



Young Israelight

Torah Reader
Dr. Barry Weintraub

Kiddush Sponsor
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Friday, February 5
Shacharit 6:45am
Candlelighting 4:59pm
Mincha 5:00pm

Shabbat, February 6
Hashkama 8:00am
Main Shul 9:00am
Latest Kriat Shema 9:35am
Teen Minyan 9:30am
Scarsdale Teen Forum 10:30am
Youth Program 10:15am
Mincha 4:45pm
Shabbat Ends 6:01pm

Sunday, February 7
Shacharit 6:45am/8:30am
Mincha 5:10pm

Daily Services
Shacharit M, Th 6:35am
Shacharit T, W, F 6:45am
Mincha/Ma'ariv 5:10pm
Late Ma'ariv 9:00pm

Friday Morning Shiur Sponsor

Drs. Bruce & Karen Greenstein on the occasion of the yahrzeit of Bruce's mother, Hannah Ruth Greenstein

John & Sue Hakimi in memory of John's mother, Mina Hakimi and John's sister, Rahel Kamali

SCARSDALE TEEN FORUM

Yitro The First Convert To Judaism: What Was He Thinking?

Yitro

In this week's parsha, Parshat Yitro, the Jewish judicial system was brought into existence after Moshe's father-in-law, Yitro, criticized the system he felt was riddled with confusion and delay. In that system, Moshe carried the full load of every minor complaint and grievance the Jewish people had. He ruled on everything, and it was too much for him. His father-in-law would no longer allow it.

"What you are doing is no good." cried Yitro. "You and the entire nation will wither from exhaustion." (Exodus 18:17)

Yitro devised a plan in which judges were appointed on multiple levels over distinct regions. The simple cases would be presented to the lower judges, and the more difficult cases would work their way through the system. Moshe sat as the highest court, hearing only those cases that presented problems for judges on all the other levels. It was a workable plan that was eagerly accepted by Moshe and the Jewish leadership. It was the foundation for every judicial system from that time on.

Yitro ends his ingenious instruction with a blessing and a guarantee. "If you do this thing – with God's consent, then you will endure and the entire nation will arrive at their place in peace." (Exodus 18:23)

These are very heartening words, yet they are certainly difficult to relate to. What does an efficient judicial system have to do with arriving at one's destination or finding one's place in peace? What could Yitro have meant? He should have said, "and the entire nation will live together in peace." The words, "arrive at his place in peace," seem to have little meaning.

One of the Jewish people's greatest features is their ability to watch only their own place. "How glorious are your tents, Jacob" is a reference to the desert tents whose doorways would face away from each other. When Jews argue and there is no justice, each one looks at the other with the utmost suspicion. However, when quick and fair justice is meted, each party can go home satisfied and ready to proceed with their own life. Yitro stated such with confidence, "and the entire nation will arrive at their place in peace." If you have justice then everyone will truly arrive at his place in peace. No one will be interested in someone else's place! And in that manner they all can find a place in peace.

Torah Questions

1. Why did Yitro arrive at the Jewish camp with Moshe's wife and children?
2. What was Yitro's reaction to all the stories that Moshe conveyed to him about the Jews' miraculous exodus from Egypt?
3. Why does God metaphorically explain that He will carry us on the "wings of Eagles"?
4. Is the 4th commandment (about Shabbat) Zachor (remember) or Shamor (safeguard)?
5. After which commandment did the Jews get scared, begging Moshe to hear the rest?

Halachic Question

Can I put down salt on my walkway on Shabbat if it is icy or snowy?

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE
Rabbi YECHIEL ECKSTEIN
SHABBAT, FEBRUARY 12-13.

Friday night topic:
CHRISTIAN JEWISH RELATIONS- PAST PRESENT AND A LOOK TOWARD THE FUTURE. This PROGRAM will be AT THE HOME OF JERRY AND BARBARA WEINBERG AT 8PM.

