

So... What's Nu ? Mazel Tov!

Barmitzvah

Jarryd son of Gary and Joanne Toooh,
grandson of Simon and the Late Marilyn
Jedwood and David and Helene Toooh on
the occasion of his Barmitzvah

Births

Nicholas and Natalie Goldberg on the birth
of a daughter

Deon and Nikki Katzen on the birth of a
daughter and to grandparents Ronnie and
Doreen Katzen

Weddings

Michelle Kotton daughter of Rodney and
Isabel Mehl on the occasion of her
forthcoming marriage to Marc son of Edith
and the Late Basil Hummel

Taryn daughter of Steven and Beverly
Cantor, granddaughter of Felicia Galp on
the occasion of her forthcoming marriage
to David son of Linda Cohen and the Late
Benzion Eliezer

Got A Halachic Question?

Need a quick answer
Sms or WhatsApp Rabbi Shaw on
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A World of Inspiration

Rabbi Dr Levi Cooper will address the
community on Friday night and after the
Kiddush on Shabbat day.

Rabbi Cooper teaches Bible, Hasidut,
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Tel Aviv University

Rabbi Doron Podlashuk

Thursday @ 7.30pm
Venue: Upstairs Shul
Shiur on contemporary Halacha

Davening Times

Shacharit
Monday & Thursday – 06h00 & 06h40
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – 06h15
& 06h45
Sundays & Public Holidays – 07h00

Mincha – 18h15

Rosh Chodesh / Fast Day / Chol Hamoed

1st Minyan – Davening will commence
at 05h45 throughout the week
2nd Minyan – Davening will commence
at 06h30 throughout the week

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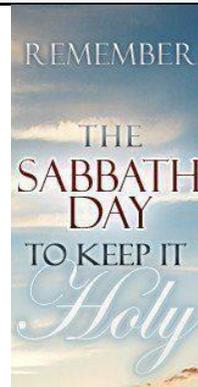
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Candle Lighting: 6.15pm
Parsha: Yitro
Mincha: 6.20pm
Havdalah: 7.36pm
Haftarah: Jarryd Toooh



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Parashat Yitro: A summary

1st Aliya: Yitro brings Moshe's wife and two sons to join him in the desert. In 18:10, Yitro proclaims his belief in Hashem (G-d) and identifies His manifest justice as the primary motive for his belief and conversion. **2nd & 3rd Aliyot:** Yitro observes Moshe's daily schedule as chief administrator, judge, and teacher. He advises his son-in-law to delegate some responsibilities to a hierarchy of worthy judges and administrators. This would allow Moshe to focus his attention on those issues that demand his specific attention. Moshe listens to Yitro's advice. **4th Aliya:** This begins the preparation for Revelation. It is the 1st day of Sivan, and the Bnai Yisrael have been in the desert for 43 days. Moshe is told by Hashem to explain to the nation that they are a "kingdom of priests..." **5th Aliya:** Moshe tells the nation of G-d's expectations and they respond, "all that Hashem will command we will do." Moshe is further instructed to tell the people to prepare themselves by immersing themselves and their clothing in a Mikveh, and to remain apart from their spouses for 3 days. Mt. Sinai is to be fenced off so that no person or animal could ascend the mountain until the shofar sounded the conclusion of Revelation. On the 3rd day, Revelation began with lightning, thunder, the sounding of a Shofar, and Mt. Sinai completely engulfed in clouds, smoke, and fire. Moshe led the nation to assemble at the foot of a trembling Mt. Sinai. **6th Aliya:** Hashem summoned Moshe to ascend the mountain and instructed him to re-emphasize the prohibition against anyone ascending the mountain during Revelation. Moshe descends and discharges G-d's wishes. With Moshe standing among the people at the foot of the mountain, Hashem spoke the Ten Commandments to the entire people. **7th Aliya:** This last Aliya describes the reaction of the nation to Revelation. In 20:19, the Pasuk factually states that the Bnai Yisrael (Jewish Nation) collectively heard G-d speak. It is among the most fundamentally important statements in the entire Torah. The Parsha concludes with the three commandments regarding the Mizbeach (Altar).

