



Congregation Schomre Israel of Poughkeepsie

Shabbat Bulletin

ג' שבט התשפ"ד
שבת פרשת וארא
Parshat Mishpatim
February 9-10, 2024 / 5784

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*Shabbat Shalom * שבת שלום*

Special Rosh Chodesh Chofetz Chayim Kiddush In Memory of Rabbi Mayer Helfgott

Shabbat Parshat Mishpatim
Haftara: Yeshayahu 66:1-24

Friday, February 9
Shacharis Rosh Chodesh 7:00am
Breakfast following Shacharis
5:02 pm Candle Lighting

5:00pm Mincha
Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv
6:03pm Earliest Time for Shema

Shabbat, February 10
9:00am Shacharit
9:33am Latest time for Shma
12:40pm Earliest time for Mincha

6:05pm Havdala

**Please daven for our Schomre
Families called in War:**

Yoni Schneider
Avi Nattan bas Beila Miriam
Evyasar Shalom ben Leah
Yaakov Daniel ben Avigayil
Yonaton Yizchak ben Yocheved
Shira Dina bas Yocheved
Eliyahu Yeshaya ben Adina Naomi
Naftali Yehuda ben Adina Naomi
Noam Chaim ben Adina Naomi

COMING WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday 11th - Shacharis - 8:30am
Hamentasch Baking
Jewish War Veteran meeting 09:00am / 9:30am

Monday 12th:
Shacharis - 8:00am
Yoga 10:00am
Maariv 7:00pm by the Levines

Tuesday 13th:
* **Rambam – Intro to Ethics X ch8 – 10:30am**
New Series – Writing Hebrew 11:45am – Live only
* **Reading Hebrew – Shema 6:00pm**

Thursday 15th:
Shacharis - 8:00am
Yoga 10:00am
7:00pm - Window into Yesteryear – Rabbi Moshe Isserlis

Friday 16th:
Mincha – 5:10pm

* Indicates live and zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/2448244824> pwd 2448)

Future Events

February 17th – After Shabbat – 7:30pm – Movie Night
The Princess Bride
February 25th - 4K club 9:30am
Hamentaschen Packing
March 8 – Mexican Kabbalat Shabbat –
Mincha - 5:30pm Meal – 6:30pm
March 18 – 6:00pm Respect of Life -
Understanding Wills and Estate Law
with Attorney Karen Tobias



Birthdays

Shabbat, January 10 - Steven Isaac Fisher
 Sunday, February 11 - Eitan Rafael Barzilay
 Monday, February 12 - Yehuda Fox
 Friday, February 16 - Joshua William Bardzik

Anniversary

Wednesday, February 14 - Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Fisher
 Thursday, February 15 - Rabbi And Mrs. Yonatan Fox

Yahrtzeits

Sunday, February 11 Stuart Fox

Pasta for Purim

A new kind of gragger/noisemaker

Please bring a securely sealed box of pasta to shul with you when you come to hear the Megillah read on Purim. At the mention of Haman during the Megillah reading you can vigorously shake your Purim package of pasta. After services pasta boxes will be collected to donate to the Morse School. You are welcome to bring in cans or plastic bottles of sauce to be donated as well but use only the pasta for shaking!

Taking Action

Dear Friend,

This weekend, U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Mike Johnson announced that the House would vote this week on the Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, which provides \$17.6 billion in critical aid to Israel.

This funding package is a lifeline in Israel's mission to eradicate Hamas and the threat their existence poses to the citizens of Israel. We need your support today in asking your representatives to vote YES and provide Israel the emergency military aid it has been waiting on for the 121 days since October 7th.

We hope when the House and Senate versions of funding are reconciled that the final bill will also provide for \$400 million in emergency funding for the Non-Profit Security Grant Program included in the Senate's version.

Israel needs your support. I urge you to take immediate action by sending a letter to your U.S. Representatives supporting the Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act.

[Please take action today by sending this letter to your Representatives.](#)

Thank you for your prompt action and for standing with us during this critical time.

