

Information for CA Halacha Course

PROTOCOL FOR PHONE SESSIONS

Though normally we "mute" on conference calls, (using *6), for this class we ask that you mute only if you are in a noisy place. This will encourage the flow of conversation without the awkwardness of muting and un-muting.

Please always preface each comment with "This is [Your name]," or "[Your name] here again," or "[Your name] speaking," so we all know who is talking. Last name is necessary only the first time you speak in each call.

Please email Cantorebek@mindspring.com to add you to the Google Group if you have not done so already.

GOOGLE GROUP

This is basically a list-serve much like Hazzanet which includes only members of this course. It is to be used for class related discussions, notifications, only.

When you receive the invitation, please send a post with a short bio and your picture so we all can be more than a voice-on-the-phone.

SCHEDULE of TOPICS for HALACHA CLASS (a loose guide)

(please note, topics may migrate to other dates depending on how much we get through each week and where discussions lead!)

Sunday, January 20 4 pm ET

1. A novel commentary that will blow you away on the popular proverb: "He who pursues honor, honor flees from him, while he who flees from honor is overtaken by it"
2. Continuation and additional very interesting talmudic commentary regarding why the shel rosh has four separate compartments.
Outside of the tefilla shel rosh is the letter Shin, denoting the word Shadai. Why Shadai and what does its acronym stand for?
3. Documentation on the Torah giving the Rabbis of the talmudic period the authority to legislate new halachot.
4. Surprising revelation whereby women were counted in the minyan for a very specific and limited situation.
5. Brief review of the first week's material and a comprehensive expansion on the fourteen principles relied upon in enumerating the Mitzvot.
This is an extremely engaging development which is guaranteed to hold your interest.

Sunday, February 3, 4 pm ET

1. Continuation of the fourteen principles.
2. The famous poignant story in the Talmud (*Hullin 142a*) about the Sage *Elisha ben Abuya*...
4. Discussion as to why certain *mitzvot* are repeated and the numerical significance as to the amount of times they are repeated.
5. Things we are supposed to say and things we are not supposed to say...

Sunday, February 10, 4 pm ET

1. Of the taryag mitzvot, what are the six constant mitzvot and what do they mean and what are its practical aspects?
2. Surprise! The ten commandments are not ten, and they're not commandments. Learn why.
3. The paradox of the command to believe in God.
4. Why is a rainbow considered to be a bad sign?
5. The significance of the 7 *Noahide* laws.
6. Are you supposed to sit or stand for the *Shema*? (The answer is not so easy and will surprise you).

Sunday, February 17, 4 pm ET

1. Halacha doesn't allow you to be paid for doing anything on Shabbat. How does *klei kodesh* circumvent that?
2. Why is it more meritorious for the woman of the household to light the Shabbat candles?
3. Discussion of the *halachot* of *Birchat Hamazon*.
4. The forbidden fruit of the tree was not an apple. What was it, then?
5. Halachos of The 3 Weeks, 9 Days, and *Tish'ah B'Av*
6. Laws of Fast Days (What obscure and little known time must we fast on Shabbat, other than Yom Kippur. Answer will amaze you).