

Agudas Yisroel Anshei Kielce



Zmanim

Candle Lighting: 4:48 pm

Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos: 4:50 pm

Shacharis: 8:45 am

Hilchos Shabbos Shiur: 4:20 pm

Mincha/**SEUDAS SHLISHIS**: 4:40 pm

Maariv/Motzei Shabbos: 5:52 pm

Motzei Shabbos Rabbeinu Tam: 6:19 pm

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

Parshas Bo

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

Who is a Jew?

...at midnight HaShem struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon. (12:29)

Rashi (ad loc) is bothered why the firstborn sons of the captives were killed. After all they weren't even citizens of Egypt and had nothing to do with the enslavement of the Jews. Rashi therefore explains it was either because they were rejoicing at how the Jews were being treated (and would have participated had they been given an opportunity - much like the Nazi soldiers who claimed "to only be following orders" but in every picture they are laughing and jeering while terrorizing and abusing the German and Polish Jews) and also so that the captives didn't claim it was "their" God that was bringing Makkos Bechoros upon the Egyptians. In other words, according to Rashi, had it not been for those two reasons the children of the

captives would not have died.

This is difficult to understand, after all Moshe instructed the Jews to put the blood of the Korban Pesach on the door posts of their homes so that they would be protected and not affected by the tenth plague. This means that the first born sons of the Jews would have died unless there was blood on the door posts. How is it possible that Jews would be more susceptible to the plague than the children of the captives in the dungeons?

There seems to be only one possible explanation, there was no decree of death from the plague on foreigners, Makkos Bechoros was only a decree on the Egyptians. That is why the children of the captives would have been excluded. But the Jews faced an existential quandary of self definition. Are we Egyptian Jews or Jewish Egyptians?

After a year in which the Jews were relieved of their enslavement (once the plagues began the slavery ended) and had started to accumu-

late wealth (because they weren't affected by the plagues they had economic opportunities; they sold water during the plague of blood etc.) many Jews began to feel like privileged Egyptian citizens. In fact, up to 80

The tenth plague came to differentiate between the Jews and the Egyptians. Those Jews who who felt they were Egyptian citizens first

were judged as Egyptians. Moshe gave the people the sign on how to define themselves; if you're an Egyptian Jew put the blood of the Korbon Pesach on the doorpost if you're merely a Jewish Egyptian then you will meet the same fate as the Egyptians.

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.**

**Mazal Tov to Rafi & Klara Buxbaum the recent engagement of their grand-daughter.
 Mazal Tov to Amir Rosenthal & Boruch Klein on the completion of Maseches Brachos.
 The siyum will take place during Kiddush.**

This week's kiddush is sponsored by: Ephraim & Chani Reichmann.

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

**The guest speaker for Seudas Shlishis is Meir Yuni.
 Seudas Shlishis is sponsored by Rabbi & Mrs. Yuni in honour of
 the yahrzeit of her father, R' Yaakov Yitzchak Kormon OB"M.**

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

Shacharis	Weekday Schedule	Mincha
Sunday: 8:00 am & 9:00 am		1:00 pm & 5:00 pm
Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am & 7:55 am		Maariv
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:00 am & 8:00 am		5:20 pm & 8:00 pm (Mon-Thur)
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.
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Friday Night Learning Program (FNL)

**The Friday Night learning program will take place this week.
 Learning Seder: 8:00 pm Or Hachaim/Esoteric Mefarshim Shiur: 8:45 pm
 FNL is sponsored by Hillel & Daniella Lichtenstein.**

Shovavim Shiurim

**The Rav's Shovavim Shiurim will take place Wednesday's at 8:30 pm (January 6, 13, 20).
 Topics: Hilchos Niddah and General Sholom Bayis Discussion.**

Chesed L'Avroham Parlour Meeting

**Location: 51 Brookview Dr.
 Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 @ 9 pm**