DAT Minyan Newsletter

Parshat Vaera
January 21, 2012 26 Tevet 5772

Times

Erev Shabbat

Mincha/Maariv	4:50 pm
Candle Lighting	4:45 pm

Shabbat Day

Early Shacharit	7:30 am
Shacharit	9:00 am
Mincha	4:35 pm
Maariv	5:45 pm
Havdallah	5:48 pm
Kickoff	Next Year

Shabbat Learning

(All learning is at DAT unless otherwise noted.)

8:30 am: Rabbi Klein
3:35 pm: Rabbi Levy's Class

45 min. before Mincha:
- Daf Yomi
- Family Yehoshua (Slamowitz)
- Grade 4-5 Boys Mishna
- Grade 8-10 Boys Gemara (Rabinovitch)

45 min. before Mincha: Grade 5-7 Boys Mishna

After Mincha: Grade 5-6 Girls Mishnayot

Weekly Davening

Shacharit

Sunday	8:00 am
Mon, Thur	6:35/7:30 am
Tue, Weds. Fri	6:45/7:30 am

Mincha/Maariv

Sun-Thurs	4:55 pm

Daf Yomi

Sunday:	7:00 am
M & Th:	5:45 am
Tu,Weds	6:00 am
Friday	5:45 am

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Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by Brent and Jolie Eisen

Welcome
Welcome to everyone davening with us today
Mazel Tov
Kiddush is being sponsored on the occasion of the Aufruf of Sam Lightstone. We welcome to Denver Sam's kallah, Leah Atlas, and her brother, Reuben Atlas. Mazal Tov to Sam's parents Jan and Philip Lightstone and Sam's siblings, Tamar Lightstone and Rabbi Aryeh and Estee and their children Akiva and Shayna Lightstone. Mazal Tov to Sam's grandmother Frieda Makovsky-Englard, and the entire Lightstone and Makovsky families. Mazal Tov to Leah's parents, Arthur and Debby Atlas for their daughters upcoming wedding to Sam and the birth of their first grandchild earlier this week.

Mazel Tov to Asaf Shor and Hilla Abel on the birth of a baby boy.
Thank You
Thanks to Brent and Jolie Eisen for sponsoring Seudah Shlishit in honor of Brent's father's Yahrzeit, Chaim Aron ben Benyamin HaKohane

DAT Minyan News and Events

- **SHAWL (Shabbat Afternoon Women's Learning):** SHAWL will meet this week at 4:00 pm. Our speaker will be Ellyn Hutt.
- **There will be a Shalom Zachor for baby boy Abel-Shor at the Berkshires**, Unit 256-B (from Monaco and Cedar, second row of townhouses on the right) at 8:30 pm. IY'H the Bris will take place on Wednesday morning. Details to follow.
- **Annual Membership Meeting:** The annual membership meeting will take place Saturday Night, January 28th, at 7:00 pm. We will follow the format from last year. Entertainment/programming will be provided for children. We will begin with a showing of the film "Home Game."
  Please remember that to vote at the meeting you must have paid everything owed to the DAT Minyan due by the end of 2011, including any balance due for 2011 dues; and amounts owed for specific items such as a sponsored kiddush, high holiday seats or childcare, or a Yom Kippur pledge. It is particularly important for the shul to receive payment on specific items where funds are needed to pay for outlays made by the Minyan, such as extra food for sponsored Kiddushes.
- **MISH-MOSH** - Mish Mosh will meet at 6:30 pm.
- **MATAN** - Brunch and live simulcast from Jerusalem for Matan participants on Sunday, Jan 21 at 9 am at DAT. All paid, Matan pariticpants are invited to a live shiur from Matan facilitator, Yosefa Wruble. She will speak about aspect of Yehoshua. No cost for the breakfast but please rsvp to Terrysamuel18@gmail.com

Community News:

- **Just in time for Tu B'Shvat!** Merkaz Torah V'Chesed presents Mrs. Rivka Gross in a three-part lecture series for women: *Emunah and Bitachon-Celebrating Spring in the Cold of Winter*. Wednesday evening, January 25, February 1 and February 8, 8:00-9:00pm at Merkaz, 295 S. Locust St. Denver, CO 80224. $5 suggested donation.
- **Hillel Academy Dinner**—This year, Hillel is celebrating its 60th year! The dinner is January 22nd,5:30 PM, at BMH/BJ. The journal ad deadline is January 13th. Contact: 303-333-1511 or info@haod.org for more information.
- **The Rocky Mountain Chevra Kaddisha Annual Zayin Adar Dinner** will be Thursday, March 1st at 6:30 pm at EDOS. Our speaker will be Rabbi Dovid Heber, who works for the Star-K and is Rabbi of Khal Ahavas Yisroel Tzemech Tzedek in Baltimore. Suggested contribution for dinner is $25, or for the speaker alone, $10. To make reservations call Randy Zakroff or Jeff Wilson at (303) 549-1402 or email denverchevra@hotmail.com.
- **SHMA Camps Open House -** Come learn about SHMA Summer Camps, Thursday January 26th, 7:30 pm. @ the Home of Craig and Karen Schottenstein. Info: 303-333-7801
- **DCK Fathers and Sons** There will be DCK Fathers and Sons learning IY"H, this Sunday morning, Jan. 22nd, 9:00 at EDOS. For more info: l303.820.2855 v.m. #3, or email rya@denverkollel.org.