Dvar Torah by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin

The Torah states: "And Yitro, the priest of Midian, the father-in-law of Moshe, heard all that the Almighty did for Moshe and to Israel His people" (Exodus 18:1). Rashi cites the Talmud (Zevachim 116a): "What did Yitro hear to make him come to join the Jewish people? He heard about the miracle of the crossing of the Red Sea and the war with Amalek." What was so unique about what Yitro heard? Didn't all the other surrounding nations hear about this also? "The answer is," said Rabbi Yehuda Leib Chasman, "that they heard and remained the same. Yisro, however, didn't merely hear, he took action. Others were moved and inspired for a few moments, but stayed where they were. Yisro picked himself up and changed his life." Everyone has moments of inspiration. The difference between a great person and an ordinary person is that the great person acts upon his inspirations. When you obtain an important awareness, let it move you to actual changes in your life. **Rabbi Eliyahu Lopian** asked a question on this Rashi: We can understand how the miracles at the Red Sea/Sea of Reeds influenced Yitro. However, what was so moving about the war with Amalek? He replied, "At times the best way to appreciate Torah values for living is to observe the behavior of those who lack those values. Amalek also heard about the crossing of the Red Sea. They themselves were in no danger from the Israelites; nevertheless, they cruelly tried to wipe them out. Hearing and observing this, Yitro was moved. He concluded differently and realized how much one needs the Almighty in his life for basic values.

Are You a Jealous Person? by Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Jacobson

Why Envy is Ignorance?

The tenth and final of the Ten Commandments recorded in this week's portion: "You shall not covet your neighbour's wife; you shall not covet your neighbour's house, nor his field, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, and anything that belongs to your neighbour." (Shemot 20:14) The structure of the verse seems strange. In the beginning, the Torah specifies seven things we should not covet: "You shall not covet your *neighbour's* wife; you shall not covet your *neighbour's* home, nor his field, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his donkey." But then, at the conclusion of the verse, the Bible states: "And anything that belongs to your *neighbour*." Why the unnecessary redundancy? Why not just state at the onset "You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbour," which would include all of the specifics? And if the Torah does not want to rely on generalizations and wishes to specify details, why does it specify only a few items and then anyhow revert to a generalization, "And anything that belongs to your *neighbour*?"

A Holistic Story: In *lashon hakodesh*, the word employed for "anything" and "everything" is identical, "*kol*." Hence, the above verse can also be translated as, "You shall not covet your *neighbour's* wife; you shall not covet your *neighbour's* house, nor his field, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, and everything that belongs to your *neighbour*." By concluding the verse with these words, the Torah is not just instructing us not to covet anything of our *neighbour*, but also helping us achieve this difficult state of consciousness. How could you demand from a person not to be jealous? When I walk into your home and observe your living conditions, your cars, your bank accounts, and your general life style, how could I not become envious? The answer is, "Do not covet **everything** that belongs to your *neighbour*." What the Torah is intimating is that it is indeed easy to envy the home and spouse of your *neighbour*, his servants, his ox and donkey; yet the question you have to ask yourself is, do you covet "everything that belongs to your *neighbour*?" Are you prepared to assume his or her life completely? To actually become him? You cannot see life as myriads of disjointed events and experiences. You can't pluck out one aspect of somebody's life and state "I wish I could have had his (or her) marriage, his home, his career, his money..." Life is a holistic and integrated experience. Each life, with its blessings and challenges, with its obstacles and opportunities, constitutes a single story, a narrative that begins with birth and ends with death. Every experience in our life represents one chapter of our singular, unique story and we do not have the luxury to pluck out a chapter from someone's story without embracing their entire life journey. When you isolate one or a few aspects of someone else's life, it is natural to become envious. But when you become aware of "everything that belongs to your *neighbour*," your perception is altered. Do you really want to acquire everything that is going on in his or her life? So the next time you feel yourself coveting the life of the other, ask yourself if you really want to become them. Ralph Waldo Emerson was correct when he observed that "envy is ignorance".

DATE	EARLIEST TIME FOR TALLIS AND TEFILLIN	LATEST TIME FOR SHEMA	SUNSET
25 January	4:47:00 AM	8:58:20 AM	7:02:44 PM
26 January	4:47:54 AM	8:58:51 AM	7:02:24 PM
27 January	4:48:48 AM	8:59:20 AM	7:02:02 PM
28 January	4:49:42 AM	8:59:50 AM	7:01:38 PM



NAME	Yisro
OTHER NAMES	Reuel, Yeser, Chovev, Chever, Kaini, Putiel,
CHILDREN	Seven daughters including Tziporah, wife of Moshe and the wife of Elazar son of Aharon.
COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE	Midian (formerly Egypt)

- ⇒ Advisor to Pharaoh in Egypt
- ⇒ Idolatrous high priest in Midian
- ⇒ Gave Moshe refuge in his house after helping his daughters at the well
- ⇒ His daughter Tziporah married Moshe
- ⇒ Moshe left his father-in-law to redeem the Jewish nation in Egypt
- ⇒ Heard about the Exodus and joined the Jewish people with the intention of converting to Judaism
- ⇒ Important contribution to the judicial system facilitating different courts
- ⇒ Returned home to convert his family

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