



Kiddush for this Shabbos is sponsored by Dennis and Eve Rosen in honor of the birth of Yehudis Yisca.

Refreshments for all-night learning on the first night of Shavuos are sponsored by Michaela and Dan Perez in memory of Michaela's father, Moshe Arye ben Zev.

Kiddush on the 2nd day of Shavuos is sponsored by the Sved family.

Shavuos All-Night Learning Schedule

12:30 – 1:25 AM: **The Yissachar – Zevulun Partnership** by Rabbi Steinberg

1:30 – 2:25 AM: **The Differences Between the Dibros Rishonos and Dibros Sheniyo**s by Joshua Weinberger

2:30 – 3:20 AM: **Introduction to Section II of the Rambam's Sefer HaMitzvos** by Rabbi Steinberg

3:30 – 4:30 AM: **Mishna Berura Chabura – Laws of Torah Reading (O.C. Chapt. 135)** by Rabbi Steinberg

Everyone is invited to a good-bye party for the Mosenkis family on the second day of Shavuos at 4PM, which will be held at the home of Josh and Tal Weinberger, 140 Upland Terrace.

YIML invites you to a community picnic on Sunday, June 26, 2005 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at General Wayne Park (Montgomery Ave. west, past Meeting House Lane, next right onto Maplewood Ave., ½ mile to park). For more information, call Dr. Gary Diamond at (610) 664-7690. Cost: \$18 per Adult, \$5 per Child (2+), \$50 Fam. Max.

The Friedman family has requested that those wishing to make a tax deductible contribution in Seri's memory consider contributing to the "**Seri Friedman Memorial Scholarship Fund.**" For more information, please speak with Daniel Eisenberg or e-mail him at eisenber@pol.net.

The *Chevra Mishnayos* is finishing Seder Nizikin. The siyum is planned for the Neilas Hachag (between Mincha and Maariv) on the 2nd day of Shavuos. **If you would like to sponsor the siyum, please speak to Moshe Eisenberg.**

There will be a CPR (Adult/Child/Infant) Class for women at YIML on Sunday, June 26 at 10 a.m. Details to come. A men's CPR Class is being organized for July.

All submissions, suggestions, and sponsorships should be directed to Moshe Eisenberg, creator of this Weekly Update.

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Parshas Naso

פרשת

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest Candle lighting:	6:55 p.m.
Candle lighting:	8:11 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	7:00 p.m.
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:16 a.m.
Shacharis:	8:45 a.m.
Mincha followed by <u>Shalosh Seudos</u> :	7:55 p.m.
Maariv:	9:14 p.m.

Shavuos Davening Times

Erev Shavuos (Sunday, June 12):

Shacharis:	8:00 a.m.
Candle lighting:	8:12 p.m.
Mincha/ Maariv:	8:10 p.m./ 9:15 p.m.

First Day of Shavuos (Monday, June 13):

Shacharis I:	4:45 a.m.
Shacharis II:	8:45 a.m.
Mincha:	8:15 p.m.
Candle lighting and Maariv:	9:15 p.m.

Second Day of Shavuos (Tuesday, June 14):

Shacharis:	8:45 a.m.
Mincha:	8:15 p.m.
Maariv:	9:16 p.m.

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis – Thursday:	6:40 a.m.
Shacharis - Wed, Fri:	6:50 a.m.
Mincha/ Maariv (Wed and Thurs):	8:20 p.m.

Rabbi Steinberg will be giving the following shiurim between Mincha and Maariv on Shavuos

Sunday Night: Got Milchigs?: A Discussion of the Custom to Eat Dairy on Shavuos

Monday Night: Timeless Insights into Megillas Rus



Shiurim*



DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	8:15 a.m.	Chumash Shiur	Rabbi Steinberg	
Shabbos	6:50 p.m.	Pirkei Avos	Rabbi Steinberg	Perek 6 (last week)
Sunday Morning	After Davening	Sefer Hachinuch Shiur	Rabbi Steinberg	
Mon., Wed.	After Maariv	Mishna Berura Hilchos Shabbos	Eli Back	
15 minutes before Shacharis on Sun.-Fri.		Orchos Tzadikim	Rabbi Steinberg	
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Tehillim Group	--	CANCELLED Eisenberg home
Tuesday night	After Maariv	Gemora Shiur, 10 th Chapter of Pesachim	Rabbi Steinberg	CANCELLED THIS WEEK
Wednesday	9:00 p.m.	Women's Pirkei Avos Shiur	Rabbi Steinberg	The late start allows men to return after Maariv before shiur.
Thursday night	10:10 p.m.	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	CANCELLED THIS WEEK

*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

Parsha Musings

by Rabbi Steinberg

A'frum'ative Action

One who walks with the wise shall become wise, but the companion of fools will be broken.