SHABBAT MORNING following DAVENING:
THE CHRISTIAN RIGHT: JEWS BEST FRIENDS OR GREATEST ADVERSARIES?

Shalosh Seudot:
Rising ANTI-SEMITISM AROUND THE WORLD, "how should we RESPOND."

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

Talking Torah & Teaching Talmud – RJM – Tuesday mornings 10:45am-12:00pm Contact: Dana Jason at DanaJason1@gmail.com for venue updates.

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. Because while Moshe initially brought his family with him back to Egypt, when he was nearly killed along the way "in the motel", he felt that this journey was too dangerous for his young family to endure. Therefore, he sent Tziporah and his 2 children back to Midian while he travelled to Egypt to save the Jews.

2. He was so enamored that he got "goosebumps".

3 Eagles carry their young on their backs so that they are protected (by their mother's own body) from arrows that are shot at the children. Similarly, Hashem's cloud of glory protected the Jews from the Egyptian arrows.

4. Our Rabbis tell us that Hashem said Zachor/Shamor in one utterance, something which is "humanly" impossible to do.

5. After the 1st 2 commandments were heard directly from God, the Jewish People felt their souls departing from their bodies. They thought they were all going to die, having heard God's "voice". Therefore, they asked Moshe to be their go-between.

Halachic Answer

Though shoveling hard and icy snow is problematic on Shabbat, pouring salt on an icy walkway is permitted. The potential problem is the fact that there is a Rabbinic prohibition against purposefully melting ice; however, in our situation the melting of the ice is only happening through an indirect cause (the salt), therefore, it is permitted on the grounds of grama (a melocho that occurs indirectly).

The New Rochelle Jewish Coalition, of which our shul is a member, is sponsoring a campaign for Project Hope. Project Hope is located in downtown New Rochelle and is dedicated to preventing homelessness for New Rochelle residents. They run a soup kitchen, a food pantry, and provide social services, medical services, and crisis intervention. Shul members can make any size contribution, large or small, and bring their checks made out to Project Hope to the shul office. In addition, we would like two volunteers to help serve in the Project Hope soup kitchen on February 24. Please see Robin Samot for more information.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE SURVEYMONKEY ONLINE.

We are asking all members to complete a survey which can be accessed by clicking the following link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/79QPFGX> Thank you for taking the time to complete and return the survey.

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Mazel Tov

Rivka and Yossi Zorbaron on the engagement of their daughter, Orlee to Michael Wedner

SNL BaBayit!

Can't make it to YIS, let YIS come to your living room
In the Scarsdale Night of Learning BaBayit Initiative, couples and families will learn with a member of the YIS Rabbinic Team in an individualized and personal way. Families are also welcome to invite their friends to join in on this specialized learning moment.

All you have to do is:

Pick a time-slot on Tuesday or Wednesday night between the hours of 8:00pm-11:00pm

Beginning: Tuesday/Wednesday Feb. 9th/10th

Concluding Tuesday/Wednesday May 11th/12th

All We Want is one Session With You or Your Family Learning about the upcoming Holidays of Purim, Pesach & Shavuot Or What You Want Either You call us or We'll call you!

To register please contact:

LearnWithTheRabbis@yisny.org

AIPAC Policy Conference; Scholarship Award Deadline 2/10

Israel Needs You: We American Jews have an opportunity our ancestors did not. We are free to seek the support our powerful home country for Eretz Yisrael.

Do your part by joining Rabbi Morgenstern and the YIS delegation to AIPAC's Policy Conference March 21-23 in DC. Encourage your HS students to enter the Fensterheim Scholarship Contest and win an expenses-paid opportunity to join over 1000 other students. Information: Robin Samot, Todd Kesselman, Barry Mannis

38th Annual Journal Dinner Saturday, March 13, 2010

Honorees

Allen & Linda Essner

Community Service Award

Steve & Jodi Halper

Hakarat Hatov Award

Elisha & Sara Blechner

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