



Parshat Mishpatim —Shevat 27, 5779— February 1, 2019

# YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHERRY HILL

**Dvar Torah: Moshe Raskind**

## Shabbos Times

Mincha & Maariv	5:00 pm
Candle Lighting	5:01 pm
Sunset	5:19 pm
Shacharis	8:30 am
Jr Minyan R' Binyamin	9:45 am
Shabbos Groups	9:45 am
Mincha	4:50 pm
Maariv	6:02 pm
Shabbos Ends	6:11 pm

Parshat Mishpatim is quite unusual in that it starts with the word "and", thus linking last week's portion with this weeks. This week we add many mitzvot to the few we received in last weeks portion. One of these is the mitzvah of the ramp going up to the top of the alter. Why not steps?

There are two reasons given for the use of a ramp for the Cohanim to ascend to the top of the alter. First, steps would involve the lifting of ones legs and as the Cohanim climbed, their legs

would show. This was considered not sniut (modest) and the practice of modest dress continues today among Torah observant Jews. The second reason for the ramp versus the steps is that steps are a representation of set measurements for one's spiritual growth. This is unrealistic. Everyone ascends and descends at their own pace. The ramp illustrates this self paced ascending.

Ask yourself, how have you progressed spiritually over the years? Perhaps taking on a new mitzvah, learning, davening with more kavannah, keeping kosher better, noticing the wonders in our world created by Hashem. Whatever, your journey, or its timing, it is your voyage and qualitatively and quantitatively unique designed by G-d specifically for you.

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## Next Week

Shacharis (Sun)	8:30 am
Shacharis (Mon-Fri)	6:45 am
Mincha & Maariv	5:05 pm
Mincha & Maariv (Fri)	5:05 pm
Nightfall/Shma after	6:10 pm
Kollel Maariv (Sun-Thurs)	9:15 pm
Gemara Makos— Men (Mon)	8:30 pm

Newsletter submissions deadline 4:00 pm Thursdays.