

### Shavuos All Night Learning Schedule

Refreshments and coffee will be served sponsored by Michaela Perez in memory of her father, Moshe Aryeh ben Zev. His yartzeit is Sivan 8.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
12:30 AM	Driving Home from Medical Emergencies on Shabbos	Rabbi Steinberg
1:30 AM	Lefty Laws: "The Torah's View of the Itter Yad"	Dr. Daniel Eisenberg
2:30 AM	Gilgulim: The Torah's Concept of Reincarnation	Rabbi Steinberg
3:30 AM	Eiruv Tavshilin	Dov Daniel

**SHACHARIS: 4:45 a.m. (Sunrise: 5:31 a.m.)**

### Shul Picnic

The YIML picnic will be at General Wynne Park on Sunday, June 18 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Bring your sports equipment.

Reservation: \$15 adults, \$5 child. At the Picnic: \$18 adults, \$7 child.

### Chelkeinu

Chelkeinu is proud to present three courses for women that will be taught at YIML this summer.

<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Tuesdays (June 6- July 11) from 7:30 to 8:30	The Mitzvah of Challah: Laws and Meaning	Rabbi Steinberg
Tuesdays (June 6- July 11) from 8:30 to 9:30	"Conceptual Principles" Underlying the Beit Hamikdash	David Weiss
Wednesdays (June 7, 14, and 21) from 7:30 to 8:30	Am Segula	Rabbi Simkovich

### Mazel Tov to...

...**Dov and Shani Daniel** on the bris of their son, Mordechai.  
 ... **Eliyahu and Regina Grinberg and Family** on the birth of Shulamis.  
 ...**Gary and Gail Cantor** on the marriage of Shira Cantor to Aaron Katchen.  
 ... **Dovid and Dani Well** on the birth of a girl.  
 ...**Gary and Andrea Diamond** on being chosen as honorees at the upcoming National Council of Young Israel Annual Dinner.  
 ...**Rabbi Simkovich** on being chosen for the Distinguished Educator Award at the upcoming Stern Hebrew High School Annual Gala Reception.

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

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### Shavuos Davening Times

#### Thursday, Erev Shavuos (June 1):

**Candle lighting:** 8:05 p.m.

**Mincha:** 8:10 p.m.

**Maariv:** 9:08 p.m.

#### Friday, First Day Shavuos (June 2):

**Shacharis I:** 4:45 a.m.

**Sof Zman Krias Shema:** 9:16 a.m.

**Shacharis II:** 8:45 a.m.

**Candle lighting:** 8:06 p.m.

**Mincha:** 7:00 p.m.

#### Shabbos, Second Day Shavuos (June 3):

**Sof Zman Krias Shema:** 9:16 a.m.

**Shacharis:** 8:45 a.m.

**Mincha:** 7:50 p.m.

**Maariv:** 9:10 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:** 8:15 p.m.

**DON'T FORGET TO MAKE AN ERUV TAVSHILIN ON THURSDAY!!!**

### Chevra Mishnayos

The Chevra Mishnayos has started learning Seder Nezikin. Please sign up by putting your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or speak to Moshe Eisenberg. The siyum will be next Shabbos, Parshas Nasso.

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## Shiurim\*



DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	8:15 a.m.	Parshas Hashavua	Rabbi Steinberg	<b>CANCELLED</b>
Shabbos	45 minutes before Mincha	Gemara Sukka	Rabbi Steinberg	<b>CANCELLED</b>
Shabbos	Between Mincha & Maariv	Chabura Topic and speaker vary from week to week.	TBA	
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	9:30 a.m.	Women's Tehillim Group		At the Eisenberg home
Wednesday	8:30 p.m.	Practical Halacha Shiur for Women	Rabbi Steinberg	
Thursday night	10:15 p.m.	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	

\*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.



Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Stan and Jillyan Sved and Mrs. Betty Sved to commemorate the yahrzeit of Stan's father.

### Stern Hebrew High School Annual Gala Reception

Stern Hebrew High School is honoring Rabbi Simkovich with the Distinguished Educator Award on June 4 at their sixth annual gala reception at the National Constitution Center.

### B'nos and Pirchei

Bnos and Pirchei will not meet this week.

### Softball News

This Sunday, June 4, Four Corners vs. LMS at Bala Cynwyd Park. See bulletin board for directions.

### Torah- Take a Deep Breath

by Rabbi Eliyahu Hoffmann

Ask anyone who knows their way around a Jewish calendar (a "luach") and they'll tell you that Sukkos begins on the 15th of Tishrei, Pesach on the 15th of Nissan, and Shavuos on the 6th of Sivan. While they are indeed correct, in reality there is a slight misconception in their timetable. Presently, since we do not have the authoritative Sanhedrin (High Court), it is not possible to establish the months according to the witnessing of the new moon.

