

NER AVRAHAM NEWSLETTER

Ner Avraham - A caring Kehilla of learning and growth in the heart of Yerushalayim



Rabbi Wolff giving shiur on "The Nine Days"

Parshas Devorim פרשת דברים - שבת חזון

****Earliest Candle Lighting 6.17pm ****

Candle Lighting 7.09pm

Mincha Erev Shabbos 6.05pm

Rabbi Wolff will speak after Mincha.

Maariv 6.50pm

Shacharis 8.00am
followed by Kiddush

Ladies' Tehillim 5.45pm in downstairs shiur room

Daf Yomi 6.10pm

Mincha 7.10pm followed by *Seuda Shlishis*

Maariv 8.20pm

Shabbos Ends 8.25pm

Havdalah in Shul



Message From Rabbi Wolff

The sad tune of Eicha will already be heard this Shabbos, when we read the Pasuk in this week's Parsha, "איכה אשא. לבדי טרחכם ומשאכם וריבכם." Moshe Rabbeinu wonders: "Eicha"- How is it possible that I alone can bear all of your arguments and fighting? Of all words, why is "Eicha" the word used by Moshe in his rebuke of the difficult behaviors of the people?

In the Midrash we are told that when Adam sinned and Hashem called out to him, אֵיכָה, where are you?, He was really lamenting the sin by saying, אֵיכָה, how could it happen? Now, while it is true that these two words share the same letters, what is the deeper connection between the seemingly different meanings of these words? The great teachers of Mussar explain that at the root of all sin there is a lack of willingness to take responsibility. People excuse, justify, and rationalize improper actions and behaviors by blaming other people or circumstances. Hashem knew exactly where Adam was, he didn't need to ask. He was saying, I am not looking for excuses or blame - I am looking for YOU to take responsibility. So Hashem laments Adam's sin by saying Eicha - How could it be that Man can't understand how great he is and be strong to resist the temptation to look for excuses. So too, Moshe Rabbeinu

laments the fact that he has to deal with so much machlokes and arguing - where are the people who are willing to compromise and admit that maybe they are in the wrong? If Hashem has to ask, אֵיכָה, where are you, we will continue to be in a state of אֵיכָה and Churban. If we are people who take responsibility, we will be able to build and thrive as a nation. May we soon merit to see those days!

Wishing everyone a wonderful Shabbos and only b'soros tovos.



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This Week's News

Mazal Tov

Mazal tov to Rabbi Dr Leon Bernstein and Rabbi Eliezer Halpern on achieving semicha on Hilchos Shabbos!

Mazal tov to Shevach and Esti Black on the birth of his granddaughter!

Kiddush

Kiddush this week has been sponsored by Getzel Rosenzweig, in memory of his mother, Henna bas Yosef a"h (Lillian Rosenzweig), whose 21st Yahrtzeit is 5th of Av (July 19).

Coffee Corner

The Coffee Corner this week was sponsored by Yves and Yaffa Eljas L'Kavod Rabbi Siberstein and Rabbi Wolff and Kol HaLomdim B'Kollel Ner Avraham.

Tisha B'Av Schedule - see attached

Halacha Hotline

Shabbos and Motzei Shabbos Chazon Guidelines

Preparations for Shabbos - Although different communities have varying customs, the common Minhag is to bathe and shower as normal for Shabbos Chazon. We also wear regular Shabbos clothing.

Shabbos meals - all Seudos are as any other Shabbos, including having guests and singing Zemiros. Fleishig leftovers are not eaten even for Melaveh Malka.

Kiddush Levana - The Rama (Orach Chaim 426:2) records a Minhag not to say Kiddush Levana in the month of Av until after Tisha B'av (as well as in Tishrei before Yom Kippur). The reason is that the heavy feelings of mourning (and fear of judgement in Tishrei) do not enable one to say Kiddush Levana with the proper joy befitting "קבלת פני שכינה". The Rama himself writes that one should not say Kiddush Levana until the day after Tisha B'Av, but the Mishna

Brura says that most of the Poskim disagree and allow saying Kiddush Levana on Motzei Tisha B'Av, provided that one eats something first and is wearing normal footwear. Saying Kiddush Levana on Motzei Tisha B'Av was also encouraged by the Arizal due to the fact that Mashiach is born on Tisha B'Av and Kiddush Levana mentions David Hamelech and his Kingship. It should be noted that the Vilna Gaon was in favor of saying Kiddush Levana as soon as possible so as not to delay a Mitzvah. At Ner Avraham we will say Kiddush Levana after Tisha B'Av (Thursday night) after some refreshments are served.

