

Agudas Yisroel Anshei Kielce



Zmanim

Candle Lighting: 7:10 pm

Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos: 5:55 pm & 7:05 pm

Shacharis: 8:45 am

Hilchos Shabbos Shiur: 6:45 pm

Mincha/SEUDAS SHLISHIS: 7:05 pm

Maariv/Motzei Shabbos: 8:14 pm

Motzei Shabbos Rabbeinu Tam: 8:41 pm

Sunday Shacharis: 8:00 am & 9:00 am

Parshas Vayikra

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

Fit for a King?

When a ruler has sinned....he shall bring his offering a kid of the goats... (4:22-23)

Rashi (ad loc) paraphrases a Gemara (Horayos 10b): "How fortunate is the generation whose king sets his heart on getting atonement for an inadvertent commission of a transgression and he will certainly regret an overt transgression." The Gemara continues to explain that if the king behaves thusly, certainly all his subjects will follow suit.

The Midrash (Vayikra Rabbah 1:15) comments (on the first verse "He called to Moshe") from here we see that a Talmid Chacham without Daas, knowledge, is worth less than a dead carcass. We learn this from Moshe who, even though he took the Jews out of Egypt, went up to the heavens to bring down the Torah, and undertook the entire building of the Mishkan, wouldn't dare enter the Holy of Holies without HaShem calling to him.

What is this Midrash talking about? How do we draw a connection from Moshe to a Talmid Chacham without knowledge, what does one thing have to do with the other?

Adam and Chava were forbidden to eat from the Tree of Knowledge - Eitz Hadaas. What happened to Adam and Chava once they ate? They became self-aware. On one hand they became aware of all they could create, but, on the other, they also became painfully aware of

their own shortcomings. It was only then that they noticed they were naked and became quite embarrassed.

The Midrash is telling us that a Talmid Chacham must achieve self-awareness. He must never get lost in his own distorted sense of the greatness of himself. Even Moshe, who was on the highest level man could ever achieve, wouldn't dream of entering the Holy of Holies without an invitation. In other words, he never lost his self-awareness of who he was. A Talmid Chacham who is not self-aware is much worse than a dead carcass; a dead carcass only transmits uncleanness passively to someone who comes in contact with it. An unfit Talmid Chacham, that is one who is hopelessly lost in his ego and self-importance, actively adversely affects everyone he comes into contact with.

This is the same point that Rashi makes by a king who sins. Fortunate is the generation that has a king that has enough honest self-awareness to admit that he erred, even if only inadvertently. While this may seem like a minor achievement, one has only to look at the current political landscape in the United States to see how high a bar this is to achieve. Not only are many of the candidates egomaniacal megalomaniacs, the political parties are so self-righteous in their causes that they forget their original mandate; working for the betterment of the entire country. Their unwillingness to compromise and cross the aisle on important issues, because they value individual victory over compromising for the common good, is contributing to the continued downward spiral of Ameri-

can society.

Chazal recognized thousands of years ago that a generation that had a humble leader, was considered very fortunate, for in fact, they raised the level of the entire

generation.

Good Shabbos

Mazal Tov to Rabbi & Mrs. Kaufman and Mr. & Mrs Aryeh on the birth of a grand-daughter and great-grand-daughter born to Mordechai & Malkah Hartman.

**This week's kiddush is sponsored by:
Rabbi & Mrs. Kaufman in honour of the birth of a grand-daughter.
Ralph Muller in honour of a yahrzeit.
George and Chana Wiseman.
A group of members in honour of the recent Reichmann wedding.**

The kids' program will take place downstairs beginning at 9:30 am.

**The guest speaker for Seudas Shlishis is Rabbi Moddel.
Seudas Shlishis is sponsored the shul.**

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

Shacharis	<u>Weekday Schedule</u>	Mincha
Sunday: 8:00 am & 9:00 am		7:20 pm
Monday: 7:00 am & 7:55 am		Maariv
Tuesday & Friday: 7:00 am & 8:00 am		7:40 pm & 8:00 pm (Mon-Thur)
Wednesday & Thursday: See Taanis Esther/Purim Schedule		
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.)
Have a Simcha to announce? Email announcements to mailings@agudahsouth.com.
To subscribe or unsubscribe to the email bulletin please email mailings@agudahsouth.com.

Friday Night Learning Program (FNL)

**The Friday Night learning program will take place this week.
Learning Seder (No shiur): 8:30 pm
FNL is sponsored by Bentzy & Mimi Chinn.**

Post Megilla Party

**We would like to invite all members of the shul to the annual post megillah party in the Agudah South Social Hall. Deluxe Break-fast to be served.
Cost: \$25 per family**

Ta'anis Esther/Purim Schedule

Wednesday

Fast Begins: 6:02 am
Shacharis: 6:50 am & 7:50 am
Mincha (Machatzis Hashekel): 7:15 pm
Maariv: 8:00 pm
Megillah: 8:20 pm

Thursday

Shacharis: 6:40 am & 8:00 am
Megillah: 7:20 am & 8:40 am
Mincha: 3:00 pm & 4:00 pm
Maariv: 9:45 pm

There will be a second reading of Parhas Zachor immediately following Mussaf.