



This week at Mogen David

BESHALLACH

Shabbat Shirah

Davening

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| Fri Feb 3 | Erev Shabbat | |
| Mincha | | 5:00 pm |
| Candle Lighting | | 5:05 pm |
| Feb 4 | Shabbat | |
| Shacharit Sephardic | | 8:45 am |
| Shacharit Ashkenazi | | 9:00 am |
| Mincha | | 4:50 pm |
| Shabbat Ends | | 5:56 pm |
| Avot u'Banim | | 7:00 pm |

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| Feb 5-10 | Shacharit | |
| Sun: Sephardic & Ashkenazi | | |
| Scholar-in-Residence with Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks | | 8:00 am |
| Mon: Sephardic & Ashkenazi | | 6:35 /6:40 am |
| Tues: Tu B'Shvat Sephardic & Ashkenazi | | 6:40 /6:45 am |
| Wed: Sephardic & Ashkenazi | | 6:40 /6:45 am |
| Thurs: Sephardic & Ashkenazi | | 6:35 /6:40 am |
| Fri: Sephardic & Ashkenazi | | 6:40 /6:45 am |

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| Feb 5-10 | Mincha | |
| Sun - Thurs | | 5:15 pm |
| Fri | Erev Shabbat | 5:00 pm |
| Candle Lighting | | 5:05 pm |

Important Halakhic Times for Feb 3-10

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| Earliest <i>Talit</i> & <i>Tefillin</i> | 6:04 am |
| Last Time for <i>Shema</i> | 8:39 am |
| Last time for <i>Shacharit</i> | 9:46 am |
| Earliest time for <i>Mincha</i> | 12:28 pm |

This week we thank our sponsors:

Kiddush is sponsored by **Yaakov** and **Maayan Hagay** in honor of the birth of their son **Yehonatan Alfonso**

Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by **Hertzel** and **Karen Kohan**

Avot u'Banim is sponsored by the **Shul**

We are looking for sponsors for Kiddush, Seudah Shlishit, and Avot u'Banim.

Please call the office or see the Rabbi to make arrangements

Happy Birthday:

Steven Holtz, Dan Krief, Shahla Nahamia, Sara Mandel, Nuriel Noorani, Malca Ariella Noorani, Ellise Seelig

Happy Anniversary in February:

David & Nourian Bollag, Rafael & Silvia Maya, Dan & Jessica Kreif, Victor Mellon & Chavee Lerer

Feb 10th Young Singles Shabbaton Dinner sponsored by **Jewish Events for Singles** Mincha 5:00pm Dinner after *davening*. Call Roya at 310- 487-5659 for Info and to RSVP

Newly Designed **ChildCare Program:** *Shabbat* mornings 9-11:45am Boys and Girls ages 2-12. Daniel Goldstein, Director

This year's *Kollel* dedicated to the memory of Jack E. Gindi

Shiurim at Mogen David

SUN -THURS Feb 5-9

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| SUN: David Sacks – A Guide to Belief | 9:30 am |
| MON: <i>Kollel</i> w/ R'Moses-Talmud | 7:30-8:30 pm |
| TUES: <i>Tu B'Shevat</i> program with R'Elias & R'Moses | 8:00 pm |
| WED: <i>Kollel</i> w/ R'Moses-Talmud | 8:00-9:15 pm |
| WED: Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi Elias | 12:00 noon |
| THURS: Computer Forum w/ Phil Seelig | 11:30a- 1pm |

DAILY CLASSES

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| <i>Dvar Torah</i> w/ R'Moses & R'Elias | 7:30 am |
| <i>Dvar Torah</i> w/ R'Moses & R'Elias | after <i>Mincha</i> |

IN MEMORIAM: Feb 1-9 / 8-16 Shevat

Sarah Weinstein, Rose Arnson, Nathan Bauer, Jacob Catz, Sophia Feinberg, Isadore Fisher, Jack Goldberg, Sandra Judith Diamond, David Stein, Israel Rosenwald, Frances Stawisky, Harry Cantor, Irving Stein, Igo Blaugrund, Izak Jackson, Daniel Jubas, Joe Roth, Leonard Rothner, Edith Zimmerman, Bernard Barens, Heinz Bassmann, Sidney Smith, Chayim shlomo Chazen, Peretz Epstein

REFUAH SHLEIMAH:

Please call the office to add any Names needing your prayers, and We will gladly list those names to be included in your prayers, so that each may be granted a *Refuah Shleimah*.