Sincerely,

Nathan Diamant

Executive Director, OU Advocacy



BRING PURIM JOY TO OUR CHAYALIM!
 THROUGH THE MEIR MISHKOFF Z"L MISHLOACH MANOT CAMPAIGN

Send mishloach manot and provide megillat to IDF soldiers in Gaza, up North and throughout Israel!

Provide seudat Purim, mishloach manot, and matanot levyonim to displaced families from the North and South of Israel!

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO ORDER VISIT YIMANOT.ORG

ORDERS MUST BE IN BY MARCH 15TH!

100% OF PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT PROJECTS OF THE IDF RABBINATE





The Orthodox Union's much-anticipated annual guide to everything you need or want to know about Passover is now available to order! The OU Guide to Passover 2024/5784 is your go-to resource for all things Pesach related—from listings of OU-P certified products to guides on kashering.

Schomre will have a few copies ready for our members, but for those who cannot pick it up, [you can order it here](#).



A New Record – 1926 babies were born in the month of January at Shaare Zedek Medical Center

Israel's under-20 men's national ice-hockey team skated to a gold medal (after initially being banned for security)



Message from EVP Rabbi Moshe Hauer for Yom Kippur Kattan

Today, Thursday, February 8, is Erev Rosh Chodesh Adar I, Yom Kippur Kattan, a day traditionally dedicated to an extra measure of prayer.

As the conflict continues, we may draw strength from the Purim story where the Jewish people, facing an existential threat, came together to join in fasting and prayer – לך כנוס את כל היהודים – that effectively produced the miraculous turnaround that led to our salvation.

During these difficult days of intense war in Israel and growing antisemitism in America and around the world, we can draw further inspiration from the story of Purim in which the Jewish people stood up for themselves decisively in battle and then proceeded to commemorate their victory with acts of kindness, משלוח מנות ומתנות לאביונים. The Jewish people, whose mission is to live up to the Divine image with which every human being is endowed, recognize that to triumph over evil requires fighting harsh battles, but proceed to celebrate that victory by returning to engage in kindness, caring and acts of charity.

Earlier this week, a friend shared with my dear partner, OU EVP-COO Rabbi Dr. Josh Joseph, a beautiful prayer found in the classic RCA De Sola Pool Siddur. It expresses beautifully and directly an important aspect of what we must pray for as we work to strengthen our tefillot on behalf of the hostages, the soldiers, the wounded, and the entire Jewish people in Israel and everywhere:

אבינו שבשמים עזר וברך את ארצנו ארצות הברית באמריקא שים אהבה ואחווה בין כל תושבי ארצנו ברך את כל מנהיגי המדינות האלו ותן בלבם רוח חכמה ובינה לקים שלום הארץ והחרותה

Heavenly Father, uphold and bless this our country, the United States of America. Implant brotherly love among all who dwell therein. Bless Thou the constituted officers of government in this land. Set in their hearts the spirit of wisdom and understanding to uphold peace and freedom.

May the incoming month of Adar herald a turnaround towards true days of joy.

Rabbi Moshe Hauer

Executive Vice President

Matan Torah, A Complete Package

By Michal Horowitz

In this week's parsha, Mishpatim, the narrative of Matan Torah continues. Whereas Parshas Yisro delineates the astonishing, awe-inspiring and impactful method by which the Torah was given – thunder, lightning, the continuous blast of the shofar growing ever stronger, the mountain itself was shaking, the people in the camp were shaking, the mountain was smoking, the thick Cloud of G-d's Presence was visible (keviyachol) atop the mountain, the voice of G-d going forth to announce the dibros to the nation, the entire nation healed of vision and hearing ailments (Shemos 19), the mount of Sinai burning with fire till the heart of heaven (Devarim 4:11) – the parsha of Mishpatim (Shemos 21, 22, 23) seems to be the exact opposite of the Matan Torah experience.

Parshas Mishpatim details mitzvah after mitzvah, and law after law, most of which govern social order and society founded upon, and based on, Torah ideals. The parsha opens with the following words: וְאֵלֶּה הַמִּשְׁפָּטִים אֲשֶׁר תִּשְׁמֹר לִפְנֵיהֶם, and these are the laws that you shall place before them. Rashi comments: That you shall place before them: כְּשֶׁלֶחָן הַעֲרוּדָה וּמוֹכֵן לְאָכֹל לִפְנֵי הָאֵדָם – like a table fully laid out and prepared before a person with everything ready for eating (Shemos 21:1 w/ Rashi).

