



Young Israelight

Torah Reader
Joshua Blustein

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Andrew & Cynthia Blustein in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joshua

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Friday, March 5
Shacharit 6:45am
Candlelighting 5:32pm
Mincha 5:35pm

Shabbat, March 6
Hashkama 8:00am
Main Shul 9:00am
Latest Kriat Shema 9:14am
Teen Minyan 9:30am
Scarsdale Teen Forum 10:30am
Youth Program 10:15am
Mincha 5:15pm
Shabbat Ends 6:33pm

Sunday, March 7
Shacharit 6:45am/8:30am
Mincha 5:45pm

Daily Services

Shacharit M, Th 6:35am
Shacharit T, W, F 6:45am
Mincha/Ma'ariv 5:45pm
Late Ma'ariv 9:00pm

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday morning, March 21st
Rubenstein z"l yahrzeit
commemoration
Chesed, Learning & Tribute
9:00am – 12:00pm

Friday Morning Shiur Sponsors

Marty & Phoebe Beran commemorating the yahrzeit of Marty's father Albert Beran, Avraham Maier ben Elchunan.

Stu & Rebecca Benson commemorating the yahrzeit of Stu's mother, Rachel bat Eliyahu.

SCARSDALE TEEN FORUM

KiTisa

"I Get Knocked Down": Dealing With Mistakes We Make

KiTisa

In this Parsha we witness one of the most troubling stories in Tanach, the sin of the Golden Calf. Bnei Yisroel saw that Moshe delayed in coming down from Har Sinai and said to Aharon, "Arise, make for us gods that shall go before us; for [as for] this man Moshe who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aharon responded, "Take off the golden earrings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons and your daughters, and bring them to me." ...And he took it from their hands and fashioned it with an engraving tool and made it into a molten calf. And they said, "These are your gods, Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt" (Shemot 32:1-4). What has happened to the Children of Israel? How is it possible that this nation, only forty days after accepting the Torah at Mount Sinai, clamor for idols? This sharp contrast with the people's recent declarations of faith is highlighted by the Midrash:

It was proper for our forefathers to receive the Torah and to say, "All that Hashem has said, we will do and we will listen" (Shemot 24:7). Was it proper for them to say, "These are your gods, Israel"? I am amazed! (Shemot Rabbah 41:1) The Beit HaLevi attempts to answer this question by asking another: What did they expect to accomplish by making the calf? He explains that Bnei Yisroel thought human actions bring Hashem and the world closer together. For example, the Mishkan is a man-made structure that brings the Shechina into the world. Since, the people reasoned, the mitzvot are essentially means to build a closer relationship with Hashem, then this relationship could be reached through other means - through the use of such people like Moshe. When Moshe did not return from Har Sinai at the time they expected, they sought to construct an entity that would provide for the Shechinah to rest in their midst.

Later, Moshe pleads to Hashem, "And see, that this nation is Your people." (33:13). The Beit Halevi explains that their sin, although terrible, did not represent a rejection of Hashem; rather, it is an error in trying to serve Him.

This entire episode illustrates a reversal of Bnei Yisroel's exclamation "Na'aseh V'nishma." The golden calf was the people's attempt to approach Hashem using methods of human invention, placing nishma before na'aseh. To repent, Bnei Yisrael needed to demonstrate that they have learned once again to place na'aseh before v'nishma. This they achieve, through repentance and recommitment in the period between the sin of the calf and the construction of the Mishkan. They now serve Hashem using the same means with which they had sinned: "With earrings they sinned and with earrings they were accepted (Shemot Rabbah 48:7)." By placing their trust fidelity in Hashem, Bnei Yisrael were able to truly repent. Adapted from a shiur by Rabbi Avraham Fischer

Torah Questions

1. How many times were the Jewish People counted in the desert using the 1/2 Shekel system?
2. What miracle occurred with the "anointing oil" (Shemen Hamishcha)?
3. By what description was the Menorah referred to in this week's Parsha? Why?
4. From where do we learn that the construction of the Mishkan did not supercede the Laws of Shabbat?
5. What was Aaron's intention in telling the people that there will be a "Holiday to G-d Tomorrow"?

Halachic Question

I know that writing is prohibited on Shabbat, but what about playing a game like Scrabble, where I'm not actually writing with a pen or pencil, but spelling words out with tiles?

*38th Annual
Journal Dinner
Saturday, March 13*

Honorees

Allen & Linda Essner

Community Service

Award

Steve & Jodi Halper

Hakarat Hatov Award

Elisha & Sara Blechner

Please go to the Shul website www.yisny.org to see the scroll of honor and to place your message and reservations.

