## Agudas Yisroel Anshei Kielce



## **Zmanim**

Candle Lighting: 7:35 pm

Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos: 6:15 pm & 7:35 pm

Shacharis: 8:45 am

Hilchos Shabbos Shiur: 7:05 pm Mincha/SEUDAS SHLISHIS: 7:25 pm

Maariv/Motzei Shabbos: 8:39 pm Motzei Shabbos Rabbeinu Tam: 9:06 pm **Sunday Shacharis: 8:00 am & 9:00 am** 

Parshas Tazria
Adapted from Rabbi Yissachar [www.torah.org]

The Baal HaTurim provides us with a fascinating insight into the purification offerings brought by a woman who has given birth (following the prescribed days of impurity and purity). At the beginning of Parshas Tazria, the Torah specifies the nature of these offerings:

A woman who can afford the standard offering is commanded to bring a sheep within its first year as an Olah offering and a young dove (ben yonah) or a turtledove (tor) as a Chatas [sin offering]. [Vayikra 12:6]

A woman who has given birth (yoledes) who cannot afford the standard offering of a sheep is allowed to bring two turtledoves (shnei torim) or two young doves (shnei bnei yonah) – one for the Olah offering and one for the sin offering. [Vayikra 12:8].

The Baal HaTurim points out that throughout the Torah – including the above quoted pasuk 8 – whenever the torim (turtledoves) and the bnei yonah (young doves) are mentioned, the

torim are always mentioned first. Only in pasuk 6 above is the sequence reversed, with the Torah first mentioning the ben yonah and then the tor.

He explains the reason as follows. Normally, the Torah requires two birds to be brought at a time. In the case of the woman who gave birth, only one bird is required (one sheep and one bird). If only one bird is to be brought, it is preferable to bring a "ben yonah" type of bird than a tor. Why? Because turtledoves always live in pairs – male and female. When one of the pair is taken away from its mate, the Talmud states in Kerisus that the remaining bird will never take another mate. They only mate with one bird their entire lives.

The Torah is concerned that the remaining turtledove should not remain lonely and depressed the remainder of its life. Consequently, the Torah advises us to give preference to taking the ben yonah in such a situation. The ben yonah's mate will find someone else.

Rights" Baal HaTurim. This is a "Sensitivity" Baal HaTurim. The Baal HaTurim is teaching that the Torah's ways are full of pleasantness. The Torah always tries to teach us to be sensitive and caring human beings. If one treats animals and even birds with such sensitivity, then certainly one will treat humans with sensitivity.

A person who is insensitive and uncaring acts that way across the board. He cannot just "turn on sweetness" for the people in his shul or the people in his immediate circle. One trains oneself with the attribute of compassion by applying such compassion to everyone and everything he comes in contact with.

This lesson of the Baal HaTurim regarding

This should not be interpreted as an "Animal the sacrifice of the yoledes is the same concept pointed out by the Ramban regarding the mitzvah of Shiluach HaKen [Sending away the mother bird before taking its young]. The Ramban says that the mother bird has pain seeing its young taken from the nest, therefore we are commanded to send her away before we take the young for ourselves. The Talmud says that one who praises G-d for showing mercy to the mother bird regarding this mitzvah is silenced. Why? Because this is not an "Animal Rights" mitzvah. Rather, here too, the Torah is training us to be caring human beings so that we should treat PEOPLE properly.

**Good Shabbos** 

Aryah & Faige Lebovic are sponsoring a kiddush Hoda'ah this week.

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

The guest speaker for Seudas Shlishis is Abe Rzepkowitz. Seudas Shlishis is sponsored by Jeff & Chava Bayla Wald in honour of the yahrzeits of Jeff's father, Roman Wald OB"M, & his grandfather, Menachem Eisner OB"M.

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

**Shacharis** Mincha Weekday Schedule Sunday: 8:00 am & 9:00 am 7:45 pm Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am & 7:55 am Maariv Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:00 am & 8:00 am 8:05 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.) 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

## Kimcha Depischa Campaign

As in years past the Ray is collecting money for the kimcha depischa campaign to be given to Tomchei Shabbos and needy families within our community before Yom Tov. Checks can be made out to RFRO.

The Ray will be available for Mechiras Chametz after davening in the morning and evening.