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#### Zmaanim

הדלקת נרות	4:54pm
מנחה עש"ק	5:02pm
שקיעה	5:12pm
נביא שיעור	8:30am
שחרית	9:00am
סוף זמן ק"ש	9:01 / 9:37a
דף יומי	4:00pm
מנחה	4:49pm
שקיעה	5:14pm
מעריב	6:04pm
Learning Program	6:45pm
Sunday מנחה	5:00pm

All times subject to change

#### Parsha Stats for משפטים

Number Of Pesukim:	118
Number Of Words:	1462
Number Of Letters:	5313
מצוות עשה:	23
מצוות לא תעשה:	30

Dear Friends,

When this newsletter began 15 issues ago, the stated goal was to deliver a publication that offers you, the Mispallelim of the Shul & the Talmidim and Alumni of the Yeshiva a chance to appreciate additional דברי תורה, דברי הלכה, practical, interesting historical facts & stories, Mazel Tov announcements, community news and more. I think we can safely say that for many of us the newsletter has now become a regular part of our Shabbos each week, either in Shul or at the Shabbos table.

Although it may not necessarily appear so, there is a considerable amount of work that goes into the newsletter each week and it is often a difficult task to complete with just one person working on the entire project. While there have been a few weeks where Divrei Torah were contributed by one or two Mispallelim (which were most helpful) unfortunately, recent requests for contributions have not proven to be fruitful.

Regrettably, the only way we can all continue to enjoy the newsletter each week is if we have a small measure of help and cooperation from each of you. Obviously you can't all help every single week (and you probably wouldn't want to either) so I am proposing that we begin a system where each person will be asked to assist with the newsletter only once each year - on the week of your Bar Mitzvah Parsha.

In other words if your Bar Mitzvah Parsha is coming up in a few weeks, you can help by starting to look for a Vort on the Parsha, or maybe put together something on the Daf Yomi being learnt during that week, or some discussion of Halachah or maybe something about an upcoming Yom Tov.

This way everyone has advanced notice on when to begin gathering some material. You can also rest assured that you won't be approached again for an entire year.

I think that's a reasonable contribution to ask of you and it will help ensure that there is someone assisting, in some manner, nearly each week. Please let me know if you can commit to this, or if you possibly have a different or better solution for including everybody in this shul effort.

Sincerely, Hillel Rokowsky

#### (ADULT) CHALLENGE QUESTION

How is it possible for a person to receive a punishment of Malkos for bringing the Korban Pesach?

The situation to consider is as follows:

- 1) the Korban Pesach was Shechted at the correct time
- 2) the Korban Pesach was Shechted in the proper place
- 3) the Korban Pesach was Shechted in the correct way.

#### KID'S KORNER

**Kid's Challenge Question # 1**  
**For someone who steals, what is the difference between making him pay כסף and making him pay חטאת? When would he pay each fine?**



**Kid's Challenge Question # 2**  
**What are the 4 methods that בית דין can use to kill someone?**



**Kid's Challenge Question # 3**  
**What are the 4 types of damage that a person can do and what are the 5 types of payment a person may have to pay?**

*An Announcement from Gedolei Yisroel in Eretz Yisroel, shlit"a*

**TO OUR FELLOW JEWS LIVING IN ERETZ YISROEL  
AND TO JEWISH COMMUNITIES EVERYWHERE**

The difficult situation of the Jewish community in Eretz Yisroel fills us with trepidation. No one knows what the new day will bring. In our sins, we see the fulfillment of the *posuk* "Behold Your enemies are in uproar and those who hate You have raised their head. Against Your nation they deviously plot, and take counsel against those whom You protect." Our eyes are lifted in prayer to the Creator, that all of the goings-on in the world turn for the good.

From both within and without the crisis mounts. The danger threatens both body and soul. During these days, items are on agendas that could place entire populations of Jews into grave danger, G-d forbid - including those in the Holy City of Yerushalayim. Further, there are constant attempts to undermine the foundations of pure *chinuch* in Eretz Yisroel and to cause harm to the holiness of Klal Yisroel. Therefore it is incumbent on us to fortify ourselves with Torah, *tefilla* and good deeds, to awaken the mercy of Heaven.

Dear brethren, awaken and inspire yourselves to pour out prayer before the Creator of the world, that He have pity and protect His nation from all who stand up against us, that He abolish the intentions of those who hate us and nullify the plottings of our enemies, and that the eyes of the misguided be opened to the realization that their path is foolishness and they should leave Hashem's nation to guard its path and faith, without hindrance or interference.

**We therefore call on members of Hashem's holy nation in all the places they reside, men, women and children, to gather in tefilla on Tuesday, Erev Rosh Chodesh Adar Rishon, 5768, to recite chapters of Tehillim and the order of Yom Kippur Koton.**

May Hashem hear our pleas, and turn His face to us so that we may be saved with a permanent salvation soon. And let us merit to see, quickly, the redemption of Yisroel, and gaze upon the building of the Beis HaMikdosh, quickly in our days, *omein*.

**Moetzes Gedolei HaTorah**

Agudas Yisroel

23 Shevat, 5768

Degel HaTorah

*A Statement from the Moetzes Gedolei HaTorah of America*

We hereby join in the statement of the Gedolei HaTorah in Eretz Yisroel and call on our fellow Jews here in this country to gather and be unified in **public tefilla on Tuesday, Erev Rosh Chodesh Adar Rishon, Yom Kippur Koton**, to pour out prayer to Heaven over the situation in Eretz Yisroel. May HaKodosh Boruch Hu accept our *tefillos* in mercy and hurry our redemption and ultimate salvation.

