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**Dr. Gershon C. Gewirtz, Rabbi
21 TAMMUZ 5771**

SHABBAT PARSHAT MATOT

**Mordecai Kramer, President
JULY 23, 2011**

Mazal Tov to

Jonathan & Stefanie Shoag,
on the birth of their son.

&

Menachem & Talia Fromer,
on the birth of their son, also to
siblings, Eliana and Yonatan.

&

Julie & Natalie Brecher, on the birth
of their great granddaughter,
Ashira Rachel Aranov,
granddaughter of
Lisa & Jeremy Aranov of
Jerusalem.

*Shabbat Morning Ice Cream
Kiddush is sponsored by
The Kiddush Fund*

**Candle Lighting not before 6:41 pm
& not after 7:56 pm
Friday *Mincha*: 6:30 & 8:00 pm**

***Shacharit*
7:00 & 8:45 am**

**Latest Time for
K'riat Sh'ma
9:09 am**

***Mincha*
7:40 pm**

***Seuda Shlisheet*
8:00 pm**

***Ma'ariv*
8:50 pm**

***Shabbat Concludes*
8:55 pm**

**Schedule for this Week
Sunday, July 24 - Friday, July 29**

**Earliest time for *Tallit & Tefillin*
4:26 am**

Sunday	7:15, 8:00 & 9:00 am
Monday	6:20 & 7:20 am
Tuesday	6:30 & 7:30 am
Wednesday	6:30 & 7:30 am
Thursday	6:20 & 7:20 am
Friday	6:30 & 7:30 am

***Mincha* 7:55 pm *Maariv* 8:20 pm**

**Schedule For Next Shabbat
July 30 / 28 Tammuz
*Shabbat Parshat Masei***

Candle Lighting:	not before 6:35 pm & not after 7:49pm
Friday <i>Mincha</i>:	6:25 pm & 7:50 pm
<i>Shacharit</i>:	7:00 & 8:45 am
<i>Shabbat Mincha</i>:	7:10 pm
<i>Seuda Shlisheet</i>	7:30 pm
<i>Maariv</i>:	8:45 pm
<i>Shabbat Concludes</i>:	8:50 pm

Whether you are a current YIB member or have recently moved to our community, Rabbi Gewirtz is eager to personally meet with you, answer your questions, whether *halachic* or about the community, and connect you with a *chevra*. You can reach Rabbi Gewirtz by phone, 617-734-7111 or by email, rabbi@yibrookline.org. Membership information is available in the *shul* office. We look forward to meeting you

Contact coordinators to volunteer or for assistance:

Week of Shiva: Mindy Gewirtz: 617-277-7360

Sponsor a Chevrat Chesed Shabbat Meal: \$25

Week of Birth: Tova Goldring: 617-879-4706 & Chani Bersson: 917-841-0455

Shalom Zachor/Simchat Bat: Shelley Morgenstern: 617-264-0459 & Deborah Buchman: 617-713-4544

Dor L'Dor: Mindy Gewirtz: 617-277-7360

Comfort Shawls: Devora Baronofsky: 617-278-9131

Donations & Cards: YIB office: 617-734-0276

Simcha (Shidduch) Connection: Mindy Gewirtz: 617-277-7360

Conversational Hebrew

Complimentary session with Lior Kagan

Wednesday, July 27th, 7:00-8:30 pm at YIB

Improve your confidence in speaking Hebrew.

Talk, share stories & engage in creative activities.

The session is for intermediate & above level of Hebrew competency. Men & women welcome.

Info: Lior Kagan: 617-792-7517 or

liorkagan@comcast.net.

Lior Kagan is a lawyer with a Master's degree in Conflict Resolution from *Bar Ilan* Univ., currently teaching Hebrew at the Ulpan at Hebrew College.

YIB Memorial Wall:

If you are interested in purchasing a permanent plaque on the Young Israel Memorial Wall in memory of a dearly departed, kindly contact Kenny Wintman: 617-566-2483 or kiw2020@verizon.net.

Cost is \$600 per name, one name per plaque.

YIB Audio Library:

It is set up in the lobby, for free use by YIB community. It currently contains about 60 lectures on *Halachah*, *Mussar*, *Hashkafah* and Jewish History, in audio and MP3 formats.

Terms of use are very flexible (you don't have to return the disk if you want to keep it). New lectures will be added based on library use. Enjoy your learning.

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Join us *Shabbat* morning, July 30th, at 10:45 am,
for our Bi-Weekly "**Tot Shabbat Program**"

in our New Playroom!!!

All babies and children (ages 0 - 3) & parents
are invited to participate in our program
which includes

Singing, Dancing, Stories and Play!



We need to add to our roster of adult volunteer leaders as

Tot Shabbat is community led. Interested?

Click on: <http://yibrookline.org/wp/youth/totshabbat>
to choose a week to lead.

TCN at YIB: in the Multi-Purpose Room:

Rabbi Frand's *Shiurim* will resume in September

Rabbi Reisman's *Shiurim* will resume in October

Kollel of Greater Boston & Young Israel of Brookline
present the

Annual Yomim Noraim Lecture

with Rabbi Yissocher Frand

Monday, October 3, 2011, 8:00 pm

Men & Women invited - free admission

Sponsored by The Zimble Family

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Dr. Stanley Bauer & Mr. Carl Zimble

Community

Congregation Bais Pinchas:

Join Rabbi Zvi Solomon for a text-based study of *Pirkei Avos* with insights from classical commentaries. Tuesday Evenings, 8:30 pm, Women's section of Cong. *Bais Pinchas*, 1710 Beacon St., Brookline. For more information contact: Rabbi Solomon at congbaispinchas.necc@gmail.com

Ma'ayan's Summer Learning:

Don't miss the chance to study with Rabbi Chaim Brovender in an intimate setting. Rabbi Brovender will speak on the Book of Lamentations, sharing his insights in a talk entitled *Eikhah: Then and Now*. This pre-*Tisha b'Av* learning will take place on Tuesday evening, July 26th, at 8:00 pm, at the home of Joyce and Jeremy Wertheimer. Admission is \$15, and the evening is open to men and women.

