

KI BULLETIN



PARSHAS BAMIDBAR

Rav Mordechai Kalatsky
May 15th 2026|28th Iyar 5786



"AND HASHEM SPOKE TO MOSHE IN THE WILDERNESS OF SINAI" (Bamidbar 1:1)
וַיְדַבֵּר ה' אֶל-מֹשֶׁה בְּמִדְבַּר סִינַי

The Midrash states on this verse: "Whoever does not make himself open and free like a wilderness will not be able to acquire wisdom and Torah." This, refers to having the trait of humility which enables a person to learn from everyone and to teach everyone.

A person with arrogance will only be willing to learn from someone if he feels it is fitting to his honor to do so. If, for example, someone much younger than he has Torah knowledge that he is lacking, he will not ask that person to teach him for he feels that would lower his status. If there is something he does not understand, he will be very careful before he asks anyone to explain it to him. He has to size up the situation to see if it is fitting for him. Similarly, he will only be willing to teach someone if he feels that he will gain honor from teaching this person and it is worth his while.

The humble person's thoughts are solely on gaining Torah knowledge. He is willing to learn from anyone who knows something he does not, even though he might have much more overall Torah knowledge. He wants to spread and acquire as much Torah knowledge as he can. He does not focus on his own ego but on gaining and sharing wisdom.

For this week we should look for wisdom and be open to listening to what other people have to say. Whether it be Torah related, family related or business related. We should seek wisdom from everyone and realize how every person has something to offer us.

Good Shabbos!

Rabbi Kalatsky

ZMANIM

Friday, May 15

Shacharis: 7:00 AM
Mincha: 6:45 PM
Early Candle Lighting: 7:02 PM
Regular Candle Lighting: 8:17 PM

Shabbos – Parshas Bamidbar |

Mevarchim HaChodesh

Shacharis: 8:45 AM
Mincha: 8:05 PM
Maariv: 9:27 PM Havdalah 9:30 PM

Sunday – Rosh Chodesh Sivan May 17

Shacharis: 8:45 AM
Mincha/Maariv: 8:25 PM

Monday–Wednesday May 18-20

Shacharis: 7:00 AM
Mincha: 8:25 PM

Thursday – Erev Shavuos May 21

Remember to make an Eiruv Tavshilin

Shacharis: 7:00 AM
Mincha: 8:25 PM
Candle Lighting: 8:24 PM
Maariv 9:33 PM

The Rav will speak between mincha/maariv

There will be all-night learning. Please see attached flyer for details.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SHAVUOS Night
AT KI

THURSDAY NIGHT
MAY 21
12 AM - 4 AM

SHIURIM

CHAVRUSAS

FOOD

LOTS OF CAFFEINE

SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS	
12:15 AM - 1:00 AM	CHAVRUSA LEARNING
1:00 AM - 1:40 AM	JOHN GHERMEZIAN
1:45 AM - 2:25 AM	RABBI ELI MARKOWITZ
2:30 AM - 3:05 AM	RABBI SHEA MOSKOWITZ
3:10 AM - 4:00 AM	RABBI AVIGDOR GOLDBERGER

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New Date: *Sunday, May 17*

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

Dessert Refreshments
RSVP Requested
www.ChabadMinneapolis.com/wellness

Admission: No cost
Sponsorships available - VIP Reception: \$360

The Women's Shabbos Shiur

May 16th Parshas Bamidbar **6:15 PM**
at the home of Mrs. Debbie Siegel
2613 Raleigh Ave
Guest Speaker: Rabbi Adam Crystal

May 23rd Shavuos **no shiur**
Chag Sameach

Milchig Kiddush

SECOND DAY
OF SHAVUOS

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LEGAL HOLIDAY
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When is Halachic Nightfall?
DETERMINING DARKNESS

Rabbi Paysach Yehuda
Diner

Date: **Memorial Day**
05.25.2026

Schedule:
8:30 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM In-Depth Chavrusa
Learning
9:30 AM Concise Prep
Group with R' Goldberger
10:00 AM Shiur

