

# Agudas Yisroel Anshei Kielce



## Zmanim

Candle Lighting: 7:18 pm

Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos: 6:00 pm & 7:20 pm

Shacharis: 8:45 am

Mincha/**SEUDAS SHLISHIS**: 7:05 pm

**Pirkei Avos Shiur: 6:25 pm**

Maariv/Motzei Shabbos: 8:19 pm

Motzei Shabbos Rabbeinu Tam: 8:46 pm

## Parshas Nitzavim

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

### Going For Gold

"And you saw their abominations and their detestable idols - of wood and stone, of silver and gold that were with them" (29:16)

In Parshas Devarim, Moshe assembles Bnei Yisroel and rebukes them in a veiled manner in order to avoid embarrassing them. He, therefore lists the places where Bnei Yisroel acted improperly, rather than explicitly mentioning their sins. The commentaries differ as to which sins are reflected by the various places. Rashi interprets Di Zahav as the place where the sin of the Golden Calf was committed. The Talmud teaches that although Moshe was rebuking Bnei Yisroel for participating in the sin of the Golden Calf, he was, at the same time, attempting to mitigate their culpability. Moshe argued that it was the gold and silver that Hashem heaped upon Bnei Yisroel until they were forced to say "di" - "enough", that played a crucial factor in the entire community succumbing to the sin of idolatry, hence the name "Di Zahav" to describe the sin. The Talmud concludes that Hashem accepted Moshe's argument, as it states in the

verse "I gave them an abundance of wealth and they used the gold for Baal." Moshe assumes that if Bnei Yisroel did not have gold and silver they would not have made the idol. How can he be sure that they would not have fashioned the calf out of wood or stone?

Throughout history Bnei Yisroel have fallen prey to the clutches of idol worship. Never do we find Hashem's response as harsh as it was to the Golden Calf. Why was this event more heinous in nature than all the subsequent parlays into idolatry?

In Parshas Nitzavim, Bnei Yisroel are warned against idolatry. The verse states that Moshe told Bnei Yisroel that they saw first-hand the detestable nature of idolatry when passing through the nations who served idols of "wood and stone, of silver and gold that was with them". Rashi explains why the Torah adds the phrase "that was with them" after "silver and gold".

Moshe was ridiculing the idol worshippers for publicly they would only serve idols of wood and stone. They kept the silver and gold idols "with them", serving them only in private, for

fear that they would be stolen.<sup>4</sup> Inherent in their actions is the ludicrous nature of their service; they feared that the idols that they worshipped as deities would be stolen by man. The unique nature of the sin of the Golden Calf was that it was a public display presented before the entire nation. The punishment was therefore more severe than when isolated pockets of Jews engaged in such activities.

The entire nation of Bnei Yisroel would not tolerate a public display of idolatry were the idol made of wood, for the material used would

reflect the fallibility of the idol. Moshe argued that the only reason that Bnei Yisroel were willing to use gold of such large quantities to make the idol was because they had so much of it and were not afraid that it might be stolen; if Bnei Yisroel had had less gold, they would not have used it publicly. To use another material publicly would not have been tolerated, thereby forcing the instigators of the golden calf to serve privately, out of the public eye, saving Bnei Yisroel from communal culpability.

### **Good Shabbos**

**\*\* To ensure accurate publication of all announcements and sponsorships,\*\*  
\*\*information must be submitted to mailings@agudahsouth.com \*\*  
\*\*prior the publication deadline of 10:00 am on Friday morning.\*\***

**The kids' program will take place next door in Bnos Bais Yaakov.**

**The Rav's Pirkei Avos Shiur is will take place at 6:25 pm .**

**The guest speaker for Seudas Shlishis will be Rabbi Yehoshua Dovid Ostroff.  
Seudas Shlishis is sponsored by Rabbi & Mrs. Shloimie & Shaindy Schwartz.**

**We are updating the cholim list for Chodesh Elul/Tishrei.  
If you would like to submit a name to the cholim list please email gabbai@agudahsouth.com or contact one of the gabbaim.**

<b>Shacharis (Selichos)</b>	<u>Weekday Schedule</u>	<b>Mincha</b>
Sunday: 6:45 am		Tzom Gedaliah: 7:10 pm
Wednesday(Tzom Gedaliah): 6:25 am & 7:40 am		Thursday: 7:15 pm
Thursday: 6:30 am & 7:50 am Friday: 6:30 am & 7:40 am		<b>Maariv</b> 7:35 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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<b>Rosh Hashanah Schedule</b>
<b>Sunday</b>
Selichos: 6:45 am
Mincha: 7:15 pm
Candle Lighting: 7:14 pm
Maariv: 8:10 pm
<b>Monday</b>
Shacharis: 8:00 am
<b>Tekias Shofar:</b> 11:00 am
Mincha: 7:05 pm
Maariv: 8:10 pm
Candle Lighting: After 8:16 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>
Shacharis: 8:00 am
<b>Tekias Shofar:</b> 10:45 am
Mincha: 7:05 pm
Maariv/Motzei Yom Tov: 8:14 pm

<b>Yomim Noraim Kids' Program</b>
There will be babysitting for kids' on Yom Tov.
<b>Rosh Hashana:</b> 10:30 am to 1:00 pm.
<b>Yom Kippur:</b> TBD.
<b>Members:</b> \$20 per family
<b>Non-Members:</b> \$30 per family.
To register please email: mailings@agudahsouth.com.

<b>Guest Speaker Schedule</b>
First Night: Rabbi Dov Bertman
Second Night: Rabbi Eliezer Marcus