

NER AVRAHAM NEWSLETTER

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Parshas Tazria-Metzora Rosh Chodesh Iyar פרשת תזריע מצורע ראש חודש אייר

****Earliest Candle Lighting 5:47pm ****

Candle Lighting 6:33pm

Rabbi Wolff will speak between Mincha and Kabbalos Shabbos

Mincha Erev Shabbos 5:30pm

Maariv 6:15pm

Shacharis 8.00am followed by Kiddush

Daf Yomi 5:30pm

Ladies' Tehillim 5:45pm

Mincha 6:30pm followed by Seuda Shlishis

Maariv Motzei Shabbos 7:45pm

Havdalah in Shul

Message From Rabbi Wolff

The Gemara teaches us that one who is afflicted with Tzaraas is compared to one who is dead. One well known explanation of this analogy is from Rav Chaim Shmuelevitz, the Mirrer Rosh Yeshiva, who explains that the Metzora's punishment of isolation takes away his ability to give to other people and help them, which is the ultimate manifestation of life. We know that the Metzora is being punished and receiving a wake up call from Hashem to stop speaking negatively about others. This explains his expulsion from the camp and subsequent isolation. If the Metzora gets isolated and isolation is tantamount to death, then we are really saying that the Metzora deserves an experience like death. Why is this so?

One explanation given by the Baalei Mussar calls our attention to the original creation of the human being. Hashem breathed a Neshama of life into Adam, "And [he] became a living soul." Onkelos renders the term "living soul" as "a spirit that talks." Human life is distinguished from animal life with the ability to speak and use words. When one uses their power of speech properly, they are fulfilling the human mission of life. Moreover, positive speech, encouragement, compliments and constructive criticism can literally give life to someone else and change their life completely for the better. It follows that one who uses the gift of speech to speak Lashon Hara, insult, criticize, and abuse is destroying the gift of life. So it is clear that the Metzora indeed needs an experience compared to death in order to realize that negative speech is totally antithetical to human life.

May we all merit to use our speech properly and fulfill our mission as "a living soul."

Wishing everyone a wonderful Shabbos and only B'soros Tovos.

To sponsor a Kiddush/Shalos Seudas or share a family simcha or other news via the Newsletter, please contact the office on 0586049524 or email: office@neravraham-jerusalem.com

This Week's News

מזל טוב

Mazal Tov to R' Yehuda Leib and Evelyn Deutsch on the marriage of her granddaughter!

Mazal Tov to Dr. Nachum Goldwasser on the Bar Mitzvah this Shabbos of his grandson Shlomo Gershenfeld in Har Nof!

Kiddush

Kiddush this week has been sponsored by Mr Yechiel and Gitty Schranz in memory of her late first husband Avraham Simcha ben Yechiel Mendel (Gerecht) whose Yahrzeit is on 2 Iyar.

Shalosh Seudas

Shalosh Seudas has been sponsored by Rabbi and Mrs Aharon Ungar in memory of his father, הרב ישראל בן שמואל, whose Yahrzeit is on ב' אייר.

Daf Yomi Sponsorship

A Day of Daf Yomi is being sponsored by Mr and Mrs Birnbaum in memory of Mrs Birnbaum's father, Moshe ben Chaim Nosson, whose Yahrzeit was on Rosh Chodesh, 1 Iyar.

Thank you

Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Eliezer Halpern and Mr and Mrs Yechiel Schranz for sponsoring the Rabbi's new chair.



ניחום אבילים

Our sincere wishes of Nechama to Mrs Yehudit Herman who is sitting Shiva for her husband, Shabtai Beinish ben Moshe.

Shiva at: 24 Yeshayahu. 10am-2pm, and 5pm-10pm. Shacharis 8.30am, Mincha 6.50pm, Maariv 7.30pm.

Halacha Hotline

Question:

I have heard that one may get a haircut and shave this Friday. Is that correct and if so, why is that?

Answer:

Indeed what you have heard is correct. Even though it is the period of Sefiras Ha'Omer and we are observing practices of mourning, like not getting a haircut or shaving, due to the great special simcha of Shabbos and Rosh Chodesh together, one is allowed to get a haircut and shave this Erev Shabbos. This is recorded by the Mishna Brura (Siman 493:5). Even though some have a custom of not getting a haircut on Rosh Chodesh, and even when it falls on Erev Shabbos (See MB 260:7), this Friday is different since there was not a prior opportunity to get the haircut.

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

Summer Zman Begins Sunday 19 April

Evening Classes and Kollel

Our full Kollel learning program, including evening Shiurim, will start on **Sunday 19 April.**

From **Sunday 19 April** Mincha will revert to the normal time of **2.00pm** with **Maariv at 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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MORNING CLASSES
COMMENCE
MONDAY 13 APRIL 2026
Sunday - Wednesday: 9.30am - 1.00pm

9.30 - 10.10	KUZARI with Rabbi Silberstein
10.15 - 10.55	CHUMASH with Rabbi Silberstein
11.00 - 11.40	MISHNA with Rabbi Silberstein
11.45 - 12.15	HALOCHOS OF DAILY LIVING with Rabbi Silberstein
12.20 - 13.00	INTRODUCTORY GEMORA with Dr Fred Stepen

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LADIES!
YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
ROSH CHODESH IYAR
"TEA AND TALK"

3.00pm
Insights in to
Rosh Chodesh Iyar with
Rena Resnick

3.30pm - 4.30pm
Short Share
"What I love about living in
Eretz Yisroel"

WEDNESDAY
22 APRIL 2026
3.00PM - 4.30PM

DISKIN 15, APARTMENT 22, FLOOR 6, FAMILY BERNSTEIN

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THE HALACHIC JOURNEY
EXPLORING AND INFUSING DAILY JEWISH LIVING
WITH UNDERSTANDING AND MEANING

R' AVRAHAM WEISS

This Summer Zman we will be learning שלחן ערוך and טור of סימן ב' discussing the laws of dressing, and will include the following topics:

- The proper way to get dressed
- The importance of wearing clothing in the way they are meant to be worn
- How one should put on and take off his shoes
- The manner in which one should walk
- Covering one's head and body

SUNDAY EVENINGS
6:15PM - 7:00PM
Summer Zman starts **SUNDAY 19 APRIL, ב' אייר**

VENUE
NER AVRAHAM in the downstairs shiur room (opposite Diskin 15)

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