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PARSHAS MATOS-MASEI

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וַיִּמְסְרוּ מֵאַלְפֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶלֶף לַמַּטֶּה שְׁנֵים־עָשָׂר אֶלֶף חֲלוּצֵי צָבָא:
"AND HE GAVE OVER FROM THE THOUSANDS OF ISRAEL, ONE THOUSAND FROM EACH TRIBE"
(Bamidbar 31:5)

As the Jewish people prepared for war against Midian, Moshe was forced to draft an army.

Rashi comments on this verse: This is to teach us how much the Jewish people cherish their leaders. Previously, the nation complained against Moshe to the extent that Moshe felt they would stone him. Now, when they heard the Moshe would die after the battle with the Midianites, the nation refused to fight. Consequently, Moshe had to coerce the tribal leaders to draft soldiers for the battle.

Some people question: Why did Rashi begin his praise of the Jews' loyalty to Moshe with a statement about their previous rebelliousness?! The Shelah explains that sometimes the source of one's complaint can be positive. The Jews considered Moshe to be their loving leader; like a father, therefore, they expected and demanded unflinching support. The fact that they desperately tried to retain Moshe and wouldn't do anything to hasten his departure showed that their previous complaints came from the closeness they felt towards him, not hatred.

When someone has complaints against us, it can be quite painful. If we look for the positive aspects of the complaint we will be able to cope with it much more effectively.
For example, if someone complains that you did not do more for him than you actually did, it shows that he considers you a compassionate and capable person from that, in his mind, he has the right to expect more. He doesn't complain about a stranger or someone he considers incompetent. In general, when someone finds fault with you, try to find some positive aspect in what he is saying. Mastering the ability to reframe potentially negative statements will free you from much emotional pain.
Additionally, when trying to make peace between members of a family, it is a good idea to show them how their frustration and anger is really based on their care and concern for one another and their belief in the strengths that the other possesses.

This week, let's look at someone who has anger towards us as concern for my well-being. By doing so, we will find it easier to fulfill the commandment of loving our fellow Jew.

Good Shabbos!
Rabbi Kalatsky

ZMANIM

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.

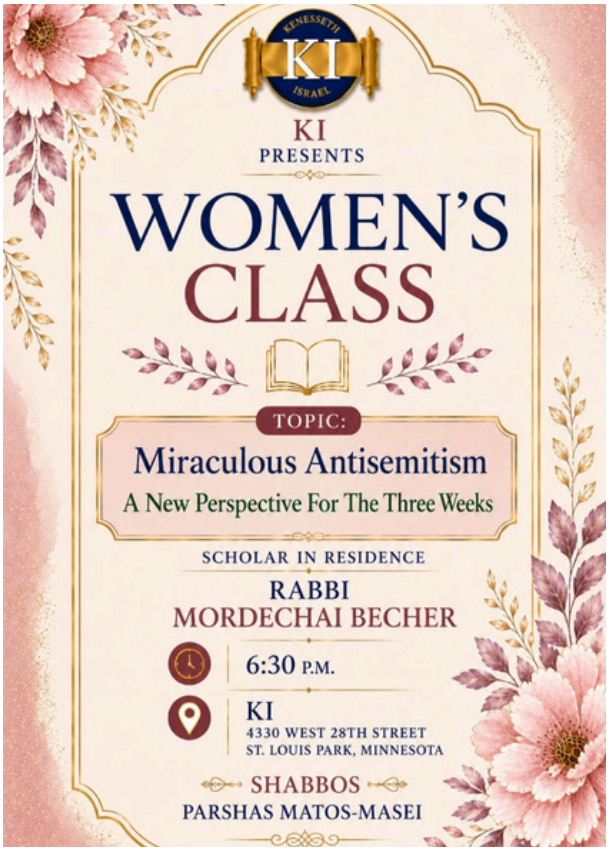
Shabbos July 11
Shacharis: 8:45 a.m.
Women's shiur by Rabbi Becher 6:30 PM
Halacha Shiur by Rabbi Becher 7:45 PM
Mincha: 8:30 p.m.
Rabbi Becher will speak at
shalosh suedah
Maariv: 9:50 p.m.
Shabbos Ends: 9:55 p.m.

Sunday July 12
Shacharis: 8:45 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv: 8:45 p.m.

Monday–Thursday July 13-16
Wednesday is Rosh Chodesh.
Shacharis: 7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv: 8:45 p.m.

Friday — Parshas Devarim, Erev Shabbos Chazon
Shacharis: 7:00 a.m.
Mincha: 7:05 p.m.
Earliest Candle Lighting: 7:21 p.m.
Regular Candle Lighting: 8:37 p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS



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Shalom Home
Generations of Care Newsletter

Sunshine Club Brings Joy Across Generations

Some visits brighten a room the moment they begin.

On June 14, Sholom residents welcomed the Sunshine Club, a group of children from Kenesseth Israel Congregation who visit each month to share music, art and joy with seniors. Ranging in age from 3 to 12, the children arrived with energy, creativity and a simple purpose: to help every resident feel seen, valued and loved.

Together, the children and residents drew Jewish-themed pictures, sitting side by side at the tables as conversations, laughter and smiles naturally filled the room. For many residents, the joy was not only in the activity itself, but in the presence of children eager to spend time with them.

After the art project, the children performed a variety of Jewish songs. Residents clapped along as the music filled the room, especially as Tuli, together with his friends Gavriel and Eliyahu, helped conduct the choir, and Shabsi played his guitar. The moment was sweet, lively and deeply meaningful.

