

Agudas Yisroel Anshei Kielce



Zmanim

Early Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos: 7:05 pm
Candle Lighting: 8:38 pm
Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos: 8:40 pm
Shacharis: 8:45 am
Sof Zman Krias Shema (GR"A): 9:26 am
Pirkei Avos Shiur: 7:50 pm
Mincha/Seudas Shlishis: 8:30 pm
Maariv/Motzei Shabbos: 9:47 pm
Motzei Shabbos Rabbeinu Tam: 10:09 pm

Parshas Behalosecha

Adapted from Rabbi Mordechai Kaminetsky

This week the Torah tells us that the Bnei Yisroel once again complain. This time they want meat in the desert. They recall what they now consider a better time in a better place. Like many of us who are discontented with the world we live in, they talked about the good old days – in Mitzrayim of all places!

"The rabble that was among them cultivated a craving, and the Children of Israel also wept once more, and said, "Who will feed us meat? We remember the fish that we will eat in Egypt free of charge; and the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic. But now, our life is parched, there is nothing; we have nothing to anticipate but the manna!" (Bamidbar 11:4-6) The meforshim are bothered by two simple questions; the first a grammatical, the second, a historical one.

The words that the complainers used were "zacharnu es hadagah asher naochal we remember the fish we would eat or actually will eat." They did not use the pure past tense "achalnu, we remember the fish that we ate." Why do they complain of remember fish that was to be eaten in the future, instead of fish to be eaten in the past?

Second, the Gemara and later meforshim ask, "Straw

for bricks was not given to them, how was it possible that they had free fish?" The Talmud indeed implies that there was no fish, and the implied freedom refers to freedom of the yoke of mitzvos. So, if that was the case, what were they truly complaining about? Why mention non-existent fish?

Yankel would spend a few of his precious kopeks each week to buy a lottery ticket. And every week he would come home from work that much poorer.

When his wife got wind of his habit, she repeatedly implored him to stop. She said his efforts were futile and it would be impossible for him to win.

It was, however, to no avail. Yankel would keep on betting the almost impossible odds that one day he would win. One day she could take it no longer. She shlepped him to the rabbi who was going to make him assure them that he would no longer waste his money on the lottery.

When he finally acquiesced, his wife put her hands on her hips and reminded him of her predictions. "For the last five years, you did nothing but lose the lottery. What a waste!" Poor Yankel shrugged. "My dear wife he sighed, you don't understand. Every night before the big lottery drawing, I went to sleep winning the lottery! And that

my dear was surely no waste!"

The Sefer Shalal Rav brings quote the following interpretation: Sometimes, it seems, people think that it is better to think of the world that would be instead of the world that is. They refuse to revel in the good realities of life and instead would rather fantasize about a better world that was not to be. The Jews in the desert, talked about the fish they dreamt of in Mitzrayim.

To them, like to many of us, the imaginary fish was more appealing than real Manna. In the world of wishful thinking, it seems that obsessing about imaginary dreams may be more appealing than reveling in the real good that G-d has given us and the mitzvos that we are able to relish. And that is more than fishy. It's scary.

Good Shabbos

Mazel Tov to Avraham & Chaya Engel on the birth of a grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

This week's Kiddush and Seudas Shlishis will not take place downstairs. Only the smaller room downstairs will be available and therefore Kiddush will be upstairs and downstairs.

The kid's program will take place downstairs this week.

The Rav's Pirkei Avos Shiur will take place at 7:40 pm this week.

Community Event

Zareinu Moveathon Festival

Sunday, June 8th 2014 at Downsview Park

*****NEW EXTENDED FESTIVAL TIME FROM 10 am - 6 pm!!!*****

5 km or 10 km Run & Kangoo Run

1 km Kids Run for kids up to Grade 8!

20 km Family Bike Ride

Join us for our incredible midway of enhanced rides and carnival games.

NEW THIS YEAR: Meltdown and Cannon Blaster!

TORONTO'S LARGEST OUTDOOR KOSHER FOOD COURT.

The cholim list is being updated for Chodesh Sivan. If you would like to submit a name to the cholim list please email gabbai@agudahsouth.com or contact one of the gabbaim.

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

Weekday Schedule

Shacharis

Sunday: 8:00 am

Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am & 7:55 am

Tues., Wed. & Fri.: 7:00 am & 8:00 am

Daf Yomi with Rabbi Kaufman: 8:00 am (Shabbos), 7:15 am (Sun), 7:40 am (Mon-Fri)

Amud Yomi with Rabbi Rafi Greenspan: 7:20 am (Mon-Fri)

Mincha

8:45 pm

Maariv

9:05 pm

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