

# Agudas Yisroel Anshei Kielce



## Zmanim

Candle Lighting: 8:45 pm

Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos: 7:10 pm & 8:45 pm

Shacharis: 8:45 am

**Sof Zman Kriyas Shema: 9:29 am**

**Pirkei Avos Shiur: 7:40 pm**

Mincha/Seudas Shlishis: 8:30 pm

Maariv/Motzei Shabbos: 9:53 pm

Maariv/Motzei Shabbos Rabbeinu Tam: 10:15 pm

## Parshas Chukas

Adapted from Rabbi Yochanan Zweig [www.torah.org]

### Community Minded

"And Moshe raised his arm and struck the rock..."  
(20:11)

The Talmud relates that after Miriam died, the well, which was a water source for Bnei Yisroel in the desert, disappeared. Hashem commanded Moshe to bring forth water from a rock. The Torah records that Moshe and Aharon sinned. However, the exact nature of the sin is not specified in the verses. Rashi understands that Moshe's sin was a result of striking the rock to bring forth water rather than communicating with it. The Ramban questions Rashi's approach, for Hashem instructed Moshe to take the staff from the Holy of Holies and bring it with him. If Hashem had not intended for Moshe to strike the rock, why had He commanded Moshe to bring the staff along with him?

The Maharsha points out an apparent contradiction between two Talmudic statements: The Talmud in Tractate Ta'anis relates that the well, the source of water for the entire Bnei Yisroel, was in the merit of the prophetess Miriam. However, the Talmud in Tractate Bava Metzia relates that since Avraham Avinu supplied the angels with water, his descendants had water in the desert. Was the well in the merit of Avraham or Miriam?

The Talmud states that the merits of an individual help for the needs of that individual. However, an environmental change that will benefit the needs of many can

only be achieved through the merits of the entire community. An individual is generally concerned with his own short-term needs and of those close to him, while the responsibility and concern for long-term needs is borne by the community. A community, by nature, is an ongoing perpetual entity and therefore, it has the responsibility to ensure that not only its short-term needs are met, but, to whatever extent possible, that all of its future members' needs will be met as well. Consequently, all matters that might have long-term societal implications such as ecological and environmental issues must be addressed on a communal level, and then filtered down to the individuals. For a miracle to occur which would create a long-term environmental change, Bnei Yisroel had to ask as a community.

Once the well of Miriam was no longer available in the desert, the individual was concerned with his immediate need for water. Hashem instructed Moshe to give over the message to Bnei Yisroel that they should not request water to satiate only their individual needs, rather that their concern should be on a communal level, for this would ensure the availability of a long-term reservoir that would serve as a perpetual source of water. The staff symbolizes leadership, as we find in the blessing to Yehuda "the staff will not depart from Yehuda". Moshe was not instructed to bring along the staff in order to strike the rock, rather as a representation of his leadership, for as leader he would herald the energies of the entire commu-

nity, bringing them together to request a perpetual water source.

In Avraham's merit the needs of the individual were met. What Miriam's merit accomplished was that Bnei Yisroel would have a perpetual source of water for the

ongoing community. The Talmud refers to this quality of Miriam as "parnes", a person who ensures that all of the needs of the entire community are met.

*Good Shabbos*

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\*\*information must be submitted to mailings@agudahsouth.com \*\*  
\*\*prior the publication deadline of 10:00 am on Friday morning.\*\***

**Mazel tov to Noey Jacobson on the occasion of his aufruf  
and upcoming wedding to Michali Sturm.  
Mazel tov to his parents, David & Suzanne Jacobson,  
Shimon & Judy Sturm, & proud grandmothers' Ruth Neuberger & Agi Sturm.**

**This week's kiddush is sponsored by:  
Suzanne & David Jacobson in honour of the aufruf of their son Noey  
and his upcoming marriage to Michali Sturm, daughter of Judy & Shimon Sturm.**

**The kids' program will take place this week beginning at 9:30 am.**

**The guest speaker for Seudas Shlishis is TBA.  
Seudas Shlishis is sponsored by the Mr. & Mrs. Rafael Pollack.**

**The Sunday Morning Shiur in Derech Hashem will take place after Shacharis.**

**We are updating the cholim list for Chodesh Tammuz.  
If you would like to submit a name to the cholim list please email  
gabbai@agudahsouth.com.**

#### Weekday Schedule

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| <b>Shacharis</b>   | <b>Mincha</b> |
| Sunday: 8:00 am  | 8:50 pm       |
| Mon. & Thurs.: 7:00 am & 7:55 am   | <b>Maariv</b> |
| Tues., Wed. & Fri.: 7:00 am & 8:00 am  | 9:10 pm       |
| 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)                           |               |

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