Moetzes Gedolei HaTorah of America

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## Yahrzeits that fall during this week

Friday, February 1st - 25th Shvat

Reb Yisroel Lipkin Salanter

Reb Mordechai Pogramansky, the "Iluy" (Genius) from Telz

Reb Shabsai, father of Reb Yisroel of Koshnitz (1761)

Shabbos February 2nd - 26th Shvat

Reb Dovid Halevi Segal, author of Turei Zahav (the Taz) (1586-1667), son-in-law of the Bach. Unofficial Rabbi of Posen 1619--1640. Headed a famous Yeshiva at Ostro from 1643, escaped the Cossacks 1648-49 and went to Lublin and then Moravia. Settled in Lemberg. Reb Dovid lost two sons to violent deaths in Spring of 1664. Sent his sons Yeshaya and son-in-law Aryeh Leib (who later became the Shaagas Aryeh) to investigate Shabsai Tzvi. He also wrote Divrei Dovid on Rashi al HaTorah.

Reb Yaakov Landau, Rov in Bnei Brak, famous for his reliable Kashrus Hashgocha.

Sunday February 3rd - 27th Shvat

Reb Mordechai Shulman, Rosh yeshiva of Slabodka

Reb Alexander Sender, author of Tevuos Shor

Monday February 4<sup>th</sup> - 28th Shvat

Reb Mordechai Goldman, Zevihi Rebbe

Reb Menachem Nachum Twersky, the Rachmistrivka Rebbe (1840-1937); son of Reb Yochanon; grandson of Reb Menachem Nachum, author of Meor Einayim

Reb Shalom Zelig Steinmetz, elder Viznitz Chosid

Tuesday February 5<sup>th</sup> - 29th Shvat

Reb Yitzchak Yerucham Diskin, founder of Diskin Orphanage, son of Reb Yehoshua Leib Diskin

Reb Nosson Tzvi Finkel, the Alter of Slabodka (1849-1927)

Reb Chananya Yom Tov Lipa Teitelbaum, author of Kedushas Yom Tov (1815-1872)

HaRav Yechezkel Sarna

## הלכות תפילה

## שלחן ערוך &amp; משנה ברורה סימן ק"יא

233. The Pasuk of "Hashem Sefasai Tiftach..." was added to Shemoneh Esrei by Chazal because it indicates (as intended by Dovid Hamelech in Tehillim 51) that even one who may have sinned "B'meid", for whom even Korbanos do not atone, may nevertheless accomplish atonement through sincere Tefillah. (Bais Yosef)

234. If one forgot to say "Hashem Sefasai Tiftach..." and began the first Bracha of Shemoneh Esrei, he is Yotze, and need not go back or repeat Shemoneh Esrei.

235. If one forgot to say "Ki Shem Hashem Ekrah..." at the beginning of Shemoneh Esrei of Mincha or Mussaf, and one has already begun "Hashem Sefasai Tiftach...", one does not go back to say it. Note that many Nuschaos do not add "Ki Shem Hashem Ekrah" at all. (Piskei Tshuvos)

236. It is preferable that any preparations one needs to make before Shemoneh Esrei (ie. focusing one's attention, and Kavannah for the Tefillah), should be made during "Shira Chadasha", or at the latest, during "Tzur Yisroel", but not after "Go'al Yisroel". (Piskei Tshuvos)

237. If one has completed Go'al Yisroel, but has not yet begun Shemoneh Esrei and realizes that the Tzibbur is saying Kaddish, Kedusha, Barchu, or Mod'im, he should listen silently, but may not answer. (Piskei Tshuvos & Pri Megadim)

238. If the Chazzan said the Bracha of Go'al Yisroel out loud, and one did not complete his own Bracha together with the Chazzan, then one may answer Amein to the Chazzan's Bracha.

Halachos by e-mail each day, please send an email request to [dailyhalacha@aol.com](mailto:dailyhalacha@aol.com)

## Community News and Events

The remaining weeks of the Father and Son מוצאי שבת learning program are sponsored by

### Yumi & Chedva Gross

Join us this מוצאי שבת at 6:45pm for learning, prizes and pizza!

Members of the shul and friends from the neighborhood are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Melava Malkah for the Avos U'Banim Learning Program will I"YH take place on מוצאי שבת Rosh Chodesh Adar Sheini (March 8th).

### Yumi & Chedva Gross

have also graciously agreed to sponsor the Melava Malkah. Thank You!

Mazel Tov to *Mr. and Mrs. Yehuda Silber* upon the birth of a baby boy.

Mazel Tov to *Yumi & Chedva Gross* upon the birth of a baby girl, Aliza.

Yumi & Chedva invite everyone to a Gala Kiddush on Shabbos, Parshas Tetzaveh, February 16th at the Agudah of Avenue L - 2913 Avenue L

May the Gross and Silber families see much Nachas from their children.



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## Answers to פרשת יתרו challenge questions

Q1. Besides for Kiddush, which other Mitzvah is learnt from Perek ב' ח' Pasuk 'ח' where it says זכור את יום השבת לקדשו?

A1. According to many Rishonim, this Pasuk teaches us a חייוב דאורייתא to say Havdala as well. (see Rambam, Sefer Hamitzvos, Asei #155)

Q2. Where could stairs be found in the משכן?

A2. There was a stepladder with three steps in front of the Menorah so the Kohen Gadol would not have to raise his hands above the Tzitz while preparing or cleaning the Menorah.

Q3. Who was רעואל?

A3. There is a difference of opinion if רעואל was יתרו or his father.

## Kashrus Korner

### Publix Gummy Worms

Brand: Publix

Product: Gummy Worms

Company: Publix Super Markets, Inc. - Lakeland, FL

Issue: This product, sold in Publix Supermarkets erroneously bears an unauthorized OU symbol and is being withdrawn from the marketplace.

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