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PARSHAS SHOFTIM

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"IF THERE BE AMONG YOU A NEEDY MAN, ONE OF YOUR BRETHREN WITHIN ANY OF YOUR GATES, IN YOUR LAND WHICH HASHEM, YOUR G-D, GIVES YOU, YOU SHALL NOT HARDEN YOUR HEART NOR SHUT YOUR HAND AGAINST YOUR NEEDY BROTHER" (Devarim 15:7)

Ibn Ezra explains the words, "you shall not harden your heart" that you shall not refrain from speaking kind words to his heart.

When a person is poor, he suffers more than just financial deprivation. He can easily suffer much emotional pain. Many times he might become totally discouraged and broken. Therefore we have an obligation to open our hearts to such a person and to talk to him in a compassionate and empathetic manner. We must go out of our way to give him words of encouragement. Just giving the person money without trying to help him emotionally is only part of the job. It is a sign of apathy not to try to cheer up a person who needs emotional support. Just as we are obligated to help someone financially even many times if the person remains in need, so too we should keep on giving emotional support to those who need it even if we have to do it many times.

For this week think about someone in your life who needs a listening ear. It could be a spouse, a child, a relative or a close friend. Take out a couple of minutes a day to reach out and listen to show them how much you care.

Good Shabbos!

Rabbi Kalatsky

ZMANIM

Friday – Erev Shabbos, Parshas Shoftim Rosh Chodesh Elul August 14
Shacharis: 7:00 AM
Mincha: 6:40 PM
Early Candle Lighting: 6:53 PM
Regular Candle Lighting: 8:03 PM

Shabbos – Parshas Shoftim August 15
Shacharis: 8:45 AM
Mincha: 7:50 PM
Maariv: 9:10 PM

Sunday August 16
Learning: 8:00 AM
Shacharis: 8:45 AM
Mincha/Maariv: 8:00 PM

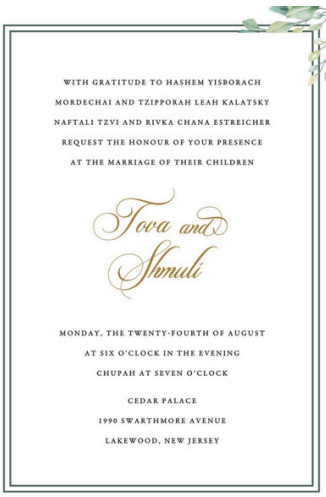
Monday–Thursday August 17-20
Shacharis: 7:00 AM
Maariv: 8:00 PM

Friday – Erev Shabbos, Parshas Ki Teitzei August 21
Shacharis: 7:00 AM
Mincha: 6:30 PM
Early Candle Lighting: 6:45 PM
Regular Candle Lighting: 7:51 PM

COMMUNITY NEWS

KI Welcomes Rabbi & Mrs. Yaacov & Faigy Scher and family to the KI Community!

We wish them tremendous Hatzlacha in their new position & for the future of our Shul!



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

No Shiur this week

HALACHA

A person is supposed to have two complete loaves of challah for lechem mishna. If no whole loaves are available, one may use two cut or broken pieces of challah for lechem mishna. If a whole cake is available that should be preferably used first. A fully baked challah that is frozen may be used for a second loaf and does not need to be thawed. It is better to have both challahs unwrapped and touching each other as opposed to one still being in a bag or wrapping when one is making the beracha of hamotzei.

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SHIURIM

Wednesdays 9am - Chovos Halevovos-Rabbi Kalatsky

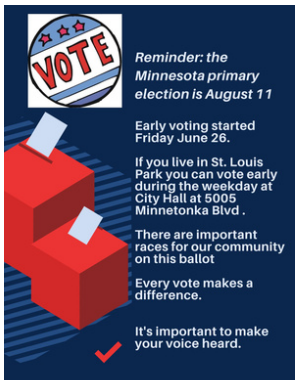
Shabbos 8:15am – Parenting-John Ghermezian

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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