

PARSHAS YISRO

Rav Mordechai Kalatsky February 2, 2024| 23rd Shevat, 5784

ווּאַמֶר משֶׁה לְחֹתְנֵוֹ בִּי־יָבָא אָלַי הָעָם לְדְרֹשָׁ אֱ-לֹהִים: AND MOSHE SAID TO HIS FATHER IN LAW, THE PEOPLE COME" TO ME AND SEEK HASHEM" (Shemos 18:15.)



The Midrash contrasts the actions of Moshe here with those of the Navi Shmuel generations later. Moshe told the people to come to him, as a result, Moshe had to walk to the burning bush to come close to Hashem. Shmuel, on the other hand, went to the people, and therefore he merited that Hashem came to him.

Rabbi Chaim Shmuelevitz always used to comment that this Midrash teaches us an important lesson. One's closeness to Hashem depends on one's love for other people. By going to the people, Shmuel showed his unending concern and love for the people, therefore Hashem rewarded him by coming to him. (Moshe had his reasons why it was important for the people to come to him, but still he did not make that extra effort towards them.)

Where did Shmuel get his love for other people? The Midrash explains the garment his mother sewed for him was with him his entire life. This garment was made from the profound love his mother had for him. This love became such a part of Shmuel that it was manifested in his entire way of dealing with people.

This is a practical lesson for parents and caregivers. The love a parent shows a child throughout all stages in life, whether the absolute devotion of infancy or by being there for them in all situations, implants a deep feeling of being loved. When such a child grows older he will have love for others. Any small thing a parent does with love for his children will pay off great dividends. The greater the child becomes the more people will ultimately benefit from that love.

This week, let's go out of our way to be expressive and shower our children with love and nurturing. Let them foster the deep love we have for them and it will blossom in their own personality and increase their ability and desire to love others as they develop.

Have a lovely Shabbos! Rabbi Kalatsky

ZMANIM

Fri Erev Shabbos Parshas Yisro Feb 2 Shacharis 7 AM Mincha 5:05, CL 5:04 PM

Shabbos Feb 3rd

Shacharis 8:45 AM Mincha 4:55 PM Shabbos over 6:14 PM

Sunday Feb 4th

Shacharis 8:30 AM Mincha/Maariv 5:10 PM

Mon-Thurs Feb 5th-Feb 8th

Shacharis 7 AM Mincha/Maariv 5:10 PM

Friday Erev Shabbos Mishpatim Feb 9th

Shachris 7 AM Mincha 5:15 PM CL 5:14 PM

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NEXT SHABBOS!



PARASHAS MISHPATIM Rosh Chodesh Adar Alef

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

5:15PM Mincha 5:30pm Kabbalas Shabbos 6:30 Shabbos Seudah << Childrens' programming throughout the dinner >>





HALACHA

Only wine whose beracha is borei pri hagafen may be used for Kiddush. Wine that has spoiled and has the odor of vinegar but retains the hagafen beracha if the taste is clearly that of wine. If, however, the taste of the wine has turned even slightly to vinegar that people would not drink it, the beracha would be shehakol and it can not be used for kiddush.

It is lechatchila to recite kiddush on red wine. However, if a person prefers the taste of white wine then that can take precedence. It is preferable to recite kiddush on wine but it is still acceptable to make kiddush on grape juice.

KIDDUSH

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SHIURIM



Wednesdays 9am - Mesilas Yesharim (R. Kalatsky) Thursdays 8pm- Jewish Concepts (R. Kalatsky)

Thursdays 9:15pm – Mishmar (R. Kalatsky) **Shabbos 8:15am** – Parenting (John Ghermezian)

Shabbos-New Relevant Halacha Shailos with Rabbi Kalatsky 15 minutes before mincha

Shabbos Daf Yomi – 1 hour before Mincha (Zevi Segal) Shabbos Nesivos Shalom - 50 minutes before Mincha – (Sender Russel)

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