SHABBOS PARSHAS VAYERA

Rav Mordechai Kalatsky
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"BECAUSE YOU HAVE PASSED BY YOUR SERVANT." (Bereishis 18:5)
Rashi comments: "This [to be my guest] I request of you because you have passed by, for my honor."
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Rabbi Yeruchem Levovitz cites the Talmudic principle that when someone gives something to a distinguished person, the fact that the person accepts your gift is considered as if you received something from him. Giving to an important person is actually taking.

Who is consider distinguished? In the eyes of an arrogant person everyone is considered small. He belittles everyone. A person with humility though considers everyone to be important. He honors and respects every human being. Therefore he considers giving to any person as a personal favor to him.

If the president or one of the biggest CEO's came to your home as a guest we would be full of joy to serve him and be certain he has the most enjoyable experience possible. It would be very easy to do any amount of work to honor him and assist him. We would feel great pleasure and consider it a great merit that he came to my home and accepted what I gave him with joy.

For our forefather Avraham that was his attitude towards every person. Every individual was considered distinguished and important. Whenever Avraham gave anything to another person he considered it as taking from that person. He saw three people walking. They seemed like ordinary nomads passing by. What was Avraham's reaction? He ran to greet them and bowed down before them. He personally felt more honor in their coming to be his guests than we would feel if the greatest people of our generation were to visit us.

This is what Rashi meant "for my honor". From every action and every movement of Avraham it was noticeable that he felt they were doing him an act of kindness. This is the new way of looking at acts of kindness. I am not doing kindness for another person, rather the other person is doing an act of kindness for me.

For this week let us try when we are involved in giving kindness to someone to feel how fortunate we are to have the opportunity to make someone feel special and important.

Have an empowering Shabbos!

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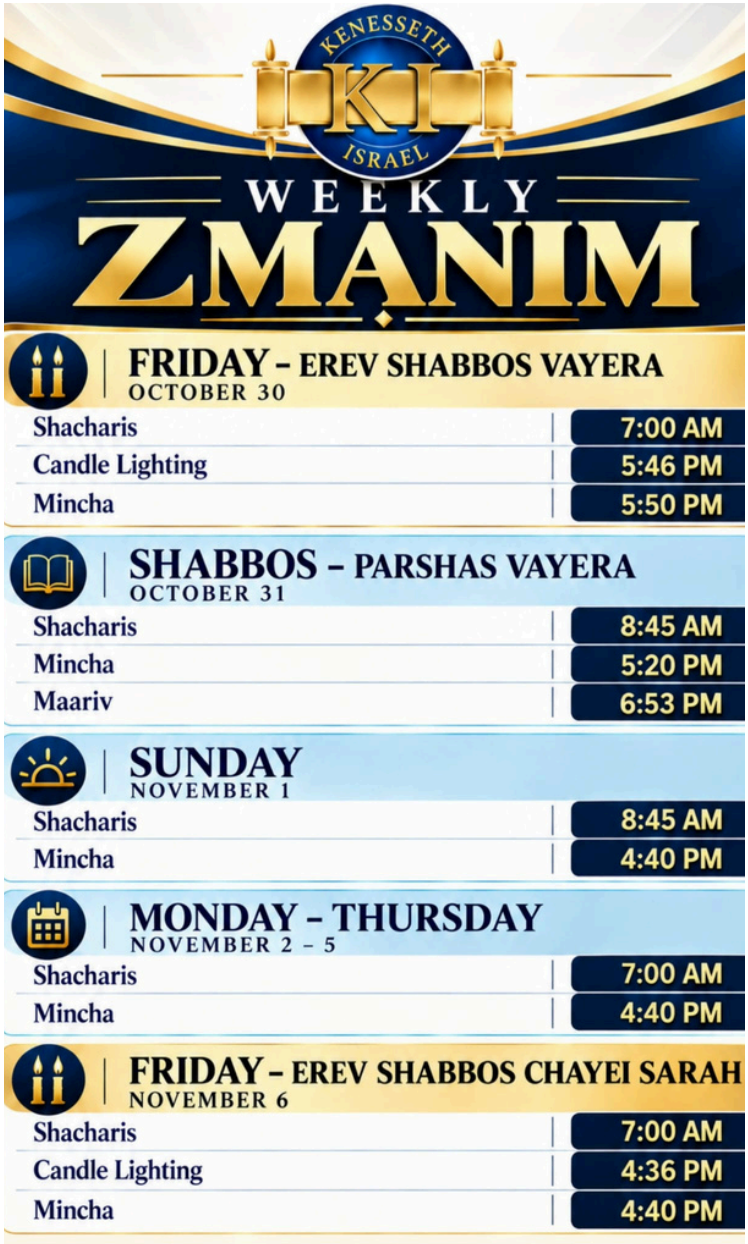