Not only must Moshe teach the nation these laws, they must be arranged clearly before them, in a way that the people understand, and can integrate and apply them to every day life – just like a set table with everything ready for eating.

R' Samson Rafael Hirsch teaches, “Our whole relationship to G-d is to be understood as one that provides a firm and unshakeable basis for upbuilding society in the spirit of justice and humanity and for strengthening each and every individual in the spirit of pure morality. To this principle, the vav ha'chibur (connecting vav with which the parsha begins – וְאֵלֶּה, הַמִּשְׁפָּטִים – and these are the laws that you shall set before them) connects the מִשְׁפָּטִים, the laws that are to establish the upbuilding of Jewish society on the basis of justice and humanity. Thereby the cherev (topic of the preceding chapter and verses), the sword – i.e.: violence and harshness – will be banished from the society of the Jewish state, and only then will this society be worthy of erecting an altar to G-d in its midst. Hence the מִשְׁפָּטִים precede the building of the Mishkan (which begins in next week's parsha).

“However, the pasuk says: וְאֵשֶׁר תִּשְׁמֹר לִפְנֵיהֶם, and these are the laws that you shall place before them (21:1). The expression תִּשְׁמֹר לִפְנֵיהֶם – which here refers to the transmission of G-d's laws to Israel through Moshe – is used elsewhere in only one specific sense, namely: serving prepared food to a guest... When applied to the transmission of laws, this expression denotes a transmission so clear and comprehensive that the laws are set before us in full clarity and can be understood and carried out completely. Accordingly, Rashi's explanation, ‘like a table set before a person, with everything ready for a meal,’ reflects the literal, actual sense of the expression and command” (RSRH, commentary to Shemos 21:1).

Our code of law – Torah from the word הוראה, instruction, and morah, teacher – is the blueprint and guide, the moral compass and voice of G-d – that teaches us to how build a society that is elevated, holy, fair and just. This society will have no place for violence and harshness and will champion justice for all.



CHAZAQ
HALFTIME FOR TORAH

Rabbi Yoel Gold, Charlie Harary, Rabbi Joey Haber, Rabbi Paysach Krohn

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2024
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"If He didn't want us to eat it, why'd He wrap the whole thing in bacon?"



SOCIAL SECURITY: PREPARING FOR RETIREMENT

**Tuesday, February 13 at 12 noon
EST**

How to make your Social Security
benefits a powerful part of your
financial plan.

Presented by **David
B. Winston**, *Executive Wealth
Advisor, Winston Wealth
Advisors*, and **Andrew
Gordon**, *Member of the Social
Security Team, MFS Investment
Management, MFS Fund Distributors*

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will receive the login link as well as
the recording of the program
regardless of whether they participate
in the live session.

It is this Torah based and Torah built society that G-d's presence can, and will, dwell. Hence, וְעָשׂוּ לִי, מִקְדָּשׁ; וְשָׁכַנְתִּי, בְּתוֹכָם, and they shall make for Me a sanctuary, and I shall dwell amongst them (Shemos 25:8), can only follow the parshios of Matan Torah – Yisro and Mishpatim combined – which instruct us how to create a society where G-d desires to dwell (keviyachol).

Mishpatim opens with the laws surrounding an eved Ivri – a Hebrew indentured servant. One who stole and cannot afford to pay back may be sold by the beis din (Jewish courts) as a slave, or one who is so poor that he cannot provide for himself, may sell himself into slavery. How well must the eved Ivri be treated? Chazal teach (Kedushin 20a):

דַּתְנִיָּא: "כִּי טוֹב לוֹ עֲמֹד" – עֲמֻדָּבְמֵאֲכָלֵי עֲמֻדָּבְמִשְׁתֵּה

It was taught in a Baraisa: 'Because it is good for him with you '(Deuteronomy 15:16); with you in food and with you in drink (the eved Ivri shall be treated as equal to his master in regard to food and drink);

