS

Rav Mordechai Kalatsky July 4th 2025|8thTammuz, 5785

"BECAUSE OF THAT, THEY WHO SPEAK IN PARABLES SAY: COME TO CHESHBON. LET THE CITY OF SICHON BE BUILT AND ESTABLISHED." (Bamidbar 21:27) וויים באו חשבון ערי סיחון בער הודעון ערי סיחון בער הודעון ערי סיחון ערי סיחון



The Gemara states on this verse: "Hamoshlim refers to those who rule over their impulses. Bo-ooh cheshbon, come and make a calculation of your behavior. Think about what you lose by performing a good deed and weigh that against all that you gain from it. Think about what you gain from transgressing and weigh that against what you lose. If you do this, you will be built up in this world and established in the world to come."

In reference to keeping an account of one's behavior, Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzato wrote that a person needs to keep an eye on all that he does. A person should work on overcoming all of his negative habits and negative traits. Successful businessmen keep close track of all their investments and constantly weigh their financial situation. So too a person should make an accounting of his behavior each day to work on self-improvement. Set aside special times for this accounting for the benefits are very great.

He goes on to explain the Talmudic statement cited above that those who rule over their impulses advise everyone to make an accounting of their behavior. He uses as a metaphor the mazes that wealthy aristocrats used to have on their property. The mazes were formed from bushes and shrubbery that was very complex. It was difficult for a person to find the correct path since so many paths led the wrong way. Only someone who successfully found the correct path and stood on the high area above the scene could give another person advice on how to avoid traps and get to the destination. Similarly, only someone who is successful in mastering his impulses can advise others how to do it. What is their advice? Constantly weigh your behavior and see the benefits of doing good and the harm of doing evil.

When a person makes an accounting of his behavior he should feel joy in every bit of improvement. Don't allow yourself to be discouraged when you see your faults and make mistakes. The focus always has to be on the positive and taking the time to be cognizant of the specialness of every action.

For this week set aside one day and take 2 minutes to go over the positive and negative actions that happened over the day. This will allow a better understanding of the self and the ability to know what to strengthen and what work needs to be done.

Have a good Shabbos!

Rabbi Kalatsky

ZMANIM

<u>Friday - Erev Shabbos</u> <u>Parshas Chukas - July 4</u>

Shacharis: 8:30 a.m. Mincha: 7:10 p.m.

Early Candle Lighting: 7:25-7:40 p.m.

Regular CL: 8:44 p.m.

<u>Shabbos – Parshas Chukas – July 5</u>

Shacharis: 8:45 a.m. Mincha: 8:20 p.m. Maariv: 9:53 p.m.

Shabbos Ends: 9:59 p.m.

Sunday - July 6

Shacharis: 8:30 a.m.

Mincha/Maariv: 8:45 p.m.

Monday - Thursday - July 7-10

Shacharis: 7:00 a.m. Mincha/Maariv: 8:45 p.m.

Friday - Erev Shabbos - July 11

Shacharis: 7:00 a.m. Mincha: 7:10 p.m.

Early Candle Lighting: 7:20–7:35 p.m. Regular Candle Lighting: 8:41 p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS





MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Dovid Rokach of Chicago on the birth of a baby girl Chanah! Mazel tov to the Grandparents Beverly and Irv Thorne!

Mazel tov to Shimshon and Esther Mendelson on their

marriage this past week!

May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman.

Mazel tov to the Sherman and the Mendleson families!

HALACHA

Using Trees on Shabbos

It is assur to remove a garment from a tree on Shabbos, regardless of whether it was placed there before or during Shabbos. Therefore, if someone places a hat or other item on a tree or bush taller than three tefachim (handbreadths) on Shabbos, it may not be removed during Shabbos. However, one may ask a non-Jew (nochri) to remove it. Similarly, if a ball becomes stuck in a bush taller than three tefachim, it may not be removed on Shabbos by a Jew.

In addition, it is forbidden to remove a garment from a hook that is suspended from a tree, as well as to place a garment on such a back during Shabbos. These prohibitions and removing items whether directly on the tree or promoting.

hook during Shabbos. These prohibitions apply to both placing and removing items, whether directly on the tree or on something attached to the tree.

Swings and Hammocks

One may use a swing on Shabbos if it is indirectly attached to the tree—meaning it is suspended from hooks or another mechanism that is attached to the tree, not from the tree itself. This is only permitted if: The swing was set up before Shabbos. The use of the swing does not cause the tree to shake.

Similarly, a hammock may be used on Shabbos if it is also indirectly attached to the tree and does not cause it to move. However, if either a swing or a hammock is directly attached to the tree, it is forbidden to use it on Shabbos.

KIDDUSH



Kiddush this week is sponsored by a group of shul members in honor of the Dorfman Family and as a Tzeitchem l'shalom to the Dorfman family on their move.

Shalosh seudos is sponsored by Vivien Bacaner and David Bahn in commemoration of the 1st Yahrtzeit of Vivien's mother Mrs. Hadassah Bacaner - Hadassah Chaviva bat Daniel David Bahn will be speaking about Parah Aduma

RELEVANT HALACHA SHAILOS-GIVEN BY THE RAV AFTER MINCHA ON SHABBOS DURING THE LEARNING SEDER

3 Havdalos every Motzaei Shabbos

If you heard havdalah and then daven maariv do you say Ata Chonantanu in shemoneh esrei?

If you say baruch hamavdil and you still need to bentch do you still say

If you forget ata chonantanu can you put it into shema koleinu? If ata chanantanu is considered havdalah why is there another havdalah later?

KI KID'S CORNER





WHERE TO THIS WEEK?

Call or test Rubbi 6, Mrs. Mandelbaum 732,927,3746 ALL CHILDREN'S SIZES POly/Cotton Tzitzis T. Shirt Tzitzis





SHIURIM



Wednesdays 9am - Chovos Halevovos-Rabbi Kalatsky

Shabbos 8:15am – Parenting-John Ghermezian

Shabbos- Pirkei Avos 35 minutes before Mincha

Shabbos-Relevant Halacha Shailos with Rabbi Kalatsky 10 minutes after mincha

Shabbos Daf Yomi – 50 minutes before Mincha Zevi Segal

Shabbos Nesivos Shalom - 50 minutes before Mincha



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