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PARSHAS PINCHAS

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"THESE ARE THE CHILDREN OF DAN ACCORDING TO THEIR FAMILIES... SIXTY FOUR THOUSAND AND FOUR HUNDRED." (Bamidbar 26:42,43)

אֵלֶּה בְנֵי־דָן לְמִשְׁפְּחֹתָם לְשׁוּחָם מִשְׁפַּחַת הַשּׁוּחָמִי אֵלֶּה מִשְׁפְּחֹת דָּן לְמִשְׁפְּחֹתָם:כָּל־מִשְׁפַּחַת הַשּׁוּחָמִי לִפְקֻדֵיהֶם אַרְבָּעָה וְשִׁשִּׁים אֶלֶף וְאַרְבַּע מֵאוֹת:

The Chafetz Chaim noted that the total population of the tribe of Binyamin was forty five thousand and six hundred. Dan's population was sixty-four thousand and four hundred. What is so remarkable about this is that Binyamin the head of the original tribe had ten sons while his brother Dan only had one. What is even more remarkable is that Chushim who was the only son of Dan was handicapped; he was deaf. Although Dan only had one son and Binyamin had ten, Dan had more descendants than Benjamin.

From here we can learn a lesson said the Chafetz Chaim that if Hashem wants a person to be successful, he will succeed even if it appears at first that he has less than someone else. It is possible from one son a person can have more than from ten sons.
This is also true in regard to wealth and possessions. There are some people with only a limited amount of money and possessions but they feel happy with what they have and live very cheerful lives. On the opposite side, there are wealthy people who lack true success and joy in life even though they own a lot.

Some people see that others have more than they do, and feel bad about this and fail to enjoy what they themselves have. Envy is a mistake. You can live a very joyous life even if you appear to have less than others. Daven for the Hashem's beracha with what you have. Quantity is not always a valid measurement for success in life. The person who masters taking pleasure with what he has is guaranteed a life of happiness.

For this week one time a day stop and articulate something you are thankful for and appreciate all the good you have in your life.

Good Shabbos!

Rabbi Kalatsky

ZMANIM

Friday, July 3 – Erev Shabbos
Shacharis: 8:45 a.m.
Mincha: 7:10 p.m.
Early Candle Lighting: 7:27 p.m.
Regular Candle Lighting: 8:45 p.m.

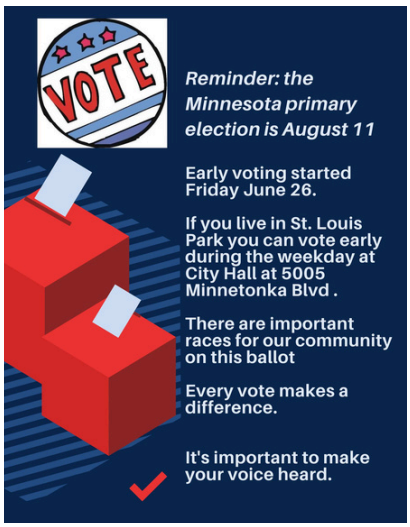
Shabbos – Parshas Pinchas
Shacharis: 8:45 a.m.
Pirkei Avos: 7:50 p.m.
Mincha: 8:25 p.m.
Maariv: 9:53 p.m.
Havdala 9:59 PM

Sunday July 5th
Shacharis: 8:45 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv: 8:50 p.m.

Monday – Thursday July 6-9
Shacharis: 7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv: 8:50 p.m.

Friday – Erev Parshas Matos-Masei
Shacharis: 7:00 a.m.
Mincha: 7:10 p.m.
Earliest Candle Lighting: 7:24 p.m.
Regular Candle Lighting: 8:42 p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS



MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to Miriam (Giter) and Yossi Assayag on the birth of a Baby Boy! Mazel Tov to the grandparents Leah and Yanky Roberts!

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

The 9 days in Halacha

HALACHA

Hotels can present a number of challenges for the Shabbos-observant guest. Before arriving, it is important to contact the hotel and determine whether there are any halachic concerns and how they can be addressed.

Common issues include:
- Closet lights that turn on automatically when the door is opened.
- Toilets, sinks, or faucets that operate with motion or electric sensors.
- Electronic room locks that require a key card or electronic device.

In almost all cases, opening an electronically operated hotel room door on Shabbos constitutes chilul Shabbos and should be avoided.

One possible solution is to place all valuables in the hotel safe before Shabbos and leave the room unlocked for the duration of Shabbos. This can sometimes be accomplished by taping over the door latch so that it does not lock when closed. Care should be taken to use tape that will not leave a permanent residue or damage the paint or door. In practice, however, this solution is often not feasible.

Another option is to have a hotel employee unlock the door whenever entry is needed. At first glance, this raises the issue of amira l'nochri—asking a non-Jew to perform melachah on Shabbos. The poskim discuss situations in which this may be permissible.

An approach is to explain to hotel management before checking in that you can only rent the room if arrangements are made for you to enter without using an electronic key on Shabbos. If the hotel agrees to provide staff to unlock the door as part of the accommodation, they are doing so to fulfill the hotel's agreement with its guest.

If one must stay in a hotel for the sake of a mitzvah—for example, while accompanying someone in a hospital—and none of the above solutions are practical, one should consult a competent halachic authority. In certain circumstances, the poskim permit asking a non-Jew to open the door.

KIDDUSH

This week's kiddush is sponsored by Michael Klein of Brooklyn, New York, in loving memory of his mother Naomi Klein aleha hashalom, and also in memory of the Rabbi Emeritus of Kenesseth Israel, Rabbi Jerome Herzog, alav hashalom. Rabbi Herzog was close to Michael's family and a good friend of his mother's, and it is Michael's good fortune that he can honor them both today.

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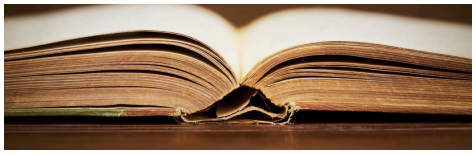


Wednesdays 9am - Chovos Halevovos-Rabbi Kalatsky

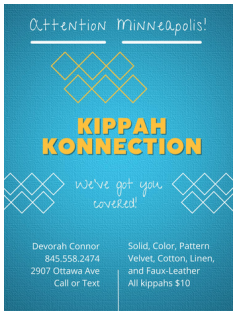
Shabbos 8:15am – Parenting-John Ghermezian

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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