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Weekly Update



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Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Iris and Jack Vinokur in honor of the engagement of thier son Leon Vinokur to Nisa Zwagil.

Sefer HaMitzvos Shiur

Join us next week, **Shabbos Parshas Mishpatim**, February 25th between Mincha and Maariv as Rabbi Steinberg will deliver a special Sefer HaMitzvos Shiur. The topic is on the flyer.

Chevra Mishnavos

The Chevra Mishnavos siyum on Seder Moed will be NEXT SHABBOS, **Parshas Mishpatim, February 25** at the kiddush. If you would like to sponsor the siyum please speak with Moshe Eisenberg.

Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to our members **Bob and Miriam Kovacs** on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Amy and Shlomo Toussoun of Brooklyn.

February 17-24, 2006

Parshas Yisro

פרשת יתרו

Shabbos Davening Times

Candle lighting:	5:20 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	5:20 p.m.
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:32 a.m.
Shacharis:	8:45 a.m.
Mincha- Shabbos:	5:05 p.m.
Maariv:	6:25 p.m.

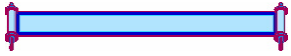
Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis –Sunday:	8:00 a.m.
Mincha- Sunday:	5:30 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	Topic: TBA
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 at Lower Merion Synagogue from 3-4 p.m.

B'nos of Bala Cynwyd

B'nos of Bala Cynwyd will meet this Shabbos at Lower Merion Synagogue from 3-4 p.m. ***SAVE THE DATE*** - B'nos sponsored **family** concert with Rabbi Alter on Sunday, Feb. 26 at 1:00 p.m.

What to Answer!

By Rabbi Label Lam

The Midrash Aggadah records the following exchange: "The wicked Tormusrofus asked Rabbi Akiva, "For what reason is the name of the Holy One mentioned in the first five of the Ten Commandments and not in the latter five?" Rabbi Akiva went to the Palace of Tormusrofus and in particular to the room designated for his weapons of war and there he showed him his entire magazine of armaments.

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Then he went with him to his bathroom, and Rabbi Akiva asked him, "Why do you not put here some of your weaponry?" Tormusrofus answered, "It would be a disgrace to put them in such a disgusting place!" Said Rabbi Akiva, "So it is with the first five commandments which is an honorable context but the latter five that speak of murder, adultery, theft, false testimony, and lusting, The Holy One Blessed Be He, did not want His Name to be directly associated with them..."

We can learn not only from the content of Rabbi Akiva's answer but by the style of his reply. "Answer the fool according to his foolishness..." King Solomon, the wisest of all men advises in Mishle'. It's a daily challenge that comes with the territory for those of us who darn the garb.

I was entering a prison to visit and a guard asked me, "Why do you guys wear hats and dress like that?" I pointed out to him that the identifiable difference between a prisoner and guard is just a piece of cloth. You have a couple of stripes on your gray khaki shirt and the prisoners wear beige khakis. Everybody wears a uniform of some kind. Even those who think they don't wear a costume of non-conformity manage to dress alike. Yours uniform says, "You're a guard!" Mine declares, "I'm a guard, of a different sort!"

A man I was seated next to, at a local Simcha, started to lecture loudly about evolution. Everyone sat politely, without reacting. Then he turned to me and said, "I don't expect you to agree because you are religious!" I told him, "I'm not as religious as you!" He answered me, "I'm not religious!" I insisted, "Every Jew is religious! You happen to be religious about evolution. I was not preaching to you but you were sure trying hard to convince or convert me and my friends! You're even more religious than I am."

A Russian Bubby went looking for an apartment for her daughter in Russia and had to face an Anti-Semitic Communist party bureaucrat who promptly accused her of having killed his lord. She challenged him, "Why didn't you stop me?" He retorted, "I wasn't there!" Then she told him pointedly, "Neither was I!" She got the apartment!

A Chassidic friend of mine was on a plane to Israel and was eating his kosher meal while carrying on a casual conversation with the secular Israeli gent seated next to him. He offered to share his meal or to try to get him a kosher meal too. The man refused with the reply, "I'm a Jew in my heart!" As the plane ride and the conversation continued, the topic turned to politics and things got heated. The Israeli asked my friend with full animation, "Why don't you serve in the army?" The Chassid insisted he was in the army? The fellow was extremely skeptical and when pressed the Chassid confessed, "I'm in the army - "in my heart!"

The Mishna insists, "Know what to answer to a heretic!" We need not always answer but is it important to know "what to answer" and to know that there is "**what to answer!**"

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