



Shabbos Shuvah



In Maariv Friday night, HaMel-ech HaKadosh is added in Magen Avos.

This Shabbos, Shabbos Shuvah we lein the inspiring Haftorah of Shuvah Yisrael. It is customary for the congregation to gather for a Shabbos Shuvah Drasha.

evening, September 18th.

Succos begins on Sunday evening, September 23rd. We are now within sheloshim yom kodem hachag, and one should have Yom Tov preparations (e.g. succah building, daled minim purchasing etc.) in mind.



Parshah in a Paragraph

VAYEILECH: Moshe takes leave of Klal Yisrael on his final day | He appoints Yehoshua and encourages him in front of all of Klal Yisrael | Moshe writes the Torah | Moshe teaches the Mitzvah of Hakhel, when Klal Yisrael gathers every seventh year and hears the Torah being read | Moshe and Yehoshua enter the Mishkan together and receive prophecy | The mitzvah of writing a Sefer Torah (so that Klal Yisrael does not forsake Hashem after Moshe's passing) | Moshe's Sefer Torah is placed on the side of the Aron as a testimony.

For the Shabbos Table



"Shuvah Yisrael ad Hashem Elokecha, ki chashalta baavonecha"

"Return Israel to Hashem, for you have stumbled in sin" (Haftarah, Shabbos Shuvah)

The word "avon" usually refers to intentional sins. Why then does the pasuk describe Klal Yisrael as "stumbling," when it could have chosen words such as "sinning" or "transgressing". Wouldn't those words seem to indicate that the sins were accidental?

The sefer Apiryon answers: The pasuk in Tehillim (62:13) says "By Hashem there is Chesed, for His retribution is according to man's deeds". The Binah La'itim explains that the pasuk is teaching us that Hashem awards our actions (both good and bad) measure for measure to enable a person to realize exactly where he needs improving.

This is the meaning of our pasuk as well. "ki chashalta" - for you have been stumbled upon in receiving a certain punishment, "baavonecha" - in an area where you previously sinned. The pasuk is showing Klal Yisrael that their Teshuvah should focus especially on areas which Hashem has already admonished them, signaling which matters need correction. We see how Hashem facilitates and encourages our return to Him and awaits our Teshuvah. As we say in Rosh Hashanah davening, Hashem awaits our return, and if we return He accepts us right away!

Reminders



Following a Yom Tov when carrying is allowed, one should check the pockets of his Shabbos clothing to avoid inadvertently carrying outside an Eiruv.

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Menachos 35.

Kiddush Levanah is customarily postponed until Motzaei Yom Kippur.

Make sure to call your parents, in-laws, grandparents and Rabbi to wish them a good Shabbos. If you didn't speak to your kids today, make sure to do the same!

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Yom Kippur begins this Tuesday

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