

# Young Israel Shomrai Emunah - Shabbos Shorts ת"ת

July 29 - 30, 2022 - 2 Av 5782 - Parshas Matos/Masei

Light Candles by 8:04 - Havdalah 9:07

The Shabbos Shorts is sponsored by **Anita & Elliot Goodman** to thank the many people who sponsored the Seudah Shelishit last week in our honor and all our friends who honored us with their presence. A special thank you to Stuart Cohen and Moshe Litwack, who organized this wonderful send-off and to the kitchen committee for their help, and by **Marla & Marty Teichman** to commemorate the 15<sup>th</sup> Yahrzeit of their beloved son, Jeffrey, Yosef Yonah Ben Avraham Menachem Mendel Z"l, on the 29<sup>th</sup> of Tammuz.

## Mazal Tov

- **Dr. Debbie & Jacob Frenkel** on the birth of a grandson, Shlomo Yitzchok. Mazal Tov to the parents, Eliana & Yosef Frenkel, of Teaneck, NJ. Mazal Tov also to uncles, aunts and cousins Menachem; Tova & Chaim, Adira, Shulamis; Shoshana; and Eliana.
- **Bobbi & Jules Meisler** on the birth of a great-grandson, born to their grandchildren, Nechama & Yisroel Zalman Weiner of Baltimore. Mazal Tov to **Aunt Naomi & Uncle Jan Meisler** and to grandparents Sara & Marc Meisler of Baltimore and all the aunts, uncle and cousins.
- **Gila & Rabbi Myron Wakschlag** on the birth of a granddaughter, Sarah Sheva, born to their children Alana & Efraim Wakschlag of Chicago. Mazal Tov to big brother Roey, Savta Raba Judith Halpern, and to all the aunts, uncles, and cousins.

## Shabbos Schedule

*Minyan locations are listed as B = Belonofsky Sanctuary,*

*S = Social Hall. LBM = Large Beis Medrash, SBM = Small Beis Medrash*

### Friday Night:

- Light Candles by 8:04, and not before 6:53
- Mincha: 6:35 (Plag, S), 7:05 (B), 8:05 (B), 7:00 (Sefhardi, LBM)

### Shabbos Day:

- Shacharis: 7:00 (B), 8:45 (B), 9:15 (S), 8:00 (Sefhardi, LBM)
- Mincha: 2:30 (B), 5:00 (B), 8:00 (B), 7:55 (Sefhardi, LBM)
- Shabbos ends/Maariv: 9:07

### Divrei Torah/Shiurim:

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|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| • 8:45 Main Minyan              | Rabbi Rosenbaum        |
| • 9:15 Minyan                   | Rabbi Postelnek        |
| • Hashkamah Minyan Gemara Shiur | Rabbi Yitzhak Grossman |
| • Pre-9:15 Minyan Chabura       | Rabbi Postelnek        |
| • Shiur after Mincha            | Rabbi Rosenbaum        |

### Kiddush Sponsors:

- The Hashkamah Minyan Kiddush is sponsored by the Hashkamah Minyan Group.
- The Shul Kiddush is sponsored by **Jean Herskowitz** to commemorate the Yahrzeit of her mother, Flora Herskowitz, Fraidel Bas Ella, Z"l on the 29<sup>th</sup> of Tammuz.

## COVID-19 Updates

- Any person eligible for a fully FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine (16 years of age or older), but who chooses to not be vaccinated may attend YISE Minyanim and events with the following guidelines. Unvaccinated individuals must remain masked at all times while in the Shul building, including at Kiddushes and/or other events containing food. Masks may not be removed to eat or drink. Exceptions will be made for private functions being held at the Shul, but that are not Shul sponsored events.
  - **Anyone with any of the following symptoms should not come to shul:** fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, chills, muscle aches, sore throat, severe cough, headache, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose, or new loss of sense of taste or smell. If you have tested positive for COVID, you should follow the CDC guidelines.
  - Masks are now optional for vaccinated adults and for children under 16.
  - There are no social distancing requirements in the YISE building.
  - The Shul office is still open, but hours may vary.
- Let us Daven to Hashem to keep all of us in good health and to return our lives to normal as soon as possible. In protecting each other as we navigate this unfolding situation, may we grow stronger as individuals and as a community.

