

Shabbat Parshat Yitro  
February 2 - 3, 2024 / 24 Shvat 5784

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# SHABBAT BULLETIN

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**David Wald, Bar Mitzvah**

**Rosh Chodesh Adar Alef is on Friday, February 9 and Shabbat, February 10**

**Molad is on Friday, February 9 at 9:29pm and 5 chalakim**

Shabbat Parshat Yitro

Haftara: Yeshayahu 6:1-7:6 and 9:5-9:6

## Friday, February 2

4:01pm Plag Hamincha  
4:40pm Minha et Kabbalat Chabat -  
Minyane Sépharade - Lower  
Level Chapel  
4:44pm Candle Lighting  
4:45pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat -  
Library  
5:03pm Shkiah

## Shabbat, February 3 / 24 Shvat

8:00am Shacharit - Hashkama Minyan  
8:30am Shaharit - Minyane Sépharade  
8:40am Parsha Shiur  
with Rabbi Claman  
9:00am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary  
9:30am Kef Club Shabbat Programs -  
Lower Level Youth Rooms  
9:30am Youth Minyan - Youth Lounge  
9:41am Sof Zman K'riyat Shma  
10:15am The Zone for Kids in Gr. 1 to 3 -  
Library  
10:45am The Zone for Kids in Gr. 4 to 6 -  
Library  
4:03pm Plag Hamincha  
4:20pm Minha, Seoudah Shleesheet et  
Shiour - Minyane Sépharade  
4:40pm Mincha, Seoudah Shleesheet  
and Maariv - Main Sanctuary  
5:04pm Sh'kiah  
5:50pm Havdala

## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

**Mincha / Maariv: 4:50pm**

**Shacharit**

Sunday: 8:00am

Monday and Thursday: 6:50am

Tuesday and Wednesday: 7:00am

Friday (Rosh Chodesh): 6:45am

**Friday, February 9**

Minha - Minyane Sépharade: 16h45

Candle Lighting is at 4:54pm

Mincha - Main Sanctuary: 4:55pm

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **David Wald** on becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Proud parents are **Audrey & Danny Wald**. Sharing in their simcha are David's brother **Avi**, his grandparents Diane & Jacques Hadida and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins. Lovingly remembered at this time are David's grandparents Hadassa & Theodore Wald z"l.

Mazal Tov to **Hessa & Donald S. Davis** and their family on the occasion of their grandson Caleb Leo Davis becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat, February 3 in New Rochelle, New York. Proud parents are Naomi & Noah Davis. Sharing in their simcha are Caleb's sister Gracie and many delighted aunts, uncles and cousins.

## THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS

Kiddush for the Main Sanctuary is sponsored by **Audrey & Danny Wald** in honour of the occasion of their son **David** becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Kiddush for the Minyane Sépharade is sponsored by **Karine & Laurent Tordjman** and **Ofira & Nino Saad** and their families in memory of Karine and Ofira's beloved mother Yardena Parienti z"l (Yardena bat Liliane - 24 Shvat).

This Shabbat Bulletin is sponsored by **Eileen & Imre Erdos** in memory of Imre's beloved father Zoltan Erdos z"l (Shlomo Zalman ben Yisrael v'Amalia - 18 Shvat).

Rabbi Claman's *Parsha of the Week Lunch & Learn* Program on Wednesday, February 7 is sponsored by **Shirley & David Shapiro** and their family in memory of Shirley's beloved father Adolf Egett z"l (Yitzhak Isaac ben Yehuda Aryeh - 24 Shvat).



Weekly camaraderie,  
lunch, and Parsha!

**Lunch & Learn**

with Rabbi Claman

WEDNESDAYS

Lunch at 11:30am

Class from 12:00-12:30pm





# Learn for Israel

Let's come together to (schmooze and) learn  
for the safe return of our hostages and soldiers

**Who:** Women only

**What:** Pirkei Avot (Book of Ethics)

**Where/When:**

Jan 23 @ the Moss home (252 Netherwood)

Feb 6 @ the Feinberg home (27 Belsize)

Feb 20 @ the Kurlender home (14 Holtham)

**At 8pm**

Learning lead by: Penina Claman,  
Chaya Faust, Avigail Salter, Danielle  
Weinberg, Tamar Yechieli

*\*All learning levels welcome*



## Moshe Rabeinu: A Busy Man Who Got Things Done

*If you want to get something done, ask a busy person.* As a younger citizen of the world, I never understood that saying. If someone is so busy, why would that person have time to do even more? Later in life, I learned that the busy non-procrastinating people are the ones who are used to getting things done.

The truth is that the above quoted words, attributed to Benjamin Franklin, are well stated. Monica Friel is the president and founder of a premiere organizing company in Chicago called *Chaos to Order*. According to Friel: *The busier we are, the better we manage our time. Busy people can get more done in a day because they don't waste time. They take advantage of every moment and consider time a precious commodity. Time is our most precious resource. You can't buy more, and you never know when you're going to run out of it. So, we need to make the most of every day. This doesn't mean that we need to work harder and harder. This means that we need to evaluate what's important and make time for it. You will never find time to do those elusive things on your list, so you need to make time. How do you make time? You start carving it out, treating it like the precious resource that it is and making the most of every moment.*

How do we *carve out* our time? My personal work experience has taught me to multi-task and when necessary, to delegate work to others.

In this week's Torah portion, we are told that an 81-year-old golden age workaholic named Moshe Rabeinu was doing what none of you - my fair readers - have probably ever done in your life!