(Mishlei 13:20)

Much has been said and written in recent years about Orthodoxy's alleged "shift to the right." The notion – real or imagined (or some of both) -- that we are stricter today in some areas of religious life than Jews were a generation or two ago, has received a lot of attention (at least, among those who consider us worthy of analysis at all).

While there is much to be said on this topic, a comprehensive discussion would be impossible in these few lines. I would like, however, to present one theme from this week's Parsha that has relevance, I believe, to this subject.

Chazal, in explaining the sequence of the sections in Parshas Naso, tell us, "One who sees a Sotah in her degradation shall take upon himself a Nazir's vow from wine" (Talmud, Sotah 2a). The Torah juxtaposes the laws of Sotah and those of Nazir to teach us how one should react to the Sotah spectacle.

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Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Lichtenstein and Dr. and Mrs. Eisenberg on their anniversaries.

Many Commentators ask: why should the witness of a Sotah's demise have the need to further distance himself from sin? Isn't the horrible sight of her degrading death a sufficient deterrent from immorality?

The answer that many give is that it is human nature to be influenced by the behavior of our neighbors. This is so, in fact, whether we approve of their behavior or not, and whether we find their behavior reasonable or not. The mere fact that those around us act in a certain way influences our behavior.

Indeed, the Rambam tells us, "It is the innate nature of Man to be drawn – in his attitudes and in his actions – after his acquaintances and friends, and to follow the customs of his countrymen." The Rambam goes on to say, therefore, that a person must see to it that he lives among the righteous. If he does not, he should move. If there is nowhere to move to where righteous people live, he should pursue a hermitic existence. (See Hilchos De'os, Chapter VI.) This basic nature of man is not predicated on his approval of what he witnesses in his surroundings. It is an influence not subject to reason.

Rav Aharon Kotler (Mishnas Rav Aharon, Naso, pg. 241) likens this to the actions of Amalek in Parshas Beshalach. All of the nations of the world were afraid to attack the Jewish People after they heard of the miracles of the Exodus and the splitting of the Sea. But when Amalek had the gall to attack us, the fear was lifted from the others, as well. Surprisingly, this was so despite the fact that Amalek "took a licking" from us. Although rationally Amalek's experience should have discouraged further attacks, in actuality it had the opposite effect. People are affected by the actions of others, despite the senselessness of those actions.

I think that this is, perhaps, why the prescribed reaction to the Sotah is to become a Nazir. Chazal tell us that the Nazir is actually somewhat criticized for his asceticism: "Is it not sufficient for you what the Torah has forbidden you, that you go to seek other prohibitions?" Why, indeed, must the Nazir go to extremes beyond what the Torah demands?

But I think that the Nazir's response is intended simply to counteract the effect of the Sotah. Immorality in our environment, even when we disapprove of it, influences our behavior negatively. It is an entirely irrational influence. The Nazir adopts a level of piety not mandated by the Torah. In this vein, his actions, too, are "not rational." We fight senseless bad influence with "senseless" good influence. We fight extremes with extremes.

It is no secret that the last few decades have seen an attrition in morality in general society. What was taboo or unimaginable in the 1950's is commonplace and acceptable today.

It should not be surprising, therefore, to see a counterreaction among the pious. It is the Nazir reaction to the Sotah.

Perhaps some "shift to the right" to counteract a "shift to the wrong."

Wishing you a Good Shabbos, Rabbi Steinberg

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Congratulations to all of our members who are graduating this month*:

TA Kindergarten- Baruch Chase, Yitzi Steinberg, Esti Stein, Rina Weinberger

TA 8th Grade- Alex Blynn, Shlomo Frager, Joshua Halpern, Shifra Levy

Abrams Hebrew Academy- Avital Datskovsky, Avichai Korn

Politz Hebrew Academy- Ami Sved

Talmudical Yeshiva of Philadelphia high school- Daniel Chaim Epstein

TAGHS- Caroline Frager, Nechama Krieger

Rutgers University- Rachel Rosen

Yeshiva University- Eli Sved

Itsik Unger- University of Pennsylvania Law School

Tal Weinberger- finishing psychiatry residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

Azi Herschfeld- finishing residency at Temple University Hospital

Susan Frager- Bryn Mawr College of Social Work



*If we inadvertently omitted someone, our apologies. Please let us know and we will include your name next week, IY”H. Please e-mail rabbi@yiml.org.