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The Sages therefore established a luach which keeps us in check as to when the months change, and subsequently when the festivals are to be observed. Under the guidance of the present-day luach, Shavuos indeed always occurs on the sixth day of Sivan.

But, if you were to look in the Torah for the exact timing of Shavuos, you would find that it has nothing to do with any given day of the year. Rather, we are told to "count fifty days" from the second day of Pesach (see Vayikra/Leviticus 23:16; Talmud Menachos 65a), and on the fiftieth day, we are to celebrate Shavuos. Depending on when the witnesses came to establish the in-between months of Iyar and Sivan, Shavuos could have been on either the 5th, the 6th, or the 7th day of Sivan.

Bearing this in mind, it is strange that we refer to Shavuos as "Zeman Mattan Toraseinu - The Time of the Giving of Our Torah." There is a Talmudic discussion (Shabbos 86a) as to when exactly the Torah was given: Some say it was given on the 6th day of Sivan, and others say on the 7th. Even if we concur with the view that it was given on the 6th, since Shavuos could occur on any of three days, it is far from certain that on any given year we will celebrate Shavuos on the exact day the Torah was given!

The fact that Shavuos is the only Yom Tov which has no established calendar-date is itself noteworthy. Why didn't Shavuos get a day of the year just like all the other Yamim Tovim?

One of the first things a Jew does when he gets up in the morning is to recite the Birkos Ha-Torah - the benedictions over the Torah. Blessed are You, Hashem, Who chose us from among the nations, and gave us His Torah. Blessed are You, Giver of the Torah. "Giver of the Torah" is said in the present. Not "Who gave us the Torah," but "Who gives." Receiving the Torah was not a one-timer; a memorable date in Jewish history worthy of commemoration. Receiving the Torah is an ongoing process. It began on the sixth (or seventh) day of Sivan many years ago. It continues each day when a Jew takes out a Chumash or a Mishnayos or a Gemara and studies Hashem's word.

Judaic scholars have long noted the relative dearth of historians among the distinguished numbers of Talmudic scholars our nation has produced. The reason for this seeming reluctance to devote time to the study of history is addressed by R' Chaim Ozer Grodzenski zt"l in his approbation to R' Yehudah HaLevi's Sefer Dor Yesharim:

Torah scholars never gave much thought to the study of Jewish history. Nor did they take the time to write biographies of the great individuals of past generations. This is because the words of our Sages are still alive and vibrant to this day in the mouths of those who study Torah. Our study-halls and synagogues are full from wall to wall with people studying the Living Torah, not as one studies history, but as if the Torah had been given to us this very day.

David HaMelech (King David) encourages us (Tehillim/Psalms 34:9): "Taste - and you will see that the Torah is good!" Torah, he says, is not meant to be studied the way one might study medicine or archaeology; Torah is something one must taste! Torah study does not produce Jewish theologians - scholars knowledgeable in the Jewish religion. Torah study produces living, enthusiastic, dedicated Jews.

Walk into any Bais HaMidrash of any shul or any Yeshiva this Shavuos night (or almost any other night for that matter), and you will find Jews learning Torah. Young and old, scholarly and uneducated; the very air bustles with the words of Torah. Unlike the deathly hush of a library, the study-halls of Torah are alive! One feels as if one could almost breathe-in Torah through the air. This is tasting the Torah. It is something that can't be accurately described in a book. It can't be explained by conventional logic. These are Jews receiving their portion in the Torah directly from Hashem, each person according to his level and according to his neshama. We bless Hashem for "giving" us the Torah, in the present tense, thereby recognizing that receiving the Torah is a constant process; it is our life blood.

We refer to Shavuos as Zeman Mattan Toraseinu because just as the Torah was given after a fifty-day count from the 2nd day of Pesach, so too today we count fifty days and then celebrate Shavuos. The Torah did not attach Shavuos to a specific day, for to do so would be tantamount to saying that Hashem giving us the Torah was a once-upon-a-time occurrence which we commemorate yearly. Shavuos is not the Yohtzeit of the Torah - it is its birthday! Unlike any other Yom Tov, Shavuos jumps around from year to year. It, like the Torah it symbolizes, can not be tied down (see Akeidas Yitzchak, Emor 67; K'li Yakar, Emor 23:16). It is vibrant, living, and just as current and as relevant now as it was over 3,000 years ago.

Come to a Beis HaMidrash to learn Torah Shavuos night and you'll "taste" it in the air.

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