בנותש"ת

WITH GRATITUDE TO HASHEM
WE WOULD BE HONOURED
TO HAVE YOU JOIN US
AT THE SIMCHAS BAR MITZVAH
OF OUR DEAR SON

ברוך שבו ויוראה לחש"ת
מתקבדים אנו לחוסין
את קרובינו וידידנו
לחשתת בשמחת חברי מנוח
של בנו היקר

Irul ישראל עבודה יי

SHABBOS KODESH שבתקיים בנותש"ת
PARSHAS BAMIDBAR בשבת קודש פרשת במדבר
THE SIXTEENTH OF MAY, 2026 כ"ט אייר תשפ"ו
KINESSETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION ק"ם כנסת ישראל
430 W. 28TH STREET, ST. LOUIS PARK, MINNESOTA

SHACHARIS AT 8:45 AM 8:45 שחרית בשעה
KIDDUSH FOLLOWING DAYVENING קידוש אחר התמילה
CHAIM AND JILL GOLDBERGER חיים יצחק וצ'לה גולדברגר

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שלמח וחייה ברכה גולדברגר ישראל וצ'לה שרה גיינברג ע"ה

MAZEL TOV

Mazel tov to the Rav and Rebbetzin on the engagement of their daughter Tova to Shmuel Estreicher from Atlanta! Mazel Tov to the Grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Yanky & Leah Roberts! May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman B'yisrael!

Mazel tov to Rabbi Chaim and Jill Goldberger on the Bar mitzvah of their son Srul! May they only see nachas from Srul and the entire family!



*Mazel Tov,
Bar Mitzvah!*

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

Q and A On Shavuous

HALACHA

The cup for Havdalah is lifted in the same manner as the cup for Kiddush.

Afterward, the cup of Havdalah is held in the right hand while the besamim are held in the left hand. Before reciting the beracha on the besamim, one transfers the cup to the left hand and the besamim to the right hand, and then recites the beracha of Borei Minei Besamim and smells the fragrance.

Some authorities rule that it is not necessary to hold the cup at all while reciting the beracha on the besamim. Others write that one should first recite the beracha on the besamim and then inhale their fragrance.

Each of the listeners should also take the besamim and smell them. The common custom is that the listeners are exempted through the beracha of the person reciting Havdalah. However, some have the custom that each listener recites their own beracha over the besamim and the fire.

Many poskim say that one should hold the cup in the left hand while reciting the beracha of Borei Me'orei Ha'eish over the Havdalah candle. Others say that the cup should remain in the right hand while reciting this beracha.

After reciting Borei Me'orei Ha'eish, one looks at the fingernails by the light of the flame. The cup is then returned to the right hand, and the beracha of Hamavdil is recited while gazing at the cup. The listeners should also look at the cup.

KIDDUSH



Kiddush and shalosh seudos this week are sponsored by Rabbi and Mrs. Goldberger in honor of the bar mitzvah of our son, Yisrael Ovadyah.

Shalosh seudos is also sponsored in honor and memory of Ethel Cohen Berkowitz by her grandchildren Debbie and David Griver.

BAR MITZVAH

בר מצווה



KI KID'S CORNER

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



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**KI
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 group**

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



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Masechta Yuma

Beginning on: Wednesday, April 29th / 12 Iyar.

Daily shiur given by
Rabbi Eli Markowitz
 Location: **Congregation Keneseth Israel**

Time: Shiur at: 6:35 AM, followed by Shacharis at 7:00

For more information or to join, contact: Rabbi Eli Markowitz- 347-831-0547

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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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 Potato Kugel
 Herring
 Crackers
 Cakes
 Sodas

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

Standard - \$360 member (15% off for plus member)
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Cholent
 Potato Kugel
 Herring
 Crackers

Cakes
 Sodas
 Water

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 Water
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