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MINYAN SCHEDULE

SHABBOS

May 15 May 22

Mincha / Kabb. Shabbos I.....	7:00 P	7:05 P
Mincha / Kabb. Shabbos II.....	8:30 P	8:35 P
Light candles after	7:14 P	7:19 P
Candlelighting (18 min.)	8:26 P	8:32 P
Sunset.....	8:44 P	8:50 P
Repeat Shema after (42 min.) ..	9:26 P	9:32 P
Chumash Shiur	8:00 A	
Shacharis	8:30 A	
Last time for Shema (Gr"a)	9:58 A	
Rav's Shiur	after kiddush	
Daf Yomi	6:30 P	
Rav's <i>Ishei Yisroel</i> Shiur	7:50 P	
Mincha	8:10 P	
Sunset.....	8:45 P	
Ma'ariv	9:22 P	
Shabbos ends (42 min.).....	9:27 P	

WEEKDAYS

	38 Sun May 17	39 Mon May 18	40 Tues May 19	41 Wed May 20	42 Thurs May 21	43 Fri May 22
Earliest Tallis/Tefillin	5:22 A	5:22 A	5:21 A	5:20 A	5:19 A	5:19 A
Shacharis	7:30 A	6:50 A	6:50 A	6:50 A	6:50 A	6:50 A
Last time for Shema (Gr"a)	9:58 A	9:57 A	9:57 A	9:57 A	9:56 A	9:56 A
Mincha	8:30 P	8:30 P	8:30 P	8:30 P	8:30 P	
Sunset	8:46 P	8:47 P	8:48 P	8:49 P	8:50 P	
<i>Mishna Berura shiur between Mincha & Ma'ariv</i>						
Ma'ariv	9:04 P	9:05 P	9:06 P	9:07 P	9:08 P	
Repeat Shema after (42 min.)	9:28 P	9:29 P	9:30 P	9:31 P	9:32 P	

Keeping Up With The Kohens

Rabbi Yaakov Asher Sinclair

"Do not make for yourselves idols..." (26:1)

A prince living in the lap of luxury two hundred years ago felt that he had everything that money could buy.

Take that prince and transfer him to 2009 and he would be far from happy. He has no car, no air-conditioning, no elevator, no microwave and no computer. He would compare his 'luxury' to the ordinary life of the modern world, and his happiness would evaporate. He would feel deprived.

Luxury is relative.

Greed is not based on any absolute desire for a specific thing. It is all about having more than everyone else.

According to the Chovot Levivot the first cause of not recognizing G-d is that we focus on what we don't have and take what we have for granted. We fail to see that our lives are a twenty-four-hour-a-day gift.

In this week's Torah portion the Torah seems to write a random list of laws: Shemita, laws of sale of moveable objects, laws of sale of land, sale of one's house, laws of interest, the redeeming of a Hebrew slave and the redeeming of a Jew sold as a slave to a non-Jew. Rashi explains that the Torah is warning us of an inevitable progression.

What stops a person from keeping Shemita properly? Greed.

If we don't keep Shemita properly we won't

profit from the sale of Shemita products. Quite the reverse. We will find ourselves short of money to the extent that we will have to sell our moveable property. If that doesn't wake us up, the next step is we will be forced to sell our real estate. Then the house we live in. If that doesn't bring us back, then we will commit the sin of lending money to Jews for interest. If we don't stop there and repent, the next step is that we will have to sell ourselves to a fellow Jew as a servant, and if that doesn't bring us to our senses, eventually we will be sold to a heathen and end up indulging in immorality, worshipping idols and breaking Shabbat.

"Do not make for yourselves idols..."

The main idol of the modern world is conspicuous consumption and material success.

Doctors now recognize stress as one of the single greatest causes of chronic disease in our society.

And amongst the main causes of stress is maintaining a lifestyle that demands keeping up with the Kohens.

If it weren't for envy and greed we would all be happy with the sufficiencies of existence. A modest and simple way of life.

