



PARSHAS MISHPATIM/SHEKALIM

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February 13th 2026/26th Shevat 5786



"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 that 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 yetzer hara one is required to help his 'enemy' before his friend.

What is puzzling, though, is why performing a favor for one's enemy is 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!

Good Shabbos,

Rabbi Kalatsky

ZMANIM

Friday – Erev Shabbos
(Mishpatim / Shekalim)

Mincha: 5:20 PM

Candle Lighting: 5:20 PM

Shabbos – Feb 14 Parshas
Shekalim

Shacharis: 8:25 AM

Mincha: 5:00 PM

Maariv: 6:31 PM

Sunday Feb 15th

Morning Learning: 8:00 AM

Shacharis: 8:45 AM

Mincha: 5:25 PM

Monday–Thursday Feb 16-19
Tuesday Wednesday is Rosh
Chodesh

Shacharis: 7:00 AM

Mincha: 5:25 PM

Friday – Erev Shabbos
(Terumah) Feb 20th

Shacharis: 7:00 AM

Mincha: 5:30 PM

Candle Lighting: 5:30 PM

COMMUNITY NEWS



Hamentaschen
KIDS in the KITCHEN

SHAPE • TAKE • BAKE

SUNDAY, FEB 15 ▪ 10:30AM

@ KI

4330 WEST 28TH STREET
\$8 A PERSON

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PURIM SEUDAH
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TUESDAY MARCH 3RD • 5:00 PM

An Evening of Women's Wellness & Inspiration

with
DR. ARIELLA ALTMAN
Surgical Oncologist: Allina Health

featuring Guest Speaker
CHARLENE AMINOFF

Internationally renowned speaker and cancer survivor, inspiring women across the globe with messages of Faith, strength and purpose.

Sunday, March 15

Doors open: 7:00pm Program begins: 7:30pm
at Chabad Center for Jewish Life - Minnetarika

Dessert Refreshments
RSVP Requested
www.ChabadMinneapolis.com/wellness

Admission: No cost
Sponsorships available - VIP reception. Z260

Dear Friends,

The shul is about to embark on its annual Mattanos Le'evyonim campaign to help support the people in our synagogue and community in need.

Your donation will be used to enhance people's lives and bring much needed serenity and inner peace to those who are struggling with their financial demands.

May Hashem pay you back measure for measure and always take care of you and your family in every way possible!

Checks can be made out to Keneseth Israel Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. Link to KI credit card - please notate "RK Purim Gifts".

Sincerely,
Rabbi Kalatsky

SUNDAY MORNING KOLLEL @ KI

8:00- 8:45 AM
LEARNING KOLLEL

OPTIONAL SHIUR BY RABBI ELI MARKOWITZ

Topic:
Shailos from the past week

8:45 AM
SHACHRIS

NOW IN ITS 9TH YEAR

FRIDAY KOLLEL
בוא לל ליל שבת
CHOLENT NIGHT
BETWEEN 8-10 PM AT THE KOLLEL

WEEK ELEVEN

הודש ליל שבת כולל חולנט וקולל
הקולל ליל שבת כולל חולנט וקולל

COME YOURSELF OR BRING A CHATRUSA
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

LEARN FOR AT LEAST AN HOUR FOR 8 OF 13 WEEKS, AND RECEIVE A GIFT CARD TO ONE OF OUR LOCAL ESTABLISHMENTS (CASHES \$ 6.56, 9TH & 80TH: \$154) 6 OF 13 WEEKS: \$25.100

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: RABBI MEIR HINTZ 323.284.4245

Rabbi Mordechai Edelstein
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Dear KI Members,

As part of our refreshed membership structure, we're excited to offer two new optional benefits:

- A name plaque for your seat
- A reserved cubby in the coat area

Each option is available for \$50/month for members. Members who donate \$180/month or more can receive both benefits at no additional cost. This program is designed to encourage increased membership participation and pledges, which are a core financial pillar of the shul.

If you're interested, please fill out this form:
<https://forms.gle/hKixk1YsT6AmYz6f>

Please note: Seat plaques require yearly renewal along with your membership. Also, to keep seating welcoming and flexible for everyone, we're limiting seat plaques to 50% of total capacity, and one per member.

Thank you so much for being part of the KI community. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.

HALACHA

Perfuming on Shabbos

It is forbidden to perform makeh b'patish – completing or improving an article – on Shabbos. Based on this concept, the Chachamim prohibited, mid'rabbanan, perfuming a garment or infusing an object with a pleasant fragrance on Shabbos, since scenting an item is considered an act of enhancement.

Accordingly, this prohibition applies to most objects, including clothing, furniture, carpets, curtains, and even water. One may not perfume water that will be used for washing.

This restriction, however, does not apply to food or drink.

Similarly, the prohibition does not apply to the human body. It is therefore permitted to apply perfume or deodorant to one's body on Shabbos (subject to the general halachic guidelines regarding the type of deodorant used). Although this may result in one's clothing acquiring a pleasant scent, this incidental effect is permitted. What remains prohibited is deliberately perfuming garments themselves on Shabbos.

RELEVANT HALACHA SHAILOS-GIVEN BY THE RAV AFTER MINCHA ON SHABBOS DURING THE LEARNING SEDER



The Do's & Don'ts of Shalach Manos



KIDDUSH



Kiddush sponsored anonymously in honor of John Ghermazian for all he does for our community

**Shalosh seudos sponsored by Moshe Vorotinov
leulei nishmas Fania bat Sholom, Morduh ben
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bat Isroel , Faiga bat Morduh 27 Shvat**

KI KID'S CORNER

WHERE TO THIS WEEK?
 WHATS THE MIDDOS CHALLENGE?
 I WANT TO HEAR THE KI KIDS SONG!
 +MORE



KI KIDS HOTLINE

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Dial 541-8KI-KIDS

KI SMS-text group

We have created a GroupMe group for people who don't have WhatsApp but want KI updates and Zmanim via SMS text.

Attention Minneapolis!

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 WE CARRY CHILDREN'S AND MEN'S SIZES

pricing

KIDS SIZES	THIN	T-SHIRT	
	2-7	\$12	\$13
ADULT SIZES	THICK	T-SHIRT	
	18	\$24	\$18
	20	\$25	\$18
	22	\$26	\$19
	24	\$27	\$19
	26	\$27	\$19

Tzitzis are available upon request to order.

SHIURIM



Wednesdays 9am - Chovos Halevovos-Rabbi Kalatsky

Shabbos 8:15am – Parenting-John Ghermezian

Shabbos- Pirkei Avos 35 minutes before Mincha

Shabbos- Relevant Halacha Shailos with Rabbi Kalatsky 10 minutes after mincha

Shabbos Daf Yomi – 50 minutes before Mincha Zevi Segal

Shabbos Nesivos Shalom - 50 minutes before Mincha

Let's Make Kiddush @ KI

Upgrade - \$550 member (15% off for plus member)
\$600 non-member

Cholent
 Potato Kugel
 Herring
 Crackers
 Cakes
 Sodas

Choice of 1: Beef Jerky, Turkey Shawarma, Salami Tray, or Pastrami**
 Veggies & Dip
 Grapes
 Hummus
 Water

** \$200 extra

Standard - \$360 member (15% off for plus member)
\$400 non-member

Cholent
 Potato Kugel
 Herring
 Crackers

Cakes
 Sodas
 Water

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Sponsor a Shalosh Seudos

\$215 member
\$250 non-member

Challah Rolls
 Dips
 Chips
 Popcorn
 Tuna
 1 Vegetable salad

1 Lettuce salad
 Cakes
 Sodas
 Water
 Fruit

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