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PARSHA QUESTS

by Rabbi Moshe Hauer

Moshe Rabbeinu & Leadership

A large section of Parshas Shemos is dedicated to a "conversation" between G-d and Moshe. In this intriguing dialogue Moshe repeatedly attempts to decline the position of authority that G-d wishes to assign him. Moshe's argument seems to be one of humility: "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should be the one to take the Jews out of Egypt?" (3:11).

It is difficult to understand Moshe's "sudden" humility and reticence to assume the mantle of leadership. We have seen that Moshe, while yet in Egypt, had taken upon himself to defend a fellow Jew (2:11), to inject himself into a dispute between two others (2:13), and then, upon moving to Midian, to defend the daughters of Yisro from those who were taking advantage of them (2:17). Moshe's behavior had been so presumptuous as to instigate the response, "Who has appointed you our ruler and judge?" (2:14). Now that he can finally answer that question and say "G-d has appointed me!", he begins to shy away from such a role.

One might argue that Moshe had "learnt his lesson" from his bad experience and the scolding he had received in Egypt. Yet we find that immediately upon moving to Midian he continued acting as a self-appointed judge. Why then does he retreat when G-d asks him to do it?

KOLLEL KORNER

by Rabbi AJ Esral

The Gift of Shabbos: Partners in Creation

Rav Shimon Bar Yochai taught: Shabbos came before Hashem and said, 'All the other days have partners, except for me.' Hashem responded, 'The Jewish people shall be your partner.' (Bereishis Rabbah 11:8)

This cryptic Midrash raises many questions. In what sense does each day have a mate? And how does a *nation* partner with a day?

Though I can't think of any marriage books offhand that support this, when two people join together, they identify with one another; they *belong* to one another. They join as one, inextricably intertwined as the other's purpose and context. And this pans out in the six days of Creation, too. The light and darkness of Day One set the stage for the luminaries of Day Four. The split waters on Day Two, creating oceans and skies, would eventually be inhabited by the fish and birds of Day Five. And the dry land and greenery of Day Three would set the stage for animal life and, ultimately, man, on Day Six.

Which leaves Shabbos. Partnering Shabbos with the Jewish People binds them together, providing both context and purpose for each. We 'belong' to Shabbos: testifying about the existence and Oneness of our Creator is the very reason we exist. And Shabbos 'belongs' to us: it is the reservoir which animates and sustains us through the long, dreary week. It is truly a match made in heaven.

SHABBOS SCHEDULE

Erev Shabbos

Candle Lighting 4:39 PM

Mincha 4:40 PM

Shabbos Night

Repeat Krias Shema
after 5:39

Shabbos Morning

Daf Yomi 8:15 AM

Shacharis 8:45 AM

Zman Krias Shema
9:50 AM

Shabbos Afternoon Shiur

given by Rabbi Rose
4:00 PM

Mincha 4:30 PM

Shalosh Seudos
begin before 4:58 PM

Motzai Shabbos

Maariv and Shabbos ends
5:40 PM

Kol Hanearim 6:45 PM

NEXT WEEK:

Candle lighting 4:46 PM

MISHNA YOMI Kesuvos 3:1-2 | DAF YOMI Bava Kama 65

We welcome our members, their families and guests who have joined us for Shabbos!

DAVENING SCHEDULE

Shacharis

Sunday 7:30 & 9:00 am in the main Shul

M-F 6:20 am in the Schwartz Bais Medrash

M & Th 6:40 am / **T W F** 6:50 am in the main Shul

M-F 7:45 am in the Schwartz Bais Medrash

Mincha/Maariv Mincha this week 4:45 pm

Late Maariv 10:00 pm

DAF / AMUD / MISHNA YOMI

Amud Yomi:

M-F 6:10 am, Rabbi's office

Daf Yomi:

Sun 7:00 am, Main Shul

M-F

5:35 am, Schwartz Bais Medrash
7:00 am, Rabbi's office
7:35 am, Baumgarten Hauer Bais Medrash

Mishna Yomi given by Rabbi Elie Tuchman by email. Sign up for the shiur by visiting groups.google.com/g/mishna-yomi and click on "join group".

SHIURIM

SUNDAY • • • • •

Bereishis Shiur • Sun 8:30 am
Topic: From Noach to Avraham at BJSZ given by Rabbi Hauer
Alei Shur • Sun 9:45 am • Shiur for men given by Rabbi Rose in the Rabbi's office

NEW!! Minchas Chinuch Shiur
Sun 8:35 - 9:15 pm given by Rabbi Yehuda Leib Birnbaum in the Schwartz Bais Medrash

MONDAY • • • • •

Women's Shiur Mon 8:30 pm. Given by Rabbi Rose in his office or on ZOOM.

Kinyan Masechta Mon & Wed 8:45 pm, studying Masheches Makkos. given by Shimon Marciano in the Hauer Baumgarten Bais Medrash.

