



## OVERVIEW

The Jewish People receive a series of laws concerning social justice. Topics include: Proper treatment of Jewish servants; a husband's obligations to his wife; penalties for hitting people and for cursing parents, judges and leaders; financial responsibilities for damaging people or their property, either by oneself or by one's animate or inanimate property, or by pitfalls that one created; payments for theft; not returning an object that one accepted responsibility to guard; the right to self-defense of a person being robbed.

Other topics include: Prohibitions against seduction; witchcraft, bestiality and sacrifices to idols. The Torah warns us to treat the convert, widow and orphan with dignity, and to avoid lying. Usury is forbidden and the rights over collateral are limited. Payment of obligations to the Temple should not be delayed, and the Jewish People must be holy, even concerning food. The Torah teaches the proper conduct for judges in court proceedings. The commandments of Shabbat and the Sabbatical year are outlined. Three times a year — Pesach, Shavuot and Succot — we are to come to the Temple. The Torah concludes this listing of laws with a law of kashrut — not to mix milk and meat.

G-d promises that He will lead the Jewish People to the Land of Israel, helping them conquer its inhabitants, and tells them that by fulfilling His commandments they will bring blessings to their nation. The people promise to do and listen to everything that G-d says. Moshe writes the Book of the Covenant, and reads it to the people. Moshe ascends the mountain to remain there for 40 days in order to receive the two Tablets of the Covenant.

## THE SIN OF THE SLAVE OWNER

Rav Yisroel Salanter notes that the ritual of piercing the ear is not only a punishment for the slave; it is an unpleasant ordeal for the master as well. After all, it is not a very pleasant experience to have to put a peg through someone else's ear. Rav Yisroel Salanter asks, why is the master being punished? What did he do wrong? On the contrary, the master is a wonderful person. He is such a nice guy that his slave wants to stay with him after six years of service. What is his reward for being so nice? He experiences the bloody process of maiming the ear of his servant.

Rav Yisroel Salanter answers that the master's guilt was in fostering an environment in which the slave feels that it is appropriate to remain in servitude rather than being a free man. If the master's house was the type of home that a Jewish home should be, the slave who lived there for six years would understand that man's role in life is not just to serve a human master. He would not even consider extending his stay beyond the required six years.

No Jew should be happy working as a slave, living with a maid-servant, having children that will not be his own, and being totally nullified and subjugated to another person. "I have my three meals a day; my needs are taken care of" is not sufficient. There is no desire for growth or for elevation. This is a life of complacency that a Jew should not live. Therefore, the master who fosters such an environment of complacency, shares in the guilt and, as such, he is subject to part of the trauma of the process of piercing the ear.

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**FUN ENTERTAINMENT!**  
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Starting THIS Shabbos Parshas Mishpatim 6 February 2016

## UNITY KIDDUSH



This week's combined unity Kiddush is kindly co-sponsored by:

- **Rabbi & Rebbetzin Auerbach** in honour of the Yortzeit of Rabbi Auerbach's late father, **Rav Eliezer Yisroel ben Uri**
- An anonymous sponsor in honour of **Rabbi Moffson**

## SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR

**RABBI AUERBACH**

**DAMAGES & NEIGHBOURS**

CAN YOU TRIM OR CUT DOWN YOUR NEIGHBOURS TREE?

*Shabbos afternoon at 5.45pm*

**THIS SHABBOS 6 FEBRUARY**  
**PARSHAS MISHPATIM**  
**GUEST SPEAKER**

**RABBI BENZION CHAIT**

Founding Rosh Hayeshiva of Yeshivas Chofetz Chaim  
For the entire community  
10.30am  
In the Main Beis Medrash

**NEW**

**WEEKDAY MAARIV**

In the back shul (behind Main Shul)

**10.00 PM**

**VOLUNTEER PROTECTOR**  
**SECURITY AWARENESS**  
**& SELF DEFENCE**  
**MENS ONLY COURSE**



Geared for volunteer protectors who stand duty outside shul! **6 March 08h00 – 13h30**  
**RSVP Yoni Margalit 0832833344**

## YORTZEITS THIS WEEK

- **Rabbi Auerbach** for his late father
- **Neville Miller** for his late father

## INTEREST FREE LOANS

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## BABY BOY



Mazel tov to **Rabbi Noam & Miri Miller** on the birth of a baby boy. **The Shalom Zachor** will IY"YH take place at 4 Puerta Del Sol, 29 Cross Road (entrance on Mansion Road, opposite Japanese Gardens) from 8.30pm

## WEDDING



Mazel tov to **Chaim Blumenau & Chani Myers** on the occasion of their upcoming wedding this week in Israel. Mazel tov to proud parents **Rabbi Avigdor & Dvori Blumenau** and **Rabbi Shalom & Rebbetzin Myers** from Telzstone.

The community wish a very warm welcome to

**RABBI LARRY SHAIN**

who is visiting from Israel.

## REBBETZIN TAMAR TABACK

**SEFER OHEL RACHEL**

Shiur based on the 3 mitzvos of women.

This term: "**Niddah and Taharah-the Spiritual Foundations of Marriage**"

**Starting Monday 8 Feb, 11:15am**

**31 Study Rd** (in the boom of Mervyn Rd).

Booking essential. Contact: Debbie 0824444425

**DIRSHU**  
SOUTH AFRICA



**HILCHOS**  
**TEFILLA**

**STARTS**  
**07.FEB.2016**

What should I think about in davening?

Must I take before Berachah  
forward after finishing Amida?  
Must I jump at the end?

What's the earliest I can daven  
Shachris if I am travelling?

Can I do office work  
before Shachris?

Come late to a minyan  
or on time alone?

**Must I answer**  
**Kedusha in Amida?**

What's minimum kavana?

If I miss Musaf can I daven two Maarivs?

Can I pick up a sefer that fell on the floor during Amida?

How many people need to finish before we complete?

**SHIURIM AT OHR SOMAYACH GLENHAZEL**

**Rabbi Yechezkel Auerbach** - After 8pm Maariv - Top Shul

**Dayan David Badiel** - Iyun - After 5:30pm Mincha - Main Shul

**Rabbi Shimon Wolpe** - 6:10am to 6:30am - Moffson Shul

**R' Richard Hochstadter** - Before the 6:15/6:25am- Shachris