

# Mishpatim/Shekalim Shabbat Mevarchim February 22nd, 2020 (Shevat 27, 5780)



## Service Times

### **Friday, February 21 (Shevat 26)**

5:01pm – Earliest Candle Lighting  
5:50pm – Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv  
5:52pm – Late Candle Lighting

### **Saturday, February 22 (Shevat 27)**

9:00am – Shacharit  
9:45am – Latest Preferable Time to Say Shema  
10:30am – Shabbat Morning Youth Groups  
5:15pm – Mincha  
6:49pm – Maariv/Havdalah

### **Kiddush Sponsorship:**

*Gladys and Allan Stiesel*  
in honor of Simeon Glaubach's birthday  
and Monica & Simeon Glaubach's anniversary.

2/29 – *Anita Rosenberg*  
in honor of Sammy Rosenberg, for the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.

3/7 – *Rick Shecter*  
to celebrate his 75th birthday.

## Refuah Shelema

Robert Levinson	Esther bat Alitza
Simcha ben Eittle	Baruch Leib ben Chaya Freidel (Burt Roslyn)
Hodel bat Raozel	Yisrael ben Chaya
Miriam bat Mazal	Yisrael Haynu ben Shimon Avraham
Talia bat Shoshana	Chayah Leah bat Shier
Blooma bat Chaya Sara (Bertha Hoffman)	Louis Waring
Refael Aharon ben Devorah	Elijah Myer ben Malkah
Reena Firetag	Rivka Bat Batya (Robyn Dudley)
Yocheved bat Sarah	Jack Spitz
Isabella Beaudoin	Yisroel Mordechai Ben Fradel
Yoseph Ben Sara	Shoshana bat Chaya
Aharon Ben Yitta	Shannon Plyler
Zachary Yarus	Yocheved Chava bat Leah Rivka (Janet Fox)
	Yehudit bat Sarah

## Life Cycle

### Anniversary

➤ Sam & Mitzi Kirshtein (2/26)

### Birthdays

➤ Sharon Stricker (2/26)

➤ Jason Goldberg (2/27)

### Yahrzeit

- Batsheva Koplowitz, niece of Jennifer Phillips (2/21)
- Rose Minsky, grandmother of Sandra Katz (2/24)
- Hyman Gilston, father of David Gilston, grandfather of Phyllis Katzen (2/25)
- Morris Feinberg, father of Leah Chase (2/25)
- Bruce Saltman, father of Jennifer Schager (2/27)
- Janet Gilston, mother of Phyllis Katzen, wife of David Gilston (2/27)

## Contributions

➤ Debbie, Greg and Truere Rothschild  
in honor of Ilisa, Ezra, Nate, Aviva and Liat Cappell

Contributions can be made at [DorTikvah.org](http://DorTikvah.org) or by check to Congregation Dor Tikvah.

## Weekday Services

Maariv (only), Monday & Wednesday 7pm

## Classes

- **Daf Yomi class** with Rabbi Paul & Yoni Alon  
Sun. 9pm, Mon. 7:20pm, Tues. 8pm, Wed. 7:20pm, Thurs. 9pm  
Dor Tikvah House
- **Torah Study: "The Avraham Stories"** with Rabbi Davies  
Sunday 7:30pm, Congregation Dor Tikvah  
*Off for Not Your Bubbie's Shakshuka.*
- **"Ketuvim with Kenny"** with Kenny Abitbol  
Monday 7:30pm, Gilston Chapel  
*Available through Facebook Live!*
- **"Lunchtime Talmud"** with Rabbi Davies  
Thursday 12pm, Gilston Chapel  
*Available through Facebook Live!*
- **"Cholent and Learn"** with Kenny Abitbol  
Thursday 8pm, Dor Tikvah House  
*Available through Facebook Live!*

## Coming Up

**Not Your Bubbie's Shakshuka!** – Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30pm

THIS SUNDAY! Our annual fundraiser cooking competition. Still time to get your tickets at [Dortikvah.org/event/Not-Bubbies-Shakshuka20](http://Dortikvah.org/event/Not-Bubbies-Shakshuka20).

**Youth Mishloach Manot** – Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>, 11am

4th-8th graders get hands-on training in engaging with older members of our community and create Mishloach Manot baskets to deliver to them. Details at [Dortikvah.org/event/Mishloach-Manot-20](http://Dortikvah.org/event/Mishloach-Manot-20).

**Purim** – Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Full Purim schedule including Fast of Esther times at [bit.ly/DTPurim20](http://bit.ly/DTPurim20).

**Purim Panini Megillah & Break Fast** – Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:45pm

Paninis, salads, & drinks! Plus, our pre-megillah masquerade. Details and sign up at [Dortikvah.org/event/Purim-Panini-20](http://Dortikvah.org/event/Purim-Panini-20).

## Community Events

**Three Rabbi Panel** – Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm

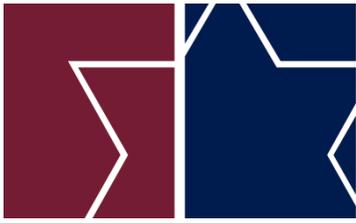
At Simons Center Recital Hall, with Rabbis Michael Davies, Adam Rosenbaum, and Greg Kanter. Details at [bit.ly/3RP2-26-2020](http://bit.ly/3RP2-26-2020).

