

# שבת שלום

## ***Building On Our Legacy***

February 5-6, 2016

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*Parashat Mishpatim*

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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**

Next Meeting: 2/7

#### **Bowspring Yoga**

Next Meeting: 2/7

#### **Adult Torah Trope**

Next Meeting: 2/21

#### **Face to Face with the Holocaust**

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.

## SPONSOR A KIDDUSH

Sponsoring a Kiddush just got easier! Celebrate a simcha with the congregation: a birthday, anniversary or special event. \$180 covers the cost of our regular Shabbat Kiddush. Celebrate with the community!

## Yahrzeit Plaques

We are now taking orders for new Yahrzeit Plaques. You can permanently memorialize your loved ones, or purchase "Reserved" plaques for you and/or your family. For info and pricing please contact the office or Ellen Gordon, Chairperson Yahrzeit Plaques, 203-246-4424.



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**BOXTOPS!**

Drop your **BOXTOPS** off in the Office or to Morah Amy. So far Nitzan has earned \$42!

Thank you for your support!