## YISE Youth Announcements

**Shabbos Groups** this Shabbos, July 30, from 10:00 AM until Shul ends. Age 18-36 months (Mommy + me) in the toddler room off the Lower Lobby. Ages 2-5 years (drop off) in the room behind the balcony. Ages 6-9 years will meet at Shomrai and walk over to the Yeshiva. For more information, contact Debbie Katz at [dkatz@yise.org](mailto:dkatz@yise.org)

**Calling All Rising 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys!** Rabbi Rosenbaum is learning weekly with rising 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys one hour before Mincha in the YISE Social Hall. Bring your hard questions! Refreshments will be served.

**Parsha in the Park** - Meet up with your buddies in the park, hear some Parsha insights, and cool off with delicious treats! 4:00 PM in the Kemp Mill Urban Park (across from YISE) on August 13 and August 20. *See flyer for details.*

## YISE Programs and Listings

**Thank You Neighbors!** - We are happy to share that, during the recent period in which the Jews in our neighborhood experienced antisemitic harassment, a group of citizens from the surrounding neighborhoods offered to demonstrate on our behalf and to carry signs such as "We stand with our Kemp Mill neighbors!" While we ultimately decided to decline their offer, it is heartwarming to know of this support.

**Pre-9:15 Minyan Chabura** - A weekly Chabura in the Nesivos Shalom on the Parsha. Delve into the deeper dimensions of the Parsha and Holidays by learning the Nesivos Shalom's weekly insights. Begins at 8:55 AM Shabbos mornings in the Social Hall. This Shiur will be given by Rabbi Postelnek.

**Hashkamah Minyan Gemara Shiur** - Rabbi Yitzhak Grossman will give the Gemara Shiur after the Hashkamah Minyan Kiddush, learning Maseches Sanhedrin, in the Small Beis Medrash.

**Tradition and Minhagim** - Learn how, when and why customs are created and explore the background of common customs. Sunday, July 31, 9:00 PM on **Zoom A**. Recordings of first two Shiurim available at <https://wp.yise.org/minhagim> See flyer for details.

**A Wider Circle** - Join YISE and KMS in volunteering at A Wider Circle on Sunday, July 31, from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. For more information, and to RSVP for an hour or two, contact Miriam Friedman at [mfriedman2@yahoo.com](mailto:mfriedman2@yahoo.com) Upper school students can get community service hours. See flyer for details.

**Come Join Rabbi Koss's Monthly Jewish History class on Zoom!** Bikur Cholim of Greater Washington and the YISE Chesed Committee: Rabbi Koss will be speaking on a topic in Jewish history, Monday, August 1, from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM on **Zoom A**. For more information, contact Miriam Friedman at [mfriedman2@yahoo.com](mailto:mfriedman2@yahoo.com)

**Ask the Rabbi** - Come join our virtual, interactive monthly program featuring different Halachic topics! This month's topic: Tzedakah. The first 45 minutes is for Shailos submitted in advance and the last 15 minutes is for Q & A. Send in your questions to: [AskTheRabbi@yise.org](mailto:AskTheRabbi@yise.org) by Sunday, July 31. The program will take place on Tuesday, August 2, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM on **Zoom A**. For more info. and to submit questions by phone or anonymously, contact Miriam Friedman at 301-754-1517 or [mfriedman2@yahoo.com](mailto:mfriedman2@yahoo.com) To sponsor the program, please contact the YISE office. See flyer for details.

## YISE Programs and Listings (continued)

**Youth Director** - YISE is looking for a self-motivated and innovative professional with excellent leadership, organizational and communication skills to unify and integrate all aspects of our Youth program. Generous salary is offered, based on your credentials, prior experience and time commitment. To apply or learn more, contact Debbie Katz at [dkatz@yise.org](mailto:dkatz@yise.org)

**Living Shabbos** - Join YISE young professionals for a new series on the laws of Shabbos with Rabbi Postelnek. Tuesdays, 8:15 PM - 9:00 PM, at the home of David & Tamara Goodman, 11611 Kemp Mill Road. For questions or to join the WhatsApp group contact Rabbi Postelnek at [rvpostelnek@yise.org](mailto:rvpostelnek@yise.org) Recordings available at <https://wp.yise.org/living-shabbos> See flyer for details.

