

Times of Services

If you don't already do so, come to at least one Shacharit and one Minchah each week – you'll love it and you will be supporting our minyan

Friday 2/10–

- Shacharit 6:45am
- Shabbat Candle Lighting **4:58pm**
- Mincha 5:00pm

Saturday- 2/11 -

- Shacharit 9:30am
- Mincha after kiddush
- Havdallah not before 6:00pm

Sunday 2/12

- Shacharit 9:00am

Monday - Thursday 2/13-2/16

- Shacharit 6:45am

Friday 2/17

- Shacharit 6:45am
- Shabbat Candle Lighting **5:07pm**
- Mincha 5:05pm

This week the joint Agudas – Young Israel Mincha/Maariv service will be held at HHNE at 5:10PM

Rabbi Weiss's Classes

You don't want to miss these!

“Ein Yaakov”

Sundays after Shacharit, approximately 9:40
Ghosts? Angels? Dream interpretation?
Prophecy? Learn about the Aggadic literature of the Talmud.

Upcoming Events

2/12 – Living Room Limud: “Convicting Komisarjevsky: Would it and could it be possible in a Jewish court?” Using

Talmudic case studies to analyze the challenges and solution of setting up a modern day Torah court.

Location: Kadden home 27 West Ridge 7:30PM

3/2 – Shabbat Across America! Hosted right here at

Agudas Achim! Make sure you clear your schedule for a Friday night to remember! Invite a friend! More information coming.

Thank you to Gil for cooking, Deena for set up and salads, Mike, Simon and Vered W. for the dvar torah at our Friday Shabbos Dinner. Come join us at our next one Mar 2 for Shabbos Across America.

Birthdays

2/15 Ann Belzer
2/21 Robert Zinkerman
2/21 Esther Adelstein

Please start to bring in toys, jewelry and anything else that could sell for the next Rummage Sale.

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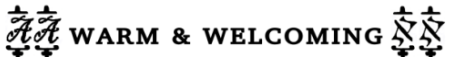
Rabbi's Column

Our *parsha* this week begins with the story of how Moshe's father-in-law, Yitro, hears of the adventures of the Jewish people and comes to the desert to join them. Yitro is described in the Torah as "*kohen Midyan*" – the priest of Midian, alluding to his affluence and position of power, yet he is willing to abandon all of it and bring his family to the barren desert and join the Jewish people. As Rashi, quoting the sages, asks, what could Yitro have possibly heard about that would make him leave his life in Midyan to head out to the desert?

The Talmud tells us that one of Yitro's names was *Putiel* which is an allusion to his past. Yitro had a reputation of having worshipped every religion in the world and found each one lacking. His name *Putiel* was an allusion to his having fattened ("Pitem") goats for pagan sacrifices, an indication of his commitment to every religion he worshipped. Yet, Yitro was still unsatisfied with the religions he practiced and came to the desert to find the truth. Again, we ask, what did he hear about that indicated that he would find the answer he was looking for in the desert with the Jews?

Rashi answers that there were two events that affected Yitro's decision: the splitting of the sea, and the war with Amalek. The thing that was special about these two events was their expression of G-d's individual attention He pays to every person. In other religions, the actions of the gods were reactions to how they were feeling that day; if the gods were happy, you benefit, while if the gods were angry, then watch out. In Judaism, though, we believe in *hasgachah pratit* – individual attention, meaning that G-d rewards and punishes in direct measure of each individual's actions. Our actions and deeds have an influence on what G-d does, in that they affect the ways in which G-d deals directly with us. This was a new idea to Yitro, this was the truth he was searching for, and this is what he came to the desert to study.

This fact is something we often take for granted. We each have a special individual relationship with Hashem which is based on our own actions. Through our own mitzvot, chessed (kindness) and tefillah we constantly strengthen and deepen that relationship, and Hashem responds to each of us based on our own individual actions. Sometimes it takes a person like Yitro, a truth-seeker, to make us aware of that which we've always known. Shabbat Shalom!



Refua Shlema / Get Well Soon!
Bob Birnbaum,, Fred Jacobs, Sarah Katz, Lillian Paskowitz, Paul Perlsweig. Linda Reichin, Sarah Rivkin, Sam Siegel, Frances Soltz, Bernice Veroff



Eruv Update
 The status of the eruv can be checked on line every week on Friday afternoon on Twitter by accessing <http://twitter.com/WHartfordEruv> or by phone by calling the eruv hotline at (860)232-6417.

Be Alert!
 If you see cars or strangers loitering near the shul please inform the Agudas office. If it is "after hours" please call the police Last one out please verify the doors are locked.

Be Active !
 (Links on our web page)
 * Support victims of terror
<http://bostonsupportsisrael.org/>
www.afmda.org/content/our%20work/m
[da%20in%20israel.aspx](http://www.afmda.org/content/our%20work/m)
 * Support IDF troops
www.libi-fund.org.il/Libi/eng/

Please send/give us birthdays, anniversaries & other simchas so we can include them, thank you! Gary



Yahrzeits

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| Sidney Habel | Michael Wolberg |
| Sophie Ballog | David Barmash |
| Morris Epstein | Estelle Siegel |
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