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### Shovavim Shiur for Women

All married women are invited to join us **this Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>** from 8:15-9:30 PM as Rabbi Steinberg will deliver a Taharas HaMishpacha Review Class entitled: *Avoiding Common Mistakes*. (A second review class may be scheduled for a later date, if there is a demand.)

### Sefer HaMitzvos Shiur

Join us on **Shabbos Parshas Mishpatim**, February 25<sup>th</sup> between Mincha and Maariv as Rabbi Steinberg will deliver a special Sefer HaMitzvos Shiur. The topic will be: *Torah Study and Other Pursuits*. See flyers for more details.

### Chevra Mishnavos

The Chevra Mishnavos is learning Seder Moed. The siyum is planned for Shabbos **Parshas Mishpatim, February 25**. If you would like to sponsor the siyum please speak with Moshe Eisenberg.

### DVD of the Shul Dinner

A big yasher koach to Josh Gold for his recording of the speeches and choir performance at our Shul Dinner, and for creating an impressive, quality DVD of the event. The DVD is for sale for \$18. Please contact Stan Sved for details.

### Congratulations to...

**Michael & Ellen Braffman** on their receiving the "Parents of the Year" Award this Sunday at the Dinner of Yeshiva Kesser Torah of Monsey.

### Tzeischem L'Shalom

YIML wishes a heartfelt tzeischem Lshalom to **Azriel and Rivki Hirschfeld**, who will be moving to Baltimore this week. We wish them much hatzlacha in their new community. You will be missed!

### Community Events

Matan B'Seter Bambi – fundraising event for women at the home of Susan Frager – Tuesday Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 PM.

## Young Israel of the Main Line Weekly Update

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### Shabbos Davening Times

<b>Candle lighting:</b>	<b>5:12 p.m.</b>
<b>Mincha - Friday:</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>
<b>Sof Zman Krias Shema:</b>	<b>9:37 a.m.</b>
<b>Shacharis:</b>	<b>8:45 a.m.</b>
<b>Mincha- Shabbos:</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Maariv:</b>	<b>6:16 p.m.</b>

### Weekday Davening Times

<b>Shacharis –Sunday:</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Mincha- Sunday:</b>	<b>5:20 p.m.</b>
<b>Shacharis- Mon, Thurs:</b>	<b>6:40 a.m.</b>
<b>Shacharis- Tues, Wed, Fri:</b>	<b>6:50 a.m.</b>
<b>Maariv (Mon-Thurs):</b>	<b>7:45 p.m.</b>

**There will be no weekday Mincha in shul until the spring.**

### Ezer L'Chinuch – Special Fundraising Event

Ezer L'Chinuch is proud to present Dr. Abraham S. Abraham on the topic of *Navigating the Health Care System from Birth Until the End of Life* on Tuesday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM at the Phila. Community Kollel. \$18 per person. Sponsorships available. Please contact Dr. Gary Diamond for sponsorship details.

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## Shiurim\*



DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES	
Shabbos	8:15 a.m.	Parshas Hashavua	Rabbi Steinberg		
Shabbos	Between Mincha & Maariv	Gemara Sukka	Rabbi Steinberg		
Sunday Morning	After Davening	Sefer Hachinuch	Dov Gottlieb		
Mon., Wed.	After Maariv	Mishna Berura Hilchos Shabbos	Eli Back		
15 minutes before Shacharis on Sun.-Fri.		Shaarei Teshuva	Rabbi Steinberg		
Monday	8:00 p.m.	A Conceptual Look at the Jewish Calendar	R' Judah Goldberg		
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Tehillim Group			At the Eisenberg home
Wednesday	8:15 p.m.	Practical Halacha Shiur for Women	Rabbi Steinberg		<b>Topic:</b> Taharas HaMishpacha
Thursday night	10:15 p.m.	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky		

\*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

### Pirchei of Philadelphia

Pirchei of Philadelphia will not meet this Shabbos.

### B'nos of Bala Cynwyd

B'nos of Bala Cynwyd will meet this Shabbos at Lower Merion Synagogue from 3-4 p.m.

### Gemora Shiur

This Shabbos between Mincha and Maariv, R. Steinberg will continue his Gemora Shiur. We will be studying Sukkah 5b-6b.

### Everyone Needs Attention

By Rabbi Frand

The pasuk [verse] at the beginning of the parsha says, "Vayehi b'Shalach Pharaoh es ha'am" - "and it was when Pharaoh sent out the nation". The Medrash Rabbah comments on the word "Vayehi" - "and it was". The Medrash says that the expression "vayehi" is related to the word "vai" (as in 'oy vai'), which means to cry out. The Medrash asks, "Who cried out?" The Medrash answers that Pharaoh screamed in anguish when he had to send the Jewish people out.

What did Pharaoh cry about? The Medrash relates a parable. A King had a son who travelled away from home. The prince spent some time at the house of a wealthy person.

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When the King heard where the prince was staying, he corresponded with this person and asked him to send the prince home. The wealthy person ignored the letter. The King sent more letters, all of which were ignored. Finally the King went to the house of this person to take his son home himself.

When the King finally took his son home, the wealthy person started to cry out. The neighbors asked him, "Why are you crying?" He responded, "I had a great honor in hosting the prince in my home. The King corresponded with me and took an intense interest in what was happening in my home. Now, I no longer have the prince in my home, so the King will have no interest in me whatsoever. That is why I cry out."

That is how Pharaoh felt. As long as the Jews were in Egypt, G-d kept sending him messages. Now that the Jews left, Pharaoh would no longer have a 'correspondence' with the Master of the World. "Woe to me" (vay), says Pharaoh, "that I sent the Jews out and lost my dialog with G-d". That is why the pasuk begins "VAY-ehi b'Shalach..."

What conclusion must we arrive at from this Medrash? Was Pharaoh a masochist? Did he miss the 'correspondence' that G-d was sending to him: Blood, Frogs, Lice, etc., etc. Did he love getting beaten up. Why did he cry out when he was no longer 'hearing' from G-d in this fashion?

Pharaoh may have had deep psychological problems, but masochism was not one of them. Pharaoh was a very real human being. Human beings need to feel wanted. They need to feel "I am somebody. Somebody notices me." When a person is no longer noticed, he feels like less of a person.

Rav Shlomo Wolbe (one of the premier personalities in the mussar movement today, residing in Jerusalem) mentions in one of his books that a certain young man once stopped coming to prayer services at a Yeshiva. A friend asked him, "What happened? Don't you daven anymore?" The young man responded, "Heaven forbid, I daven at another minyan now. There is no shortage of minyanim in Jerusalem." His friend asked him, "Why don't you daven in the Yeshiva anymore?" The young man responded, "This way maybe the mashgiach [spiritual mentor of the students] will notice me."

This is an example of the fact that negative notice is better than no notice. "I want somebody to know that I exist." Apathy is worse than punishment.

Small children sometimes 'act out'. (Sometimes they don't have to be so small.) We may ask, "Why are they acting out? Why can't they behave? Why can't they just sit quietly at the Shabbos table? Why do they act out, only to be sent away to their rooms in the middle of the meal?"

The answer is that they, in fact, want to be sent away because that way they are at least noticed. We all have a choice. We can either give our children or our spouses positive attention or we might have to give them negative attention. But we will need to give them attention, one way or another.

This is the lesson of the Medrash. Pharaoh would rather be beaten over the head and worse, than not be noticed by G-d at all. The worst thing for Pharaoh was the realization that after sending out the nation, G-d would become oblivious to him. Everyone needs attention.