



Parshas Mishpatim Shekalim

27 Shevat | February 22, 2020

Candle Lighting
5:32p

Mincha
5:35p

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Candle Lighting 2/28
5:40p



SHABBOS SCHEDULE

Shabbos Mevarchim
Shabbos Night

5:32p Candle Lighting
5:35p Mincha followed by
Kabbolas Shabbos

Shabbos Day

8:35a Chassidis of the Parsha (Rabbi Richter)
9:00a Shacharis (9:35a KS)
10:45a Shabbos Drasha (Rabbi Richter)
11:30a Kehilla Kiddush
4:35p Daf Yomi (Rabbi Richter)
5:25p Mincha followed by Shalosh Seudos
6:34p Maariv/Havadala
7:35p Motzei Shabbos Learning



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun 2/23, 28th of Shevat
7:15, 9:00a Shacharis

5:40p Mincha/Maariv

Mon - Fri a.m.

6:45, 9:00a Shacharis
(Tues & Wed 6:30, 9:00a - Rosh Chodesh Adar)
5:40p Mincha/Maariv
8:55p Maariv



WEEKLY SHIURIM

with Rabbi Silber
Sun 8:00a Daf Yomi

Mon - Fri

5:45a Mesilas Yeshirim (Th, Fri only)
5:55a Daf Yomi (Tues & Wed 5:45a)
Following 9am minyan 15 Minutes of Mishnayos
(Rabbi Richter)

Mon

CHAW resumes 3/16

Wed

WIT Tehillim Shiur resumes 3/4

Night Seder with Rabbi Richter

Mon-Thurs 8:30-8:55p

Mon Halacha from the Daf

Tues Contemporary Halacha

Wed-Thurs Kitzur Shulchan Aruch



ONE RAMP AT A TIME

RABBI SHMUEL SILBER

"And these are the ordinances that you shall set before them." (Exodus 21:1)

Society is built on laws. Our legal system creates expectations, obligation and attempts to safeguard the individual from harm and society from decay. Mishpatim is filled with detailed laws regarding damages, fair treatment for servants, charity and looking out for the needs of the underprivileged. These laws serve to create an atmosphere of justice, fairness and compassion.

The Talmud (Sanhedrin 7b) notes an interesting juxtaposition between the first verse in this week's Parsha (mentioned above) and the last verse in Parshas Yisro; "And you shall not ascend with steps upon My altar, so that your nakedness shall not be exposed upon it (Exodus 20:23)." The Talmud explains:

Bar Kavra asked: 'From where do we know the concept of hevu misunim b'din (one must be deliberate in judgement)? The verse says, 'you shall not ascend with steps,' and then afterwards it says, 'These are the laws.'

The Torah prohibits the use of stairs to ascend the altar – we must construct a ramp. A ramp represents incremental ascension, whereas as a step must be taken all at once. The Talmud explains that the juxtaposition of these verses teaches that just as the Kohen (priest) must ascend slowly to the top of the altar, so must the judge take his time in deciding and adjudicating the legal disputes before him. The judge must take the time to analyze, process and review all pertinent information before issuing a proper verdict. The placement of this important lesson comes at the end of Yisro, the parsha in which Moshe sets up the Jewish judicial system and the beginning of Mishpatim where Moshe gives us the body of tort and interpersonal law.

But there is another lesson to be learned, a lesson that applies to us all. Rav Chaim Shmulevitz zt'l (1902-1979) explains that the word misunim does not simply mean deliberate, it means patience. The Rabbis were not simply telling us to take our time in issuing judgement; they were telling us to learn the art of patience. Up until this point, whatever the people needed was provided immediately. They needed the sea to part – it split. They needed food – manna came down from the heavens. The desert was hot by day – there was constant cloud cover. The desert was cold at night – there was a fire to warm them. Whatever they needed – they were granted. And it is now that God instructs Moshe to tell the Jewish people – life is a ramp. You must take small steps to accomplish your goals. Your growth must be incremental. You won't always see immediate results. You must work on creating a just society. You will not be able to solve all of the problems at once. There will be widows and orphans who you must help, yet you will never get to all of them. There will be the poor and hungry who you must clothe and feed, yet there will be those who remain destitute. At times you may feel frustrated and wonder if you are really accomplishing anything, you may wonder if you are really moving the needle on these dramatic life issues? And so, God tells us, you must be patient. You will accomplish, self-actualize, and grow – but it will all take time. I have provided you with instant gratification because in your embryonic national state – this is what you needed. But as you mature and develop – you will have to learn to wait. You will have to learn to be misunim b'din – patient, as you try to reach your goals.

