

### PARSHAS MISHPATIM

Rav Mordechai Kalatsky February 9, 2024| 30th Shevat, 5784

כְּיִ־תִרְאֶָׁה חֲמָוֹר שׁנַאֲךְ רֹבֵץ תַּחָחַ מַשָּׂאוֹ וְחָדַלְתָּ מֵעֲזֹב לָוֹ עָזֹב תַעֲזֹב עָמָוֹ: 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 related to helping 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 while the latter can wait until it is reloaded. The Gemara (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 Gemara 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 one 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 or act of caring 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 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 inspiring Shabbos!

Rabbi Kalatsky

#### ZMANIM

Fri Erev Shabbos Parshas Mishpatim Feb 9 Shacharis 7 AM Mincha 5:15, CL 5:14 PM

<u>Shabbos Rosh Chodesh Feb</u> <u>10th</u> Shacharis 8:45 AM Mincha 5:05 PM Shabbos over 6:24 PM

<u>Sunday Feb 11th</u> Shacharis 8:30 AM Mincha/Maariv 5:20 PM

<u>Mon-Thurs Feb 12th</u> <u>Feb 16th</u> Shacharis 7 AM Mincha/Maariv 5:20 PM

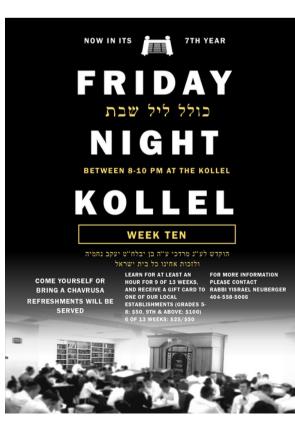
<u>Friday Erev Shabbos</u> <u>Terumah Feb 9th</u> Shachris 7 AM Mincha 5:25 PM CL 5:24 PM

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**





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



## HALACHA

The kiddush cup is lifted with both hands and then held only in the palm of the right hand. Some mefarshim rule you should place the cup in your palm and make all your fingers upright surrounding the kiddush cup. During kiddush the cup should be at least one tefach above the table. A left handed person holds the cup in his left hand. If one is unable to hold the cup, he is permitted to recite kiddush provided the cup is on the table. He should at least touch the cup while he recites kiddush.

# **KIDDUSH**

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# **MAZEL TOV**







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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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