**Seeing the Hand of Hashem...In History** - Presented by the YISE Meaningful Tefillah Project. Next lecture with Mrs. Channah Cohen on Sunday, August, 21, 10:30 AM in person at YISE and **Zoom A**. Please RSVP to [stuartrosenthal@yise.org](mailto:stuartrosenthal@yise.org) with the number who will attend in person, as a light brunch will be served after the presentation. Recordings at [wp.yise.org/hand-of-hashem](http://wp.yise.org/hand-of-hashem) See flyer for details.

**Kiddush Volunteers Needed!** As we return to a regular schedule of Kiddushes, **volunteers** are needed from **ALL** Minyanim to help set up and clean up for Kiddushes on Shabbos morning. Times vary. Let us know when you are available. Contact Barbara Price at 301-332-8181.

**Helping Hands Across Kemp Mill**, a part of YISE's Chesed Committee, has a current need at this time. Please sign to volunteer if you can. For more information or if you need help signing up, please contact: Melanie Karlin, 301-681-4740, [mskarlin@gmail.com](mailto:mskarlin@gmail.com) or Miriam Friedman, 301-754-1517, [mfriedman2@yahoo.com](mailto:mfriedman2@yahoo.com)

**Shiurim from Rabbi Gedaliah Anemer, ZT"l**, are available at <http://audio.yise.org>

### Thank you to the Shiurim Sponsors for this Past Week:

#### Rabbi Hyatt's Gemara Shiur

- **David Jaray** in memory of Rabbi Hyatt, Z"l, and in honor of Rabbi Grauman and all those who attend his Shiur

#### Rabbi Rosenbaum's Tehillim/Parsha Shiur

- **Jacqueline & Rabbi Haim Arzouan** in memory of Jacqueline's father, David Lasry, Dovid Ben Harav Moshe, Z"l, to commemorate his Yahrzeit, 27<sup>th</sup> of Tammuz.
- **Nancy Karkowsky** in memory of her husband, Avi Karkowsky, Avraham Mordechai Ben Yaakov Halevi, Z"l whose Yahrzeit was the 14<sup>th</sup> of Tammuz.
- **Rabbi Roy & Mrs. Judy Rosenbaum** to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Judy's father, Mr. Jack Mann, Yakov Moshe Ben Yechiel Halevi, Z"l, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of Tammuz.

#### 9:15 Minyan Drasha

- **Esti & Moshe Kaplan** in honor of the Yahrzeit of Esti's great-grandmother and namesake, Esther Yachat Bas Avraham Yitzchok.

### Dvar Torah Dedications/Sponsor a Shiur

During this difficult time, we pray to Hashem that the day that we can all come together again in Tefillah and Torah study in good health arrives speedily. Until that point, YISE continues to offer a number of different remote learning options. These options are now available for sponsorship on an individual Shiur or a daily basis.

Sponsoring a Shiur or other Torah learning is a meaningful way to commemorate a Yahrzeit or honor a loved one. Sponsorships are also a great way to celebrate a Simcha or any other milestone, while helping YISE at a time when many of the Shul's other sources of revenue are not available.

1. The following individual Shiurim are available for sponsorship at \$18 (per day):
  - Daily Morning (Monday through Friday) Tehillim and Parsha Shiur
  - Daily Evening (Sunday through Thursday) Tehillim and Halacha Shiur
  - Rabbi Rosenbaum's Sunday Morning Mussar Study Group for Women
  - Rabbi Rosenbaum's Tuesday or Friday Morning Gemara Shiur for Men
  - Rabbi Rosenbaum's Wednesday Morning Nach Shiur
  - Rabbi Rosenbaum's Wednesday Night Navi Shiur for Women
  - Rabbi Grauman - Rabbi Hyatt's Gemara Shiur, Sunday Morning
  - Hashkamah Minyan Gemara Shiur, Shabbos Morning
2. Sponsorship of the Morning and Evening Tehillim and Parsha/Halacha Shiurim together is available for \$25.
3. The 8:45 and 9:15 Shabbos Drashas are both available for sponsorship at \$54 each.
4. Yom Tov Drasha Sponsorships are \$72 each.

Please email [office@yise.org](mailto:office@yise.org) to sponsor. Thank you for your support.