The Torah tells us:

***It was the next day (after Yom Kippur), Moshe sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moshe from the morning until the evening.***

***Moshe's father-in-law saw all that (Moshe) was doing for the people. He said, "What is (all) this that you are doing for the people? Why are you sitting all by yourself, with all the people standing over you from morning until evening?"***

***Moshe replied to his father-in-law: "The people are coming to me to seek Hashem. Whenever they have a concern, they come to me. I judge between man and his neighbor. I teach Hashem's decrees and laws.***

***Moshe's father-in-law said to him: "What you are doing is not good. You are going to wear yourself out - you and this nation that is with you - for the responsibility is too great. You cannot do it alone."***

(Shmot 18:13-18)

In other words, Moshe was doing too much, and his father-in-law Yitro warned him that if he didn't change his working habits, he would, in the words of the Torah, נבל תבל - he would wither away and Bnei Yisrael would wither away as well. How? Moshe, Aharon, and the elders will wear themselves out with their excessive work and the entire nation will also be worn out from waiting so long for an appointment with Moshe. The *Meam Loez* brings the *Sifte Cohen* (1646) commentary which teaches us how Yitro depicted the impossible scenario that he was witnessing in Moshe's work:

*I understand that it takes very little mental effort for you to settle a case. You are a great enough prophet to determine prophetically who is liable and who is innocent. Still, it is not good for you to try to judge all the people yourself. You must at least listen to the arguments of each side; obviously you are not going to give a verdict before even hearing what both sides have to say. Besides, when you hold a person liable, you will have to explain to him the reasons that he must pay his opponent. This will take all day and it will totally exhaust you. Not only that, but the people who are with you will also become exhausted. They will grow weary with each one having to wait his turn. Obviously, you cannot judge one case before you have finished the one before it".*

Yitro then offered his counsel:

***"Now listen to me. I will give you advice and Hashem will be with you. You must be Hashem's representative for the people. You must bring their concerns to Hashem. Clarify the decrees and Torah laws for the people. Show them the path upon which they must travel, and the deeds they must do. You must look among all the people for capable, G-d fearing men - men of truth who despise gain. You must appoint them as leaders of thousands, leaders of hundreds, leaders of fifties and leaders of tens. They will judge the people at all times. Every major case they will bring to you, while every minor case they can judge by themselves. It will be easier for you. They will bear the burden with you".***

(Shmot 18:19-22)

Makes perfect sense! Moshe was to delegate his workload to responsible judges who would manage the different denominational numbers of Bnei Yisrael, and this would take the load off his shoulders. The minor cases would be handled by the judges and the major cases would be brought to Moshe. The Torah tells us that Moshe listened to his father-in-law and followed his instructions.

How great was Moshe's burden of judgement before Yitro shared his advice with him? Let us check the numbers. 600,000 men between the ages of 20 and 60 left Egypt. The Gemara (Sanhedrin 18a; Yerushalmi Sanhedrin 1:4, 10:2) teaches us that Moshe appointed 78,600 judges(!) for these men: 600 leaders of thousands, 6,000 leaders of hundreds, 12,000 leaders of fifties and 60,000 leaders of tens. Forget about judging the multitudes of Bnei Yisrael before taking Yitro's advice... Acting as the CEO of this counsel of 78,600 judges is enough to wear someone out!

Moshe Rabeinu was a unique leader who understood the importance of his responsibilities. The *Meam Loez* brings the words of the *Kesef Nivchar* (1605) and the *Sifte Cohen* (1646) to illustrate Moshe's sincerity and concerns about his obligations as the leader of the nation, in his reply to his father-in-law Yitro:

*"I must do this" said Moshe, "because the people are constantly coming to me to learn Hashem's will. When the people have a dispute, they come to me, and I must decide which one is right. I have the responsibility to teach them Hashem's commandments and laws. I realize that you are concerned because I have taken a double responsibility, both to judge and to teach. You feel that it would be easy to appoint other judges. But how can I do so? When people have a dispute, they are likely to come up with all sorts of spurious arguments. An ordinary judge will have no way to determine who is speaking the truth. Only I can do that through my prophetic powers. I can actually see the circumstances with my powers, and judge accordingly".*

These words of Moshe echo what we feel when we approach our work in the manner that we feel it must be done. We have responsibilities to produce a quality of work that cannot be compromised. When faced with the prospect of delegating tasks to others, we worry that others may not be able to meet the high standards of our work. In Moshe's words we see dedication and devotion, not only to his work that must be done, but to his beloved nation of Israel that must not be shortchanged in any work or decision-making processes by others to whom his work is delegated.

There is much to be learned from Moshe's work ethic. The man was 81 years old and was carrying an inconceivable workload! He also carried the responsibilities of close to 80,000 employees/judges working under him! Following Yitro's observations and Moshe's acceptance of his counsel, the Torah does not record anything further concerning this episode. Apparently, the system worked and the work was done by the multitudes under the supervision of the busy man - Moshe Rabeinu.

Shabbat Shalom,

*Rev. Amiel*



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Motzei Shabbat February 3rd, 2024

*No Musical Havdalla*

7.05pm sharp: Brief Remarks

by Rabbi Zolly Claman

Tehillim

Concluding by 7:35pm



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# Run for Their Lives

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of the hostages held by Hamas



A Community Walk

**Sunday February 4th**

Irving L. Adessky Community Center  
Hampstead Chalet, 30 Lyncroft

**Special Guest Ysabella Hazan**

11:30 : Meet-up

11:40 - 12:15 : Walk to the Y

12:20-12:50 : Gathering/Speech

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