Happy birthday to Birthday Club member Akiva Shapiro. Thank you to Howie and Mor Shapiro for sponsoring Youth snacks in honor of Akiva's birthday

Please help make our tefilot meaningful by refraining from talking during davening.

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From the Rabbi's Shtender:

Rabbi Asher Klein

Henry David Thoreau, a 19th century American philosopher once said "The greatest compliment that was ever paid me was when one asked me what I thought, and attended to my answer." Considering the respect that many at the time gave to his words, the statement seems hasty. Yet, many great thinkers and leaders have expressed his sentiments. On the surface, it seems that included in this list is non-other than Moshe Rabbeinu.

In this week's parsha, Hashem bestows on Moshe the charge to tell Paroh that he must let the Jewish people leave Egypt. Moshe answers "The Jewish people did not listen to me, how will Paroh listen, for I am lame in the lips."

Many commentators point out that Moshe is making a logical deduction that Paroh will not listen from his previous experience with the Jewish people. Yet, the logic is faulty. The Sfas Emes points out that in the very preceding verse, the Torah tells us that they could not listen to Moshe for they were so engrossed in the difficult back breaking labor which was forced upon them. Yet, Paroh obviously would be able to listen for he was not engaged in work that in anyway resembled what the Jews were dealing with. In essence, Moshe didn't realize that they didn't listen because of other factors and had nothing to do with his speech limitations. He used faulty logic to allow an argument that would free him to evade this responsibility. Human nature often directs us in directions that are anything but helpful. We need to be aware of this frailty and make sure that decisions are made after evaluating the facts objectively, and not allowing personal agendas to cloud our ability to evaluate what is truly beneficial for ourselves and others.

As the country prepares itself for elections this coming November, many opinions and sentiments are thrown through the press. Ultimately, the court of public opinion reigns, and that power is placed within the voters. This power is not a light matter and cannot be handled flippantly. The facts need to be evaluated, weighed, and ultimately judged. May we merit a process that brings about the best result for the American people and the rest of the world.

Weekly Halacha

Question: What is the reason that some people insist on only using milk that is chalav yisroel? What could be the problem with milk that isn't Chalav Yisroel if it has the stamp of a reliable kosher supervision on the packaging?

Answer: The modern day issue of chalav yisroel milk is certainly a point that many individuals have varying customs and can lead to confusion. In order to appreciate the modern day practices, it is worthwhile to go back to the source. The Gemara in Avodah Zara 35b tells us that one is not allowed to drink milk that was milked without a Jew present watching the process. This is based on the concern that perhaps non-kosher milk would be mixed into the kosher milk and deem the milk non-kosher. This halacha is widely assumed to be a rabbinic decree that was placed upon the biblical commandment of only eating kosher food to ensure the kashrus of the milk. Many halachic opinions are very strict on this halascha and explain that even if one can state with near certainty that the milk that is being sold is certainly 100% cow's milk, nevertheless, the rabbinic decree stands in place and cannot be ignored.

Rabbi Moshe Feinstein famously comments in Igros Moshe that under certain circumstances milk that is not chalav yisroel may be consumed. He explains that in a country such as the United States where there is strict oversight from government agencies over the milk industry, one can drink milk that was not milked with Jewish supervision. He explains that the government will impose strict fines and consequences for a dairy farmer that violates their licensing agreement, and this fear serves as a viable deterrent to ensure the purity of the milk. He does stipulate though that one should ideally purchase chalav yisroel if and when it is available.

Pondering the Parsha

1.How long did the plague of blood last? 7:25

2.Why were the Egyptian sorcerers unable to bring lice?8:14

1. Seven days.
2. The Egyptian sorcerers' magic had no power over anything smaller than a barley kernel.

Refuah Shleima

Please include the following names in your prayers. May each be granted a **Refuah Shleima**. Names will be kept on the list until next Rosh Chodesh.

- Chava bat Tzivyeh
- Miriam Tova Chaya Bat Chanah
- Avraham Shalom Ben Henna
- Shira Miriam Bat Temima
- Chanah Elisheva Rivka Bat Sarah
- Noa Shami Bat Chaya Bracha
- Feige Bat Sarah
- Channa Rochel bat Henna
- Bila bat Alta Leah
- Ida bat Isabella
- Mikhael ben Yochaved
- Shoshana Miriam Bat Chanah
- Boruch Getzel HaCohen ben Ester
- Channa Bas Gittle
- Nechama Batya bat Tziporah
- Batya Nechama bat Yehudit
- Eliyahu Chayim Hakohen ben Sarah Rivka
- Danielle Chaya Bat Aviva
- Tim ben Mary
- Malka Chana bat Sima Alta
- Harav Yosef ben Zlata
- Henna Sara bas Fayga Malya
- Rasa bat Tova

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