Havdalah - While we don't drink wine or grape juice during the 9 days, the Shulchan Aruch says that for the sake of a Mitzvah it would be permitted. The Rama says that our custom is to be stringent and give it to a child (a 6-9 year old who would be old enough to know how to make Brachos, but not old enough to understand the significance of mourning the Beis Hamikdash) to drink. If one does not have a child like that around, they should drink it themselves. Some have a custom of using beer, but it is not necessary to do so.

Rabbi Wolff is available to answer shailahs on 054 840 7939.

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קהילת נר אברהם
In memory of Avraham (Ted) Mirkhani z"l
Growing Together

NER AVRAHAM'S LADIES' LEARNING PROGRAM

RABBI BINYOMIN WOLFF

Pre-Tisha B'Av Shiur

TUESDAY 21 JULY
11.00AM

7 DISKIN ST. APT 33, FLOOR 9, FAMILY DUBINSKY
Info: 0586049524 Suggested Donation 25₪

NERAVRAHAM LADIES' SHABBOS
TEHILLIM
AT 5.45PM

Downstairs shiur room.
Entrance opposite Diskin 15.

Sponsorships

The next availability for both **KIDDUSH** and **SHALOSH SEUDAS** is Parshas Eikev, 1 August.

The next available **COFFEE CORNER** is the week beginning Sunday 19 July.

Weekday Mincha & Maariv

Shacharis - 7.15am
Mincha - 2.00pm
Maariv - 8.30pm

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SUMMER ZMAN 5786
NER AVRAHAM COMMUNITY KOLLEL
EVENING SCHEDULE
COMMENCES
SUNDAY 19 APRIL 2026

SUNDAYS	8.00pm - 8.30pm Rabbi Binyomin Wolff Chovos Halevavos Shaar Avodas Elokim
SUNDAYS	8.45pm - 9.15pm Rabbi Moshe Silberstein Shalom Bayis
MONDAYS	8.00pm - 8.30pm Rabbi Nesanel Odzer Chabura Hilchos Bein Adam L'Chaveiro
TUESDAYS	8.00pm - 8.30pm Rabbi Fyvel Shuster Avodas HaParsha
WEDNESDAYS	8.00pm - 8.30pm Rabbi Binyomin Wolff Understanding the Siddur
THURSDAYS	8.00pm - 8.30pm Rabbi Moshe Silberstein Nesivos Shalom on the Parsha

MAARIV 8.30PM

14 Kahanov, Shaarei Chessed, (additional entrance opposite 15 Diskin)
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Shabbos meals

If you would like to be hosted for Shabbos meals, please contact Janice Bernstein on 0586049524 or Leon Bernstein on 0585796979

Good Shabbos!



כל המתאבל על ירושלים זוכה ורואה בשמחתה

תשפ"ו Tisha B'Av

Erev Tisha B'Av - Wednesday 22 July/ 8 Av

Shacharis **7:15 AM**

Mincha **2:00 PM**

Fast begins 7:45 PM

Maariv **8:10 PM**

followed by Eicha and Kinnos

Tisha B'Av - Thursday 23 July/ 9 Av

Shacharis **8:00 AM**

Kinnos **8:50 AM**

with explanations and insights from
Rabbis Wolff and Silberstein together with
Rabbi Fyvel Shuster
(end time approx. 12:30PM)

followed by additional reading of Eicha

Chatzos 12:45 PM

Mincha **7:00 PM**

Maariv **8:05 PM**

Fast ends **8:11 PM**

Followed by refreshments

Kiddush Levana

במהרה בימינו. May we see the rebuilding of Yerushalayim and the Beis Hamikdash.

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