



Shabbos Parshat Yitro Announcements
February 5-6 Shevat 22 5770

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Snow
 High: 28°
 Max. Humidity: 50%
 Chance of Precipitation: 80%

Kiddush and Seudah Shelishit are sponsored by Elliot and Sandye Rudnitzky in memory of Elliot's uncle Salo Kukurutz

Shabbos Schedule

Mincha	5:10pm
Candlelighting	5:02pm
Talmud Class	8:00am
Shacharit	9:00am
Sof Z'man Kriat Shema	9:37am
Mincha	4:50pm
Seudah Shelishit	Following Mincha
Maariv	5:55pm
Shabbat Ends	6:06pm

Davening and Leining

Kabbalat Shabbat	TBD
Shacharit	Azi Grysmintz
Torah Reading	Josh Weiss
Mussaf	TBD

Torah Reading in Artscroll Chumash

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Daily Davening Times

<i>Shacharit</i>	
Sunday	8:00am
Mon., & Thurs.	6:30am
Tues., Wed., & Fri.	6:45am
<i>Mincha Maariv</i>	
Sunday Mincha/Maariv	5:10pm
Daily Mincha at the Yeshiva	1:30pm
Mon. – Thurs. Maariv Only	8:00pm
Daily Maariv at the Yeshiva	9:30pm
Next Friday Mincha	5:15pm
Candle Lighting	5:10pm

SHUL NEWS AND EVENTS:



Adult Education Breakfast

This Sunday, February 7th, 10:00am, featuring guest speaker Shmuly Yanklowitz, on the topic: *The Ethics of Kashrut: Activism for the Orthodox Community in the 21st Century*. In the event of snow, please call Jane Freeman Saturday night to check on the status of the breakfast



Tomer Devorah Mikvah Melavah Malkah

This Saturday Night, February 6th, at JEC. The cost is \$36 per person.



Advanced Gemara Shiur

There will be no shiurim for the next two weeks . The shiur will resume Sunday, February 21st, at 8:15pm.



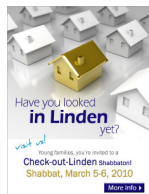
YU Yismichu Group Returns

YU Yismichu (run by YU's The Center for Jewish future) returns for shabbos February 20th to enhance our Shabbos experience with davening, singing, and Divrei Torah.



Saturday Night Purim Desert Reception

Following Megillah reading there will be a family friendly desert reception. There will be no Purim Seudah this year.



Prospective Family Shabbaton

On March 5-6, Anshe Chesed will host a prospective family shabbaton. There will be a communal lunch at shul as well as a fabulous Saturday night social event. See anshechesed.org for details or speak to Rebecca Goldberg.



Guest Lecturer Aryeh Green

Thursday, March 11th, 7:30 pm, come hear guest lecturer Aryeh Green, Director of Media Central and former senior advisor to Natan Sharansky, on the topic *Israel and the Media: The other war*. This event is co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Central NJ.

Youth Group Schedule

AGE	LOCATION	TIME
6 mos– 3 yrs	Playroom	9:45-11:45am
3-5 yrs	Library	9:45-11:45am
6-9 yrs	Library	9:45-11:45am

Detailing your Prayer by Cantor Shimon Vogel

The climax of today's parsha is the Aseret Hadibrot the Ten Commandments. Being that these are the foundational outline of all the laws in the Torah it would stand to reason that they would have become a part of our daily tefilla.

The Shulchan Aruch and others, notably R. Yaakov the son of the RO"SH and the author of the halachik work Arba'a Turim write that it is a good practice to read the biblical portions of the Akeida-the binding of Isaac, the manna-God's granting bread from heaven, and the Ten Commandments daily. Yet this is not standard practice.

The Ten Commandments were part of the daily service in the period of the second Bet HaMikdash. The Mishna in Tractate Tamid chapter 5:1, tells us that that the kohen who was leading the service directed the kohanim and others present in the Bet HaMikdash for the daily morning sacrifice to recite one bracha which was Ahava Rabba the bracha that precedes Sh'ma. Then they read the Aseret Hadibrot-the Ten Commandments, All three portions of the Sh'ma, the bracha of Geula-redemption that follows Sh'ma, and the bracha that we know as Avoda-Service from our Shemoneh Esrei.

Why didn't the reading of the Ten Commandments continue? Both the Jerusalem and Babylonian Talmuds tell us that the practice was discontinued because of apostates and heretics (possibly including early Christians) who did or would claim that only the Ten Commandments were divinely given and the rest of the Torah was a creation of human beings.

Attempts were made during the Middle Ages to restore the public reading of the Ten Commandments to the tefilla, but were rejected by the rabbis citing the Talmud. Some modern sources point out that the issue of heretics still exists in the form of those who today make similar claims regarding the validity of 'Torah min Hashamayim.' What R. Jacob ben Asher advises us to do then, is recite the three Biblical selections, the Akeida, portion of the Manna, and the Aseret Hadibrot consecutively, privately, early in Shacharit, before Baruch Sheamar. In reality the Akeida has become a fixture of our daily tefilla recited right after the morning brachot, and the Ten Commandments and the portion of the Manna are included as optional prayers that one can say privately after the conclusion of Shacharit.

Parsha Outline

1. Yitro (Moshe's father-in-law) comes from Midian to visit Moshe in the desert and brings Moshe's wife Zipporah and two sons Gershom and Eliezer.
2. Yitro advises Moshe on establishing a hierarchical court system, which upon God's approval is implemented. For this Yitro merited a parsha in his name.
3. Bnei Yisrael arrive at Mt. Sinai on the first of Sivan.
4. Moshe ascends and descends the mountain receiving instructions from God on preparing for the giving of the Torah.
5. The three days of preparation.
6. God appears in fire and smoke on Mt. Sinai and speaks aloud the Ten Commandments.
7. A repeat of the prohibition against idolatry, and rules for building an altar of earth and of stone.

Haftorah Note

The divine presence appeared to all of Bnei Yisrael at Mt. Sinai. The divine presence appeared to Yeshayahu in the Temple when he was elected by God to serve as a navi-prophet. Other neviim including Moshe, Gideon, Shmuel, and Yechezkel, had similar experiences. Yeshayahu's is especially vivid and appropriate to our parsha. The message God wants Yeshayahu to deliver is that the nation in his time were not fulfilling their charge from today's parsha to be a "kingdom of Kohanim and a holy nation."

Please sponsor a future Kiddush/Seudah Shelishit. For available dates, please call the shul office.

Birthdays This Week

Linda Pakulski (Feb 3rd)
Minette Raiffe (Feb 4th)

Maor Baer (Feb 7th)
Leonard Neuringer (Feb 10)
Michael Solomon (Feb 12)

Refuah Shleimah

To Dora More
To Ruth Gutkin

To Ceil Brauner
To Murray Kaplan

Please call the shul office if you know anyone who is ill or recovering.

Yahrzeits this week

Jacob Grossman (Feb 6)	Benjamin Barry (Feb 11)
Lillian Silbert (Feb 6)	Sarah Levy (Feb 11)
Sheldon Shumsky (Feb 8)	Rose Weitzman (Feb 11)
Dorothy Koenig (Feb 9)	Abe Cooperstein (Feb 12)
Frieda Shevitz (Feb 9)	Yehudis Furst (Feb 12)
Morris Farber (Feb 10)	Rose Gordon (Feb 12)
William Hodes (Feb 10)	Lottie Steiger (Feb 12)

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