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Shabbat Details

- Friday night service
6.15pm
- Saturday morning
service 9am
followed by kiddush
- Times for Shabbat:
LC 5.25pm,
ends 6.23pm

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Notices

- Delicious **Kosher Challot** and breads are now available locally. Please order these by each Thursday morning from the AHC office for pick up on Friday morning.
- We wish **refuah sheleimah** to Ivor Lee, Maurice Nachmad and Rosy Costi.
- Your Board is trialling a new system for the preparation of Kiddush each week. We thank the Cohen and Wittert families for the delicious kiddushim for the past month and to the Freidler family for the next 2 weeks. We look forward to seeing everyone at Shul to share the service and Kiddush with us.
- **Meat Orders:**
Next meat delivery will arrive on Wednesday 25th August, 2010. Please place your orders for kosher meat and any other special requests or requirements from Melbourne **by 10am 13th August**. Late orders cannot be accepted because Melbourne Kosher Butcher will have limited hours due to the Chaggim. For the meat order form please use the following link:



<http://www.adelaidehebrew.com.au/images/Meat%20Order%20Form.jpg>

Mazeltov

We wish mazeltov to John and Marie-Louise Hirschfield who are celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary. We wish you joy, health and happiness; and many more anniversaries together.



We also wish mazeltov to Michelle, Reuben, Roger, Ellie and Nadav who have been selected to attend the national Bogsem Conference. We hope they have a wonderful trip and a great Shabbos away from home.

Shabbat Parashat Shoftim

Thoughts for the week –“Judges and officers you shall appoint for yourself” (Devarim 16,18).

This week's Parasha starts with the verse quoted above, and the commandment to place Judges and law-enforcing officials in every city of each tribe, in order to reach a just judgment.

Q: Why does the Torah choose the phrase "*appoint for yourself*" in singular, instead of "appoint for the People"?

A: The "*Keli Yakar*" - "Precious Vessel" (Rabbi **Shlomo Ephraim ben Aaron Luntschitz** 1550 –1619) explains that it is a Mitzvah for the Judge (*dayan*) to judge himself first, as if he were in the same situation. What would he decide if he were the one to have to stand in court before a Judge? The exact same ruling that the judge would have given himself, he should give to the one being judged.

The Talmud in *Bava Batra 60b* says: "*Before you demand something from other people, demand it from yourself*". This applies not only to a Judge, but to each and every one of us. How many times do we criticize other people for their wrongdoings, while at the same time we ourselves would do the same thing in a similar situation?

This week's Parasha begins the days of "Elul", when we try to improve our ways before the Days of Awe (Yamim Noraim). One should look into his heart and see his own good deeds, and think the same about other people.

Shabbat Shalom,
Rabbi Netanel Friedler

Yahrzeits

We wish the following members a long life on their Yahrzeits:

Mr Gabriel Chammah for his mother, Renee Chammah

Mr Ivor Lee for his wife, Joan Lee

Mr Shaun Lee for his mother, Joan Lee

Mr Sergey Zadorozhny for his father, Eduard Zadorozhny

Mr Sergey Zadorozhny for his grandmother Sarah Traper



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