



Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored in honor of Josh Gold for all of his contributions to the shul.

Chevra Mishnayos

The Chevra Mishnayos siyum on Seder Kodshim will be held at Shalosh Seudos between Mincha and Maariv this Shabbos.

Contacting R. Steinberg

Please be advised that the Steinbergs will be away from Sun. Aug. 6th - Fri. Aug. 18th. To contact R. Steinberg during that period, call YIML President, Stan Sved (215) 219-9231.

Mazel Tov

Mazel tov to **Baruch and Elisheva Frankel** on the birth of a son.

Tzeischem L'shalom

We wish a hearty Tzeischem L'shalom to **Eliyahu and Regina Grinberg and Family** as they leave Bala Cynwyd to make aliyah, IY"H, a week from this Sunday. We wish them bracha v'hatzlacha in Eretz Yisroel. You will be missed!

Tefillin and Mezuzah Checking

Rabbi Shmuel Bodenheim, our Sofer STA"M, will be in town **for the week of September 10** for your safrus needs.

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Parshas Vaeschanan

פרשת ואתחנן

Shabbos Davening Times

Candle lighting:	7:54 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	7:00 p.m.
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:35 a.m.
Shacharis:	8:45 a.m.
Mincha- Shabbos followed by Shalosh Seudos:	7:40 p.m.
Maariv:	8:56 p.m.

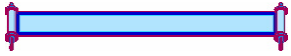
Weekday Davening Times

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:	7:55 p.m.

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Shiurim*



DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	8:15 a.m.	Parshas Hashavua	Rabbi Steinberg	
Shabbos	45 minutes before Mincha	Gemara Sukka	Rabbi Steinberg	
Shabbos	Between Mincha & Maariv	Medical Ethics Chabura	Dr. Daniel Eisenberg	
Sunday Morning	After Davening	Sefer Hachinuch	Josh Weinberger	
Mon., Wed.	Before Mincha	Mishna Berura	Eli Back	
15 minutes before Shacharis on Sun.-Fri.		Shaarei Teshuva	Rabbi Steinberg	
Monday	9:45 a.m.	Women's Tehillim Group		At the Eisenberg home
Thursday night	10:15 p.m.	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	CANCELLED

*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

Parshas Vaeschanan

By Rabbi Shlomo Borinstein

In this week's Parshah we read the Asseres HaDibros. There is a well known Midrash that at Kabbalas HaTorah, HaShem went around to each of the nations and offered them the Torah. He offered it to Edom (Eisav). They responded by asking what is written in the Torah. HaShem replied that it says you may not kill. Edom answered that they cannot accept that Mitzvah because their whole essence is built on killing. HaShem then asked Yishmael if they wanted it. Yishmael also asked what was written in it. HaShem replied to them that it is forbidden to steal. Yishmael also refused the Torah, claiming that their whole essence is based on stealing. The question is asked, we know that the Goyim have to keep the seven Mitzvos of Bnei Noach. Among these Mitzvos are the prohibitions against killing and stealing. If so - if Edom and Yishmael have to observe these Mitzvos anyway - why did they refuse the Torah? In any event they are obligated to keep these Mitzvos!

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Rav Gedalia Shor, Zt"l, lays down a couple of basic foundations in his Sefer, Or Gedaliyahu. First of all, the Asseres HaDibros are not just a list of ten Mitzvos. Rather, they are major category headings. Whatever fits under the category of one of those Mitzvos is also included in it. For instance, Rabbeinu Yona writes in Sha'arei Teshuva that the prohibition of embarrassing someone falls under the Mitzvah of not killing, as the Gemora says, "If a person whitens the face of (embarrasses) his friend, it is considered as if he killed him". Therefore each one of the Asseres HaDibros contains within it many far reaching ramifications. The Mitzvos are not limited to the mere literal meaning of the words. This, the other nations could not accept. It is far too restricting.

But there is another basic understanding which is way beyond the boundaries of what the other nations could accept. When a country makes up their laws, they are basically rules which either protect the rights of the individual or help to insure that the state can function day to day. You cannot damage the property of your neighbor and you must pay taxes. But nowhere do the laws of the land demand of the citizen to be a decent and respectful individual. How often do we find leaders in the government who keep the laws as written but find loopholes for their personal gain and advantage. Or, how often do we hear of people who would never cheat on their taxes, but would cheat on their wives. Morality may be praiseworthy, but no court would enforce it. Morality is your own business.

The Torah, on the other hand, is not just another Bill of Rights. Every Mitzvah in the Torah is meant to help a person reach a new level of Kedusha. Keeping the letter of the law is not enough. It has to be incorporated into your entire being. In the first set of Asseres HaDibros there are 172 letters which is the Gematria of the word "Eikev", which means the sole of a foot. Ten is brought in Seforim as the number that represents Chochma. The Asseres HaDibros must fill a person with Chochma from the top of his head to the bottom of his feet. He must use that Chochma to become a new person. If your observance of the Torah leaves you as you always were, then your Kabbalas HaTorah was not, and is not, a proper Kabbalah. This change is what is expected of every one of us.

The Goyim can handle the seven Mitzvos. But to accept the Torah and all it demands of us is far too restricting. This is what Edom and Yishmael refused and what Klal Yisrael accepted. And this will forever be the difference between us and the rest of the nations.

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