שְׁלֹא תֵהְיֶה אִתָּה אוֹכֵל פֶּת נִקְיָה וְהוּא אוֹכֵל פֶּת קִיבָר, אִתָּה שׁוֹתָה יַיִן יָשָׁן וְהוּא שׁוֹתָה יַיִן חֲדָשׁ, אִתָּה יָשָׁן עַל גְּבִי מוֹכִים וְהוּא יָשָׁן עַל גְּבִי הַמִּבְּבֹן. מִפָּאָן אָמְרוּ: כָּל הַקּוֹנֶה עֶבֶד עֲבָרִי כְּקוֹנֶה אָדָם לְעַצְמוֹ

This means that there shall not be a situation in which you eat fine bread and he eats inferior bread. There shall not be a situation in which you drink aged wine and he drinks (inferior) new wine. There shall not be a situation in which you sleep comfortably on bedding made from soft sheets and he sleeps on straw. From here the Sages stated: Anyone who acquires a Hebrew slave is considered like one who acquires a master for himself! [because he must be careful that the slave's living conditions and upkeep are equal to his own.]

הֶרְכִּיָּה דִּרְכֵּי-נֶעֱם וְכָל-נְתִיבוֹתֶיהָ שְׁלוֹם – her ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are paths of peace (Mishlei 3:17); our Torah is compassionate and kind. Even in the treatment of the downtrodden, someone so poor he cannot support himself, nay, especially in the treatment of the downtrodden, the halachos are designed so that the weakest segment of society will not be taken advantage of. Hence, in Mishpatim we are commanded not to oppress the convert, the widow or the orphan. We are commanded not to curse or hit our parents. We are commanded not to keep the collateral items of clothing of another with us overnight. We are forbidden from charging interest on a loan. We must ensure our workers and animals rest on the Sabbath day, as we do.

It is only after the societal laws are laid out before us, that the nation can truly and wholeheartedly declare: וְנַעֲשֶׂה וְנִשְׁמָע – all that G-d has spoken, we will do and we will listen (Shemos 24:7).

To be a Jew is to be wholesome with G-d and honest, compassionate, kind and loving in our treatment of fellow man.



Wednesday Memory Motivation



On Wednesdays at 11:00am - 12:00pm
Each session will include:

- A memory tip for different memory issues
- A brain exercise
- Q and A
- This is a fun, interactive, and practical group workshop for anyone who wants to sharpen their memory and learn new brain exercise
- Each session will be recorded and sent out to those who register.

This is a multi-session SPIRIT
program of 4 sessions, starting
February 7

[CLICK HERE](#) to
register. **Registration fee: \$100**



TONIGHT, TOMORROW AND SHABBAT IS
🎉 ROSH CHODESH ADAR ALEF CELEBRATE 🎉
MISHE NICHNASS ADAR MARBIM BESIMCHA!!!!
WHEN THE MONTH OF ADAR ENTERS WE INCREASE
HAPPINESS!!!

MAY THIS TRULY BE A MONTH OF INCREASING JOY AND
HAPPINESS.

🎉 MAY HASHEM SHOWER US WITH ALL THE BLESSINGS THE
TORAH HAS TO OFFER.

MAY ALL THE HOSTAGES BE RELEASED.

MAY ALL OUR SOLDIERS RETURN HOME.

MAY THE LAND OF ERETZ YISRAEL BE PROTECTED!

MAY THOSE WHO ARE MARRIED HAVE SHALOM BAYIT
AND BUILD A BAYIT NE'EMAN BIYISRAEL.

MAY ALL THOSE LONGING TO HAVE A BABY HOLD THEIR
HEALTHY PRECIOUS BABY THIS YEAR!

MAY ALL THE SINGLES HAVE CLARITY TO FIND THEIR
RIGHT ZIVUG AND BE UNDER THE CHUPPAH THIS YEAR!!

MAY ALL THE SICK BE HEALTHY, AND THE HEALTHY STAY
HEALTHY.

MAY WE MERIT TO HAVE A STRONG CONNECTION TO
HASHEM!!

🎉 MAZAL TOV IN ADVANCE!!!

LET THE SIMCHA BEGIN!!! 🎉

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