

Agra d'Pirka Pre-Chanukah Program Ushers in the Winter Season

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It's not often that Chanukah comes out on the heels of the Thanksgiving legal holiday. But when it does, it presents a golden opportunity for Agra d'Pirka. With so much to learn as the winter sets in and Chanukah approaches, Agra d'Pirka seized the opportunity to offer an extraordinary legal holiday program to its hundreds of members and beyond.

Agra d'Pirka, dubbed the Morning *Kollel*, is well-known as a massive movement of Torah study, with a wide range of *shiurim* presented in nearly a dozen Jewish communities. The daily *shiurim* are well attended by those who seek to upgrade their *ruchniyus* and bring it to the next level. All Agra d'Pirka *Maggidei Shiur* are renowned, skilled, esteemed and gifted *talmidei chachamim* who offer profound insights and draw sizeable crowds on a regular basis.

Legal holidays present Agra d'Pirka with a unique opportunity to offer its outstanding program to those who may not be available on a regular weekday morning but who are thrilled to join the program on a day off from work. Thus many new members eagerly descend upon Agra d'Pirka's legal holiday programs, seeking spiritual growth at these riveting *shiurim*. Agra d'Pirka does not disappoint.

On Thursday, November 25, Agra d'Pirka's flagship location will host a lineup of four special *shiurim* that promise to be outstanding. As an added bonus, the *shiurim* will be live-streamed on Torah Anytime, or can be listened to by phone, allowing a variety of options for gleaning the inspiration.

The program will begin at 10:15 am with Harav Zev Smith, *Maggid Shiur* at Irgun Shiurai Torah, who will speak on the topic of Building Worlds... With Words. At 10:45 am, Harav Eliezer Rapaport, *Mara d'Asra* of Khal Zichron Avrohom Yaakov, will speak about the significance of *hiddur mitzvah* in a *shiur* entitled *Mehadrin min Hamehadrin*.

This will be followed at 11:15 by Harav Noach Isaac Oelbaum, *shlita*, *Mara d'Asra* of Khal Nachlas Yitzchok, who will discuss The Essence of Chanukah. Finally, at 11:45 am, Harav Aharon Kahn, *Mara d'Asra* of Knesses Bais Avigdor, will present a *shiur* on the *perek* in *Tehillim*, *Mizmor Shir Chanukas HaBayis L'David*. Clearly, this will be a breathtaking, fast-paced morning filled with *chizuk* and inspiration.

Reb Ezra Klein, founder of Agra d'Pirka, is delighted to report that all Agra d'Pirka locations are, *baruch Hashem*, back to in-person learning. While the program continued to operate remotely during the height of the pandemic, allowing participants to benefit from the *chizuk* during those challenging times, nothing really compares to the simple pleasure of learning in person. Remote options are still available for those who prefer.

The new season also heralds in a new era for Agra d'Pirka. The program's leaders are proud to announce that yet another community will be added to the growing list of Agra d'Pirka locales, this time in central U.S.A. While details are not yet available, Agra d'Pirka *askanim* are hoping to have the new program up and running within a few short weeks.



Harav Reuven Scheinberg giving a *shiur* at a Flatbush Agra D'Pirka Legal Holiday program.



Rabbi Daneil Glatstein delivering a *shiur* at a Flatbush Agra D'Pirka Legal Holiday program.

In other news, Agra d'Pirka's seasonal West Palm Beach program is scheduled to reopen on December 6, just after Chanukah. This program, tailor made for the snowbirds who spend their winters down south, provides an excellent Torah-learning opportunity while on vacation. Participants are thus able to bask in the warmth of the warm Florida sunshine as they bask in the glow of their Torah study. A select group of outstanding *Maggidei Shiur* will be giving the *shiurim* on a rotating basis. The program is scheduled to be open through February.

Thus does Agra d'Pirka continue to forge relentlessly forward, offering special legal holiday pro-

grams, reopening in-person learning, launching a new Midwestern location, and restarting a South Florida program. Always growing, constantly developing, always planning its next venture, it's a vibrant and dynamic program that will continue to break boundaries and conquer new frontiers until Agra d'Pirka is everywhere.

For more information about Agra d'Pirka and its outstanding programs in Flatbush, Queens, Lakewood, Boro Park, Williamsburg, Baltimore, Monsey, Miami, West Palm Beach and, most recently, Boca Raton, please call 212-661-9400 or visit agradpirka.org.