

The **SHABBOS LINK**

14th of Tamuz 5784 | Parashas Balak | Jul 19-Jul 20, 2024

Shabbos Schedule

Friday, July 19, 2024

Early Early Mincha	1:35pm
Early Mincha - Rabbi Kraft	6:20pm
Earliest Candle Lighting	6:35pm
Regular Candle Lighting	7:45pm
Regular Mincha	7:45pm
Repeat Shema	8:48pm

Shabbos, July 20, 2024

Neitz minyan	5:20am
Ramban shiur - Rabbi Kraft	8:10am
Shacharis	8:30am
Teen Minyan -	8:50am
Latest time for Shema (According to the M"A)	8:52am
Latest time for Shema (According to the Gra)	9:28am
Drasha - Rabbi Maslow	10:15am
Kiddush -	11:00am
QPS - Rabbi Stern	11:20am
Pre-Mincha Shiur- Rabbi Stern - Pirkei Avos - Maharal on Avraham vs Bilam	6:30pm
Daf Yomi - Rabbi Becker	6:45pm
Mincha	7:30pm
Shalosh Seudos -	7:50pm
Maariv	8:48pm
Rabbeinu Tam time for ending Shabbos	9:15pm

Week Schedule

June 21-July 26, 2024

Shacharis

Neitz Minyan	5:32-5:35
Sunday	7:30, 8:30
Monday	6:45am, 8:30am
Tuesday	6:45am, 8:30am
Wednesday	7:00am, 8:30am
Thursday	6:45am, 8:30am
Friday	7:00, 8:30am

Mincha/Ma'ariv

Early Mincha - Sunday - Thursday	1:35pm, 5:35pm
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:45pm
Late Ma'ariv	9:35, 10:30, 11:15pm

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Announcements

Latest Time for Kiddush Levana

The latest time to perform Kiddush Levana for the month of Tamuz is this Motzei Shabbos at 10:31 p m.

Fast of 17th of Tamuz

The 3 week mourning period preceding Tisha B'Av begins this Monday night at sunset (8:01 pm) [The laws of the Three Weeks are delineated elsewhere in this newsletter.]

The schedule for the Fast Day is as follows:

4:32am- strict/4:47 am- lenient Fast begins

5:33, 6:45, 8:30 am Shacharis

1:35,7:30 pm Mincha

8:05 pm Rabbi Stern speaks

8:20 pm Maariv

8:36 lenient/8:41 pm strict Fast ends

Mind & Heart: Uncovering Worlds of Greatness

Two Vignettes:

Story # 1 – The Mind

On Thursday, I davened mincha at the [Churva](#) shul. It is kedai to appreciate the storied history of this beautiful shul (and one day we ly'H will attempt to do so.); which forms the center of Jewish life in the upper Old City and whose name means destruction and ironically symbolizes rebuilding. It is also historically appropriate, Vilna Gaon territory, which means that

The Ashkenaz nusach has a unique flair: From the omission of certain words in kaddish (*v'yis'halla*), to lack of *baruch hu uvaruch shemo* (Gra considered it a hefsek), thunderous and melodious amens, absolute quiet (hopefully not only a Gra thing), no *v'neemar* conclusion of Aleinu, only one person saying kaddish, reformulated laining breaks, varied tachanun alignments, a quieter kedusha vibe, no chazzan for pesukei d'zimra, etc. ---- sooo much is the same and yet the vibe is different.

It is also Zilberman country.

The Rav of the Churva shul is Rav Eliyahu Zilberman, (known as Rav Eliyahu Be"RYT). He is a striking and tall illui whose shiurim and persona are marked by clarity, simcha, encyclopedic knowledge, great passion and piety. He is a mohel (he has great experience just by attending to family needs as will be explained) and for all I know, might be a sofer and a shochet as well.

