

### Shalosh Seudos

Shalosh Seudos this week is being sponsored by Milt and Charlotte Waxman in memory of Milt's mother, Devora Tzipa bas Moshe Shalom (yartzeit: 20<sup>th</sup> Shvat).

### Shovavim Shiur Series

As part of the *Irgun Shiurei Torah - Worldwide Shovavim Project* (over 50,000 participants!), Rabbi Steinberg will be delivering review classes on the Laws of Family Purity (for married people) on the following dates:

#### For Men

Feb 8 – 8:15-9:30 PM

#### For Women

Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – 8:15-9:30 PM

### Chevra Mishnayos

The Chevra Mishnayos is learning Seder Moed. Please sign up by putting your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or speak with Moshe Eisenberg. The siyum is planned for Shabbos **Parshas Mishpatim, February 25.**

### Thank You

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. Thank You!

### Mazel Tov to...

...David and Cheryl Epstein and to Mrs. Suri Rabinovici on the engagement of Tamar Epstein to Aharon Friedman of Brooklyn.  
...Fred and Joanna Brown on Gabi's upcoming Upsherin.

### Ezer L'Chinuch – Special Fundraising Event

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 PM at the PC Kollel – Dr. Abraham S. Abraham – *Navigating the Health Care System from Birth Until the End of Life*. Sponsorships available. See mailing for more details.

### 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.

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### Shabbos Davening Times

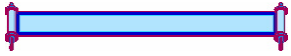
Candle lighting:	5:04 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	5:05 p.m.
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:41 a.m.
Shacharis:	8:45 a.m.
Mincha- Shabbos followed by Shalosh Seudos:	4:50 p.m.
Maariv:	6:08 p.m.

### Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis –Sunday:	8:00 a.m.
Mincha- Sunday:	5:15 p.m.
Shacharis- Mon, Thurs:	6:40 a.m.
Shacharis- Tues, Wed, Fri:	6:50 a.m.
Maariv (Mon-Thurs):	7:45 p.m.

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

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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>CANCELLED</b>
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 meet this Shabbos from 3-4 p.m. at Lower Merion Synagogue.

### B'nos of Bala Cynwyd

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

## How We Are Really Doing

By Rabbi Label Lam

*"Speak to the whole of the congregation of Israel saying: On the 10th of this month, they should take to them, every man a lamb, according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for a lamb, then shall he and his neighbor who is near unto his house take one according to the counting of the souls, accounting to every person' seating capacity shall you account for the lamb." (Shemos 12:3-4)*

We find here a dramatic shift of focus. In the midst of the great showdown between Moses and Pharaoh, right before the 10th plague, the Jewish Nation is told to mobilize. What is their configuration to be? How are they to be gathered on the night before Israel steps out onto the grand stage of history? Were they to congregate in Cairo Stadium and be held sway by some rhapsodic rhetoric from either Moses or Aaron?

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No! What are the focal point, the building block, and the survival unit of the Jewish People? The family and the local community!

More than 150 years ago, Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch wrote the following in his introduction to the Haggadah: Judaism depends on every Jew. To be a Jew means to be born and bred to this particular vocation. Can our Divinely revealed legacy be transferred from one generation to the next - can Judaism be realized - if the child has no parent, if he has no home in which his spiritual heritage is transmitted to him and where he can thrive in a morally pure and formative atmosphere?

To inherit a home and to build a home - this encompasses a Jew's ethical vocation on earth. Is it not the sine qua non for the hopes and perfection of all nations? If only this great Magna Carta were consulted wherever education and culture, peace and salvation of men and mankind are discussed.

For the fate of men, their success of failure, is decided neither in the chambers of rulers nor on the battlefield. It is not decided in business concerns, in colleges and institutions of arts and sciences or in houses of worship. It is sealed only in one place, in the parental home... There exists no substitute for the home, and if one is looking elsewhere for the source of peace and prosperity, he is searching in vain. All of a nations politics and diplomacy, its theories of national economy and institutions for mass education, its trade and industry, its schools and community centers - none of these will save the people from extinction if they let the parental home become a parody.

Are children born for the sake of the state's false concern instead of the warm love of parents? Does the census show ever-growing numbers of children without parents and parents without children? Does the nation's high society make a mockery of morality and modesty? If so, then all the palaces it is building are founded on quicksand."

Last year, at a weekend seminar, a woman approached the table in the dining room where my wife and I were seated with rest of the family. She was excited to see us but we did not recognize her. She told my wife that she had spoken to her briefly five years earlier at another seminar. She recalled that at that time she had decided that she would never get married and have children.

In the midst of their conversation one of our then-newly-born twin girls stretched out her hand to the woman. She told my wife that she put her finger out and the child grasped her finger, as children do. From that brief contact, her heart melted. She went back to her room and cried. "I changed my mind!" she said, and pointing to a spot a few tables away she said, "There's my husband and our two children! Thank you!"

I would like to have believed that one of my lectures could have made the difference, but the feel of a little child or the warm glow of a loving mother means much more than words are capable of conveying.

Just as when the Jewish Nation came down to Egypt is was "each man and his household" so to in the end the Jewish family remains the survival unit and building block of the nation. It is the breeding ground of our future and center of our best hopes and dreams. Its vital signs are the clearest indicators of how we are really doing!

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