



**Kiddush** is sponsored by Leonard & Bobbie Neuringer in honor of the 49th anniversary of Leonard's bar mitzvah, and by Rabbi Hess, Josh Weiss, Dovid Helfgott, and Evan Leibowitz in honor of the birthdays of Naava Hess, MJ and Eliana Weiss, Leah Helfgott, and Janet Leibowitz.

**Seudah Shelishit** is not sponsored

### Shabbat Schedule

<b>Candle lighting</b>	5:16pm
<b>Kabbalat Shabbat</b>	5:20pm
<b>Talmud Shiur</b>	8:00am
<b>Shacharit</b>	9:00am
<b>Sof Z'man Kriat Shema</b>	9:29am
<b>Mincha</b>	5:05pm
<b>Seudah Shelishit</b>	Following Mincha
<b>Maariv</b>	6:10pm
<b>Shabbat Ends</b>	6:20pm

### Torah Reading in Artscroll Chumash

Parsha: Mishpatim	Pg 416
Maftir: Shekalim	Pg 484
Haftorah: Shekalim	Pg 1212
Leining:	Richard Mayer

### Youth Group Schedule

	9:00-9:45am	9:45-10:15am	10:15-end of shul
6 mos-crawling	---	Playroom	Playroom
Walkers-3yrs	Partition	Playroom	Playroom
4-5yrs	Partition	Chapel for Davening and parsha	Partition
6yrs+	Partition	Partition	Chapel for Davening and parsha

### Daily Davening Times

*Shacharit*

**Sun., & Mon. 8:00am**

Tues., Wed., & Fri. 6:45am

Thurs. 6:30am

**Sun., & Mon. Mincha/Maariv 5:20pm**

*Maariv*

Tues.- Thurs. 8:00pm

### SHUL NEWS AND EVENTS



#### **Seudah Shelishit**

Topic: Tommy Jordan's Viral YouTube video: Facebook Parenting for the troubled teen.



#### **Board of Directors Meeting**

Monday, February 20th, at 7:00pm.



#### **Parsha and Pizza**

This Wednesday night, February 22nd at 8:15pm, join Rabbi Hess for a class which will analyze, explore, and highlight ideas found in parshat Terumah.



#### **"The Jewish Afterlife and Getting There Gently" at TBEMC**

Next Sunday, February 26th, at 9:00am, Anshe Chesed, in conjunction with TBEMC and the Martin & Edith Stein Hospice, will present the first of 3 classes discussing end of life care for our loved ones. RSVP to TBEMC at 908-276-9231.



#### **Mishloach Manot- Purim Baskets**

Our Mishloach Manot campaign for 2012 is underway. Please mail in your forms and payment by March 4th.



#### **Bowling and Dinner Social**

On Sunday, March 11th, at 4:00pm join Anshe Chesed for bowling at Jersey Lanes followed by Pizza at the shul. This event is free of charge. Space is limited. RSVP to the shul office by Friday, March 2nd.



#### **Jewish Family Service Job Seeker Program**

The Networking event for the Job seeker program sponsored by JFS will take place on Monday, March 12th, from 7:00pm-9:00pm at the JCC in Scotch Plains. To register for this event please email SheriB@jfscentralnj.org.



**Save the Date: Scholar in Residence Luncheon with Rabbi Yoscher Katz, Shabbos, April 28th.**

### Birthdays This Week

Leah Helfgott (2/19)  
MJ Weiss (2/20)  
Naava Hess (2/20)  
Janet Leibowitz (2/20)

### Refuah Shleimah

To Dottie Isler, Frieda Bien, Barbara Ruth Zeidman, and Claire Rinsky.  
*Please call the shul office if you know anyone who is ill or recovering from an illness.*

### Upcoming Kiddush & SS Sponsorship Opportunities

February 25th: Seudah Shelishit  
March 3rd: Seudah Shelishit  
March 10th: Seudah Shelishit

## Parsha Outline and Haftorah Note: by Cantor Vogel

### Parsha Outline

There are 53 mitzvot in this week's parsha, 23 positive and 30 negative.