### Weekday Shiurim

Options for in-person and remote learning are listed below. For the latest list and times, go to:

<https://wp.yise.org/remote-learning-schedule/>

- **Rabbi Rosenbaum** - Daily - one chapter of Tehillim followed by a 15-minute Shiur on the Parsha. Monday through Friday, 9:30 AM, **Zoom A**.
- **Rabbi Rosenbaum** - Daily - one chapter of Tehillim, followed by a 15-minute Halacha Shiur. Sunday through Thursday, 7:00 PM, **Zoom A**, will not take place on Tuesday, August 2.
- **Rabbi Rosenbaum's** Mussar Study Group for Women (spiritual self-improvement), Sundays at 9:30 AM, **Zoom A**.
- **Rabbi Rosenbaum's** Gemara Shiur for Men, Tuesdays and Fridays, 6:00 AM, **Zoom A**.
- **Rabbi Rosenbaum's** Nach Shiur, Wednesdays at 11:00 AM, now learning Mishlei, **Zoom A**.
- **Rabbi Rosenbaum's** Women's Navi Shiur, now learning Sefer Shmuel, Wednesdays at 8:00 PM, **Zoom A**.
- **GWCK Sunday Kollel Brunch and Learn for Men** - Sunday mornings, 9:30 AM breakfast, 9:50 AM Shiurim, in the Social Hall, will resume in Elul.
- **Rabbi Tuvia Grauman** - Rabbi Hyatt's Gemara Shiur, Sundays at 10:00 AM, **Zoom C**.
- **GWCK presents CLAS (Community Learning at Shomrai)** - 8:15 PM - 9:15 PM. For more info., contact Rabbi Hillel Shaps, [hshaps@gwckollel.org](mailto:hshaps@gwckollel.org) 347-869-9361, will resume in Elul.
- **SCP (Semichat Chaver Program)** - Tuesdays at 8:45 PM. Join the fastest growing Halacha learning program in the world! Now back in person at YISE. Register at [gwckollel.org/scp](http://gwckollel.org/scp)
- **Rabbi Yehoshua Levy's** Gemara Shiur, Masechet Chulin, Sunday through Friday, 6:35 AM - 7:20 AM, in the Franco Beit Midrash.
- **Chavrusa Learning** - Monday nights in the Social Hall, 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM. For more information, contact Rabbi Levy 240-423-8810.
- **The Golden Network Presents: Rabbi Barry Greengart's** Shiurim for men & women, Mondays at 9:00 AM, studying Parashas Hashavua, **Zoom B**.
- **Rabbi Yitzchak Scher's** Shiur for Men and Women, Tuesdays, 1:30 PM, "A Second Look - Stories in the Torah from a Deeper Perspective", is on summer break.
- **Rabbi Moshe Arzouan's** Advanced Gemara Shiur for Men, learning Maseches Bava Kama 9<sup>th</sup> perek Merubah. Wednesday evenings, 7:30 PM on **Zoom D**.

**Connection Details:** Go to <https://zoom.us/join/> and enter the meeting ID, or call 301-715-8592 and enter the meeting ID & password:

Zoom A: ID: 416 963 9000, password 492019

Zoom B: ID: 970 1398 4837, password 613

Zoom C: ID: 833 3477 1595, password RabbiHyatt

Zoom D: ID: 539 496 3506, password ygwarz

## Happy Birthday! Happy Anniversary!

Looking for a way to celebrate someone's upcoming birthday or anniversary? For an \$18 donation, you can include the name (birthday) or names (anniversary) in this section of the Shabbos Shorts. Please send the following information to [office@vise.org](mailto:office@vise.org): Sponsor name, birthday or anniversary date, name (birthday) or names (anniversary). The birthday or anniversary will be listed in the Shabbos Shorts based on the date of the event.

## Community Programs & Listings

**The Capital Closet** (formerly The Clothing Exchange) will be open to this community this Sunday, July 31, from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Come peruse our beautiful, curated selection of clothing for men, women and children, as well as Torah School uniforms! Our address is 1910 University Blvd. West in Silver Spring. We're in the brick house at the back of the parking lot. There is no charge for items in The Capital Closet, but donations to Yad Yehuda are always appreciated. We are unable to accept clothing donations except Torah School uniforms in pristine condition at this time. For more info., contact: [ncarmel@vadyehuda.org](mailto:ncarmel@vadyehuda.org)

**Capital Kosher Pantry Nine Days Food Drive** - Suggested foods include canned tuna and salmon, Wacky Mac, pizza sauce, canned mushrooms, canned olives, marinara sauce, falafel mix, shelf-stable tehina and salsa. All foods should be factory sealed, well within the use-by date, and certified kosher. Drop off at Shalom Kosher, Moti's Market, KMS, YISE and drop off or ship to Capital Kosher Pantry, 1910 University Blvd. West, Silver Spring, MD 20902.

