

### Scholar in Residence Shabbaton

Save the Date: Shabbos Lech Lecha (Nov. 3-4), **Rav Dovid Kaplan** of Yeshivas Ohr Sameach, Eretz Yisroel, will be visiting our community. There will be an oneg Friday night at the home of Stan and Jillyan Sved, at which Rabbi Kaplan will speak on, "Hashgacha Pratis." On Shabbos, Rabbi Kaplan will deliver a drasha in Shul, and then there will be a luncheon at which he will speak on the topic of, "Chinuch." More details to come soon.

### YIML Cookbook

YIML proudly presents our very own COOKBOOK. Please submit recipes to Ilana Buchbinder ([ijl927@aol.com](mailto:ijl927@aol.com)) or Shani Daniel ([shani314@yahoo.com](mailto:shani314@yahoo.com)). Sponsorships are available at \$36, \$54, \$72 and \$180. The success of this cookbook depends on you!

### Chelkeinu

Rav Hershel Schachter *shlit"á*, Rosh Yeshiva at Yeshiva University, will be speaking at LMS on Sunday evening, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m on *Is American Law Really Jewish Law? The Parameters of Dina D'Malchusa Dina*. The lecture will be co-sponsored by Yeshiva University's Center for the Jewish Future, the Stern Hebrew High School, Torah Academy of Greater Philadelphia, and [Young Israel of the Main Line](#), and is being co-sponsored and hosted by the Lower Merion Synagogue Education Committee. Free Sushi!! For more information, please contact Rabbi Yehuda Seif at 610-617-0641 or at [yehudaseif@gmail.com](mailto:yehudaseif@gmail.com).

### Mazel Tov to...

... **Rabbi and Mrs. Lichtenstein and Family** on the engagement of Tamar Lichtenstein to Zusha Agin of Far Rockaway. The Lichtenstein Family invites the community to a brunch vort on Sunday, Oct. 22 from 11:30am-3:00pm, at the Lichtenstein home (41 Highland Ave.)  
... **Yossi and Avital Mizrachi** on the birth of Leah Sarah.

### Rabbi Steinberg's Book

Rabbi Steinberg's recently published book of drashos is available for purchase at YIML for the reduced price of \$15.

### Simchas Torah Luncheon

Special thank you to Mrs. Brendy Siev, coordinator of this year's Simchas Torah Luncheon for a job phenomenally well done!

### New Women's Shiur

Rabbi Steinberg is beginning a new women's Sefer Shmuel Bais Shiur on Wed. nights at 8:15 at YIML. Starts this week - Oct. 25th. (Bring your own text, if you have.)

### Weekly Gemora Shiur

Please note: The Tues. night Gemora Shiur with Rabbi Steinberg will meet regularly at 8:00 p.m., now that Maariv at YIML is set for the winter at 7:45 PM.

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

# Young Israel of the Main Line Weekly Update

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Parshas Bereshis

פרשת בראשית

### Shabbos Davening Times

Candle lighting:	5:57 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	6:00 p.m.
Shacharis:	8:45 a.m.
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	10:02 a.m.
Mincha:	5:45 p.m.
Maariv:	6:59 p.m.

### Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis- Sunday (Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan):	8:00 a.m.
Mincha- Sunday:	5:55 p.m.
Shacharis- Monday (Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan):	6:30 a.m.
Shacharis- Thursday:	6:40 a.m.
Shacharis- Tues, Wed, Fri:	6:50 a.m.
Maariv (Mon-Thurs):	7:45 p.m.

There will not be weekday Mincha until the Spring.

### Next Shabbos Davening Times

Candle lighting:	5:48 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	5:50 p.m.

### New Members

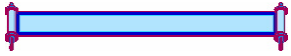
We welcome the newcomers who have joined our community! Please be sure to sign up to receive our Shul e-mail updates by visiting our website: [www.yiml.org](http://www.yiml.org) (click on "mailing list".)

### Chevra Mishnavos

The Chevra Mishnavos has started learning Seder Zeraim. Please sign up by putting your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or speak with Moshe Eisenberg.

