

בס"ד Kolenu קולנו

Shabbos Rosh Chodesh	
Candle Lighting:	7:08 PM (but not before 6:05 PM)
Mincha Erev Shabbos:	5:55 / 7:15 PM
The Rav's Parasha Shiur:	8:15 AM
Shacharis:	7:30 AM & 9:00 AM
Early Mincha:	2:00 PM
Rabbi Dr. Fox's Rambam Shiur:	5:50 PM
Rabbi Krause's Daf Yomi:	6:00 PM
Mincha:	6:50 PM
Maariv:	7:58 PM (15 min before Shabbos ends)
Shabbos Ends:	8:13 / 8:40 PM - רבינו תם
Rabbi Dr. Agatstein's Daf Yomi:	9:00 PM Motzei Shabbos on Zoom
Weekday	
Kollel Boker	6:30-8:00 Sun, 5:45-7:00 AM Mon-Fri, in shul and on Zoom
Rabbi Krause's Daf Yomi:	7:10 AM Sun, 5:30 AM Mon, Thurs, 5:40 AM Tues, Wed, Fri; in shul & Zoom
Shacharis:	6:20 & 8:00 AM Sun 6:10 & 7:05 AM Mon, Thurs 6:20 & 7:05 AM Tues, Fri 6:15 & 7:05 AM Wed (Yom HaAtzmaut)
Last Time for Shema/Tefillah All Week:	9:31 / 10:38 AM
Mincha / Maariv	7:20 PM (Recite Krias Shema after 8:12 PM)
Rabbi Dr. Agatstein's Daf Yomi:	7:30 PM Sun-Thurs; 3:00 PM Fri; all Zm
Other Shiurim	
Rabbi Dr. Agatstein's Navi Shiur:	8:00 PM Sunday on Zoom
Semichas Chaver Program	7:15 PM Monday at the shul
The Rav's Hilchos Shabbos Shiur for Women:	11:00 AM Tuesday, 156 S Citrus Ave.
The Rav's Chabura:	9 PM Wed, 127 N. Highland Ave.
Women's Chabura on Kedushas Shabbos:	10:00-10:30 AM Thursday at the shul
Eli Stefansky's MDY Daf Yomi broadcast:	9:10 PM daily at the shul
Next Shabbos – פ' אזורי-קדושים	
Candle Lighting Friday Night	7:13 PM (but not before 6:09 PM)
Mincha Erev Shabbos:	6:00 / 7:20 PM

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Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Rebbetzin Krause on the birth of twin great-grandsons. Mazel Tov to the proud parents, Yehuda Aryeh and Miriam Wenger, and to grandparents Yaakov Moshe and Chana Gittie Willner.

The Hashkoma Minyan's halacha shiur topic is: **"Work Force: Can a Kohen be Coerced to Do Avoda?"**

Kiddush!

Kiddush is sponsored by **Simcha and Karina Mann** in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Beverly Mann, Baila Blima bas Chaim Yisroel Yaakov a"h, Simcha's mother, and in honor of their new granddaughter, Hinda Blima, born to new parents Dovi and Rachel Mann; and by **David and Judy Hager** in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Malka Mahlah bas Mordechai Ziskind a"h, David's mother.

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A Frightening Idea by the Chovos HaLevovos

Rabbi Yissocher Frand

There is a difficult Medrash on this week's parsha. It tells the story of a peddler who went from town to town calling out, "Who wants to buy the elixir of life?" Rav Yannai heard the peddler's sales pitch and said, "Sell me the elixir!" The peddler said, "You, and people like you, do not need what I am selling." Rav Yannai persisted and asked, "But tell me. What are you selling?"

The peddler took out a Tehillim and showed Rav Yannai the pasuk, "Who is the man who wants life? Guard your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil and do good." [Tehillim 34:13-15].

Rav Yannai proclaimed, "My entire life I have been reading these pesukim and did not understand what they were teaching, until this peddler came along and taught me."

What did the peddler tell Rav Yannai that he did not previously understand?

I offer an interpretation of this Medrash that I heard in a shiur by Rav Isaac Bernstein a"h. Rav Bernstein, in turn, was quoting an insight he saw in a sefer entitled Kosnos Ohr, authored by a grandson of the Panim Meiros.

The Kosnos Ohr refers to a frightening passage in the sefer Chovos HaLevovos by Bachye ibn Pakuda. When Reuven speaks Lashon HaRah about Shimon, Reuven's mitzvos are transferred to Shimon and Shimon's aveiros are transferred to Reuven! Slanderers will find on the Day of Judgement that they will not be receiving reward for good deeds that they did do, and will be receiving punishment for bad deeds which they did not do!

Shimon, on hearing that Reuven had spoken Lashon HaRah about him, sent Reuven a fruit basket. "You did me such a favor," said Shimon. Reuven asked, "What did I do?" Shimon responded, "You spoke Lashon HaRah about me. Therefore, I received all of your merits, and you took upon yourself all of my sins. It is only right that I send you a present in return."

This same idea also appears in the Maggid Meisharim, which relates conversations between a malach and the Beis Yosef, and in the sefer Marpeh Lashon by Rav Raphael Hamburger.

The Kosnos Ohr says that Rav Yannai had understood "life" in the pasuk in Tehillim to mean life in *this* world. The epiphany that he had because of the peddler's insight was that the pasuk is teaching about the *next* world. The only way to guarantee that your reward will be preserved for you is to guard your tongue from speaking evil.

Rav Bernstein writes that the Chofetz Chaim also brings this idea in the sefer Shmiras HaLashon (in a footnote that I cannot find). Many people at the end of Shemoneh Esrei recite a pasuk that begins with the first letter of their name and ends with the last letter of their name. The Shaloh HaKadosh writes that on the Day of Judgement each of us will be asked his name. If someone forgets his name, he will at least remember the pasuk which he has recited so many thousands of times. But am I really likely to forget my name? Rav Bernstein explains that when someone goes to Heaven and is credited with mitzvos that he well knows he never did, he will recognize that they are Chaim's mitzvos and Shmuel's mitzvos and Dovid's mitzvos. "Who am I really?" he will ask.

Rav Raphael Hamburger points out that the loss of mitzvos and gain of aveiros happens only to a *Ba'al* Lashon HaRah, someone who is immersed in this evil practice.

Still, the take home message is: "Don't speak Lashon HaRah."

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