Re'eh Emunah Shiur

Mon 9:15pm • Given by Rabbi Yehuda Leib Birnbaum in the Schwartz Bais Medrash

TUESDAY • • • • •

Talmud Yerushalmi Tues & Thurs 8-9 pm with HaRav Yankel Herskovitz. For men. Anyone interested should call 410-371-3993 for more information.

Semichas Chaver Practical Halacha Program • Tues 8:45 pm given by Rabbi Rose in the Rabbi's office. For Men.

WEDNESDAY • • • • •

Kinyan Masechta see Monday

Shoshana Feldman Memorial Shiur • Weds 8:00 pm. Given by Rivka Leah Goldman on Zoom. For women.

Parsha Shiur based on the commentary of the Ramban Wed 9:20 pm given by Rabbi Rose in the Rabbi's office. For Men.

THURSDAY • • • • •

Talmud Yerushalmi see Tuesday
Midrash Shiur • Thurs 9:00-9:30 pm with Rabbi Yehuda Leib Birnbaum in the Schwartz Bais Medrash

BJSZ NIGHT KOLLEL

Sun-Thurs 8:30-10:00 pm Chavrusa Learning in the Schwartz Bais Medrash.

SHABBOS Shiur after davening given by Rabbi Eliezer Green in the Baumgarten Hauer Bais Medrash on Rav Pinkus' classic work Shabbos Malkesa.

NEW SHIURIM - starting this week!

FOR MEN

Tuesday & Thursday nights

8:30 - 9:15 PM

in the Schwartz Bais Medrash

Tuesday Guided and accessible learning about **the laws of Shabbos**, from the Gemara to the practical halacha, with a chavrusa or with a shiur led by R' Tzvi Spiegel.

Thursday Group learning, led by Rabbi Rose, from the **Eglei Tal**, the classic work of lomdus about the **Melachos of Shabbos**, written by the Sochatover Rebbe (the Avnei Nezer)

FOR WOMEN

Recorded shiurim, about 10 minutes long, accessed by Whatsapp or email 2x a week each

The Laws of Shabbos following the sefer Shemiras Shabbos K'Hilchasah

Daas Shabbos which offers a deeper perspective into Shabbos

Rosh Chodesh Shevat

Thursday, January 11th

Shacharis Times:

6:10 AM

6:35 AM

7:45 AM

MEMBER NEWS

Mazel tov to Avi and Kayla Wolasky on the birth of a son. Mazel tov to the grandparents Jerry and Sora Wolasky.

Shalom Zachor will be at 6208 Lincoln Ave after 8 PM.

Mazel tov to David and Anne Gerstman on the birth of a grandson to Deedee and Aharon Koschitzki. Mazel Tov to great grandmother, Gail Gerstman.

Shalom Zachor at the home of Aharon and Deedee Koschitzki 2906 Terry Drive, Apt C 8:00 PM

Mazel tov to Rabbi Dovid and Chaya Fink on the engagement of their daughter, Gila to Yosef Abramson, son of Zalman and Leah Abramson.

DONATIONS

Stanley & Renee Fishkind dedicated a Day of Learning, commemorating the yahrzeit of Renee's mother Margaret Starr a"h.

Jerry & Sora Wolasky dedicated a Week of Learning, commemorating the yahrzeit of Jerry's father, Michael Wolasky z"l.

Samuel & Malka Esterson - donation to BJSZ, in honor of their son Ari's engagement to Dorit Bodnick of Miami FL.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 7, 3:00 pm
Tehillim on Zoom for the safe return home of the hostages, the protection of our brave soldiers and to strengthen our Emunah in Hashem. Please contact Musia Delman for more details.

YAHRTZEITS

Matthew Marks
Mother, Sylvia Marks
27 Teves

Avraham Frydman
Father, Israel Frydman
28 Teves

Jerry Wolasky
Father, Michael Wolasky
29 Teves

Renee Fishkind
Mother, Margaret Starr
29 Teves

Diane Marks
Brother, Robert Zivi
1 Shevat

Connie Lazar
Father, Moses Reznick
2 Shevat

YOUTH GROUPS

10:00 am - 11:15 am Youth
Group Locations:
Pre-School: Bridal room
Girls Grades 1-3 & 4-6 Upstairs
Boys Grades 1-6 Hauer-Baumgarten Bais Medrash

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Shana Horwitz

SUPPORT THE SHUL

Memorial Plaque (\$250)
Tree of Life Plaque (\$180)
Kol HaNearim (\$140)
Week of Learning (\$250)
Day of Learning (\$100)
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Shalosh Seudos \$180
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Amud/Daf Yomi Sponsor (\$50)
Artscroll Hebrew Siddur (\$26)
Set of Machzorim (\$54)
Kinnos/ Selichos (\$36)
Individual/Sets of Seforim for the BJSZ Library (contact the office)

REFUAH SHELAIMAH

Rabbi Joseph Katz (Home) Mrs. Margaret Guggenheim (Home)
Gail Schnitzer Aventura (Tudor Heights)
Laura Dickman (Home)
Gracie Rosenblum

Please look in on our members.

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JANUARY 20, 2024

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