

# KI BULLETIN



## PARSHAS VAYAKHEL/PEKUDEI

Rav Mordechai Kalatsky  
March 13th 2026|24th Adar 5786

**"And Moshe saw all the work and behold they did it as The Almighty commanded, so did they do, and Moshe blessed them."**



Rabbi Zalman Sorotzkin related the following story. He once attended the dedication ceremony of an institution. The Rabbinical head of the institution had devoted an extremely large amount of personal time and energy towards this project, and when he addressed the crowd he heaped praise and blessing upon all the generous donors. When Rabbi Zalman Sorotzkin followed this courteous address, he commented, "In truth, the donors should be the one to praise and bless the Rabbi. It was his efforts that enabled them to have the merit of contributing to such a worthwhile charity." Rabbi Sorotzkin then continued, "This Rabbi is following in Moshe's humble ways. For after the complete report of everything dedicated to the tabernacle Moshe blessed all those who participated in the donations and contributions. They should have blessed Moshe for the opportunity that he gave them."

In the same vein, when a wealthy person helps a poor person, the wealthy person gains more from the exchange, since he gains spiritual merit. In this world, however, we typically find the receiver being more grateful than the benefactor.

The Chafetz Chaim used to give one ruble to every person who came to him seeking charity. One time, someone came in the pouring rain, and the Chafetz Chaim gave him two rubles. Knowing the Chafetz Chaim's normal practice the man innocently asked why he had merited two rubles. The sage answered, "Today it is raining and you had to exert yourself to bring me the merit of giving charity, so I felt it was only right to give you double!"

When someone approaches us for a contribution for a worthy cause, we should appreciate that he is doing us a favor by giving us an opportunity to contribute. While it is definitely important for the receiver to have gratitude, it is an entirely different experience for the benefactor if he recognizes that he is gaining tremendous spiritual assets for mere dollars. This realization will surely permeate his personality in so many ways.

Good Shabbos!  
Rabbi Kalatsky

## ZMANIM

### Erev Shabbos – Parshas Vayakhel-Pekudei

#### Friday, March 13

Shacharis – 7:00 AM  
Candle Lighting – 6:58 PM  
Mincha – 7:05 PM

### Shabbos – Parshas Vayakhel-Pekudei / HaChodesh/ Mevarchim Hachodesh

#### Shabbos, March 14

Shacharis – 8:45 AM  
Mincha – 6:35 PM  
Maariv / Shabbos Ends – 8:09 PM

#### Sunday, March 15

Learning – 8:00 AM  
Shacharis – 8:45 AM  
Mincha / Maariv – 7:05 PM


### Monday - Thursday March 16-19 Thursday – Rosh Chodesh Nissan

Shachris 7 AM  
Mincha/Maariv 7:05 PM

### Friday Erev Shabbos – Parshas Vayikra

Shacharis – 7:00 AM  
Candle Lighting – 7:07 PM  
Mincha / Maariv – 7:15 PM

# COMMUNITY NEWS



**SUNDAY MORNING  
KOLLEL @ KI**

8:00- 8:45 AM  
LEARNING KOLLEL

OPTIONAL SHIUR BY RABBI ELI MARKOWITZ

Topic:  
Shailos from the past week

8:45 AM  
SHACHRIS

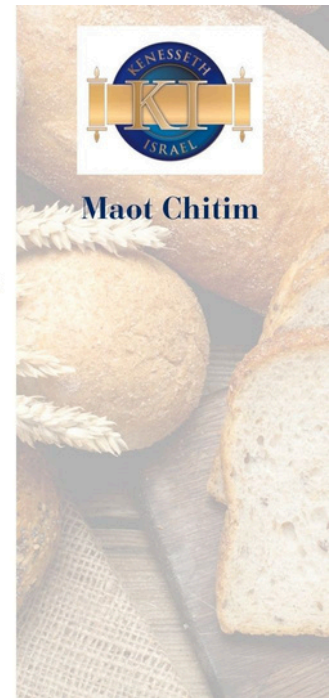


RABBI KALATSKY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SELL YOUR CHOMETZ AFTER SHACHRIS AND MAARIV.

IF YOU NEED A DIFFERENT TIME, PLEASE EMAIL THE RABBI AT RABBIK@KENESETHISRAEL.ORG

FOR THIS SERVICE CHECKS CAN BE MADE EITHER TO RABBI KALATSKY OR TO RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND.