**Addlestone March Mania Spring Gala** – March 15<sup>th</sup>, 5pm

Kosher pub fare, cocktails, prizes, and games. Get tickets at [Addlestone.org/spring-auction](http://Addlestone.org/spring-auction).

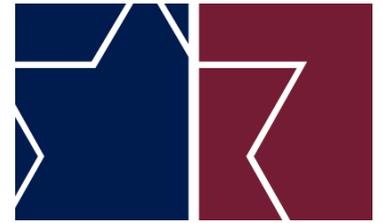
## Announcements

- **Orthodox Israeli Coalition Slate #4** As mentioned in the congregational meeting, we encourage our congregants to vote for Rabbi Davies in the World Zionist Congress Election. Vote at [ou.org/vote/davies](http://ou.org/vote/davies).
- **Call on SC's lawmakers to pass a hate crimes law!**  
Go to [bit.do/hatefreesc](http://bit.do/hatefreesc) to find your SC legislators, and [bit.ly/StopHateSC](http://bit.ly/StopHateSC) to sign the petition.
- **South Carolina Democratic Primary is next Saturday.** We encourage people to submit absentee ballots or vote in advance. Religious exemption is #18. Get details and instructions at [bit.ly/exemption18](http://bit.ly/exemption18).



# Mishpatim/Shekalim

(Exodus 30:11-16)  
(Exodus 21:1-24:18)



## Mishpatim

### The Divine Loan

By Tali Loewenthal      Chabad.org

The intimate Jewish relationship with G-d is expressed in the idea that G-d Himself keeps the laws of the Torah. The Sages tell us they are called "G-d's laws" because not only do they come from G-d, but they are also kept by G-d. This teaching helps a person understand more clearly how closely we are connected with the Divine at every step of our lives. The Zohar states: "G-d, the Jewish people, and the Torah are one." This applies in many ways. The teaching that, so to speak, both we and G-d keep the laws of the Torah helps us understand that we are truly bonded together.

The Sedra presents us with many laws, most of them concerning relationships with other people. One of them tells us about lending money to the poor. "If you lend money to My people, to the poor among you..." (22:24). The Sages of the Talmud comment that the word 'if' is not to be taken literally. There is a duty and a requirement to lend money to the needy person. This is a central concept in traditional Jewish society. In many communities today, there are interest-free loan funds. A loan helps an individual or a family deal with the constant pressures of life.

How does G-d Himself keep this law? He 'lends' each of us everything we have. Our physical bodies, our skills and talents, our minds and intelligence, our homes, our possessions. This is a Divine loan which we are able to enjoy – yet we also have to repay it. And how do we pay back the loan? By using all that G-d has given us in order to fulfill His objective: to make this world into a dwelling for the Divine, through keeping the laws of the Torah.

There are two types of loan. If you borrow someone's watch, you have to give the same watch back to its owner. The borrower never truly possesses the watch. However, if you borrow money, you do not have to give back the same banknotes, just the equivalent. The original banknotes become fully the property of the borrower.

G-d's loan to us is of the second type. Everything that G-d gives becomes ours: our physical selves, our skills, our minds and our possessions. Yet - ideally - we deliberately use all of this in every aspect of our lives for a sacred purpose, guided by the teachings of the Torah. In this way we repay the Divine loan, or at least we try to. Someone might ask: "How much do you owe?" Answer: "*Everything!*"

## Parshat Shekalim

### Honoring Money

by Rabbi Shaul Rosenblatt      Aish.com

At this time of year, we read a special Torah portion (for the Maftir reading) called Parshat Shekalim. This discusses the census that would happen at this time of year in Temple times. Each person would give one half-shekel. The money would be counted, and that would determine the census. And the Torah makes very clear that "the poor person shall not give less, and the rich person shall not give more." But surely this is obvious. If everyone gave according to their means, and hence differing amounts, it would be impossible to count the number of people! The Torah must be teaching us something deeper than simple census advice. And indeed, it is. In today's world, a person is often judged by how much money he has. How big is his house, how fast is his car - and yes, even how much does he give to charity. It's nothing new. Jews as well seem to judge ourselves, and each other, by our bank balance. The "leaders" of our Jewish community are not necessarily those who are most able to lead, but those who are most able to give. (Even if they don't!) A cranky billionaire will sit at the top table of every charity dinner. A pauper who gives beyond his means is likely to languish in Jewish obscurity. The Torah tells us that this is wrong. "The poor shall not give less, the rich shall not give more." When counting Jews, a rich man is not worth 10 poor men. All are equal. Each has his role to play. We are all guilty of distorting this ideal. Somehow it is a human inclination to take a wealthy person more seriously than a poor person. We will admire even an unpleasant billionaire. While someone who can't get a job may be the nicest guy in the world, but he will struggle to earn our respect. We respect money and we respect success. But we don't really respect human beings. The money that was given for the census was used for the Temple. The message is clear: In the service of G-d, all are equal. Money may buy respect from others, but before G-d, the wealthy person has nothing more to offer than anyone else. Money is a gift from G-d, and a tool to achieve. But having a lot of money does not make a person a good human being. The sooner we stop honoring money, and start honoring character and decency instead, the better off we all will be.