Special Notices

- **Please submit your announcements NO LATER THAN 5:00 pm on Wednesday.**
- Please park your strollers outside the side door.
- **Cars are not permitted to park in the Young Israel driveway on TUESDAY MORNINGS**, even during the 2 morning *minyanim*.
- Parents are requested to supervise their children at all times. We thank you for your cooperation.
- We have posted guidelines for what is and isn't *shaimot* in both the coat and stroller rooms. Please do not leave anything in the *shaimot* boxes until you have read these guidelines.

Parshas Mattos 5771
"Take a Deeper Look"

Shalom U'vracha!

The teaching assistant's lecture is never quite as good as the professor's... but this week, that seems to be what's offered. When the *Torah* presents the *mitzvah* to "kasher" a cooking utensil that has absorbed non-kosher flavor, it is the untenured *Elazar HaKohen* – as opposed to departmental chair Moshe Rabbeinu – who is selected to do the teaching. Why couldn't Moshe Rabbeinu himself have taught us this law? *Rashi* (31:21) explains that, because Moshe Rabbeinu lost his temper after the war with *Midian*, "נתעלמו ממנו הלכות גיעולי" – he lost sight of the requirement to *kasher* the *Midianites'* dishes. This explanation, however, prompts a further question. Of all the possible *mitzvos* that could escape Moshe Rabbeinu, why would anger cause him to specifically forget *this mitzvah*? Was it simply the result of a temporal "coincidence," or might the *Torah* be hinting at a deeper connection between the *mitzvah* of *kashering* dishes and the emotion of anger?

If you think about it, there is actually something quite unique about the prohibition against consuming the absorbed *traif* flavor in dishes. In contrast to every other food-related prohibition in the *Torah*, this is the only prohibition which is utterly and completely invisible to the eye. Unlike "typical" prohibitions such as pig, shrimp, or untithed produce – where the problematic item is physically present right before one's eyes – when it comes to the prohibition of absorbed taste, one cannot see *anything*. The forbidden taste which must be *kashered* lacks any physical "substance" that can be observed, and exists entirely absorbed within the walls of the vessels. This is thus a prohibition which, by its very definition, requires one to look beyond the immediate reality and *acknowledge that there's more to the situation than meets the eye*.

The truth is, anger is rooted in the exact same problem, namely, the inability to look beneath the superficial appearance of a situation. As Jews, we believe that everything that happens to us in life ultimately serves, in perhaps some incomprehensible way, for our spiritual benefit (see, for example, *Taanis* 21a, *Berachos* 60b, and *Chullin* 7b). Now, if we *genuinely* believe that everything is for the good, how is anger ever possible? Why should I ever get angry at missing the train, losing my job, or forgetting my wallet if I know that it ultimately serves to benefit me? The answer is that, in the heat of the moment, when our passions flare, we forget this reality; we begin to view the world from the cynical and surface-level perspective of "what you see is what you get." In other words, anger comes from viewing the frustrating occurrences of our lives on a superficial plane, *failing to penetrate beyond the superficial appearance of events* to remember that there is a deeper positive purpose. Interestingly, our sages compare the sin of anger to the sin of

idolatry (see *Shabbos* 105). Just as an idolater denies the involvement of *Hashem* in this world, those who become angry (subconsciously) deny that everything that has happened to them is truly sent from *Hashem* for their own benefit.

Perhaps, then, this is why Moshe Rabbeinu's anger caused him to specifically lose the *halacha* of *kashering traif* dishes. Anger is always the result of a surface-level view of the events of life, a failure to probe beneath the frustrating reality that one observes. The *mitzvah* of *kashering* absorbed taste in dishes, by its very nature, epitomizes the need for such a perspective. If one is unable to look beyond what initially meets the eye, he will never truly grasp the essence of this *mitzvah*. While it is certainly true that none of us can ever begin to judge or even comprehend the behavior of Moshe Rabbeinu, perhaps Chazal intended for us to draw a lesson for ourselves through their comparison of these two entities. On this *Parshas Matos*, then, hopefully we can internalize the importance of controlling our anger. In the heat of the moment, when we're just about ready to "lose it and blow a fuse," it is ever too easy to forget that the challenges we face ultimately serve for our benefit. But if we consistently strive to remember this fundamental tenet of Jewish faith, we will hopefully meet greater success in conquering our anger and attaining true tranquility and peace of spirit in this world and the next.

Have a wonderful (and calm!) *Shabbos*!

Zev Wiener

Thanks to the generosity of a donor,
Young Israel has a few large print *Siddurim*:
two for weekdays,
two for *Shabbat* and *Yom Tov*.
If you find these useful, please let the office know,
and we will acquire additional volumes.

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Shiurim at YIB:

Monday:

Tuesday:

***Minchas Chinuch – Study of Mitzvos –
Halachic and Philosophical Discussion of
Mitzvos***

by Rabbi Zalman Leff – *Rosh Kollel* of
Boston Kollel

Will resume in the fall

New participants welcome, 8:30-9:30 pm,
followed by *Maariv*

For more information, contact Rabbi Leff:
617-782-6270.

Wednesday:

**Weekly Gemara Shiur for Women
*Maseches B'rachos – 4th perek***

Will resume at later date

Teacher: Rabbi Gewirtz

Chumash with Commentaries
(10:00-11:00 am)

Teacher: Dr. David Bachrach

Mishnayos

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