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PARSHAS NITZAVIM-VAYELECH

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" AND IT WILL BE WHEN THESE THINGS COME TO YOU, THE BLESSING AND THE CURSE WHICH I HAVE GIVEN BEFORE YOU, AND YOU SHALL TAKE IT TO YOUR HEART." (Dvarim 30:1)

וְהָיָה כִּי־יָבֹאוּ עָלֶיךָ כָּל־הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה הַבְּרָכָה וְהַקְּלָלָה אֲשֶׁר נָתַתִּי לְפָנֶיךָ וַהֲשֵׁבֹתָ אֶל־לְבָבֶךָ

Rabbi Yonason Eibsheutz explained that every life situation has its unique test of our character and can either be utilized for growth or can cause a person to have new faults. When a person has blessing in his life and is financially successful, he can free his mind from things that distract his concentration during prayers and Torah study. Poverty, too, can help a person elevate himself by breaking his arrogance and conceit. This will be beneficial in his relationship with the Almighty and with his fellow man.

On the other hand, wealth can cause a person to commit all kind of wrongdoings and to remove himself from Hashem. Poverty can prevent a person from seeking self-improvement. Everything is dependent on how a person utilizes or misuses both the good fortune and the difficulties that Hashem sends your way to test you.

Therefore the Torah says, "You shall take it to heart." It is entirely up to you how you will respond to various life tests.

A person who lives with this attitude will not be thrown by difficult life situations. He views everything that happens to him in his life as a means of perfecting his character. While everyone wishes his life would go easy and smoothly, such a person focuses on how to utilize whatever occurs for growth. Therefore, he will be able to experience joy regardless of whether the Almighty sends him a blessing or a curse. Since all occurrences are encounters with the Almighty for our ultimate benefit, joy is the proper response.

For this week when something happens that is frustrating, step back and ask yourself how I can use this situation to grow as a person and become bigger.

May you have a happy, healthy, sweet new year!

Rabbi Kalatsky

ZMANIM

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

Shabbos – Parshas Nitzavim-Vayeilech Sept 5th
Shacharis — 8:45 AM
Pirkei Avos — 6:30 PM
Mincha — 7:00 PM
Shabbos Ends — 8:33 PM

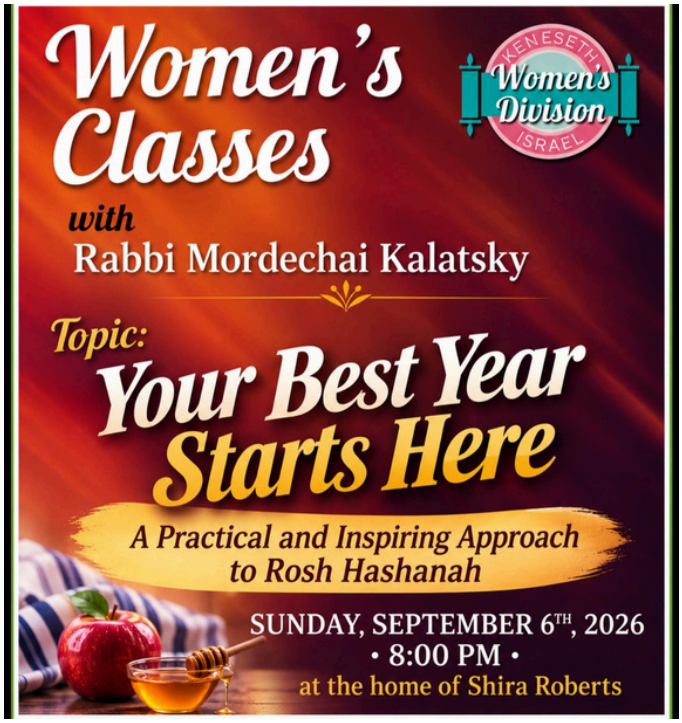
The Rav will speak at 12:55 PM
Selichos — 1:11 AM

