

Shabbat Ki Tissa-Parah

Candle Lighting: 5:33 PM / Shabbat Ends: 6:36 PM

Torah Reading: Exodus 30:11-34:35; Haftif Numbers 19: 1-22

Haftarah Ezekiel 36:16-38I

Ki Tissa When you've completely had it

It's not surprising that one of the most enduring scenes of Cecil B. DeMille's "The Ten Commandments" is the sin of the Golden Calf. The drama, the ferocious extremes of behavior and emotion, are unbeatable. There is, firstly, righteous, unmitigated fury:

"Let me be, so my anger will flare up against them, and I will annihilate them!" (G-d, Exodus 32:10)

"Who is for G-d, join me...G-d, the Lord of Israel says ... put his sword on his thigh...pass from gate to gate in the camp. And let every man kill his brother, every man his fellow, every man his kin!" (Moses 32:27)

"The Levites did as Moses said, and about three thousand men of the people died that day" (Narrator, 33:28)

There are also heartrending, eloquent appeals for understanding and forgiveness.

"Remember for the sake of Abraham Isaac and Israel, Your servants to whom you swore ...and told them "I shall increase your offspring like the stars of heaven, and this entire land of which I spoke, I shall give to your offspring" ((Moses, 32:13)

"(I am) Hashem, Hashem, G-d, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abundant in kindness and truth, preserver of kindness for thousands of generations, forgiver of iniquity, transgression, and errors, and the One who cleanses" (G-d, 34:6-7).

Chattat Ha'Egel, the sin of the Calf, was a fundamental violation of the Covenant of G-d and Israel. This gross and sudden infidelity caused one Partner to decide, at least at first, to jettison the whole relationship.

How do we act when an intimate behaves in a manner that we find "intolerable", "egregious", "beyond the pale"?

It is natural to want to exclude and banish, to try to put the transgressor out of sight, and even out of our minds. The wise course, however, is to try to understand, to

imagine some reasonable explanation for the “unjustifiable” behavior. Rabbi Hanoch Teller in his book “Courtrooms of the Mind: Stories and Advice on Judging others Fairly” suggests that we try to find reasons even for wounding behavior. We need to remember that we may not know the whole story, that we can go to the other extreme and be too harsh in judgment, because we imagine thoughts and emotions more severe than our offender really has.

The Baal Shem Tov taught that just as we love ourselves despite our faults, so we should love others despite their faults. Part of this is extending to others the same excuses and rationalizations we extend to ourselves. If we are lying in a hospital bed and a friend doesn't visit, we become furious. So we should ask ourselves, “How many times have I had a friend in the hospital, or needing something else, and I failed to show attention, because I was too busy, or couldn't leave a client, or had to go to a child's activity, or shop for Shabbat, or whatever. We did not therefore decide that we were terrible, selfish people who can never be relied on. So, we should not rush to these assumptions about others.”

If we can calm down and make a sincere move towards our adversary, the whole interaction can be changed. We at least accept what we first deemed “unacceptable” and, provided the other party has some good will, the whole interaction can be sweetened.

Shabbat Shalom, *Rabbi Weintraub*

Mazal Tov!

The Kane Street community extends a warm Mazal Tov to Sarah Elkayam, her parents Barry and Jacqui, and brothers Jeremy and Michael on the celebration of Sarah's becoming a Bat Mitzvah this Shabbat. Sarah will lead parts of the service and Torah reading at Mincha-Ma'ariv services beginning at 5:15 P.M. We look forward to continued growth and nachis with the Elkayam family, G-d willing, for many years to come.

Services and Programs

Shabbat Evening Services:	6:00 PM
Shabbat Morning Services:	9:30 AM Sanctuary
Shabbat Singing Service	9:30 A.M. Chapel
Torah Study Group:	Rabbi Josh Guttoff: 11:00 AM
Camp Shabbat:	10:00 – 11:15 AM, 12:15 – 1:00 PM
Family Services:	11:15 AM
Shacharit	Sunday: 9AM

Join us for the KSS Auction – Sunday, March 14, 5–8 PM

Jazz, light supper and drinks; children's activities and supervision.

Admission \$50 per family, \$25 per individual

The Auction is coming and along with it many fabulous items up for your consideration:

- A case of beautifully cellared Chateau La Louviere 1982 in its original sealed crate (est. value \$1300)
- 2 tickets to a Carnegie Hall concert of Schoenberg
- spectacular artwork from each Hebrew School class (Gan-Zayin)
- A tour of Showtime's Nurse Jackie set and lunch with Co-Star Dominic Fumusa (Jackie's husband)
- A skateboard and one hour skateboard lesson from Homage on Smith
- A week at a Condo in Aspen

Tikkun Olam / Social Justice

The Kane Street/Cobble Hill Health Center Sing-Along Is Back

Presented by Nigel FeBland and the Kane Street Synagogue Social Justice Committee

Join Nigel, special guest performer Jane Byaela (who will perform her original songs), and the residents of CHHC for another great afternoon of music and dance.

Don't miss it! All ages welcome.

