

Shavuos Davening Times

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Tuesday Mincha:	7:53pm
Wednesday Shacharis:	5:05am or 8:45am
Wednesday Mincha:	8:00pm
Wednesday Maariv:	8:57pm
Thursday Shacharis:	8:45am
Yizkor:	10:30am
Thursday Mincha:	8:00pm
Thursday Maariv:	8:58pm

Leil Shavuos Tuesday, May 18th Learning Schedule

Tuesday Night - Between Mincha and Maariv

מתורתו של הר"ר זליג עפשטיין זצ"ל בספר המצוות להרמב"ם Ritual vs. Interpersonal Mitzvos: a Fundamental Distinction by Rabbi Steinberg

Refreshments sponsored by Michaela and Dan Perez in commemoration of the Yahrtzeit of Michaela's father, Moshe Aryeh ben Zev, a"h.

12:20 AM: The Obligation to Honor Your Rebbe vs the Obligation to Honor a Talmid Chacham in General: Insights and He'aros of the Brisker Rav and Rav Zelig Epstein by Rabbi Steinberg

1:30 AM: Why did King Chizkiyah Hide the Book of Refuos? by Dr. Danny Eisenberg

2:40 AM: Time-Bound Positive Mitzvos - Revisited by Rabbi Josh Weinberger

3:50 AM: The Mitzvos of Marah: Prequel or Prerequisite to Matan Torah? By Dr. Ari Weintraub

5:05 AM: Shacharis

Between Mincha and Maariv Wed.-Thurs. Nights (May 19-20) Does Halacha Progress?: Surprising Concepts from the Netziv, Rav Tzadok HaKohen and Rav Yisroel Salanter by Rabbi Steinberg

Thought of the Week

The pasuk says, "And with you shall be one man from each tribe (ish, ish l'mateh), a man who is a leader of his father's household (rosh l'beis avosav, hu)." [Bamidbar 1:4] The Sefer Imrei Shammai has an encouraging insight on this pasuk. The author comments that every person has the opportunity to be a leader of his family.

The Sefer Imrei Shammai cites a cute story. A Jew who was an ignoramus (Am ha'aretz) approached another Jew who was a scholar (Talmid Chacham) and started bragging about his lineage: "You should know my 'yichus'. I come from a line of great people! However, you do not come from anyone of importance." The Am ha'aretz was obviously jealous of the Torah scholar. He had only one thing going for himself - his great ancestors - so he bragged about his lineage. The Talmud Chacham answered him sharply, "The difference between us is that your 'yichus' ends with you. In my case, my 'yichus' begins with me."

This capacity - to begin a distinguished family lineage from oneself - is hinted at in the above quoted pasuk. Every person (ish, ish), no matter from where he comes, has the ability to become the head of his own family (rosh l'beis avosav, hu) - meaning the beginning of an illustrious chain in his own family that will henceforth trace its origin to him.

No person should feel discouraged because he comes from humble beginnings. On the contrary - 'yichus' has to start somewhere. If it hasn't started from one's ancestors, let a person make every effort to ensure that great lineage begins with him.

Adapted from "Becoming the Head of the Household" http://www.torah.org/learning/ravfrand/5765/bamidbar.html

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis:	Sunday:	8:00 am
	Monday:	6:40 am
	Tuesday and Friday:	6:50 am
Mincha/Maar	iv: Sunday and Monday:	8:00 pm

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