Before the visit, Tzipporah Leah, the Rebbetzin who organizes the Sunshine Club, reminded the children of their goal: "By the time we leave, let's try to put a smile on every resident's face."

That is exactly what happened.

The Sunshine Club is a beautiful expression of Kibud Zekaynim, the Jewish value of honoring the elderly. Through song, art and simple acts of kindness, these children are learning that caring for older adults is part of who we are as a community.

Sholom is grateful to Tuli, Eliyahu, Gavriel, Chana, Shabsi, Benyamin, Menachem, Ita and Esther for bringing sunshine, sweetness and smiles to our residents.

"By the time we leave, let's try to put a smile on every resident's face."

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

Guest Speaker Rabbi Becher

7:45pm

MAZEL TOV

Mazel tov to Rabbi Yisrael Meir and Mrs. Shayna Beracha Ebstein on the bar mitzvah of their son Eliezer!
All are invited to a Kiddush This Shabbos in honor of Eliezer Ebstein's Bar Mitzvah @ Bais Yisroel.

HALACHA

It is a mitzvah for both men and women to wash their entire body with hot water and preferably soap on Erev Shabbos. By doing so, you prepare yourself to receive the Shabbos queen with cleanliness and purity and give honor to Shabbos. If it is not possible to wash his entire body with hot water, he should at least wash his hands and face with hot water, immersing in a warm mikveh is considered washing one's entire body. The mitzvah of bathing for Shabbos should preferably be done Friday after chatzos. If it is not possible, you may bathe any time on Friday or even Thursday. If one bathed on Thursday, he should wash his hands and face again on Friday, if possible. After bathing, one should don his Shabbos garments. If not wearing Shabbos garments after bathing, then he should preferably wash his hands and face again later before getting dressed for Shabbos. Many men have the custom to immerse in a mikveh on Erev Shabbos. The halacha states that it is forbidden for a man to see his father, father-in-law, mother's husband, sister's husband, or Rebbe undressed. Therefore, one should not be present when any of the above people enter the mikveh. The prohibition of seeing above people undressed applies even to minors until the time a child is nine years old. It is customary to think thoughts of teshuvah before going to the mikveh. Therefore, there are different customs as to the number of times a person should immerse himself in the mikveh. Some say two, three, four, ten, or even thirteen. There are various customs as to the proper time for immersing in the mikveh. Some say after chatzos of the day, some say after midday, and some say close to Shabbos the better. If a kosher mikveh is not available, one should immerse in any body of water that contains a requisite amount of water for a mikveh. If that is not possible, you should shower allowing more than six gallons of water to run over you.

KIDDUSH

Signature shabbos lunch is partially sponsored anonymously in honor of Ron Jacobs's upcoming Aufruf

Shalosh Seudah this week is sponsored by Avi & Debra Yardley in memory of the Yortzeit (10 years) of Malcolm Yardley, Moshe bn Avraham, a"h. He was a dignified, wise and peaceful man, who believed, 'Laughter is the shortest distance between two people'. May his neshama have an aliya.

Dear KI Family,
With Hashem's help our KI Kehilla is experiencing an exciting period of growth. We have welcomed new families, have vibrant tefillos, expanded Torah learning and outreach, and increased participation in programs and events, all contributing to a dynamic and energized community.

To support this continued growth in a thoughtful way, we are pleased to share that Rabbi Yaakov and Mrs. Faigy Scher, together with their five children, will be joining the KI family. Rabbi Scher will serve as Assistant Rabbi, working alongside Rabbi Kalatsky and Mrs Scher along side the Rebbetzin to help strengthen connections and ruchniyus within our diverse community.

Rabbi Yaakov Scher grew up in Brooklyn, New York, and moved to Eretz Yisrael after Mesivta to pursue advanced Torah learning. After his marriage, he continued learning in Yeshivas Mir and later spent many years in the Second Seder Kollel under Harav Shraga Kallus שליט"א, where he received semichah and developed a strong foundation in practical halachah.

Over the years, Rabbi Scher has combined intensive Torah scholarship with teaching, halachic guidance, and community leadership. He has served as a Night Seder Rebbe at Ohr Sameach, a Shoel U'Meishiv at Yeshivas Toras Chaim, and continues advanced learning in Kollel Horaah while answering halachic questions and delivering shiurim in his Jerusalem community. He has also received extensive shimush from prominent Rabbanim and completed specialized training in rabbanus, kiruv, and chinuch through Ner L'Elef.

Mrs. Faigy Scher grew up in Flatbush, attended Bais Yaakov Academy and Mesores Rochel Seminary, and taught elementary school before returning to Eretz Yisrael. Together, Rabbi and Mrs. Scher have built a home centered on Torah, warmth, chesed, and a genuine love for people.

We are delighted to welcome the Scher family and look forward to this next chapter at KI.

KI Search Committee
Rabbi Kalatsky

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

KI KID'S CORNER

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

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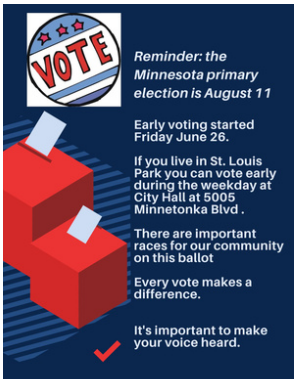

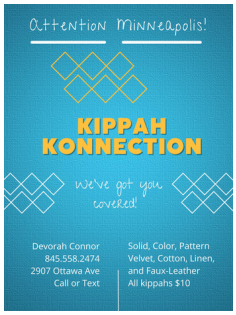

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