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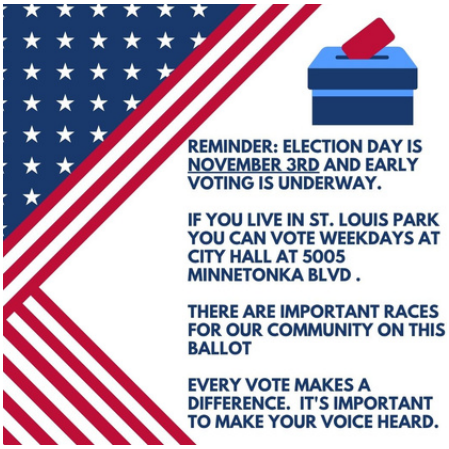

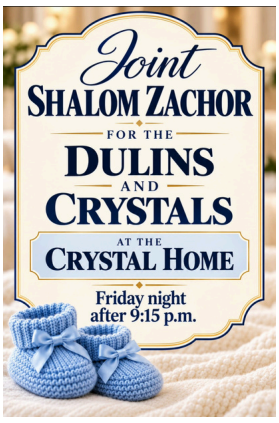

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KI Congregation extends Condolences to Mrs. Cindy Benzaquen & Family on the passing of her husband, KI's beloved - **Momy Benzaquen - Shlomo ben Chaim a"h**

MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to Bobby & Julia Dulin on the birth of a baby boy!
Mazel Tov to Rabbi Adam & Aviva Crystal on the birth of a Baby Boy!

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

The Beginning Of Shemoneh Esrei

HALACHA

Practical Applications: Noisy Appliances on Shabbos

Washing Machines and Dryers
One may not ordinarily leave a washing machine or dryer running on Shabbos, even if it was turned on before Shabbos or is activated automatically by a Shabbos clock or a non-Jew. Since these appliances make noise while operating, their use raises a halachic concern known as hashma'as kol.
In cases of particular need, one should consult a competent halachic authority.

Vacuum Cleaners
A non-Jew should not operate a vacuum cleaner in a Jewish home on Shabbos. The noise may cause others to suspect that the Jewish homeowner is violating Shabbos.

Air Conditioners
It is common knowledge that air conditioners operate automatically through thermostats or Shabbos clocks. Therefore, the noise of an air conditioner does not generally create suspicion that someone has violated Shabbos.
It is permitted to leave an air conditioner operating automatically on Shabbos, provided the necessary arrangements were made in a halachically permissible manner.

Generators
Although generators make noise while operating, their use on Shabbos may be permitted during a power outage, particularly when the loss of electricity could result in significant financial loss.

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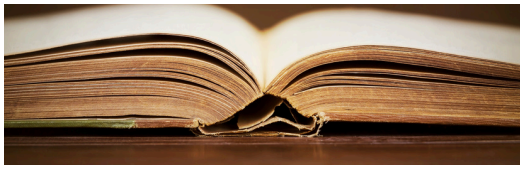


Wednesdays 9am - Pele-Yoetz-Rabbi Kalatsky

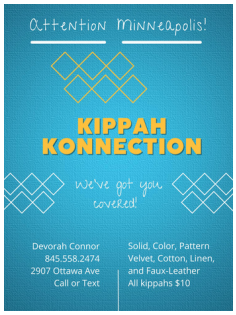
Shabbos 8:15am – Business Ethics -John Ghermezian

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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