

Young Israel of the Main Line Weekly Update



The Wertheimer Family invites the community to a Kiddush this Shabbos in honor of Dovid's bar mitzva **at the Bala Women's Club** after davening at YIML.

Shalosh Seudos this week is sponsored by Art and Sandy Rosenthal to commemorate the 24th yartzeit of Art's father, Yaakov ben Abba.

YIML Picnic

The YIML picnic will be on Sunday, June 17th from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at General Wynne Park. \$18 adult, \$10 for child, \$60 family maximum. RSVPs to Stan Sved would be appreciated. Bring your sports equipment!

YIML COOKBOOK

To purchase your very own copy of "At the End of the Fork" contact Ilana Buchbinder (215-310-9060, ijl927@aol.com) or Shani Daniel (610-667-1509, shani314@yahoo.com). The cost is \$25 per cookbook, or two for \$40. Get great new recipes and support YIML at the same time!

Mazel Tov to...

...Leon and Tova Wertheimer and Family on Dovid's bar mitzva.
...Shlomo and Ronni Troodler on the bris of their son.

B'nos of Bala Cynwyd

B'nos of Bala Cynwyd will meet this Shabbos at Lower Merion Synagogue from 4-5 p.m. in the upstairs classrooms.

Pirchei of Philadelphia

Pirchei of Philadelphia will not meet this Shabbos. There will be an end of the year Pirchei BBQ at the home of Rabbi Silver on Wednesday, June 6th at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person. Please RSVP to Rabbi Silver (610-668-6833) by June 5th.

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פרשת בהעלותך

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest Candle lighting:	6:51 p.m.
Candle lighting:	8:05 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	7:00 p.m.
Shacharis:	8:45 a.m.
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:16 a.m.
Mincha for Shabbos followed by Shalosh Seudos:	7:50 p.m.
Maariv:	9:09 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.

Next Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest Candle lighting:	6:54 p.m.
Candle lighting:	8:10 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	7:00 p.m.

Chevra Mishnayos

The Chevra Mishnayos has started learning Seder Kodshim. Please sign up by putting your name on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. For more information, please speak with Moshe Eisenberg.



Shiurim*



DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55 a.m.- 8:15 a.m.	Parsha Chabura	Rotating	
Shabbos	8:15 a.m.	Parsha Etymology Based on the teachings of Rav Shamshon Raphael Hirsch zt"l	Rabbi Steinberg	
Shabbos	45 minutes before Mincha	<u>ALTERNATING BETWEEN</u> Minchas Chinuch Chabura ----and----	Rabbi Steinberg	
		The Chabura	Rotating	UPCOMING
Shabbos	Between Mincha and Maariv	Medical Halacha Shiur	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	9:30 a.m.	Women's Tehillim Group		345 Bala Ave.
Tuesday	9:00 p.m.	Advanced Gemora Kesuvos Shiur First Perek	Rabbi Steinberg	
Wednesday	8:15 p.m.	Sefer Shmuel Bais	Rabbi Steinberg	CANCELLED until next season. Stay tuned for details
Thursday night	10:15 p.m.	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	

*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

Flashes of Inspiration

By Rabbi Berel Wein

The concept of uplifting one's eyes and spirits permeates this parsha of the Torah. By using the verb b'halotcha – when you raise – in describing the process of lighting the great menorah/candelabra that stood in the mishkan/Tabernacle and later in the Temple in Jerusalem, the Torah emphasizes the necessity of making the ceremony one that is spiritually uplifting and memorable. It is not enough to merely light the fires of the menorah. One has to see to it that the lights raise themselves and inspire others. Rashi, quoting Midrash, states that the priest lighting the menorah did not discharge his duty until the flame took hold and raised itself. Raising itself was not only a technical issue but rather an indication that the lights of the menorah had to serve as an inspiration for Israel. God does need our lights and flames. But we need them to light our darkness and anxiety. We may raise the flames by igniting them but they raise us with their radiance and message of hope and holiness. The importance of inspiration as a factor in Jewish life and survival cannot be overstated. The vision and light of the menorah remains the source of Jewish inspiration and optimism throughout the ages.

Just as the actions of a person can inspire optimism and idealism, so too does human behavior also contain the ability to breed depression and negative thinking. Yitro, the father-in-law of Moshe, takes leave of Moshe and his family and the camp of Israel in order to return home to Midyan. Yitro has a positive motive for so doing. He is returning to a land of paganism and idolatry to spread the idea of monotheism and the universal God there. Nevertheless, Moshe begs him not to leave the camp of Israel. He tells Yitro that “we are beginning now to travel” to the Land of Israel. We need your enthusiasm and presence with us for this historic venture to succeed and go smoothly, is the message that Moshe communicates to his father-in-law. Moshe is aware that there is great hesitation and trepidation about the Land of Israel within the camp of the Jews. There are many who are not anxious to go there and those who sense the difficulties and problems inherent in the attempt to conquer and settle the land. The fact that Yitro, Moshe's own father-in-law, is somehow not willing to accompany them on this adventure has a depressing effect upon Israel. Hence the later sad and disastrous events that are described towards the end of the parsha. Instead of “bhalotcha”- raising and inspiring Israel in its belief in the Land of Israel and God's promise to grant it to them and us, Yitro's behavior only proves to place a negative damper on the whole project. Without enthusiasm and inspiration, the Land of Israel will surrender itself to the Jewish people only with great difficulty and inordinate pain.

Most of our lives have to be dealt with in a spirit of “b'halotcha.” Lifted morale, upraised vision and enthusiasm for the holy causes of Torah and Israel are the necessary ingredients for successful Jewish living. Naysayers, nitpickers, cynics and pessimists are always our undoing. Raising our sights will uplift our lives as well.

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