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PARSHAS KI SAVO

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"AND YOU SHALL REJOICE WITH ALL THE GOOD THAT HASHEM HAS GIVEN YOU" (Devorim 26:11)
וְשָׂמַחְתָּ בְּכָל־הַטּוֹב אֲשֶׁר נָתַן־לְךָ יְ־הוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ וּלְבֵיתֶךָ אַתָּה וְהַלֵּוִי וְהַגֵּר אֲשֶׁר בְּקִרְבֶּךָ

This is a commandment. We are obligated to feel joy with what we were given by Hashem. Why do we need a directive to rejoice since we should automatically be happy when we have good things?

Man's nature is to constantly want more than he presently has. "He who has one hundred wants two hundred". Our moments of joy are mixed with sadness over what we lack. We need to strive to feel a joy that is complete. Lack of joy with what we have is limiting both physically and spiritually.

If you think you will be happy only when you have more, you will never be happy. When you finally get what you were hoping for, you will once again focus on getting more and will feel unhappy until you acquire yet more. Since happiness is dependent on the present state of mind, you can only be happy if your mind is focused on appreciating what you presently have and what you are presently doing.
Just having things in it of itself will not bring happiness.
Pirkei Avos explain the wealthy person is only the person who experiences joy with what he has. Regardless of what you have, you are only wealthy if you appreciate what you have. Gaining this attitude is the most important thing a person can do to find happiness. If people would realize this, they would spend much more time working on internalizing this attribute than on any other things they do for pleasure.
A great man once said, "If you want to know how rich you are, find out how many things you have that money can't buy."
For this week take a moment every day to reflect on all the good in your life. This will bring true joy.
Good Shabbos!

Rabbi Kalatsky

ZMANIM

Friday Eruv Shabbos Parshas Ki Savo
Shacharis: 7:00 AM
Mincha: 6:20 PM
Early Candle Lighting: 6:35 PM
Regular Candle Lighting: 7:39 PM

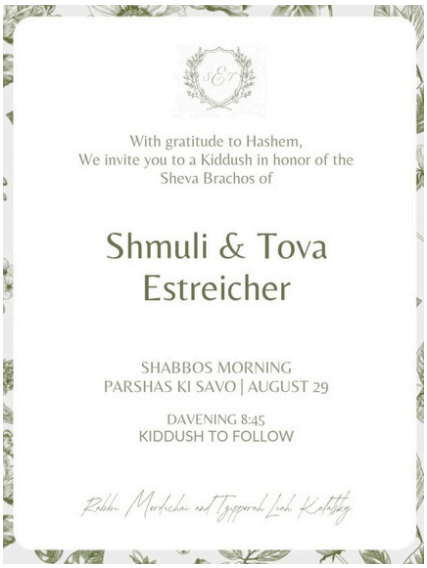
Shabbos– Parashas Ki Savo August 29
Shachris: 8:45 AM
Pirkei Avos w/Rabbi Kalatsky 6:40pm
Mincha: 7:15 PM
Maariv: 8:46 PM

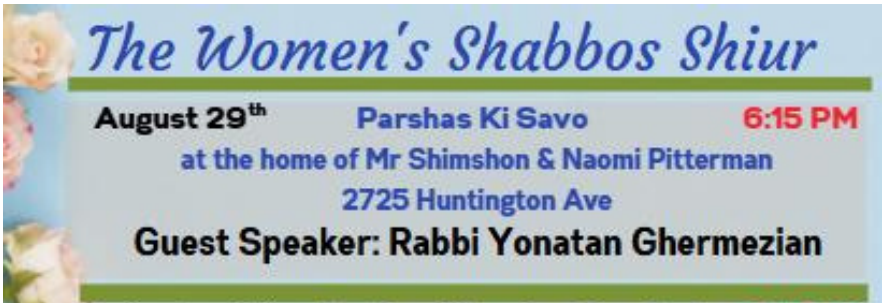
Sunday August 30th
Shachris: 8:45 AM
Mincha/Maariv: 7:35 PM

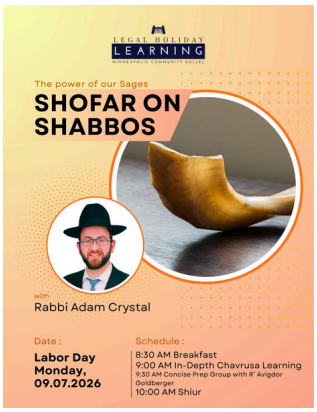
Monday–Thurs August 31-Sept 3
Shachris: 7:00 AM
Mincha/Maariv: 7:35 PM

Friday September 4th
Shachris: 7:00 AM
Mincha: 7:30 PM
Regular Candle Lighting: 7:26 PM

COMMUNITY NEWS







MAZEL TOV

Mazel tov to Shmuli and Tova Estreisher on their chasunah this past Monday!
Mazel tov to the Rav and Rebbetzin and Rabbi Naftali and Rebbetzin Estreicher and to Dr Shimon and Judy Kalatsky and Rabbi Yanky and Leah Roberts along with all the mishpachos!

May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman!

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

Insights Into Tekias Shofar

HALACHA

Peeled Eggs, Onions, and Garlic Left Overnight

The Chachamim teach that there is a danger in eating a shelled egg, peeled onion, or peeled garlic clove that was left overnight, because a ruach ra'ah—a spirit of impurity—rests upon these foods.

There is, however, a distinction between this prohibition and the prohibition against eating fish and meat together. This prohibition is omitted by many of the Rishonim and is not mentioned in the Shulchan Aruch. Nevertheless, it is cited by a number of later authorities, including the Pri Chadash, Shulchan Aruch HaRav, Aruch HaShulchan, and Ben Ish Chai.

It appears that this prohibition has been accepted as normative practice among the Jewish people. Therefore, the practice is to discard these foods if they were left peeled overnight, even bedieved (after the fact). The prohibition applies even when the peeled egg, onion, or garlic was wrapped, sealed, stored in a closed and covered container, or placed in the refrigerator.

There are, however, several important exceptions:
- If even a small portion of the egg, onion, or garlic remains unpeeled, the prohibition does not apply.
- If the egg, onion, or garlic was mixed with another ingredient, such as mayonnaise or salt, the prohibition does not apply.
- The prohibition does not apply to dried foods. Therefore, egg powder and garlic powder are permitted even if they were left overnight.

KIDDUSH

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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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