1. Mitzvot between man and man: laws regarding Jewish slaves/servants male and female, laws regarding murder and murderers, injuries and compensation, damages caused by animals and property, laws regarding theft and thieves, watchmen, seducing women, respect for national leaders, courts judges and justice, and concern for widows and orphans.
2. A short summary of the laws regarding the holy days of the year.
3. Continuation of the description of the events at Mt. Sinai, concluding with Moshe ascending the mountain where he will remain for forty days and forty nights.

Maftir: Shekalim. The law of collecting one half shekel from each army service eligible male.

### Haftorah Note

The Haftorah for Parshat Shekalim relates an event during the reign of King Yehoash of Judah who was a righteous king, and following the dictates of the Torah as commanded in Parshat Shekalim instituted a collection of half shekels for **bedek habit**, repair and refurbishing the Bet Hamikdash in Jerusalem.

## Correct Interpretations: by Rabbi Berel Wein courtesy of Torah.org

A viable legal system is of necessity composed of two parts. One is the law itself, the rules that govern society and are enforced by the proper designated legal authorities. The other part of the legal system is the moral, transcendental value system that governs human and societal behavior generally. If the legalities and rules are the body - the corpus of the legal system, then the value system and moral imperatives that accompany those rules are the soul and spirit of that legal system.

In a general sense, we can say that the Written Law represents the body of the legal system while the accompanying Oral Law represents the soul and spirit of Jewish jurisprudence and Jewish societal life and its mores and behavior. The Written Law is interpreted and tempered by the Oral Law that accompanies it, and both of these systems are Divine in origin.

And, it is perfectly understandable how, for instance, "an eye for an eye" in Jewish law means the monetary value of the injury must be paid to the victim of that injury but not that the perpetrator's eye should also be put out as punishment for his behavior.

In the Talmud we have many examples of the overriding moral influence of the Oral Law when applied to the seemingly strict literal words of the Written Law. The rabbis of the Talmud taught us that there is even a third layer to Jewish law that governs those that wish to be considered righteous in the eyes of man and God and that is the concept of going beyond what the law - even the Oral Law - requires of us.

So, when studying this week's parsha of laws, rules and commandments we must always bear in mind the whole picture of Jewish jurisprudence in its many layers and not be blinded by adopting a purely literal stance on the subject matter being discussed by the Torah in the parsha.

Throughout the ages, the process of halachic decision-making has been subject to this ability to see the forest and not just the trees, to deal with the actual people involved and not only with the books and precedents available concerning the issue at hand. Every issue is thus debated, argued over, buttressed and sometimes refuted by opposing or supporting sources. Independence of thought and creativity of solutions are the hallmarks of the history of rabbinic responsa on all halachic issues.

There are issues that are seemingly decided on the preponderance of soul and spirit over the pure letter of the law. There is the famous responsa of the great Rabbi Chaim Rabinowitz of Volozhin who allowed a woman, whose husband had disappeared, to remarry though the proof of her husband's death was not literally conclusive. He stated there that he made "an arrangement with my God" that permitted her to remarry.

This is but one example of many similar instances strewn throughout rabbinic responsa of the necessary components of spirit and soul that combine with literal precedents that always exist in order to arrive at correct interpretations of the holy and Divine books of law that govern Jewish life.

### Yahrzeits This Week

Dorothy Koenig 2/18	Isaac Leiman 2/22
Sarah Steinberg Lewis 2/18	Mary Roth 2/22
Frieda Shevitz 2/18	Max Grubstein 2/23
Morris Farber 2/19	Anna Isaacs 2/23
William Hodes 2/19	Harry A. Levine 2/23
Benjamin Barry 2/20	Dora More 2/23
Sarah Levy 2/20	Louis Okun 2/23
Rose Weitzman 2/20	Louis Warshaw 2/23
Abe Cooperstein 2/21	Max Warshaw 2/23
Anita Dalia 2/21	Muriel Fuerst 2/24
Yehudis Furst 2/21	Hyman Raiffe 2/24
Rose Gordon 2/21	Jacob Schlesinger 2/24
Lottie Steiger 2/21	



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