ACADEMY FOR JEWISH STUDIES 2010/5770

Women's Tehillim Group at the home of Esther Trencher – Monday – 9:30am
Talmud Themes for Beginners & Intermediate – Rabbi Sol Froimowitz – Mon 9pm
Mishnah for the Day – Hersh Wolf – Tuesday following services
Practical Judaism: Mishnah Berura "Laws of Blessings" – Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern - Wednesday following services
Scarsdale Night of Learning (SNL) Community Beit Midrash Program: Tuesday evenings 8-10pm -Tantalizing Talmud – Reb Simcha Willig -8:15pm -Moses, Miracles and Majesty – RJM – 9:00pm
Ma'ariv 9:15-10:00pm -Open Beit Midrash: Chavruta or Chabura Study 8-10pm – RJM, RSW, Reb Chaim Axelrod with Leah Weinberg and others.
Rabbi Frand "On the Torah" – The Rabbi Dr. Walter Wurtzberger Memorial Lecture Series - Thursday 9pm
Parsha Principles: Torah Temimah - RJM - Friday following services
Mishnah B'rurah - Shabbat following Hashkama Minyan
Early Prophets in Tanach - Richard Bienenfeld will begin 40 minutes before Shabbat mincha.
Daf Hashavua with Talmidei D'Scarsdale – Sunday 7:30am – 8:30am

Torah Answers

1. Twice: the 1st instance took place after Yom Kippur, when the People's atonement for the golden calf was complete, and Moshe wanted to determine how many people died as a result of the sin. The 2nd census took place in Iyar, later on that year, when the Mishkan was inaugurated.
2. After they used it to anoint Aaron, his sons, and all of the Mishkan's vessels the jar of shemen Hamishcha remained completely full.
3. Menorah HaTehorah (the Pure Menorah), because it was made of pure solid gold.
4. Because, in the Torah, immediately after mentioning the commandment to build the Mishkan, the Torah then says "But you shall observe my Shabbatot" - the Rabbis discern from this that the construction of the Mishkan could not take precedence over the observance of Shabbat.
5. Aaron was clearly using this declaration as a stalling technique, hoping that in the interim, by "tomorrow", Moshe would return from Mt. Sinai and the Jews would relent at the sight of Moshe still alive and well.

Halachic Answer

Included in the Melacha of Koteiv (writing) is the creation or formation of a symbol or image where none existed previously. This is why writing a word on a piece of paper is prohibited, because you are actually creating letters and forming them into words. However, if one merely arranges pre-existing letters to form a word, it does not fall under this Halachic category of Koteiv. In this vein, arranging letters of Alphabets cereal or noodles into a word would be permissible. Playing Scrabble is another example of merely arranging pre-existing letters to form words. However, if the board is designed with framed squares into which the tiles are fitted (as is the case in the Deluxe Scrabble addition), snapping the letters into place would be prohibited. This is the case, because affixing letters to a surface in an organized fashion is considered a violation of the Melacha of Koteiv. (Shmirat Shabbat KeHilchata 16:23, Chaya Adam 37:06,11)

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Can't make it to YIS, let YIS come to your living room
All you have to do is: Pick a time-slot on Tuesday or Wednesday night between the hours of 8:00pm-11:00pm - Ongoing
Tuesday/Wednesday - Concluding May 11th/12th
LearnWithTheRabbis@yisny.org

PRE-PESACH BOUTIQUE -MARCH 9TH -6:30-9:30PM

Community Memorial Tribute

2nd Annual Rabbi Jacob & Debbie Rubenstein z"l
Memorial Yartzheit Lecture

A Religious Approach to Pluralism: "Limitlessness without Limits"

Will be delivered by Richard Joel, President of Yeshiva University, friend and colleague of Rabbi Rubenstein z"l

Sunday morning, March 21, 2010 – 6 Nissan 5770

Family & Children's Chesed Project 9:00am

Memorial Lecture 10:00am

City-wide Rubenstein Memorial Walkway Dedication at Carpenter's Pond 11:15am

A Morning of Learning, Chesed and Tribute

Mazel Tov

Andrew & Cynthia Blustein on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joshua
Michael & Susan Porter on the engagement of their daughter, Shani to Elan Nyer
Judy Lederman on her engagement to Dr. David Segaloff
Jerry & Barbara Weinberg on the engagement of their son, Zachary to Rebecca Gottlieb
Eliane & Joseph Rackman Dora & Alex Hershman grandparents of granddaughter, Gabrielle and to the parents Sophia and Steven Hershman
Josh & Lynne Fishman on the birth of a grandson and to the parents, Adam & Allison
Rabbi Simcha Willig & Rabbi Kenneth Axelrod who will be officially receiving their semicha at this Sunday's YU Chag HaSemicha
Max Steinberg & Michael Bodek as a team won NY State High School Bughouse Chess championship

Condolence

Mark Greenberg on the death of his wife, Mona

PRE-PESACH

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF YOUNG ISRAEL,

THE DAVID PROJECT

YIS/YINR & YIWP PRESENT

WINNING THE WAR OF WORDS – BECOME AN EFFECTIVE ADVOCATE FOR ISRAEL - UNDERSTANDING THE MIDEAST CONFLICT ADVOCACY

TRAINING:

Responding to the 30-SECOND SOUND BYTE

Wednesday March 10, 2010 – 8pm - YIS

Wining, Dining & Philosophizing

Topic: THE SECRETS OF THE SEDER: Exploring the Halachic and Mystical Symbolism of Wine on Seder Night.

Enjoy a night out with friends at

Abigail's RESTAURANT in NYC.

407 BROADWAY, New York NY 10018 (At 39th St)

\$80 PER PERSON including full dinner

MARCH 11 - 7:00pm

EAT, drink, and be enlightened with words of Torah and Haqqadah.

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PRE-PESACH SHIUR

Rabbi Menachem Leibtag

Thursday, March 18th - 8:00pm

YOUNG ISRAEL OF SCARSDALE

GREEN GALLERY

Topic: Tehillim 105: "THE EARLIEST VERSION OF MAQID. How it explains our Seder and our Siddur."