### B'nos of Bala Cynwyd

B'nos of Bala Cynwyd will meet this Shabbos at Lower Merion Synagogue from 3:30-4:30 p.m.



## Shiurim\*



DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	8:15 a.m.	Parshas Hashavua	Rabbi Steinberg	<u>Topic:</u> Rashi's Father
Shabbos	45 minutes before Mincha	Michtav me'Eliyahu	Rabbi Steinberg	
Shabbos	Between Mincha & Maariv	Medical Ethics Chabura	Dr. Daniel Eisenberg	<u>Topic:</u> Lifnei Iver
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		
Tuesday	8:00 p.m.	Gemora Kesuvos First Perek	Rabbi Steinberg	
Wednesday	8:15 p.m.	Sefer Shmuel Bais	Rabbi Steinberg	Shiur for Women <b><u>Starting this Week</u></b>
Thursday night	10:15 p.m.	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	

\*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

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### A Springtime of the Spirit

By Rabbi Naftali Reich

As the warm glow of summer gives way to the chill autumn winds, the world begins to withdraw into itself. People remain indoors, their doors and windows shut tight. Trees shed their leaves, and animals prepare food and shelter for the long cold winter. The cycle of the year has reached its descending phase, at the opposite pole from the flourishing days of spring.

Yet for the Jewish people, this is the time of year when we experience a great surge of renewal. On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur our neshamos were cleansed and our slates cleared, and we realigned our priorities in life. But perhaps more than anything else, Shabbos Bereishis gives us a true sense of a new beginning. As we watch the Torah scroll rolled back to its very first parchment page, it is as if we are witnessing the entire year being rolled back to give us a fresh start. We open the pages of the Chumash and read about the creation of the world with a sense of excitement that does not diminish from year to year. If anything, it grows stronger. It is a springtime of the spirit, a time when Jewish souls blossom and bloom.

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The prelude to this wonderful time was Simchas Torah, when we held hands in song and dance to honor the completion of the annual reading of the Torah and its commencement once again. But the question presents itself: Why do we choose this particular time for this great outburst of rejoicing? Why now more than on Shavuot, the anniversary of the actual Giving of the Torah to the Jewish people at Mount Sinai, are we called upon to celebrate in such a festive manner?

The answer lies in the very first words of the Torah - "Bereishis, in the beginning, Hashem created the heavens and the earth." Our Sages point out that in Scriptures the word reishis sometimes refers to the Torah. Therefore, they explain, we are also being told that "with the Torah, Hashem created the heavens and the earth." What, however, is the connection between the Torah and creation?

Let us think for a moment about a suspension bridge. Many of us drive across such bridges on our daily trek to work, but how often do we take notice of this marvelous piece of architecture? And even if we did take notice of this marvel of grace and solidity, would we have the capacity to appreciate it fully? Surely not. Unless we were personally involved in the actual building the bridge, we could not begin to imagine the enormous amount of design, engineering and planning that went into the bridge, not to mention the daunting complexity of the actual construction.

The living world around us is, of course, infinitely more marvelous and complex than the greatest human architectural feats imaginable. It is a triumph of design that only Hashem could have accomplished. But where is the blueprint for this world? Where are the engineering plans? They are all in the Torah. "Histakel b'Oraisa uvarah alma," our Sages say. "He looked into the Torah and created the world." The laws, the concepts, the mystical secrets of the Torah are the keys to the universe. The spiritual Torah and the physical world exist in a state of perfect integration.

Simchas Torah is our crowning celebration of the Torah. On Shavuot, we commemorated the spiritual gift of the Torah, its mitzvos and teachings which represent our connection to eternity. On Simchas Torah, however, we commemorate the Torah as the very foundation of the physical world. We dance around it in a circle to signify that the Torah is the focal point of creation which controls and energizes everything around it.

Our joy is complete. Not only is the Torah our passport to eternity, it is also our key to the here and now. Torah is the basis of all creation, and connecting with it allows us to live in perfect harmony with our surroundings.

The nip of autumn may be in the air, but as we begin to read Bereishis, it is springtime in our hearts.

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