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Schedule for Parshat Shmini/Parah

Friday, March 28

Shacharit	6:50 am
Mincha	6:45 pm
Candle Lighting	6:48 pm

Saturday, March 29

Shacharit at Salem Towers	7:45 am
Shacharit	8:45 am
Latest Time for Kriat Shema	9:40 am

Kiddush Following Services

Talmud Class	6:00 pm
Mincha	6:30 pm

Se'udah Shlishit Following Mincha

Ma'ariv	7:45 pm
Shabbat Ends	7:57 pm

Schedule for the week of March 30 - April 4

	Shacharit	Mincha	Ma'ariv
Sunday	8:00 am	6:55 pm	7:25 pm
Monday	6:40 am	6:55 pm	7:25 pm
Tuesday	6:50 am	6:55 pm	7:25 pm
Wednesday	6:50 am	6:55 pm	7:25 pm
Thursday	6:40 am	6:55 pm	7:25 pm
Friday	6:50 am	6:55 pm	after Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat

Spring Boutique

Monday, March 31, 2008 at 7:30 pm

Join the Sisterhood for an enjoyable evening of shopping, schmoozing and desserts! Admission is free, *but bring your wallets - you'll love what the vendors have to offer!*

RSVP TODAY!

Email sisterhood@bethisraelmalden.org or call Shoshana Zazula at 781-321-4914 or Joyce Levin at 781-324-3681

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Please note that the maftir of this week is a special reading for Parshat Parah, from the book of Numbers 19:1-22. The haftarah is also for Parshat Parah, from the book of Ezekiel 36:16-38.

Upcoming Events

- Torah Ethics Class** Monday, 03-31-08, 9:30 am at Salem Towers
- Weekly Parsha Class** Thursday, 04-03-08 after Ma'ariv

The Rabbi's class is available on our website, <http://www.BethIsraelMalden.org>

Sisterhood Spring Boutique
 Monday, 03-31-08, 7:30 pm

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 as follows:

Breakfast	\$5
Newsletter Greeting	\$10
Se'udah Shlishit	\$36
Kiddush.	\$50
Sefer.	\$50
Luncheon.	\$100

Contact the office to find out how you can help.

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Investments and Consequences

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

The Torah rules that an individual who touches the carcass of a non-kosher animal (maga) is rendered unclean (tameh) for the duration of that day (Leviticus 11:26/27). However, if a person transports these carcasses (masa), his clothes are rendered tameh as well (verse 28). Whereas the individual must wait until nightfall for immersion in a mikveh, the clothes require laundering to attain purity.

Why is masa more severe than maga?

Great effort is not required to touch an item; a quick movement of the hand will suffice. However, it is probable that while carrying a heavy item the clothes of the individual will be of assistance. Thus, they have participated in cases of masa and bear the tameh consequence. The clothes were not a partner in the act of maga and are not affected by that action.

The more you put in, the more you get out. This principle can be conceptually applied to other spheres of behavior. A person who actively involves himself in a negative pursuit is judged differently than an individual who casually perpetrates an illegal action.

Certainly this is the case in positive conduct. Mitzvot performed with intent (kavanah), zeal (zerizut) and enthusiasm (hitlahavut) yield greater spiritual benefits than Mitzvot executed by rote.

May we be privileged to intensify and upgrade our Divine Service in all realms.