**The Yasom in Your Classroom** - All educators, school administrators & guidance counselors, community Chesed organizations, Rabbonim & Rebbetzins, and mental health professionals are invited to attend this unique professional development opportunity. Rabbi Nosson Muller, Menahel of Yeshivas Tiferes Tzvi in Chicago, will present this free program on Wednesday, August 3, 4:45 PM at Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah, 18320 Georgia Avenue, Olney, MD, as part of the Yarchei Kallah program for Mechanchim and Mechanchos. Questions? Contact Rabbi Shields at [shieldsmoshe@gmail.com](mailto:shieldsmoshe@gmail.com)

**Kemp Mill Toastmasters** - Wednesday, August 3, 8:00 PM - 9:15 PM. See what Toastmasters is all about and find out how you can become a more confident communicator. Contact Manasseh Katz at [president@kempmilltoastmasters.com](mailto:president@kempmilltoastmasters.com) for more info. Zoom meeting ID: 986 546 841, password: 3671

**Men's Night Swim @ Parkland Pool** - Monday evenings, 9:15 PM - 10:05 PM. August 8, 15, 22, 29 and September 5. \$10/swimmer, \$7 if 2 or more in a group.

**Ashkenazi Jewish Genetic Diseases, Screening and Testing** - A Sanofi Educational Program presented by Bikur Cholim of Greater Washington on Wednesday, August 17, 8:30 PM, free on Zoom. RSVP to [education@bikurcholimgw.org](mailto:education@bikurcholimgw.org) to receive the Zoom link.

**Alshich on the Parsha with Rabbi Levy** - Shabbat afternoon between Mincha and Maariv in the Franco Beit Midrash.

**Zoom Shiurim with Rabbi Levy** - Monday through Friday on Zoom, Meeting ID: 636 563 5989. Alshich - 9:20 AM - 10:15 AM. Gemara Ribit 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM. Hilchot Lashon Hara 12:45 PM - 1:45 PM.

**Mechanech.com** is a tutoring platform based in Boca Raton Synagogue, matching tutors and parents of students in Jewish communities across the US and Canada. They provide tutors in both Judaic and English subjects. For more info. email [yonatan@mechanech.com](mailto:yonatan@mechanech.com) or call 347-210-6584.

**MitzvahCycle/MitzvahRun 2022** - Join Bikur Cholim of Greater Washington on Sunday, September 11, to bike, run or walk to support patients and their loved ones in our community. Fun, food and family-friendly activities. Register at [www.mitzvahcycle.org](http://www.mitzvahcycle.org) Email [asiegel@bikurcholimgw.org](mailto:asiegel@bikurcholimgw.org) for more info.

**YGW Kollel Zichron Amram Machshava** - Probing Jewish Thought Through the Works of Rav Yitzchak Hutner, ZT"l, with Rabbi Eliyahu Reingold, Rosh Kollel, Sundays at 8:00 PM on Zoom, Meeting ID: 825 0731 6850, Passcode: 1216613. For more information, contact Rabbi Moshe Chaim Blate at 404-273-3392.

**Dirshu** - Please join Dirshu, which began Bava Metzia on December 20. Shiur options at YGW: Monday - Friday, 5:45 AM (R. Reingold) or Monday - Thursday, 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM (R. Cortell/R. Werner). About 2.5 Daf covered each week.

**TGN Program: Siddur Class - In-Depth Analysis of the Siddur** with Mrs. Esther Dziadek, Wednesday mornings, 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM, on Zoom B. For more information call 301-732-1773 or email [director@goldennetwork.org](mailto:director@goldennetwork.org)

**Help our Senior Neighbors** - What if you had to give up your car keys and depend on someone else to get you where you needed to go? This is happening to more and more of our senior neighbors. Consider volunteering with the Senior Connection to drive seniors to medical appointments, shopping, etc. Training and liability coverage are provided, and you can set your own volunteering schedule. COVID-19 precautions are followed for the health of drivers and riders. Contact [volunteer@seniorconnectionmc.org](mailto:volunteer@seniorconnectionmc.org), call 301-962-0820 or visit [www.seniorconnectionmc.org](http://www.seniorconnectionmc.org) for more info.