[1]From Wikipedia: The Zilberman Method was not a new innovation, but rather a return to an ancient form of [Torah study](#) elucidated in the [Mishna](#) and [Talmud](#), and favoured by both the [Maharal](#) and the Vilna Gaon. In [Pirkei Avos](#) 5 it states, "A 5-year-old [learns] the Torah, a ten-year old [learns] the Mishna, a 15-year-old [learns] the Talmud." In [Shabbat](#) 63a it states, "A man should recite, and only later expound." This is in contrast to standard procedure in the Torah world, where intense scrutiny of the text at a relatively young age is favoured over the covering and committing to memory of vast amounts of material. Zilberman also instituted that school sessions be continued on [Shabbat](#) and [Jewish holidays](#), albeit at a reduced schedule.

Rav Zilberman's father is Rav Yom Tov (Be"RYT = ben Rav Yom Tov) whose mastery of kabbalah is legend. Rav Yom Tov's father, [**Rav Yitzchak Shlomo**](#), who was mekareiv Uri Zohar, made his way from Germany to England and eventually to Eretz Yisrael. He died at the age of 71, while leaving behind 18 children! – all of whom were involved in Torah teaching and learning. His father was the famous translator of the Silberman Chumash and Rashi – one of the two forerunners to Artscroll.

If you do the progeny math, you will conclude that there are many Zilbermans running around the Old City. This is true. Many non-Zilbermans also attend the *Aderet Eliyahu Cheder*. The Cheder is old and new[1]. Ultimately, steeped in deep learning, the cheder chooses to give a broad base, allowing the boys to finish Tanach at 10 and Mishna at approximately age of 15. They review and review. These are normal kids; they have bikes, Rebbe cards, climb on things they shouldn't, drink coffee cuz their parents do, fight and sing – but they are mamash alive. They don't have cellphones; they actually talk to each other and for the most part, they love learning. Why? I am not sure. They learn *al pi Chazal*. They are constantly reviewing and thus they certainly taste success.

Here's something awesome: Kids test kids. I see this all the time. They take a *Mishna Sedurah* (Rabbi Eliyahu Dordac shlita – an American who changed the world of Mishna mastery) and complete large swaths of Mishna **BY HEART**. They test each other – chap 15 minutes in the beis and then make mischief – as is their job in life (*v'ayir pere adam yivaleid*). This is probably the depth the gemara *Kamah gedolim maaseh chiya* (Bava Metzia 84) – and it is certainly the brilliance of Chazal who understood that if you empower the kids, you will change the world. These boys learn, memorize and learn some more. Every day – except for Tisha B'av.

[So last night I am at the Menachem Tziyon shul (also a story) – right near Churva; it is a night seder hangout and a young boy 10-11 year old boy is learning with his father Rav Panet (a 30 + something Rav). They are unsurprisingly, reviewing Mishnayos; I am watching. It is sweet and simcha'dik. The boy is skilled, sweet and agile. The father is like a conductor waiving his hand, stopping, starting, listening ready to correct and prod – he is also very tired (this is not his only child J) . I am mesmerized. I approach the boy (they know me, I am the American from the foreign country Los Angeles). I ask if he has memorized Shas yet – *of course not* –

he is only 11 - he has only memorized nezikim and half of nashim (only 25% of Shas). I looked at him with a big smile - slightly smaller than his smile, tell him one day I hope to be like him and give him ten shekel. The father enjoys the nachas and quotes a Mishna (*peirosehem baolam hazeh*). Maybe we Americans can learn something here.

Story # 2 – The Heart

I am a mincha gedola (early mincha) guy. It's nice to daven early. So, in the Churva (unlike LINK), afaik, they never do a *hecher kedusha* (a loud – shortened repetition express mincha), until yesterday. It was surreal; atypically, some American was davening – not the booming baritone Israeli voice that I am used to. I motioned confusion to someone and he gave me a shrug. As I am not a shrug reader, I wasn't sure if the fellow was equally confused or simply not interested in motioning his way to my clarity. Mincha ended around 137 or so.

Then I hear the familiar Israeli “Ashrei” – (universal start your mincha engine sound), from one of the Zilberman chevra - but didn't we just do daven? Now I get it, what I had davened was the *baalabatish* communal mincha (-ish) – so what was this?

