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## Schedule for Parshat Va'era Shabbat Mevarchim

### Friday, January 4

Shacharit	6:50 am
Mincha	4:05 pm
Candle Lighting	4:06 pm

### Saturday, January 5

Shacharit at Salem Towers	7:45 am
<i>Kiddush following services</i>	
Shacharit	8:45 am
<i>Kiddush following services</i>	
Latest Time for Kriat Shema	9:31 am
Mincha	3:50 pm
Ma'ariv	5:05 pm
Shabbat Ends	5:15 pm

## Schedule for the Week of January 6 - 11

	Shacharit	Mincha	Ma'ariv
Sunday	8:00 am	4:10 pm	4:40 pm
Monday	6:40 am	4:10 pm	4:40 pm
Tuesday	6:40 am	4:10 pm	4:40 pm <i>Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat</i>
Wednesday	6:50 am	4:10 pm	4:40 pm
Thursday	6:40 am	4:10 pm	4:40 pm
Friday	6:50 am	4:10 pm	<i>after Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat</i>

## Family Se'udah Shlishit

*Saturday, January 12, 2008 Following Mincha*

Do you enjoy eating? Do you like to spend time with your friends? Is it nice for your kids to play nicely with others?

Come to our monthly Family Se'udah Shlishit, starting this January on the 12th, after mincha services. Family. Friends. Food. What more could a person want?

RSVP by January 10 to 781-322-5686 or [director@bethisraelmalden.org](mailto:director@bethisraelmalden.org)

## Comedian at Maimonides

Yisrael Campbell, Israel's premier standup comedian, is scheduled to perform at Maimonides School in Brookline on Motza'ei Shabbat, January 26, beginning at 8 o'clock. The evening of laughter, food and beverages is sponsored by Maimonides PTA. Advance tickets at \$18 each are available by writing [info@maimonides.org](mailto:info@maimonides.org) or calling the school at 617-232-4452 ext. 105. Tickets will also be sold at the door for \$25 each.

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## Kiddush Sponsorship

This week's kiddush is sponsored by **Chuck Glazer** in honor of his **aufref.**

**Mazal tov!**

## Sponsorships

Want to celebrate an occasion, honor a friend, or remember a loved one? Sponsorships are available at all different levels. Make a donation to show someone you care!

Minimum suggested donations are as follows:

Breakfast -----	\$5.00
One-Line Greeting -----	\$10.00
Weekly Bulletin ad -----	\$25.00
Newsletter ad -----	\$36.00
Se'udah Sh'lishit -----	\$36.00
Kiddush -----	\$50.00
Sefer -----	\$50.00
Luncheon (Shabbat Chazak) ----	\$100.00

## Upcoming Events

- Torah Ethics Class Monday, 01/07, 9:30 am at Salem Towers
- Weekly Parsha Class Thursday, 01/10 after Ma'ariv

*The Rabbi's class is available on our website, [www.BethIsraelMalden.org](http://www.BethIsraelMalden.org)*

- Family Se'udah Shlishit January 12, 2008
- Brunch/Lecture "Protect Your Home: Laws of Mezuzah" Sunday, January 27, 2008
- Winter Shabbaton and Melave Malka February 8/9, 2008

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## Miracles

*Insights into Parshat Va'era from the Ramban, by Rav Reuven Ungar of Sha'alvim.*

“And G-d told Moshe ‘I am Hashem. I have revealed Myself to Avraham, Yitzchak and Ya'akov with the Name of Kel Shakai, and My Name Hashem has not been made known to them (lo nodati lahem)’  
“(Exodus 6:2,3).

What is the significance of the Name “Hashem” that the forefathers were not familiar with? Rashi explains that “Hashem” indicates that He fulfills what He promises. Much was promised to the forefathers; now at the time of the ten plagues and exodus from Egypt, the Jewish People will experience Hashem fulfilling his promise to redeem His people.

The Ramban adopts and expounds upon the explanation of the Ibn Ezra. The forefathers were privy to the Divine conduct that is implied by the term “Kel Shakai” but not that which is implied by the term “Hashem”. The letter bet that is written with “Kel Shakai” refers to “Hashem” as well. The Divine conduct implicit in the first term was experienced by the forefathers, as opposed what is connoted by The Name (Hashem).

“Kel Shakai” refers to Divine reward and punishment that transpires in a natural setting. There is no scientific reason that the spiritual conduct of an individual or nation should be rewarded in this physical world. Miraculously, Hashem decrees that those who serve Him, find sustenance in times of famine, are victorious in war and amass wealth and honor.

(It is obvious that the soul will find Divine reward in the Life To Come- olam haba; thus the Torah does not need to mention spiritual rewards. Rather it conveys the novel idea - chiddush - that EVEN in this physical world there are consequences to spiritual behavior).

This miraculous state of affairs was conducted within a natural framework. The forefathers were familiar with this form of Divine conduct. Now, however, Hashem intends to perform actions that transcend natural phenomena. The Name “Hashem” signifies that He is The Creator of all, and is not bound by any natural laws - for He has created them! “Therefore tell the Jewish People that I am Hashem and will remove them from beneath the burdens of Egypt.” (verse 6). The supernatural miracles that were displayed during the Exodus led to the recognition that He is the Creator of all, the Master of the world.