YOU MAY ALSO USE THE KI WEBSITE (SEE BUTTON BELOW) PLEASE INCLUDE: "SALE OF CHAMETZ" IN THE MEMO BOX.



## Cancelled due to the war in Israel



פרשת ויקרא  
ג'-ד' ניסן, תשפ"ו  
MARCH 20-21, 2026



With the participation of  
**Harav Hagaon  
Yehuda  
Wagschal Shlita**  
ר"מ דשיבת מיר ירושלים

*This Sunday*  
*An Evening of Women's  
Wellness & Inspiration*

with  
**DR, ARIELLA ALTMAN**  
Surgical Oncologist: Allina Health

featuring Guest Speaker  
**CHARLENE AMINOFF**  
internationally renowned speaker and cancer survivor, inspiring women across the globe with messages of Faith, strength and purpose.

*Sunday, March 15*

Doors open: 7:00pm Program begins: 7:30pm  
at Chabad Center for Jewish Life - Minnetarika

Dessert Refreshments  
RSVP Requested  
[www.ChabadMinneapolis.com/wellness](http://www.ChabadMinneapolis.com/wellness)

Admission: No cost  
Sponsorships available - VIP reception. Z260

## MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to Albert & Chaya Miller on the engagement of their daughter Aliza to Binyomin Lebowitz! Mazel Tov to the entire family!



## HALACHA

### Halacha – Mavir (Kindling a Fire)

Pressing the accelerator of a car releases gas into the combustion chamber of the engine where it is ignited. Thus, driving a car represents a continuous transgression of the melacha of mavir, and actually could be four to six thousand acts of kindling while driving a car on Shabbos.

It is forbidden to make a bulb burn more brightly by raising a dimmer to a higher setting. By raising the setting, you enlarge the fire, which is included in the melacha of mavir.

It is also forbidden to sterilize a needle by placing it on a fire and making it red hot, since metal that becomes red hot is considered like fire.

Clothes made of synthetic materials may be worn even if they give off sparks from static electricity while putting them on or taking them off.

If you move a table with an oil lamp on it, moving the table is permitted only if the table does not become a base (basis) for the oil lamp with regard to the halacha of basis.

One must be very careful not to shake oil in the lamp. Shaking can cause the oil to move closer to the flame or further away from it, which could violate the melacha of mavir (increasing the flame) or mechabeh (diminishing the flame).

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

### Halacha lemaaseh The Mitzvah Of Vehigadata Levincha

## KIDDUSH



**Kiddush this week is sponsored  
anonymously**  
**לזכות רפואה שלימה לכל חולי ישראל**

**Shalosh seudos sponsorship still available**

# KI KID'S CORNER

WHERE TO THIS WEEK?  
 WHATS THE MIDDOS CHALLENGE?  
 I WANT TO HEAR THE KI KIDS SONG!  
 +MORE



**KI KIDS  
 HOTLINE**  
 5 4 5 4 3 7  
 Dial 541-8KI-KIDS

**KI  
 SMS-text  
 group**



We have created a GroupMe group for people who don't have WhatsApp but want KI updates and Zmanim via SMS text.

Attention Minneapolis!

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pricing

KIDS SIZES	TSHIRT	
	THIN	THICK
2-7	\$10	\$13
8-12	\$20	\$26
13-18	\$25	\$38
19-24	\$25	\$39
25-30	\$37	\$45
31-36	\$47	\$55

Tzitzis are available upon request to order.



# 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

**Let's Make Kiddush @ KI**

**Upgrade - \$550 member** (15% off for plus member)  
**\$600 non-member**

Cholent  
 Potato Kugel  
 Herring  
 Crackers  
 Cakes  
 Sodas

Choice of 1: Beef Jerky, Turkey Shawarma, Salami Tray, or Pastrami\*\*  
 Veggies & Dip  
 Grapes  
 Hummus  
 Water

\*\* \$200 extra

**Standard - \$360 member** (15% off for plus member)  
**\$400 non-member**

Cholent  
 Potato Kugel  
 Herring  
 Crackers

Cakes  
 Sodas  
 Water

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**Sponsor a Shalosh Seudos**

**\$215 member**  
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Challah Rolls  
 Dips  
 Chips  
 Popcorn  
 Tuna  
 1 Vegetable salad

1 Lettuce salad  
 Cakes  
 Sodas  
 Water  
 Fruit

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