This was the *special Thursday since the war began hour+ long mincha for those fasting and reading krias hatorah and saying slichos and beseeching the Ribono Shel Olam to end the Tzarah*. I probed: for the last 9 months 70+ people from the extended Zilberman extended chevra have been fasting Monday and Thursday and have a special Thursday davening. Mind you, this is mid-summer long and hot days. They don't sleep away their fast days. They learn and learn. Now many are *only* fasting on Thursdays. I am blown away. I stumbled upon a world of greatness – so as not to bother the community – they arrange a quicker mincha and delay their own. Wow!

Taanis 11 teaches us that we dare not be comfortable when the community is in pain. For some, it is hard to feel while others can't stop the nightmare; many have children or grandchildren behind enemy lines or *rachmona litzlan* have their own private akeidas Yitzchak.

I had encountered worlds within worlds: Worlds of quiet, humble greatness; of

achrayus for Klal Yisrael and Eretz Yisrael; of people trying to connect to those in mortal danger while recognizing their own holy contribution to the war effort. People who have sacrificed their physicality in a real way.

We have all struggled beyond the twin shir hamaalos, the checks and the whatsapp groups to connect. I am humbled by Jews who fuse heart and mind and serve Hashem and His people Bechol levavecha U'vechol Nafshecha.

We wish a beautiful Mazel Tov to Baruch and Rebecca Blum upon the birth of a baby boy. Pls come to a Shalom Zachor if you are in the neighborhood (3 Munbaz – 6th floor, apt. 107). Amir Goldstein and I will be there.

After about a 38-hour odyssey, our daughter has landed this morning and we look forward to a special Shabbos in the Old City with her and our granddaughters

Thank you Rabbi Stern and the Holy Gabbaim, Rabbi Shenker, Reb Hershey and Howard Reichman for your avodas HaKodesh.

A gutten Shabbos
Asher Brander

COMMUNITY AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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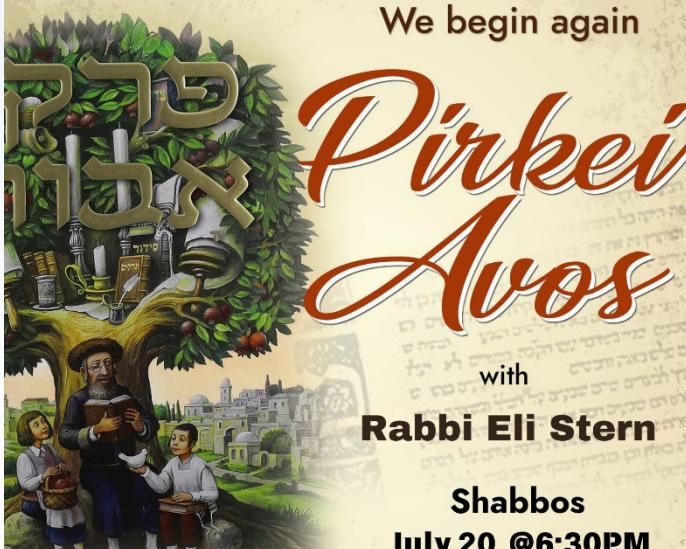
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ASPECTS OF MOURNING DURING THE THREE WEEKS

- No weddings are held. (However, engagement ceremonies are permitted.)
- We do not listen to music.
- We avoid all public celebrations -- especially those which involve dancing and musical accompaniment.
- We avoid exciting and entertaining trips and activities. (Kaf HaChaim - OC 551:41)
- No haircuts or shaving. (Fingernails may be clipped up until the week in which Tisha B'Av falls.)
- We do not say the blessing Shehechianu on new food or clothes, except on Shabbat.

Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Aaron Moshe and Avigail Gartner upon the marriage last night of their daughter Sarala to Shmuly Ungarischer in Lakewood. (Rabbi Gartner is the Rebbe of our Kinyan Mesechta Program, weekdays at 6:00 a.m.)

Mazel Tov to Reb Baruch & Rebecca Blum on the birth of a baby boy. May they merit to make the Bris on time and may they merit to raise him to Torah, Chuppah, and Ma'asim Tovim!

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