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| David Sokol | Leon Katz- Elazar ben Esther Chana Hakohen |
| Esther Shayna bas Chave | Joseph Shmuel Chaim ben Brana |
| Aaron Yosef ben Chana | Alan Moskowitz |
| Moshe ben Frayda Shulamit | Esther Perlmutter |
| Tzvia Nechame bas Channah Rochel | Lila Fine Oberman |
| Yona bat Ruth | Ayala bat Ilana |
| Baruch ben Ezat | Noah Elijah bat Sarah Rifka |
| Gene Dinces | Annette Benchetrit |
| | Lisa Contract לָאָה בֵּית מִלְכָּה רַחֵם |

Open Forum - February 4th Please join our "**After Kiddush Club**" approximately 15 minutes after the start of *kiddush* in the main sanctuary for a stimulating open forum discussion. This week's moderator is **Cantor Sam Cohen** whose topic will be:

Prayer, Ashkenazi or Sephardi, what does it mean to you?

NEW! Los Angeles Yeshiva High School SEE WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT Los Angeles Yeshiva High School **OPENING FALL 2012 Don't Miss Out!** **JOIN US FOR ANOTHER EXCITING OPEN HOUSE: Wed, Feb 8, 7:00pm** at **Yeshiva High School** (adjacent to **Mogen David**), 9717 1/2 W. Pico Blvd. Nationally Accredited, Affordable Tuition, Over 210 Award-winning Courses, Blended Learning General Studies, Intensive Limudei Kodesh Curriculum. Please join Rebecca Coen, Rabbi Benzaquen and Rabbi Elias, for an informative evening regarding the future of private school education. For more information please call 310-556-0663 or visit us at www.YeshivaHighSchool.org Refreshments will be served.

Come Daven at Mogen David with the **Chief Rabbi of the UK Lord Jonathan Sacks** **Sunday morning, Feb 5th 8:00am**

A special Scholar-in-Residence program followed by a light continental breakfast. Come join us !

This Week *Behsallach*

Cleaning Help on Shabbat

Is it permitted on *Shabbat* to ask a non-Jew to wash dirty dishes knowing full well that he will use a dishwasher? Similarly, is it permitted to ask a non-Jew to sweep the floor knowing that he will use a vacuum cleaner?

It is a Rabbinic prohibition to instruct a non-Jew to perform a forbidden, whether Biblical or Rabbinic, *Shabbat* Labor. It makes no difference whether the instructions are given on *Shabbat* or before *Shabbat*. This strict prohibition is known as *amirah l'akum*. It should follow, therefore, that a non-Jew may not be instructed to wash the dishes or sweep the floor if performing a forbidden *Shabbat* Labor will result from this command.

In our specific case, however, an argument for leniency can be made based on a ruling of the *Taz*. The *Taz* rules that one may instruct a non-Jewish maid to wash the dishes on Friday night even if he knows that she will light a candle in order to be able to wash the dishes. He explains that the Jew gains no benefit from the light, since the Jew's only concern is that the dishes be washed. The candle is not being lit for the Jew, but for the sake of the maid. This is not *amirah l'akum*, since a non-Jew may perform a *Shabbat* Labor for himself on *Shabbat*.

Based on this principle, we find several cases where some *poskim* were lenient concerning *amirah l'akum*:

- It is permitted to instruct a non-Jew to "clean the floor," even though he will use a mop and do so in a prohibited manner (transgressing the Labor of Squeezing). This is because it is possible for him to clean the floor in a permissible manner – by pouring water on the floor and then pushing it aside. He is performing forbidden *Shabbat* Labors only in order to make it easier for himself. This is not *amirah l'akum*.

Using makeup remover on *Shabbat* may be prohibited because of the prohibition of Smoothing, *Memareiach*. It is permitted, however, to instruct a non-Jew to "cleansing my face" even though the non-Jew will use makeup remover to do so. This is permitted because the face can be cleansed by scrubbing it with water, which is allowed on *Shabbat*. The decision to use makeup remover rather than water is made by the non-Jew, for his benefit, and it is not based on the instructions of the Jew.

In the cases cited above, the Jew's orders, which could be filled in a permissible manner, will actually be filled in a prohibited manner. Still, it is apparent that the *poskim* were lenient and did not view this as *amirah l'akum*. Accordingly, one would be permitted to instruct a non-Jew to wash dishes or sweep the floor even though he will use a dishwasher or a vacuum cleaner to do the job. This is because the dishes can be washed on *Shabbat* in a *halachically* permissible fashion, and using the dishwasher benefits the non-Jew by making his job quicker and easier.