When: Sunday, March 7th at 2:30pm

Where: Cobble Hill Health Center, 380 Henry St. (corner of Congress St.), Dining Room

Mitzvah of the Month (MOM) January-February LAST WEEK

Art Supplies Drive for Shutaf

Shutaf is a unique, inclusion camp and year-round, informal-education program in Jerusalem serving 60 children (75% special needs and 25% typical), 25 teens, dedicated staffers and volunteers of all ages. Shutaf is for kids from all backgrounds - we educate and show by example that everyone can live, work and enjoy together regardless of their differences. Jewish and social values in real time.

Needed items: crayola washable markers, colored felt (can be synthetic), different colored yarns, fabric dyes (for tie dye), fabric paints, white t-shirts in a variety of sizes, permanent markers in gold and silver, transparencies (come in a pack of letter size paper), brightly colored construction paper, colored scrap book paper, food coloring, larger brushes, big googly eyes, stockings/socks (for puppets), non-bleed tissue paper, rolling pins, quick drying clay (daas), cookie cutter shapes, tools for ceramics - wooden and metal tools

Kane Street Food Rescue (KSFR)

The KSFR helps our congregation fulfill the commandment of me'achal re'evim, feeding the hungry, and the commandment of ba'al tash'chit, not wasting food, by "rescuing" leftover food from kiddush and other Kane Street events and delivering it to a local homeless shelter. Volunteers are needed on a regular basis after kiddush to pack and on Sunday mornings to deliver. Join the KSFR volunteer roster by emailing ksfoodrescue@gmail.com.

NEXT Cobble Hill Health Center Visit March 20

Join the Social Justice Committee at the Cobble Hill Health Center, as we spend an hour with Cobble Hill residents of all ages schmoozing, conversing about current events, telling stories, and singing songs.

Place: 380 Henry St. (corner of Congress St.), Recreation Room

Time: 10:00am-11:00am All ages welcome!

Adult Education

INTRODUCTION TO THE ALEPH BET AND PRAYER BOOK HEBREW

This 15-session course will introduce students to the aleph bet, nouns and pronouns, adjectives, prepositions, word pairs, past and future tense. Each lesson will use examples from the Prayerbook to enhance the learning process and students will apply what they learn to understand various components of the Prayerbook including blessings, The Shema, The Aleinu and Ein Keloheinu to name just a few.

The course will be offered Monday evenings from 7:30 PM until 8:45 PM beginning February 22. The price for the course is \$200 for all 15 sessions. Students will also need to purchase a copy of *Prayerbook Hebrew the Easy Way* (available from Eks Publishing, approximate cost, \$25.00).

The course will be taught by Pesya Altman. With over 15 years teaching Hebrew professionally, she has taught at The Ramaz School, H-ulpan, and Congregation Beth Elohim to name just a few.

Students interested in registering for the course should contact the Kane Street Office.

Community News

LEARN ABOUT LINKEDIN!!!

Introduction to Professional Online Social Networking

Monday, March 15, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Kane Street Synagogue

236 Kane Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231

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Hebrew School

If you have any questions or would like a registration form for your child, please contact Rabbi Valerie Lieber at 718-875-1550 x123 or vlieber@kanestreet.org

Kane Street Kids

We have a wonderful Preschool/Daycare Center called Kane Street Kids. For more information, call Joyce Heller at 718.875.1550, or email kids@kanestreet.org

Website

To find out all that Kane Street Synagogue has to offer, please visit our new website at www.kanestreet.org. Features include the KSS calendar, listing of weekly services and leaders, upcoming events, contact information, educational programs, application forms for new members and school enrolment, directions to our facilities and cemeteries, donation forms for giving online or by fax, a link to Amazon.com that supports the synagogue, access to our publications and so much more. Add www.kanestreet.org to your Favorite's List today. Visit us often.

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MECHIRAT CHAMETZ - THE SALE OF CHAMETZ

As every year, we now remind you to arrange for the sale of your *Chametz*, leavened foods before Passover. Formally, we are bound to remove or destroy all *Chametz* from our possession before Passover. However, because of the financial and logistical difficulties of such divestment, *Halacha*, Jewish law, created the practice of *Mechirat Chametz*, the sale of *Chametz* to a non-Jewish friend. Essentially, what occurs is that a price is set and a token down payment is made by the buyer. The balance is considered to be a loan. The contract stipulates that the sale must be completed by the day after Passover. After Passover, the buyer "decides" not to pay the balance, and effectively resells the *Chametz* to the seller.

The sale of *Chametz* is as critical for the observance of Passover as cleaning our kitchens and purchasing Kosher for Passover foods. Please complete and return this form to the Synagogue Office, 236 Kane Street, Brooklyn, New York 11231. We ask that you return with your form a donation for *Ma'ot Chittim*, a special Passover fund to enable needy Jews to observe the holiday. We support the work of the New York Board of Rabbis, whose Passover Campaign enables Jews who are institutionalized, in hospitals, prisons, nursing homes, etc. to celebrate the Seders properly. Your contribution will be used entirely to provide Passover support for these Jews.

I hereby authorize Rabbi Samuel H. Weintraub to sell all of the *Chametz* in my/our household's possession at the following address (es): (include all homes, offices, automobiles, boats, etc.)

Names of all adult household members:

Please Print Name _____

Signature: _____

In consideration of this transaction, I enclose the following amount to help needy Jews celebrate Passover (checks payable to Kane Street Synagogue - Passover Fund)

PLEASE PRINT THIS FORM AND RETURN BY
MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2010