

Young Israel of the Main Line Weekly Update

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Mazel Tov to...

... **Rabbi and Mrs. Lichtenstein and Family** on the marriage of Mordechai Lichtenstein to Vicki Evenchik.
... **Sherman and Susan Frager and Family** on the marriage of Yehuda Frager to Aderet Block.

Condolences

YIML extends condolences to Mrs. Henya Novick on the passing of her mother, Gertrude Foster (Gittel Raizel bas Mordechai). May the mourners be comforted among the aveilei Tzion veYerushalayim.

New Upcoming Shiurim by Rabbi Steinberg

Michtav me'Eliyahu

Mussar/Inspiration – Shabbos afternoons, 45 minutes before Mincha
Starting this Shabbos, Ki Savo, Sept. 9th at 6:05 PM

Chovos Halevovos

Mussar/Emunah – Sun-Fri. 15 minutes before Shacharis
Starting this Sunday, Sept. 10th at 7:45 AM

Gemora Kesubos – First Perek

(Focus – Gemora logic. Participants are encouraged to prepare text (“make a leining”) beforehand.)
Tuesday evenings, following Maariv
Starting this Tuesday, Sept. 11th at approx. 7:45 PM

Sefer Shmuel Bais – Shiur for Woman

Text based
Wed. evenings, 8:15 PM
Starting Wed., Oct. 18th

Chevra Mishnavos

The Chevra Mishnavos is currently learning Seder Tohoros. Please sign up by putting your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or speak to Moshe Eisenberg.

B'nos of Bala Cynwyd

B'nos of Bala Cynwyd will be having its opening event this Sunday (Sept. 10) in LMS (Lower Level) from 3-5 p.m. Girls ages nursery-6th grade are welcome. Call Rivka Levy or Miriam Ciner for more info.
Please Note: There is no B'nos this Shabbos.

September 8-15, 2006

Parshas Ki Savo

פרשת כי תבוא

Shabbos Davening Times

Candle lighting:	7:04 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	7:00 p.m.
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:47 a.m.
Shacharis:	8:45 a.m.
Mincha- Shabbos followed by Shalosh Seudos:	6:50 p.m.
Maariv:	8:06 p.m.

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis –Sunday:	8:00 a.m.
Shacharis- Mon, Thurs:	6:40 a.m.
Shacharis- Tues, Wed, Fri:	6:50 a.m.
Mincha /Maariv- Sun-Thurs:	7:00 p.m.

Women's League Meeting- THIS SUNDAY

Please join us at a meeting of the YIML Women's League to plan upcoming events (youth groups and activities, women's education and speakers, etc.) for the coming year. The meeting will take place this Sunday, **Sept. 10th at 8:30 PM at the home of Judith Levitt, 1 Hazel Lane.** Please bring your ideas and enthusiasm.

Tefillin and Mezuzah Checking

Rabbi Shmuel Bodenheim, our Sofer STA"m, will be in town **this week** for your safirus needs.



Shiurim*



DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	8:15 a.m.	Parshas Hashavua	Rabbi Steinberg	
Shabbos	45 minutes before Mincha	Michtav me'Eliyahu	Rabbi Steinberg	
Shabbos	Between Mincha & Maariv	Medical Ethics Chabura	Dr. Daniel Eisenberg	
Sunday Morning	After Davening	Sefer Hachinuch	Moshe Buchbinder	
Mon., Wed.	Before Mincha	Mishna Berura	Eli Back	
15 minutes before Shacharis on Sun.-Fri.		Chovos Halevovos	Rabbi Steinberg	
Monday	9:45 a.m.	Women's Tehillim Group		
Tuesday	After Maariv	Gemora Kesuvos First Perek	Rabbi Steinberg	
Wednesday	8:15 p.m.	Sefer Shmuel Bais	Rabbi Steinberg	Shiur for Women Starting Oct. 18
Thursday night	10:15 p.m.	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	

*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

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And Neither Would We!

By Rabbi Label Lam

The Egyptians mistreated us and afflicted us, and placed hard work upon us. And we cried out to Hashem, The G-d of our fathers, and Hashem heard our voice and saw our affliction, our travail and our oppression. (Devarim 26:6-7)

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In the brief review of the account of our entry into and exit from exile in Egypt we must assume that each word that survives the editorial knife and lives to tell the story is precious. If even one word would be removed, then the irreducible complexity of the text would be at risk of hemorrhaging its deeper meaning. With that as a premise, every word must have a justified existence, and hence an important part of the story to tell.

A young man came running into the synagogue crying and picked up a Sefer Tehillim (A Book of Psalms) and started reciting passionately for a while. A man standing near by asked the fellow what had been the emergency that delivered him to the sudden moment of prayer. The young man answered that he had been in great pain about some personal issue and it had brought him to tears. He found himself crying. In the midst of the episode he realized something important.

How often do we pray without being personally engaged, without feelings!? Even if we try with all our heart, too often it doesn't happen. "Now," he said, "that the wellsprings of deep personal emotions were producing genuine tears, I decided to hurry myself to a prayer book so that the opportunity should not go to waste."

Our Sages tell us that the gates of tears are never locked. In another place, though, we are told that tears are compared to a number of things, for example "to smoke" and "to seeds". What's the difference? Tears that are compared to smoke dissipate and are lost shortly after the emotions have subsided. Tears that are like seeds, contrastingly, fall to the ground and produce everlasting results. How, though, do we turn smoke into seeds? Easy? Not so easy!

A close friend told me that while he was standing in shul with the rest of the congregation in what was to be the quiet and meditative portion of the prayer service, his little son entered, and started to pull desperately at his tallis-prayer shawl. He shouted persistently again and again, "Abba! Abba!" Some of the understandably distracted folks started to utter desperately the provocative two-letter, all useful, non-speech, rhetorical question, "Nu! Nu!"

My friend told me that at that moment when he was frozen in his place supposedly deep in prayer he managed without words to pantomime to the assembled and the annoyed a vital point. This little boy is crying out to his father, isn't that what we are or should be genuinely occupied with doing right now?! "Nu!? Nu!!" He concluded, his eyes looking up to-"Abba!"

If tears or healthy prayer are not to be wasted, they need what we call Kavana-direction. The most romantic love letter will never hit the mark if the address is left off the envelope. When the Jewish People were languishing under the brutal tyranny of the Egyptians, they eventually let out a cry. That cry had a specific destination we are told. Now if that small detail had been left out, the critical message may never have been delivered and neither would we!

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