**Newly married? Growing family? Just need a budget check-up?** IZUN is a community resource that provides free and confidential coaching to help you examine your budget and achieve financial stability. Go to <https://getizun.org> or email us at [barbara@getizun.org](mailto:barbara@getizun.org)

**Daf Yomi Shiur** currently meets online weekdays via a WebEx video conference. There is still room for a few more participants. Anyone interested may email Judd Lifschitz at [lifschitz@srlslaw.com](mailto:lifschitz@srlslaw.com) to be added to the invite list. Sunday 8:30 AM, Monday - Thursday 9:00 PM. Shabbos in-person 1-1/2 hours before the main YISE Mincha, at the Yeshiva.

**Daily Halacha Program from Rabbi Eliyahu Reingold** - Receive one every day in your inbox. Visit [dvarhalacha.com](http://dvarhalacha.com) and click "Sign Up."

**Silver Spring Gemachim** - For a complete list: [www.gemachexchange.com](http://www.gemachexchange.com)

The Week Ahead		Sunday July 31	Monday August 1	Tuesday August 2	Wednesday August 3	Thursday August 4	Friday August 5
Shacharis	Ashkenazi (S, B, B)	6:30, 7:30, 8:45	6:15, 6:45, 8:45	6:15, 6:55, 8:45	6:15, 6:55, 8:45	6:15, 6:45, 8:45	6:15, 6:55, 8:45
	Sephardi (LBM)	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30	7:30
Mincha / Maariv	Ashkenazi (B)	8:05	8:05	8:05	8:05	8:05	See Shabbos schedule
	Sephardi (LBM)	7:55	7:55	7:55	7:55	7:55	
<b>Halachic Times:</b> Latest Alos Hashachar 4:42 AM, Earliest Talis and Tefilin: 5:15 AM, Latest Netz: 6:14 AM, Latest Krias Shema: 9:41 AM, Earliest Mincha: 1:50 PM, Earliest Shkia: 8:14 PM, Latest Tzeis Hacoachavim 9:06 PM							

### Next Shabbos

August 5 - 6, 2022 - 9 Av 5782

Parshas Devarim/Shabbos Chazon

#### Friday Night:

- Light Candles by 7:57, but not before 6:47
- Mincha: 6:30 (Plag, S), 7:00 (B), 8:00 (B), 7:00 (Sephardi, LBM)

#### Shabbos Day:

- Shacharis: 7:00 (B), 8:45 (B), 9:15 (S), 8:00 (Sephardi, LBM)
- Mincha: 2:30 (B), 5:00 (B), 6:00 (B), 6:00 (Sephardi, LBM)
- Shabbos ends: 8:58

Next Shabbos Shorts Deadline: Wednesday, August 3 at 12 Noon

Submit items for the Shabbos Shorts to: [announce@vise.org](mailto:announce@vise.org)

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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM,

Friday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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# A Quick Thought on the Parsha from Rabbi Rosenbaum

Matos/Masei 5782:

## Holy Sparks

The following is kindly transcribed by a congregant from the video at

<https://wp.yise.org/shabbos>

The Torah introduces a very interesting prohibition at the beginning of this week's Parsha which is לא יחל דברו, that when a person makes a vow, there is a Torah prohibition against them violating that vow, against their following through against what they have committed to do or not to do. And when you think about it, it's very interesting. The Torah gives us so many commandments, so many instructions, if a person happens to make a vow there doesn't seem to be any fundamental sanctity with the fact that the person made this vow. If it was really important, G-d would have instructed us to do it. This is a person's own idea of what they should or shouldn't do. Why is it so important in Hashem's eyes that we must follow through on it? Why?