In fact we'd be much happier.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CHDS Annual Dinner

Sunday, May 31 at the Hyatt Regency. Info and reservations: <http://chds.shul.net>

W Coco Key Water Resort—Take Two

Sunday, June 14, 9–11AM. For women & girls. \$10, must be prepaid. Info: Aviva Minster (531-8966 or avivaminster@gmail.com).

CZE Barbecue

Sunday, June 21. Watch this space for details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Thank you!"—The Kollel thanks all the volunteers who helped at the Lag Ba'Omer bonfire.

"Mazal tov" to the Bienenfeld family

on the birth of a boy to Ari & Chana Rochel Rabinowitz.

Evelyn Eichelberg is now accepting visitors at Cedar Village: room 2112 / 513-754-3112.

Postponed: Pirchei trip to Sportsville—Some rides are down for repairs. Stay tuned for new date (possibly Sunday morning, May 24, 10AM-noon).

Wise Family Open House in honor of daughter Zissel Batya: Sunday, May 17, 3–5PM, 2320 Vera.

Spring hair accesories sale this Sunday, May 17, 6–9PM at the home of Chaya Kibel (2195 Blue Grass Lane). Many styles for all ages. Information: Chaya (254-5555) or Meira Spitz (404-7336).

Spring hats & scarves from Cleveland's Hair Options—limited time only! Call Barbara Balk for more info: 631-2292 (home) 325-1682 (cell).

"Take 'N Bake" for Sivan—Children: Next Friday, May 22 (or Thurs night). To participate and/or add names, contact Sharon Barry (ssimchai@juno.com / 631-0929) by Tuesday, May 19.

L'Chaim for Shlomo Glowitz & Orly English: For those in New York over Memorial Day weekend—Sunday, May 24, 1–4PM, at 509 Reads Lane, in Far Rockaway.

Aufruf for Mordechai Moskowitz: Shabbos, June 6—*b'sha'a tova umutzlachas!*

Camp Smiles—There are still spaces left for 2–4-year-olds! Camp will be for the two weeks preceding Camp Ashreinu. To reserve a spot, or for more details, call Atara Minster (531-8966) or Yocheved Spetner (531-2379).

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND: Scholar in Residence Rabbi Yehonason Alpren

W Sunday, May 24, 11:30AM: Women's brunch, hosted by Beatrice Rosedale (2675 Fair Oaks). Topic: Ruth: Her Transformation from Rags to Riches

M/W Sunday, May 24, 8PM: Mincha, followed at 8:15PM by shiur and Ma'ariv. (At CZE.) Topic: Enthusiasm: The Elixir for Torah

Monday, May 25, 7:30AM: Shacharis, followed by breakfast and shiur. Sponsored by Raffi Zuroff in memory of his father, Avraham ben Shlomo. Topic: The Significance of Brochos in Turbulent Times

To become a sponsor of this event, please speak to the Rav or to Joey Goldberg.

TORAH W for women M for men

Pirchei (grades 2-4): 3:30-4:30PM

B'nos: Cancelled this week. Next week will be the season finale.

Father & Son Learning: 5:30–6:15

W Women's Iyud Tefillah Class: No class this Sunday due to scheduling conflict.

W Sunday, May 17, 8PM: Halacha Class with Rabbi Cobi Robinson. Topic: The yom-Tov Kitchen. Cooking, washing dishes, food prep, and oven use on Yom Tov. (At the Kollel—2245 Losantiville.)

W Monday, May 18, 8PM: Bnos Melochim—an international event! Sponsorship or comments, call Paula Weinberg, 631-7227. Suggested admission \$8. (At CHDS.)

W Every Tuesday, 7:30–8:30PM: Women's Shmuel Hanavi Shiur, given by Shmuel Plotsker. (At the Kollel—2245 Losantiville.)

M Thursday, May 21, 9PM (Kollel) From Creation to a Nation: *Ma'aseh Avos Si-man L'Banim* / Foreshadowing of Our Forefathers—Is Our Fate in Our Hands? Presented by Rabbi Cobi Robinson

W Shabbos, May 23, 4PM From Creation to a Nation (see above). (Guigui residence, 6616 Meadow Ridge).



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