We live in a world which craves instant gratification. We want it all and we want it now. And when we don't get it – the process, the product or the person must be broken. Couples have challenges in their marriage and if the therapist can't fix it immediately there is a temptation to throw in the towel. We take on certain responsibilities or embark on new life initiatives and if we can't accomplish or cross the finish-line quickly we are ready to move on to other things. We work on finding inspiration in our Judaism and if we can't feel it after one shiur, Drasha or lecture, we're ready to move on. God teaches us that patience is not a virtue, it is a necessity. We must be patient and allow our efforts to bear fruit. We must be patient and find the strength to work through our challenges. If we learn to navigate the ramp of life, we will realize success as individuals and as a nation.



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Siyum Dinner

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Akiva & Leah Weichselbaum in honor of our very dear children Shlomo and Yael Kanner and in memory of their great grandfather נפתלי בן ברוך in על קדוש השם who perished this day תרס"ג in Theresienstadt in 1943



SHUL HAPPENINGS

Bone Marrow Drive for Sue

Sun 2/23 from 9:00a-2:00p | Suburban Small Beis Midrash

Siyum Maseches Berachos

Sun 3/8 at 7:30p | Warschawski Daf Yomi participants, spouses, and those joining for Maseches Shabbos are invited to celebrate suburbanorthodox.org/event/berachos

SOTC Book Club

Tues 2/25 at 2:00p | Suburban Gateway to the Moon by Mary Morris

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Rabbanit Yemima Mizrachi

Tues 2/25 at 8:00p | Double Tree Hilton

Mikvah of Baltimore Generation Dinner

Wed 2/26 at 7:00p | DoubleTree Hilton mikvahofbaltimore.org

JWOW! Jewish Women of Wisdom

"New Challenges, Opportunities, Wisdom" Sun 2/23 from 1:00-3:30p | 3209 Fallstaff Road



MEET THE KENT JACOBSON MISHPACHA

Akiva, Hilary & Yisrael Doniel

As his last name is Kent, Akiva jokes that some think he's from the planet Krypton (like Superman)—he was actually born in Rochester, NY. Hilary was born and raised in Randallstown. Akiva holds a BS in Biology and masters in education. He taught in NYC then launched a media production company and recording studio which led him to open a non-profit, Maximum Impact Media, engaging yeshiva students in media based education and providing organizations with limited resources media support. Hilary studied medical administration, ASL, law and Spanish. She's a perpetual learner. They both currently work in personal home care. "We both believe in chesed. We help when we can; when Hashem presents us the opportunity and time." They share that value with son, Yisroel Doniel—who strives to be a ben Torah and enjoys, geometry, demographics, gaming and politics. At every opportunity, he volunteers for Suburban taking great care to organize the Shul, showing great kavod and making it more welcoming for others. Akiva volunteers for the Boy Scouts of America, additionally he has recently spent tremendous time coordinating the DKMS marrow drive on behalf of Suburban member, Sue Futeral Myrowitz, as she battles leukemia. "With much gratitude to the Suburban leadership and Amy Roseman of DKMS, we were able quickly arrange a drive and spread word in the community. DKMS provides free testing and covers medical costs for the patient. The match depends on DNA so every member swabbed (5min) directly increases the chance for Sue. I hope to see hundreds of people come Sunday between 9am and 2pm. It's our opportunity to directly help save Jewish lives."



SPECIAL PURIM SHIUR

SEEING BEHIND THE MASK

WEDS 3/4
8:00PM FOR MEN & WOMEN