

Agudas Yisroel Anshei Kielce



Zmanim

Candle Lighting: 8:05 pm

Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos: 6:40 pm & 8:05 pm

Shacharis: 8:45 am

Pirkei Avos Shiur: 7:00 pm

Mincha/Seudas Shlishis: 7:50 pm

Maariv/Motzei Shabbos: 9:12 pm

Motzei Shabbos Rabbeinu Tam: 9:34 pm

Parshas Reah

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

The Spice Of Life

"You are children to Hashem, your G-d - you shall not cut yourselves..." (14:1) The Torah juxtaposes the statement "banim atem laHashem" - "you are children to Hashem" to the prohibition "lo sigdodu" - "you shall not lacerate yourselves". Rashi explains that since we are Hashem's children we should not deface our bodies. The Talmud teaches that there are three partners in the creation of a human being, the father, the mother and Hashem. Parents supply the child with physical characteristics and Hashem supplies the child with a soul. Why does the verse describe our relationship with Hashem as His children in the context of safeguarding our physical form?

From the expression "lo sigdodu" the Talmud derives the prohibition against separate factions observing divergent Halachic practices within the same community ("aggudos" - "groups"). Since the prohibitions against lacerating ourselves and having separate factions are

both derived from the same expression, a unifying thread between them must exist. What do they have in common?

In the first paragraph of the Shema we are commanded to teach our children Torah, "veshinantam levanecha". Rashi comments that "your children" refers to "your students" for a person's students are considered as his children. To support this notion Rashi cites our verse in Parshas Re'eh, "banim atem laHashem" - "you are children to Hashem". How does this verse indicate that a person's students are his children? It is apparent from Rashi's comments that he understands that through the study of Hashem's Torah we become His students, and can therefore be referred to as His children.

The Mishna teaches that a person is obligated to return his teacher's lost object prior to returning an object lost by his father, for his father provides him with a finite existence while his teacher offers him an infinite existence. The Torah taught by his teacher not only guarantees the soul an infinite existence, but also elevates

the body given to him by his father from a physical and finite state to a spiritual and eternal state.

Although Hashem is clearly the source of the soul, Torah study enables the body to be perceived as a product of the same source. This message is punctuated by the commandment against lacerating our bodies because we are Hashem's children; through Torah study we become His students and thereby His children, body and soul. The reconciliation between body and soul is the ultimate proof that we emanate

from one source. Since only the Torah is able to accomplish this reconciliation, it is of the utmost importance that the Torah itself be viewed as emanating from one source. Any action distorting this truth undermines the efficacy of the Torah to unite and reconcile all apparent divergent forces in creation. It is therefore self-evident that separate factions observing divergent Halachic practices within the same community cannot be tolerated.

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 Mordechai & Dassy Klien on the birth of a baby boy.
 The Shalom Zachor will take place tonight at Shomer Shabbos Chevra Mishnayos
 beginning at 9:45 pm.**

**This weeks kiddush is sponsored by Ezra Franken in honor of the shloishim
 of his mother Tova Perrla bas Yehuda Aryeh OB"M.
 There will be a Siyum during kiddish.**

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

**The guest speaker for Seudas Shlishis is Rabbi Akiva Wagner, Rosh Hayeshiva of the
 Lubavitch Yeshiva of Toronto.**

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

Weekday Schedule

Shacharis	Mincha
Sunday: 8:00 am	8:05 pm
Mon. & Thurs.: 7:00 am & 7:55 am	Maariv
Tues., Wed. & Fri.: 7:00 am & 8:00 am	8:25 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)	

To sponsor Kiddush/Seudas Shlishis contact Baruch Klein (kiddush@agudahsouth.com.)

All those wish to submit names to the cholim list can email gabbai@agudahsouth.com or contact one the gabbaim.

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Shul Update

Please note that the entire building will be closed from August 17th to 21st. Tefillos will take place next door in Bnos Beis Yaakov
 We apologize for any inconvenience.

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