

Agudas Yisroel Anshei Kielce



Zmanim

Candle Lighting: 8:07 pm

Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos: 6:40 pm & 8:10 pm

Shacharis: 8:45 am

Pirkei Avos Shiur: CANCELLED

Mincha/**NO SEUDAS SHLISHIS: 6:00 pm**

Motzei Shabbos: 9:14 pm

Motzei Shabbos Rabbeinu Tam: 9:36 pm

Maariv/Eicha: 9:35 pm Sunday Shacharis: 9:00 am

Parshas Devarim

Adapted from Rabbi Yitzchok Adlerstein [www.torah.org]

No Need For Senate Hearings [1]

Provide for yourselves wise and understanding men and known to your tribes, and I will establish them as your heads.

We have come to expect subtle differences between the original presentations of stories in the first four Chumashim and Moshe's retelling of them in the last forty days of his life as recorded in Devarim. The job descriptions for judges offered by Yisro and Moshe, however, appear to clash fundamentally. They seem to talk right past each other, laying down completely different requirements.

When Yisro proposed to Moshe that he ought to delegate some of his judicial responsibilities to helpers, Yisro went the extra mile. He specified as well what qualified a candidate for appointment to the bench: "Men of accomplishment, G-d fearing people, men of truth, people who despise money." [2] This is very different from what we find in our pasuk.

With a bit of insight, we can show that the lists are really identical. They use different phraseology to refer to the same virtues and strengths. Yisro's "accomplishment," is explained by Moshe's "wise and understanding men." Whereas Yisro speaks of judges who are G-d fearing, men of truth, and despising profit, Moshe crunches those descriptors down into people "known to your tribes." Pre-

sumably, what is "known" to the tribes is that certain people possessed the qualities that Yisro made explicit.

In other words, each of the two lists fleshes out certain qualifications while telescoping others. In effect, both Yisro and Moshe underscored the importance of some qualifications through more lengthy treatment, while minimizing others.

The choices they made are remarkable. When Yisro presented his plan to Moshe, he knew that judges needed to possess intellectual or academic gifts in order to properly apply the law. He referred to them only obliquely as "accomplishment." He lavished more attention on the inner qualities of character that judges needed to arrive at the truth. He knew that his son-in-law would agree that they should be focusing their attention on those traits, which would be harder to find. They knew that they would have no problem finding people with the proper intellectual training, and weighing their "accomplishment."

In our pasuk, however, Moshe addressed the people. He knew that in the popular mind, judges should be picked for their intellectual sharpness. He therefore accentuated wisdom and understanding. He then surprised them by essentially saying, "I need your help with this. I could easily find the best and brightest minds by speaking with them and testing them. But I want something more. I insist on accepting candidates whose qualifications are not readily measured by a stranger. Our judges need to be paragons of moral development and virtue.

Only people close to them can know them well enough to recommend them. I therefore ask you to provide for yourselves the proper candidates from those who are known to your tribes. They should be known to possess the self-same qualities that Yisro spoke about earlier."

Moshe does add a cautionary note. He tells Bnei Yisrael that while they would identify the candidates, Moshe's establishing them as heads would remove the

appointments from their control. Their authority would become ex officio; people would have to respect and obey them. The people would have a hand in selecting those who wielded power, but would have to recognize authority as well – as so often is true in Torah life

Good Shabbos

**Mazal Tov to Heshi & Bayla Kuhnreich on the birth of a grandson, born to Eli & Adina Kuhnreich.
Mazel Tov to the great-grandmothers, Mrs. Goldie Richler & Mrs. Chana Kuhnreich.
The sholom zachor will take place this Friday night at 36 Stormount Ave beginning at 9:00 pm.**

**This week's kiddush is sponsored by:
The members of the Meseches Brachos Shiur in honour of the Rav and the completion of Meseches Brachos.**

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

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

Weekday Schedule

Tisha B'aV

Fast Begins: 8:24 pm

Mariv / Eicha: 9:35 pm

Shacharis: 9:00 am

Chatzos: 1:22 pm

Mincha: 2:00 pm & 8:00 pm

Shekiya: 8:22 pm

Maariv: 8:50 pm

Fast Ends: 9:07 pm

Havdallah without Ner / Besomim:

It is preferable to eat and change shoes before saying Kidush Levanah

Shacharis

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

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:00 am & 8:00 am

Mincha

8:20 pm

Maariv

8:40 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.)

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Pirkei Avos Shiur

The Rav's Pirkei Avos Shiur is cancelled this week.

Pirchei Program

Pirchei is cancelled this week.

CPR Training

There has been some interest in arranging a CPR Training Course for the membership of the shul.

The estimated cost for the course is \$60 per person.

Additional sponsorships are welcome.

For more information please contact Yehuda Cohen @cohen.judah@gmail.com.