

# Agudas Yisroel Anshei Kielce



## Zmanim

*Early Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos: 6:05 pm*

*Candle Lighting: 7:21 pm*

*Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos: 7:25 pm*

*Shacharis: 8:45 am*

### **Shabbos Mevarchim Chodesh Nissan**

*Mincha/Seudas Shlishis: 7:10 pm*

*Maariv/Motzei Shabbos: 8:26 pm*

*Motzei Shabbos Rabbeinu Tam: 8:53 pm*

## Parshas Shemini

*Adapted from Rabbi Mordechai Kamenetzky*

There is a fascinating paradox that relates to the halachos of tzora'as. On one hand, only a kohen can either pronounce a state of impurity or purity. On the other hand, the afflicted man is in control of his own destiny. The Gemarah tells us that if, for example, the afflicted man removes the negah, whether it is hair or skin, then he is no longer tamei. So this affliction, which is purely spiritual in nature, a heavenly exhortation to repent from nattering ways, is basically toothless. If the man wills it, he can refuse to go to the kohen and not be declared tamei. And if he so desires, he can even remove the negah before anyone declares its potency.

Another amazing dimension is applicable after the afflicted man is declared tamei. The Torah tells us "that he is sent out of the camp, where he sits in solitude" (Vayikra 13:46).

His departure from the camp of Israelites is surely not due to a contagious nature of the negah. After all, if that were the case, he would be sent away way even before the kohen's declaration of tumah.

So why send the man to confinement where no one will monitor his reaction to the negah on his being, a place where he could remove the negah, or adulterate its appearance? Why not have him locked in a cell under the supervision of a guard who would insure the integrity of the purification process?

In the early 1900s, a simple religious Russian Jew decided that he could no longer stand the Czar's persecution. He would leave Russia to join his son who had settled in Houston, Texas, some twenty years earlier. The son, who had totally assimilated and was a successful oilman, was thrown into a panic.

"Of course, you are welcome, Pa," he cabled, "I will arrange a visa, your tickets and fares. But you must realize that I have a wonderful reputation here as an oil man. When you arrive, you must adapt to American culture or I will be destroyed.

Upon arrival at the train station, the old man, dressed in his long coat and up-brimmed hat, was whisked to a haberdashery, where he was fitted with the latest style fedora and a modern-cut suit. But still, his father looked too Jewish.

"Pa it's not enough. I'll take you to the barber." The first thing that came off was the beard. The son looked on and said, "it's not enough Pa. The peyos, they'll have to go." The barber cut off the right peya. While the son looked on proudly, his pa was becoming a real American. Then the second. And the old man began to weep.

"Why are you crying, Papa?" the son asked incredulously. The father, resigned to his fate, simply answered. "I am crying because we lost the Alamo!"

Rabbi Yaakov Kamenetzky, zt"l, in his sefer Emes L'Yaakov, explains the concept of sitting in solitude, reflecting in unadulterated honesty about one's true feel-

ings.

There comes a time in one's life where the message from heaven can only be without the influence of others and the will to impress them. How often do we act because of the influence of friends and relatives? How often do we gossip due to peer pressure? We must make choices in life. Honest choices. We have to do what the neshama wants us to do. And we can't alter our true emotion due to social, peer, or monetary pressures.

Henny Youngman, a classic comedian, used to talk about his wonderful doctor. "If you can't afford the operation," he would say, "he'll touch up the x-ray!"

The afflicted man is sent away from anyone who may have influenced him to act in his blathering ways. He can reflect on his true feeling and his honest perceptions of life and his role. But this decision must be made when he is impervious to anyone who was normally in his sphere. And he has a choice. He can pull out the hair, he can scrape off the negah. He can fool the kohen. He can fool his family and fool his friends. But when he returns to the camp, the same man sans negah, the only one fooled is himself.

**Good Shabbos**

**Mazel Tov to Sholom & Cooky Horowitz on the recent marriage of a grandson.**

**Mazel Tov to Rita Parshan on the birth of a great-grandchild.**

**This week's Kiddush is sponsored by:**

**Mrs. Bella Jacobs on the occasion of the recent marriages of her grandchildren.**

**This week's Shabbos Afternoon Chumash Shiur (SACS) will take place at 6:25 pm.**

**This week's guest speaker for Seudas Shlishis is Mr. Benny Feintuch.**

**The Sunday Morning Shiur & Discussion will take place at 8:45 am**

**Kimcha D'Pischa/Maos Chittim Campaign**

**The Agudah South Maos Chittim Campaign to provide the local needy with food for Pesach is currently underway.**

**Cheques can be made out to RFRO and given to either Rabbi Kaufman or Leo Grunwald. For more information please email [mailings@agudahsouth.com](mailto:mailings@agudahsouth.com)**

**Mechiras Chametz**

**Rabbi Kaufman will be available beginning this Sunday after Shacharis and Mincha for the sale of chametz. The Rav will also be available by appointment at 416-787-9303.**

**Kollel Boker**

**There has been interest expressed in starting a Kollel Boker beginning at 7:00 am on Sunday and 6:15 am Monday to Friday. For more information please email [mailings@agudahsouth.com](mailto:mailings@agudahsouth.com).**

**Weekday Schedule**

<b>Shacharis</b>	<b>Mincha</b>
Sunday: 8:00 am	7:30 pm
Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am & 7:55 am	<b>Maariv</b>
Tues., Wed., & Fri.: 7:00 am & 8:00 am	7:50 pm
Daf Yomi with Rabbi Kaufman: 8:00 am (Shabbos), 7:15 am (Sunday), 7:40 am (Mon-Fri)	
Amud Yomi with Rabbi Rafi Greenspan: 7:20 am (Mon-Fri)	

To sponsor Kiddush/Seudas Shlishis contact Leon Jakubovic ([kiddush@agudahsouth.com](mailto:kiddush@agudahsouth.com).)

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Services include:

- Same day pick up and drop off
- Cleaning both the interior and exterior of the car
- Detailing the interior of the car, including; windows, windshield, and wipers

The following is a price guide for our services:

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Payments accepted in Cheque or Cash.

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This year, we are excited to announce our partnership with the Yachad organization. We will be donating 10 percent of all proceeds to this outstanding cause.

*"Yachad champions the inclusion of all Jewish individuals with disabilities in the full spectrum of Jewish Life."*

Please visit [yachad.org](http://yachad.org) for more information or email [torontoyachad@ou.org](mailto:torontoyachad@ou.org).

Appointments are available from March 26<sup>th</sup>- April 10<sup>th</sup>.

To book an appointment please email [Danielkmarmar@gmail.com](mailto:Danielkmarmar@gmail.com) and we will send you our schedule.

Thank you & Chag Sameach!

Regards,

Daniel Marmer & Shemueli Keslassy