Zilzul Shabbat

Regarding practical *halachah*, however, there is another issue to consider before we may permit a non-Jew to use a dishwasher or vacuum cleaner on *Shabbat*. There is an opinion based on a ruling of the Rama that preferably a Jew should not allow his windmill – or any other noisy machine – to be operated on *Shabbat* because of *zilzul Shabbat*, degradation of the *Shabbat*. The Rama is concerned that running a noisy machine on Jewish-owned premises on *Shabbat* casts suspicion on the owner of the premises: Is he operating the machine? For this reason some *poskim* forbid a non-Jewish maid to operate a dishwasher or a vacuum cleaner inside a Jew's home, since the noise might cause people to suspect the homeowner of violating the *Shabbat*.

[It is permitted, however, to have a machine running in one's home only when it is clearly evident that the machine making the noise was set or turned on before *Shabbat* (such as a grandfather clock); or when it is common knowledge that such a machine is usually activated by a *Shabbat* clock (such as electric lights) or by a thermostat (such as an air conditioner). In these instances, no suspicion will be cast on the owner of the premises and it is, therefore, permitted to use machines such as these].

The fact of the matter is, however, that many *yeshivos* and camps allow non-Jews to operate dishwashers on their premises on *Shabbat*. While this practice seems to contradict the aforementioned ruling of the Rama, it is nevertheless permitted since the Rama himself adds that where a monetary loss would be incurred, one may be lenient and not concern himself with *zilzul Shabbat*. Since it would otherwise be impossible for the *yeshiva* or camp to have clean dishes, they view their situation as a case of "avoiding a loss" and they are lenient. Nevertheless, individuals in their private homes should not rely on this leniency.

Members and Friends

Come to the TU B'SHEVAT celebration at Mogen David, Tuesday February 7th @ 8pm. R'Elias and R'Moses explain the deeper significance of the Rosh Hashannah for Trees and its importance for us today. A fruit buffet will be served.

PONEVEZ YESHIVA BATAY AVOTH
invites you to the
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14 Shevat 5772; Tuesday, February 7, 2012
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R' Amram Chasida z"l

His contemporary, the *Chatam Sofer*, referred to R' Amram as "The prince of *Elokim*, a prince among the princes . . . It is well known that he is proficient in all aspects of Torah."

R' Amram was born in 1790 in Hungary, and, already as a child, he yearned to settle in *Eretz Yisrael*. Once, when he was seven, his family noticed that he was nowhere to be seen and that his hat was missing. Setting out to find him, his father (R' Moshe Nachum) encountered a peasant who said that a young boy had passed by shortly before and asked for directions to *Eretz Yisrael*. When the boy's father finally caught up with him, young Amram burst into tears, "But I am on my way to *Eretz Yisrael!* Why are you taking me home?"

As an adult, R' Amram served as rabbi of Mad, Hungary. Not until he was 36 did he actually reach *Eretz Yisrael*. Settling in Tzfat, he devoted himself to developing the community there (which numbered 1,000 Jews). However, R' Amram lived in *Eretz Yisrael* only four years, and passed away in 1830.

In his eulogy for R' Amram, the *Chatam Sofer* said: He was the master of *Eretz Yisrael*, who took his soul in his hands and traveled with his family to the Holy Land. His desire was to settle in the holy city, *Yerushalayim*, but for various reasons, he was delayed in Tzfat. He wrote to me last year that he was headed to *Yerushalayim*, but only half of his prayers were answered [i.e., he reached the Holy Land, but not *Yerushalayim*].

After he taught and disseminated Torah in Tzfat for four years, he was called to the Heavenly *yeshiva*. The Rabbis of *Eretz Yisrael* wrote that he literally died from grief over the exile of the *Shechinah* - woe to that day. Not only was he a great person, a Torah sage and a *tzaddik* even when he was in the Diaspora, when he arrived in *Eretz Yisrael* he became as great as two of us.

He died at age 40 - how can I be consoled?

R' Amram's daughter was among the 500 Tzfat residents killed by an earthquake in 1832. The prominent Hungarian rabbi R' Moshe Gruenwald (the "Arugat Ha'bosem") and R' Eliezer David Gruenwald (the "Keren Le'David") were R' Amram's grandnephews. (Sources: Gedolei Hadorot Av)

IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO SIGN UP FOR

AIPAC's Policy Conference - March 4-6, 2012

Join R' Elias and R' Benzaquen and many of our members in Washington DC this coming March – Do not miss this event!

Parents; If your child is 13 or younger and is learning for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah; a good way for them to practice in front of a large group, is by delivering a short Dvar Torah at Seudah Shlishit on any Shabbat. If you are interested in having them practice, contact Rabbi Elias to make arrangements.