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Shabbat Shalom

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Service Times

- * Monday-Friday: 8:00AM
- * Friday Shabbat Evening: 6:30PM
- * Shabbat Morning: 9:30AM
- * Sunday Morning services can be scheduled by request.
- * Major Secular Holidays: 9:00AM

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Weekly Torah

Parashat Mishpatim presents the *mishpatim*, "rules" or "laws", that govern the ancient Jewish community. The code of laws deals with the treatment of slaves; crimes of murder and kidnapping; personal injuries; damages through neglect or theft; offenses against others through lying, witchcraft, idolatry, oppression, unfair business practices; and unjust treatment by judges. This Torah portion also includes a warning against following others to do evil, along with directives to care for the distressed animals of your enemy and to show impartiality in making judgements. Israelites are reminded to demonstrate sensitivity to the stranger because they were strangers in the land of Egypt. Finally, the portion presents rules for Sabbath, sabbatical year, Pesah, Shavuot, and Sukot. Upon hearing all these laws, Moses gathers the people at Mount Sinai to offer sacrifices and declares, "All the things that God has commanded we will do!"

From: A Torah Commentary for Our Times by Harvey J. Fields

Shabbat Morning Bimah Officer, 2/6 – Sharon DeFala Shabbat Morning Greeters, 2/6 - Jessica Rutherford Shabbat Morning Bimah Officer, 2/13 – Stuart Garrelick Shabbat Morning Greeters, 2/13 – Michelle Fanwick

THE WEEK AHEAD

Friday, February 5, 8:00am Minyan, 4:57pm Candle Lighting, 7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service "After Dinner"

Saturday, February 6, 9:30am, 10:30am Tot Shabbat, Grade 6 Pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Sunday, February 7, 9:30am Navasky, Kindergarten, Learner's Minyan, Gift Shop, 10:30am Knit n' Nosh, 11:00am Yoga

Monday, February 8, 8:00am Minyan

Tuesday, February 9, Rosh Chodesh Adar I, 8:00am Minyan, 9:15am Mishnah Class, 4:15pm Navasky

Wednesday, February 10, Rosh Chodesh Adar I, 8:00am Minyan

Thursday, February 11, 8:00am Minyan, 10:30am Soup Kitchen

Friday, February 12, No Nitzan, 8:00am Minyan, 5:06pm Candle Lighting, 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 13, 9:30am Shabbat Service

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mazal Tov to Ann & Al Treidel (Director of Education) on the engagement of their daughter Robin to Mike Himmelstein.

Please RSVP to the Office for the Adult Education classes

See Bulletin Board for Details of all our Adult Education classes

CONTINUING CLASSES

Learners' Minyan Bowspring Yoga
Next Meeting: 2/7 Next Meeting: 2/7

Adult Torah Trope Face to Face with the Holocaust

Next Meeting: 2/21 Next Meeting: 3/14

FRIDAY NIGHT "SERVICES AFTER DINNER"

Join us at **7:30pm** on **2/19**, **3/11** and **3/18**.

UPCOMING TOT SHABBAT DATES

March 5, 19 and 26, 10:30am

ROSH CHODESH

3/10, 7:30pm Book Club, "The Marriage of Opposites" by Alice Hoffman.

SAVE THE DATE

Watch your email for details about these exciting events!

Shabbat Across America, March 4, 6:00pm

Comedy Night 3, March 12, 7:30pm

Purim Carnival, March 20, 11:00am

Purim Megillah Reading, March 23, 6:45pm

Shabbaton with IDF Soldiers, March 25-26

Silent Auction, April 3, 5:00pm

VOLUNTEER

Soup Kitchen, Thursday, 2/11, 10:30am-12:00pm to set up and/or 12:15pm-2:00pm to serve. For more info, contact Stephanie Gordon.

COMMUNITY

Please see Bulletin Board for Details

Klezmer, Sunday 2/7, 2:00pm. Jewish music and dancing for all ages! JCC of Greater New Haven in Woodbridge, CT.

AIPAC Community Lecture: The Main Behind the Iron Dome, Thursday 2/25, 7:00pm, Temple Sholom in Greenwich

REMINDERS

- ~ The Office and Nitzan are closed on Monday, 2/15 for President's Day.
- ~ Nitzan is closed on Friday, 2/12 and Monday, 2/15.
- ~ No Navasky on Sunday, 2/14, Tuesday, 2/16 and Sunday, 2/21.
- ~ The deadline for contributions to the March/April bulletin is Feb 10.
- ~ The Gift Shop is open and Knit n' Nosh meets every Sunday as Navasky.

PUBLICIZE YOUR UPCOMING BETH EL EVENT

We want to publish your upcoming Beth El events. Please share the event information with the office at least 2 weeks in advance.

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YAHRZEIT PLAQUES

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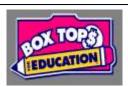


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Thank you for your support!