Of course, one can give various answers. Rav Dessler has a very interesting essay in which he explains that when a person makes a vow, that means that they're so moved, they're so inspired, that they want to do something to capture that inspiration. I'm so inspired by such and such an idea that I vow to do this or not to do that. And Rav Dessler explains that that spark within a person is so unique and so extraordinary and what a חבל, what a tragedy it would be, if a person was so moved to make a vow and then let that spark die away and didn't follow through on the vow, and didn't fulfill the vow. And because inspiration within is so essential, Hashem makes it a Torah prohibition to not follow through on one's vow.

It's remarkable to reflect on that message, that power of the human spark, the human feeling, the human inspiration. And I think it's very, very worthwhile to reflect on as we begin the nine days. We've had about a week or so, we'll have another week or so of focusing on our mourning for the destruction of the Beis HaMikdash. And we get it. We understand that the Beis HaMikdash is really important and we Jews are missing something terrible by not having the Beis HaMikdash and so, if we want to connect to our nationality, if we want to connect to who we are as a people we need to mourn the loss of the Beis HaMikdash. That intellectually makes sense to us but we have a very, very difficult time relating to it. And maybe we should reflect on this idea, that one of the goals of the three weeks and the nine days and Tisha B'Av itself is somehow, someway to spark inside of us a feeling of longing for Hashem.

I don't know what the Beis HaMikdash was. I don't know what it was like to have a Beis HaMikdash, but I do know that when there was a Beis HaMikdash if a person went to the Beis HaMikdash they had a stronger feeling of connection to G-d than they would have without a Beis HaMikdash. Which means that because there's not a Beis HaMikdash I'm not as connected to G-d as I could be. My life is not as spiritual as I can be. Our nation's existence is not as spiritual as it could be. Let a person connect in some way to that emotion. Let a person have a spark of longing. Yes, I want to have a Beis HaMikdash, but the reason that I want a Beis HaMikdash is I want my life to be more meaningful, I want my life to be more spiritual. In addition to checking the box of mourning the destruction of the Beis HaMikdash, if we can connect even for a fleeting moment in that way, we have created a spark within ourselves, and maybe just maybe, we discourage vows, but maybe just maybe when we create that spark within ourselves we can lift from that and grow from that and indeed become closer to Hashem. And if we do become closer to Hashem, as individuals and as a people, that in its own right should act as a tremendous merit that the Beis HaMikdash should be rebuilt speedily in our days.

Have a good Shabbos!

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**WHEN:** SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022 FROM 11AM – 1PM

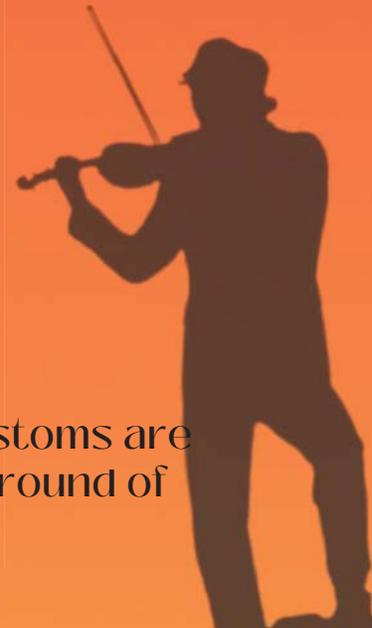
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Meeting ID 416 963 9000  
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9:00pm

Monday  
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**The Method to the Minhag: How a Custom Is Created and When Does It Become Binding?**

Rabbi Postelnek

Sunday  
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July

**Behind the Minhag: Pinky Pointing, Three Rules of Lecha Dodi, 9 Days' Travel Ban, and More!**

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Sunday  
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**Closer to Home: Some Minhagim Unique to Our Shul**

Rabbi Rosenbaum

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Topic: **Tzedakah**



*The first 45 minutes are for Shailos submitted in advance and the last 15 are for Q & A.*

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| ▪ How am I supposed to decide where my donations should go?                                |

*Send in your questions about Tzedakah to:*

*[AskTheRabbi@yise.org](mailto:AskTheRabbi@yise.org) by Sunday, July 31.*

**When:** Tuesday, August 2, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Where:** Zoom – Meeting ID: 416-963-9000, Passcode: 492019

*For more information and to submit questions by phone or anonymously, contact:*

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**4:00 PM**

July 9

July 23

August 13

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**Sunday, July 24 at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Seeing the Hand of Hashem in Daily Life**

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**Sunday, August 21 at 10:30 a.m.**  
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