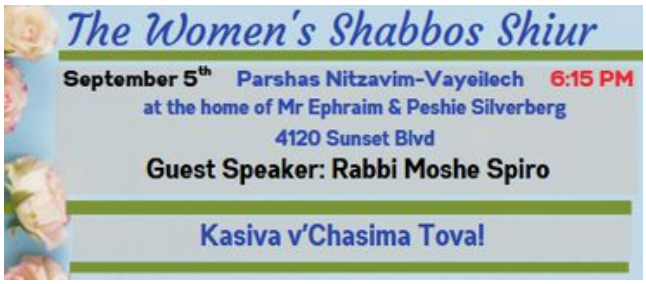
Sunday
Shacharis — 8:45 AM
Mincha/Maariv — 7:15 PM

Monday–Thursday
Morning Kollel — 6:10 AM
Shacharis — 6:30 AM
Mincha/Maariv — 7:15 PM

Friday – Erev Rosh Hashanah
Shacharis — 6:00 AM
Mincha — 7:15 PM
Candle Lighting — 7:13 PM

COMMUNITY NEWS





THIS SUNDAY!

MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to Rabbi & Mrs. Sol & Malka Pergament on the birth of a girl!
Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Brian & Heidi Pergament!

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Moshe Dovid & Mrs. Shoshana Zeffren on the birth of a baby girl!

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

Rosh Hashana Simanim In Halacha

HALACHA

The Mitzvah of Tzitzis

The Torah commands, "V'asu lahem tzitzis al kanfei vigdeihem" — to place tzitzis on the corners of a four-cornered garment.
Technically, tzitzis is an optional mitzvah. A man is not obligated to wear a four-cornered garment. However, once he wears such a garment, he becomes obligated to attach tzitzis to it. Nevertheless, the accepted minhag of Klal Yisrael is for every man to wear a four-cornered garment, thereby creating the opportunity to fulfill this precious mitzvah every day
The Gemara (Menachos 41a) teaches that during an iddan d'rischa — a time of Heavenly wrath — a person can be held accountable for avoiding the opportunity to fulfill a positive mitzvah such as tzitzis.
Why should there be consequences if the mitzvah is technically optional?
During difficult periods, when the world is experiencing increased danger and suffering, we need an additional measure of Hashem's protection. When a person goes beyond what he is strictly required to do and actively seeks opportunities to fulfill Hashem's mitzvos, he can merit that Hashem, middah k'neged middah, goes beyond the ordinary course of events to provide him with special protection.
Chazal describe the greatness of tzitzis:

"Shekulah mitzvah zu k'neged kol hamitzvos kulam" — the mitzvah of tzitzis is considered equivalent to all the mitzvos.

And one who is careful with this special mitzvah merits an extraordinary reward:

"Zocheh u'mekabel pnei Shechinah" — he merits to greet the presence of the Shechinah.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by the kehilla to welcome Rabbi Yaacov & Faigy Scher as the new Assistant Rabbi and Rebbetzin of our shul.

Shalosh Seudos is still available

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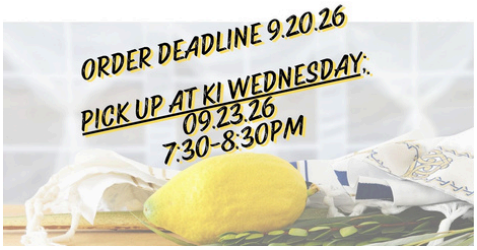


SHIURIM

Wednesdays 9am - Pele-Yoetz-Rabbi Kalatsky

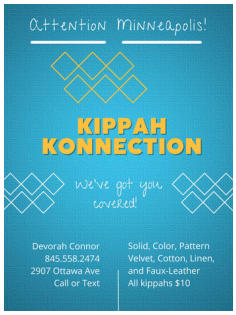
Shabbos 8:15am – Business Ethics -John Ghermezian

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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