

#### Shabat Ki Tetse

Lördagen den 2 september 2017 - 11 Elul 5777 **Ljuständning:** 19.31 **Shabat slutar:** 20.39

**Parashat Hashavua:** 5:e MB 21:10–25:19 sid 315

Haftara: Jesaja 54:1 – 10 sid 421 Tidigast tid för Mincha: 13.22

# Adat Jisrael

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabat/ Maariv: 19.30

**Shacharit Shabat:** 09.00 Rabbin Greisman predikar

**Kiddush:** Familjen Goldstein ger kiddush med anledning av andra barnbarnets Yedidyas födelse.

## G-dstjänster under veckan:

Söndag: 08.15 Vardagar: 07.30

# Adat Jeschurun

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabat/ Maariv: 19.30

Shacharit Shabat: 09.00 Rabbin Maccabi predikar Barng-dstjänst: 11.00 Kiddush: Familjen Rothschild bjuder med anledning av sonen Jacobs bar mitzva. Mazal tov!

## G-dstjänster under veckan:

Måndag & torsdag: 07.30 Tisdag, onsdag, fredag: 08.00



# Öva inför Jamim Noraim med David Epstein

På kommande shabbatot kan Jeschuruns medlemmar träffas efter kiddush för att öva tillsammans på texter och melodier inför Jamim Noraim. Sessionerna leds av gabbai David Epstein. Väl mött!

## Parashat Hashayua

Parshat Ki Teitzei is the most mitzva-rich of all sedras, with 74 of the Torah's 613 mitzvot - slightly over 12% of all the mitzvot in this one of the 54 sedras.

Parshat Ki Teitzei also has the most parshiyot in the Torah - 44.

Let's focus in on one specific parsha, one with two p'sukim, each pasuk containing a single prohibition. (We focused on this parsha three years ago - we call your attention to it and its significance again.) You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together. You shall not wear a garment of shaatnez, (i.e.) wool & linen together. D'varim 22:10,11.

Noteworthy are the similarities in the wording of these two p'sukim. They each start with LO and a verb in second person singular future tense. You shalt not plow/wear. They each mention the two things that are not to be mixed: ox and donkey / wool and linen. The both finish with the same word - YACHDAV - together. These two prohibitions are among several forbidden mixtures and combinations in the Torah. As such, it is no surprise to find them in consecutive p'sukim. It is, however, a bit surprising to find them sharing the same parsha in a sedra with so many parshiyot, many of which contain a single mitzva.

What makes them very noteworthy are the differences between these two prohibitions - not in the wording of the p'sukim, but in the details of their respective halachot.

One may not wear a garment of wool and linen together. What about cotton and wool? Permitted. Should one be strict, and avoid cotton and wool as a CHUMRA? No. meaningless to do that. Can one make a tapestry wall-hanging of wool and linen together? Yes. Is it within the spirit of the mitzva not to? No. Pointless. Only wearing and only wool and linen are forbidden.

Shaatnez is specifically, exclusively wool and linen and wearing. What about the partner mitzva to Shaatnez that shares the same parsha with it? Can I harness a horse and an ox to pull a cart? No. That would be a Torah prohibition. But a horse isn't a donkey anymore than cotton isn't linen? And pulling a cart is as different from plowing as hanging on the wall is

from wearing? This prohibition "works" differently. Ox and donkey and plowing are not exclusive - they are inclusive of any (non-compatible) animals and any activity. The Torah prohibits the harnessing of two giraffes and an elephant to pull a circus bandwagon, as is pictured in Dr. Seuss's "And to think that I saw it on Mulberry Street". Not just a rabbinic prohibition - Isur D'Oraita!

Two mitzvot, so similar in wording, in consecutive p'sukim, sharing a single parsha, each forbid a mixture of some kind - yet they are quite different in the ways described.

How do we know the above? And what does it mean?

The answer to the first part is relatively simple - TORAH SHEB'AL PEH, the ORAL LAW. It tells us when only wool is wool and when a wallaby is a donkey. Without the Oral Law we only have part of the Torah.

What does it mean? Many things. For example, that not everything has to make sense, be logical, be understood by our finite minds. There are mitzvot that lend themselves easily to our understanding and common sense; there are CHUKIM which defy logic sometimes and are enigmatic.

Words in the Torah can be exclusive or inclusive - Does YOM mean day, as opposed to night or does it mean a full 24-hour period? At times one; sometimes the other. Sometimes a donkey is only a donkey. Sometimes it represents all animals, Etc. Etc.

The Torah and the mitzvot it contains were not meant to be self-explanatory from the Written Word alone. This is not a "defect"; G-d wanted the Torah to be taught from person to person, from parent to child, from teacher to student. And that requires an Oral Tradition to go along with the Written Word.

This is all part of the relationship G-d wants with us. May we be worthy of it. And may we work well during the month of Elul and beyond to strengthen our commitment to Torah and Mitzvot... for ourselves, our families, and all of Klal Yisrael.

# **AKTUELLT**

#### Veckans skratt

A Hassidic Jew in a big shtreimel is stopped at customs by an agent at JFK airport and asked: "Taliban?"

"No!" the man replies immediately. "Teitelbaum."



### Jewish Fundamentals med Rabbin Maccabi

JEWISH FUNDAMENTALS COURSE is resuming after the long sommarsemester. Tuesdays 17:30-20:00 in the Bajit library, Next class; topic (Sep 5) - Halacha of Shabbat



#### Shiur med Yossi Shain

The Monday night shiur covering the Rambam's letters will start again on Monday, September 11. The shiur is from kl. 18-20 and takes place in the Bajit lounge. In the shiur we read through the letters the Rambam wrote to both individuals and communities who sent him questions.

In the past, we read about questions sent by the Spanish Jewish community asking about how to treat Jews who converted to Christianity but tried to keep their Jewish faith in secret, and a question from the Yemenite Jewish community regarding a false messiah who appeared in Yemen. The shiur is in English and everyone is welcome.



#### Kontakt

För ärenden till synagogornas styrelser hänvisas till ledamöterna eller **info@jeschurun.se** alternativt **info@adatjisrael.se**.

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