



ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

FEBRUARY 2010

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SHABBOS FEBRUARY 6, 2010

Scholar in Residence *Rabbi Yitzchak Etshalom*

FRIDAY NIGHT

8:15 PM

• ARCHEOLOGY AND THE BIBLE

- HOW DEEP CAN AN ORTHODOX JEW DIG?

We often think of archeology as, at best, a curiosity; at worst, a discipline whose proponents aim to undermine belief in Torah. There is, however, far more beneath the surface waiting for us to discover - as we find that archeology can enlighten much of our understanding of Torah.

SHABBOS DRASHA

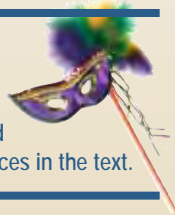
• FROM EGYPT TO SINAI

The route from slavery to royalty was traversed quickly and occupies half of Parashat Bo, all of Parshat Beshalach and the beginning of this week's Parashah, Yitro. What can we discover in these narratives that will explain how much bridged this chasm so quickly?

3:45 PM PRE-MINCHA SHIUR:

• ESTHER ...LIKE YOU'VE NEVER HEARD IT BEFORE

Discover plot twists and turns, and learn Esther's successful strategy for defeating her enemy. We will compare the Megillah to earlier stories and themes in Tanach, study psychological models, and identify literary nuances in the text.



BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV

• THE CASE OF THE MISSING 'NUN'

- A STUDY OF 'ASHREI'

We'll study the most storied of the Tehillim - "Ashrei" - and discover what happened to the famous missing letter "Nun". Along the way, we'll gain a fresh appreciation of the thrice-daily Tehillah.

Sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Platt in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Marilyn's mother, Florence Jacobs, A"H.

SHABBOS FEBRUARY 6, YACHAD SHABBATON

We welcome YACHAD, The National Jewish Council for Disabilities, a division of the OU. Yachad participants and advisors share a wonderful inclusive Shabbos experience with the Woodmere community.

SHABBOS, FEBRUARY 13

SHABBOS MEVARCHIM SHALOSH SEUDOT PROGRAM

In our series of Shabbos Mevorchim Shalosh Seudot programs, we are pleased to introduce young adults who have grown up in our shul. Our featured speaker this month is Zachary Wertheimer.

ZACHARY WERTHEIMER attended HALB and DRS and from there went on to study in Yeshivat Sha'alvim for 2 1/2 years.

He is currently completing his studies at Yeshiva University. We hope to see great things from Zachary in the future.

CHEVRA KADISHA MELAVE MALKA, 8:45PM

Guest speaker, Rabbi Eytan Feiner

LUNCH and LEARN with Rabbi Billet 12:30PM

February 4, February 11 and February 18
Traditions Restaurant

RABBI YITZCHAK ETSHALOM is a dynamic and exciting educator in the Los Angeles area. He serves on the Administration of Yeshiva University High Schools of Los Angeles as Director of Curriculum as well as being a senior instructor in both the Boys' and Girl's divisions. He is an accomplished storyteller, radio host and songwriter and has published recordings of both his own stories and music. Rabbi Etshalom also is a lecturer for the OU Nach Yomi and Shnayim Mikra series, as well as his popular Daf Yomi podcast at www.dafyomiyicc.org.

RABBI GIESSER is the Rav of Ofra, a community north of Jerusalem and the first settlement Samaria established after the six day war. Rav Giesser, is a renowned educator, and chairs the Israeli Board of Religious Education. Rav Giesser is also a member of the Israeli Bar Association, and holds a law degree from Bar Ilan University. Rav Giesser is a prominent protagonist of Religious Zionism and a participant in numerous think tanks. Rav Giesser is a founder of the Association of Jewish Monetary Courts, and sees the integration of Jewish Law and its values into the Israeli legal system as a main objective. Together with Rabbi Baris he is the co-founder of the Mishpetei Eretz Institute for Law and Halacha.

THE MISHPETEI ERETZ INSTITUTE FOR HALACHA AND LAW has both a research program and a five to seven year program for training Rabbinical Judges, Dayyanim, primarily in areas of Halachic monetary law. Equipped with a broad grasp of legal and social issues, Mishpetei Eretz' graduates provide a high quality, powerful cadre of Jewish leaders, sorely needed on the today's Israeli scene. Mishpetei Eretz has become an influential think tank, with publications that have been quoted in Israeli Supreme court decisions and by policy makers. With the increasing place that law has assumed in contemporary society, the driving force of Mishpetei Eretz is the belief that the voice of Torah speak out with relevance in all aspects of life.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

• DILEMMA DISCUSSION AND DESSERT

8:15 PM

• PURIM COSTUMES AND CUSTOMS

Given by Rabbi Aaron E. Glatt, MD at the home of Willam and Sheri Katz 535 Barnard Avenue Woodmere

SHABBOS FEBRUARY 20, 2010

Scholars in Residence

Karav Avi Giesser, OFRA

Karav Dr. Michael Baris, KARNEI SHOMRON

Heads of the *Mishpetei Eretz Institute for Halacha and Law, Ofra, Israel.*

FRIDAY NIGHT

8:15 PM

• ARE WE (FOR) REAL?

Authentic Jewish Perspectives on Hot Issues: Army Service, Social Justice, Retroactive Annulment of Conversions and Divorce.

(Rabbis Giesser and Baris will speak and lead an open discussion.)

SHABBOS DRASHA

• LAW (MISHPATIM) AS A PREREQUISITE FOR HOLINESS (TERUMA)

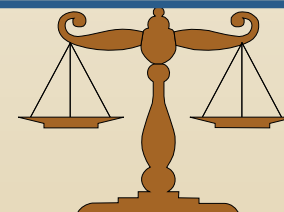
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• PRE-MINCHA SHIUR:

• TZIN'AT ADAM:

The Jewish Take on the Right to Privacy

Given by Rabbi Giesser



BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV

• RICOCHETS OF CAST LEAD:

IDF, the Media and Libel - A Halachic Perspective on Recent Court Decisions in Israel

Given by Rabbi Baris

SHABBOS ZACHOR, FEBRUARY 27

3:45 PM BEFORE MINCHA,

SHIUR ON MEGILLAS ESTHER

THE QUEEN YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW

(followed by an additional reading of Zachor)

Rabbi David Fohrman



BETWEEN MINCHA AND MAARIV

THE ERADICATION OF AMALEK TODAY

Rabbi Hershel Billet

MOTZEI SHABBOS, FEBRUARY 6TH, 13TH AND 20TH

PARENT/CHILD LEARNING PROGRAM LED BY RABBI ELIYAHU WOLF

Program begins one hour after Shabbos ends and lasts for 50 minutes. Join us for learning, pizza, raffles and prizes.