

Shailos with Rabbi Willig #171

Follow up question:

1) Regarding klaf for Haftorahs, Rebbe answered the question about whether it is necessary or not. However, Rebbe didn't answer the part of

a) whether he thought a shul may decline to adopt the practice of reading from a klaf only because it disenfranchises many people who like reading the haftorah and cannot do so from a klaf (but a smaller number of others can)? The Mishnah Berurah seems to view the reason not to read from a klaf in purely economic terms rather than social terms of excluding people. Can we consider communal factors, like inclusivity?

b) Would Rabbi Willig accept a gift of haftorah klafs in his shul with the understanding that he would regularly use them?

1. Can one can accept early day 1 on Rosh Hashana every year and this year when Rosh Hashana day 1 starts Friday night? (Can one accept Rosh Hashana after plag hamincha and not wait until night).

2. The Shulchan Aruch (OC 555:1) says that on Tisha b'Av one wears the tallis katan under one's clothing, but several people in my shul wear their tzitzis with the strings hanging out on Tisha b'Av. The Piskei Teshuvos supports it. I hope that this won't be relevant in the future, but is there a basis for people to wear them out?

3. Does מעשה שבת apply to the gezeirah against medicine on Shabbos? As in: If I had a bug bite on my arm on Friday, could I hint to a non-Jew before Shabbos to spray the bug bite with ointment on Shabbos?

4. Can a yid that loves music go to a concert hall that is playing songs for Jesus if the yid has ZERO intention of worship, Doesn't care for Christianity etc
He just enjoys the orchestra the lights and the choir - the music ?

5. if one grew up that his parents raised them not to mish on Pesach he continued following in their custom after he got married but now it's getting difficult for him to keep the custom must he be matir neder ?

6. regarding sherry cask may one rely on the taz, noda beyudah, chazon ish that for bittul it's enough כדי קליפה against the barrel not like the ש"ך that you need against the whole cask

7. Compared to the mostly easy Hebrew of earlier תפלות and ברכות, why do קניות and סליחות use such difficult language?

8. If someone is building a house from scratch and he built his house with his bedrooms windows facing his neighbors bedroom windows it's about 8 to ten feet apart

a- would it be היזק ראייה if he puts up shades ?

b- Is he required to frost his windows?

c- If the neighbor is makpid must he change the layout of the house to move over the window away from his neighbor which would entail a big job and big expense?

9. Is it a problem that כהנים and לווים miss part of the נשיאת מוסף ר"ה of חזרת הש"ץ to wash hands for כפיים?

10. Is it proper for a Baal Keriah to utilize Sephardi Trup in an Ashkenazi shul, for Krias HaTorah as well as Haftarah?

11) Gabbai asked

a) who has kedima for an aliyah on Shabbos, a Choson who was married on Wednesday or someone with Yahrtzeit coming up on Sunday, providing that all the other aliyos are not available ?

b) Would the answer be different if Yahrtzeit was bo bayom Shabbos?

c) If the answer is the choson, is it appropriate for the Choson to be moichel and let the one with the yahrtzeit take the aliyah

12. If one is davening in a long yeshiva style davening on Rosh Hashana which starts at 8 am and doesn't end until close to 3 pm, what is the best option for someone who feels he will be weak- to eat or just drink before he goes to shul, to make kiddush before tekiyas, or he is not allowed anything?

13) a) On Rosh hashana night, when eating the simanim, does one make a borei pri heitz?

b) If yes, does he make it on the apple or one of the shivas haminim?

14) Motzei Yom Kippur- If one lit a 24 hour candle to have a ner sheshavas [which only has one wick], how does he do havdala: light a havdala candle from it, use a match together with it or just use it by itself?

15. a) Is it acceptable to have our non Jewish maintenance man put up the shul sukka, including the schach?

b) Should one be careful not to allow a katan to put up the schach on his sukka?

16. On Succos, must one remove any rings on one's hands before taking the daled minim in his or her hands?

17) a) Is it preferable to first make the bracha on the lulav in the succa before davening or davka to wait to make the bracha in shul right before hallel?

b) Is there any inyan to go to the shul's succa to make the bracha on the lulav?

18. regarding Jewelry. Is there any halachic issue with wearing jewelry with a Chamtza (the hand) or the eye?

19. Is one allowed to give a mother a shot? She has a blood clot and needs a shot every morning for 2 - 3 days

20. What is the status of offspring carried by Jewish mother from donor (presumably non Jewish)?

21. Should one wash three times on each hand after:

a. A haircut?

b. Shaving?

22. Should Bnei Torah oppose efforts to make Daylight Savings Time permanent throughout the year in the United States?