

Shabbat Schedule

Friday, June 7 7:23 PM Candle Lighting 7:00 PM Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, June 7

8:30 AM Shacharit 9:45-10:30 AM Kid's Program 10:30 AM Kiddush 11:00 AM Kolot Yamim By Rabbi Liad Braude 4:15 PM Women's Shabbat Class On Piano At Biscotti By Rebbetzin Itty 6:25 PM Shiur By Rav David Rue On Pirkei Avot 7:25 PM Mincha Seudat Shlishit "Raavin D'Raavin" 8:23 PM Arvit 8:28 PM Shabbat Ends

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The Bizarre Conversion Story

By Rabbi Mendel Wuensch

Why do we need Birachat Kohanim - The Priestly Blessing? Does G-d not know how to bless us himself? The Kohanim are delivering a message to us, "Hashem should bless you.... Hashem should shine His light on you.... Hashem should carry you..." The message is clear; everything in life comes from Hashem. G-d sends human intermediaries, brothers from our people, to deliver this message so we can receive it in a practical and clear way. The great Rabbi Yaakov Yitzchak HaLevi Horowitz, known as "the Seer of Lublin -Chozeh MiLublin (c. 1745 - August 15, 1815) was a famous chassidic Rebbe from Poland. He taught based on the verse in Shmuel that G-d can make someone impoverished and wealthy in an instant. It happened once that one of his wealthy followers did not understand this teaching. He felt it didn't make sense that an organized, wise businessman could lose his well invested wealth so easily and that a poor man could make money quickly with no capital or connections to start with.

While he was walking and pondering these ideas, a spirt of foolishness entered him while passing by the home of a priest he knew. He was overwhelmed with a strong desire to convert to christianity. He entered the priests home and told him he wants to convert right away. The priest knew him well as a G-d fearing Jew so he refused, assuming he was playing some kind of bizarre prank on him. The man insisted and the priest relented on one condition; He had to write up and sign a document stating that if he backed out of the conversion he would need to give all his possessions to the priest. The contract was promptly signed and conversion set.

Immediately after leaving the priests home, the man could not believe what just happened. How did he do such a thing?! It was like he was possessed. He never wanted to convert and never entertained such a horrible idea in his life. He went running as fast as he could in a cold sweat and pale face to the home of his dear Rebbe, the Chozeh himself. He burst in and poured out his heart and soul to him, begging forgiveness, asking how to rectify the situation. The Chozeh responded, "Now go home and watch how one can become wealthy in a moment." The man returned home and heard the news that the priests house had burned down, consuming the retched contract in the process. Shabbat Shalom!

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