From the RABBI

“IF YOU SEE THE DONKEY OF YOUR ENEMY STRUGGLING UNDER ITS BURDEN, WILL YOU DESIST FROM HELPING HIM? YOU SHALL REPEATEDLY HELP WITH HIM!” (Shemos 23:5)

There are two positive commandments to help the owner of an animal in distress. The first is an obligation to assist an owner in loading his animal when its burden has fallen off. The second is to assist the owner in unloading an animal struggling under its burden.

If a person is presented with both opportunities he should first unload the animal in distress and then load the other animal. The former is suffering greatly while the latter can wait until it is reloaded.

General Information

- Seudah Shlishit this Shabbos is being sponsored by friends of Dr. Larry Biel and Dr. Dina Ingberman in honor of their recent marriage.

- The Shul wishes a Tzeischem L’Shalom to Mr. & Mrs. Gabe & Tova Schwartz & Family on March 1st, 3-5 PM in the Joppa Lane Party Room, 2888 Joppa Lane 1st fl. For more info call Annette Walder 952-928-3966.

- Join us as we start a new Shabbos class ten minutes before shachris at 8:35 AM studying the practical laws of Shabbos.

- Rabbi Kalatsky will be giving his class on shmiras halashon 10 minutes before mincha, as well as his Gemara class on Mesechta Megilla following Seudah Shlishis.

- KI BAKES HAMENTASHEN!
  1) Feb 22, NEW THIS YEAR! Mother-Daughter Shape & Take (12 & under) 3PM-4PM, $10/family (inc. 2 doz) RSVP by 2/17 to Jill
  2) Feb 15 & 22: JUST LIKE OTHER YEARS! We need YOUR help-- Join the Fun! (Ages 13-120) Shape & Bake: Bring your HT skills and learn new traditional secrets! 11:30 - 5:30 (1-2 hour shifts) RSVP by 2/12 to BJ bjkgoldmaneatwell@gmail.com
  3) By 2/19: ORDER NOW! HT for your own Shalach Manot! $12/doz. - 2 Flavors: Poppy (or) Mixed Fruit Call/email/text to Jill Goldberger 952-818-6449 or jill2621@gmail.com; or KI Office 952-920-2183. Under Hashgachah of Rabbi Kalatsky. Challah will be taken.

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The Talmud (Bava Metzia 32b) discusses the following dilemma: if an animal of a friend is lying under its burden, while at the same time an animal of one’s enemy needs to be loaded, which takes precedence? The Talmud answers one should help his enemy’s animal in order to subdue one’s evil inclination. Subduing one’s impulse to hate a fellow Jew is of such importance that it takes precedence even over the obligation of unloading an animal. To subdue one’s evil inclination he is required to help his ‘enemy’ before his friend.

What is puzzling, though, is why does performing a favor for one’s enemy a method for removing hatred. Why not learn classic introspective Torah works? Likewise, the Tannaic work Derech Eretz Zuta states: “If one wishes to increase love for another person, he should exert himself to do the other person kindness.”

We learn from here that when one does a favor for another person it creates a loving bond with that person. If a spouse feels that there is a rift in the relationship and wants to repair it before it gets out of hand he or she should follow the lesson of this portion and do some favor for their spouse or go out and buy something for the other person instead of waiting for an apology. This seemingly minor gesture will help remove the feelings of anger or resentment in one’s heart and patch up the hard feelings.

This week, let us work on shalom and letting go of our resentment and frustration by going out of our way to reach out and do for others. When this happens we will find joy, serenity and inner peace in all our interactions!

Have an inspirational Shabbos!

Rabbi Kalatsky
Zmanim

February 13th – 20th

Please call the Shul office at 952-920-2183 to confirm minyanim for Monday-Thursday

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**KI Shabbos Youth Groups**

KI has Youth Groups every week from 9:00 to 11:15 am. The groups are conducted by the Bais Yaakov girls who have been watching our children during each of the past Signature Shabbos events. There will be at least 2 girls watching the children every week. The Youth Groups are open to all children, from age 3 (provided they are toilet trained) to 10 years old. All of the groups will be under the direction of Shayne Goldberger.

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