

Agudas Yisroel Anshei Kielce



Zmanim

Candle Lighting: 7:17 pm
 Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos: 7:20 pm
 Shacharis: 8:45 am
 Mincha/**SEUDAS SHLISHIS: 7:05 pm**
 Maariv/Motzei Shabbos: 8:21 pm
 Motzei Shabbos Rabbeinu Tam: 8:48 pm
Sunday Shacharis: 8:00 am

Parshas Vayakhel-Pekudei

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

Moshe's Abrupt Exit [1]

Moshe erected the Mishkan ... and Moshe could not enter the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of Hashem filled the Mishkan[2].

Moshe's exit from before the Divine Presence seems appropriate enough. His re-entrance to the Mishkan later, when called upon by Hashem, is also in order. Taken together, however, the sequence is jarring. As far as what is reported in the text, nothing happens in between these two events, other than closing Chumash Shemos and beginning Chumash Vayikra. Moshe leaves only long enough to come right back!

In fact, Moshe's actions place a frame around two distinct stages in the development of the Jewish people. Hashem Himself had spelled out His goal in the redemption from Egypt: "I will take you to Me as a people[3]." Nothing pointed to the accomplishment of that goal more than His resting His Presence upon the Mishkan. It demonstrated that the Torah had found a home

among the Jewish people. The handiwork of flesh and blood, infused with a spirit of dedication to Him and meticulous attention to His commands, had accomplished what is rationally unexpected – it created a place suitable to contain the Presence of G-d.

All of this happened on Moshe's watch, under his direction and tutelage. Completing the most important construction project ever undertaken by Man was a feather in his cap. Precisely when it all comes together, Moshe exits. By doing so, he minimizes his own importance relative to the Mishkan. As crucial as he was in erecting it, ultimately the Mishkan was not about him, but about the Jewish People. There could be no Divine Presence among human beings without a Torah, and there could be no practice of the Torah without a Torah Nation. Moshe exits – leaving the people as a whole front and center.

The Torah does not even tell us about the events of the inauguration of the Mishkan. That would have to wait until the middle of Chumash Vayikra. Instead, the Torah immediately

begins a new Chumash with a new focus and a new mission. Hosting the Shechinah places demands upon individuals and upon the community. Vayikra begins with Moshe being called out of his brief "retirement" to instruct the people in the avodah of korbanos. Their deep symbolism would teach the people how to translate the immediate presence of the Divine into actions that would permeate every situation and moment of their lives. They would cherish the Torah that enabled the indwelling of the Shechinah not because they believed in it, but because they

would come to know its uplifting effect upon them by experience.

Between the two roles, Moshe has to leave and reenter, underscoring for us the great but different importance of the two stages: inviting Hashem in to dwell, as it were, among us; and responding in an ever-progressing journey towards Him, to keep ourselves worthy of His Presence.

1. Based on the Hirsch Chumash, Shemos 40:18

2. Shemos 40:18, 35

3. Shemos 6:7

Good Shabbos

This week's kiddush is sponsored by:

A group of members in honour of the birthday of the President.

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

Seudas Shlishis is sponsored by Moishe & Susie Feder in honour of the yahrzeit of Moishe's mother, Sima Sheva bas Chaim Shmuel OB"M.

The guest speaker for seudas shlishis is R' Shaya Scheinberg.

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

Sunday: 8:00 am

Tuesday: 6:50 am & 7:50 am

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

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

Weekday Schedule

Mincha

7:25 pm

Maariv

7:45 pm

To sponsor Kiddush/Seudas Shlishis contact Baruch Klein (kiddush@agudahsouth.com.)

All those wish to submit names to the cholim list can email gabbai@agudahsouth.com or contact one the gabbaim.

Have a Simcha to announce? Email announcements to mailings@agudahsouth.com.

To subscribe or unsubscribe to the email bulletin please email mailings@agudahsouth.com.

Join Our New Chesed Initiative

There has been some interest in forming a Chesed Committee to spur new chesed initiatives within the community. All men or women that are interested in joining please contact Moishe Korolnek at markkorolnek@gmail.com.

Mishnayos Kids' Chaburah

This week's Chaburah is at 6:45 pm. Refreshments will be served. For more information email info@agudahsouth.com.