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Beshalach — Shabbat Shira

15 Shevat, 5777

### Plant a Tree

This Shabbat is Tu B'Shevat, that fruit-eating and tree-planting time of year. Now, someone out there might be wondering what he would do if he was in the middle of planting a tree (or at least parting with his money for a tree certificate!) and Moshiach came.

Interestingly enough, one of our Sages answered that question over 1,500 years ago!

Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai used to say: "If there is a plant in your hand when they say to you: 'Behold, the Moshiach!' go and plant the seedling, and afterward go out to greet him."

What does this mean to you? Take a moment to think about it and then read on.

"Behold, Moshiach is coming."

"Moshiach is here."

"Moshiach is revealed."

The Rebbe made these statements publicly at numerous gatherings in the early 90s. One might conjecture that, once such powerful statements were made, all that was left for us to do was sit around and wait for some kind of high-tech, multi-media, miraculous event to take place which would herald the Messianic Era.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Although the Rebbe said that all of the spiritual service which needed to be completed in exile had been done, we were not expected to take a short vacation until the Redemption. On the contrary, the Rebbe told us to prepare ourselves to greet Moshiach by performing acts of goodness and kindness, doing more mitzvot, studying more Torah, and performing mitzvot in a more perfect manner.

"Go and plant the seedling," the Rebbe tells us. Continue and increase all of the good and G-dly things you are presently doing. Learn more. Give more. Do more. For the more you plant now, the more bountiful will be your harvest in the Messianic Era.

In addition, the Rebbe mentioned numerous times that we will lose nothing in the Messianic Era. To those people who were concerned that everything they worked to build up businesses, relationships, material possessions would be lost when Moshiach comes, the Rebbe explained that the difference between our lives in exile and in the Messianic Era is symbolized by the Hebrew words "gola" - "exile," and "geula" - "Redemption." The only difference between these two words is that "gola" lacks the Hebrew letter "alef" - which stands for the "Alufo shel olam" - the "Master of the Universe." When Moshiach comes, the presence and life-giving energy of the Master of the Universe will be totally revealed in every aspect of our lives.

"Go and plant the seedling," Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai tells us. And surely, with all the fruits of your labor, from all the seedlings you have planted, you will be able to greet Moshiach in a dignified and upright manner.

*(from <http://www.lchaimweekly.org/>)*

### Glorified Money

"I am always so impressed how nicely you do mitzvot. Your Bar Mitzva was just right, and your weddings were perfect. When that Rosh Yeshiva came from Israel you really made him feel at home. But I never understood why when it came to paying your children's tuition, you always try your best to avoid it!!"

When the Torah says "This is my G-d, and I will glorify Him" (Shemos 15:2). The Gomorrah (Shabbos 133b) says it refers to glorifying mitzvot as we do them, since this glorifies G-d. People have special cups for ritually washing their hands, beautiful Esrog boxes, Kiddush cups etc. Sometimes we forget that paying tuition, giving charity, or paying any money that we owe is a mitzva. When we have an opportunity to do a mitzva, make sure we glorify G-d.)

There is a silversmith in Yerushalayim who makes everyone who pays him for his work, say "I am hereby fulfilling the mitzva of paying for work done for me."

*(by Rabbi Chaim Flom from Project Genesis at [www.torah.org](http://www.torah.org))*

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Join us on Shabbat Parshat Mishpatim for Chazan Yaakov Lemmer and the Mezamrim Choir.

**Community Information of Interest**

**February 13:** Rabbi Shlomo Slatkin, MS, LCPC *Certified Imago Specialist* Parshas Yisro: **Kabbalas Hatorah A Paradigm For The Marriage Relationship** At the home of Deena Jakob (Beazer) 2370 Sweet Meadow Road.

We happily wish Mazel Tov to  
**Rabbi Shmuel and Rebbitzin Rochelle Kaplan**  
and to  
**Yehudah and Bracha Buchwalter**  
on the recent **Birth and Brit of their Grandsons.**



The Rav's next "Hashkafa Q&A Shiur for Men" will take place **this Friday night (Beshalach, February 10<sup>th</sup>) at 8:15 p.m.** at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Dovi Ziffer, 6610 Clarington Road (in Beazer)..

**Yahrzeits This Week:**

David Feierstein 17 Shevat - Sunday night/Monday for father Chaim Mordechai ben Rav Naftoli Hertzfel

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**Davening and Shiurim Schedule**

**Friday, 2/10 — 14 Shevat**

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
Candles — 5:20 p.m.  
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:20 p.m.  
Father-Son Learning — 8:15 p.m.

**Shabbat — Tu b'Shevat, 2/11 — 15 Shevat**

Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.  
Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:40 a.m.  
Berachot Gemara Shiur — 4:40 p.m.  
Minchah & Seudah Shilishit — 5:10 p.m.  
Ma'ariv — 6:21 p.m.

**Sunday, 2/12 — 16 Shevat**

Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.  
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:25 p.m.

**Monday, 2/13 — 17 Shevat**

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.  
Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

**Tuesday, 2/14 — 18 Shevat**

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

**Wednesday, 2/15 — 19 Shevat**

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

**Thursday, 2/16 — 20 Shevat**

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.  
Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

**Friday, 2/17 — 21 Shevat**

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
Candles — 5:28 p.m.  
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:30 p.m.