

# KI BULLETIN



## PARSHAS MISHPATIM

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כִּי־תִרְאֶה חֲמֹר שֶׁנֶּאֱכָר רֹבֵץ תַּחַת מִשְׁאֹו וְחִדְלִית מֵעֲזֹב לוֹ עֲזֹב תֵּעֲזֹב עִמּוֹ:  
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

### Shabbos Rosh Chodesh Feb 10th

Shacharis 8:45 AM

Mincha 5:05 PM

Shabbos over 6:24 PM

### Sunday Feb 11th

Shacharis 8:30 AM

Mincha/Maariv 5:20 PM

### Mon-Thurs Feb 12th Feb 16th

Shacharis 7 AM

Mincha/Maariv 5:20 PM

### Friday Erev Shabbos Terumah Feb 9th

Shachris 7 AM

Mincha 5:25 PM CL 5:24 PM

## COMMUNITY NEWS



A poster for Men's Melaveh Malka. It features a dark purple background with musical notes and a treble clef. At the top, there are three circular logos: a blue one with a menorah, a gold one with a menorah, and a white one with a menorah. Below the logos is a banner that reads "SIGNATURE SHABBOS". The main text says "Live Music! Hot Buffet!" in a cursive font, followed by "MEN'S MELAVEH MALKA" in large white letters. Below that, it says "Motzei Shabbos 9:00PM" and "@ the home of the Rav 4220 Sunset Blvd.".

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A poster for Parashas Mishpatim. It features a dark background with a gold sunburst logo at the top. The logo contains the word "KENESSETH" and "ISRAEL". Below the logo is a banner that reads "SIGNATURE SHABBOS". The main text says "PARASHAS MISHPATIM" in large gold letters, followed by "Rosh Chodesh Adar Alef" in white. Below that, it says "FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>" in gold. The schedule is listed: "5:15PM Mincha", "5:30pm Kabbalas Shabbos", and "6:30 Shabbos Seudah". At the bottom, it says "<< Childrens' programming throughout the dinner >>".

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A poster for Friday Night Kollel. It features a black background with white and gold text. At the top, it says "NOW IN ITS 7TH YEAR" with a small icon of a building. Below that, it says "FRIDAY" in large white letters, followed by "כולל ליל שבת" in gold. Then "NIGHT" in large white letters. Below that, it says "BETWEEN 8-10 PM AT THE KOLLEL" in gold. Then "KOLLEL" in large white letters. Below that, it says "WEEK TEN" in gold. The main text says "הוקדש לע"נ מרדכי ע"ה בן יצחק"ש יעקב נחמיה ולזכות אחינו כל בית ישראל". Below that, it says "COME YOURSELF OR BRING A CHAVRUSA" and "REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED". To the right, it says "LEARN FOR AT LEAST AN HOUR FOR 9 OF 13 WEEKS, AND RECEIVE A GIFT CARD TO ONE OF OUR LOCAL ESTABLISHMENTS (GRADES 5-8: \$50, 9TH & ABOVE: \$100) 6 OF 13 WEEKS: \$25/\$50". To the right of that, it says "FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT RABBI YISRAEL NEUBERGER 404-558-5066". At the bottom, there is a black and white photo of a large group of people sitting in a room.

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# 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

Kiddush and Shalosh Suedah sponsorships are still available for this week.



# MAZEL TOV





## KI KID'S CORNER

Remember to tell  
your kids to call  
the hotline so  
they can  
participate in this  
week's Derech  
Eretz challenge!



## 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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