

YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

Weekly Update

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Parshas Eikev

פרשת עקב

כ' אב תשס"ז—4-3 August

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting:	6:44pm
Candle lighting:	7:55pm
Mincha - Friday:	7:00pm
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:35am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishis:	7:40pm
Maariv:	8:57pm

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis Sunday:	8:00am
Shacharis (Mon., Thu.):	6:40am
Shacharis (Tue., Wed., Fri.):	6:50am
Mincha/Maariv (Sun.-Thu.):	7:55pm

Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting:	7:47pm
Mincha - Friday:	7:00pm

Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	8:15am–8:45am	Parsha Chabura	B. Weiss	SPECIAL TIME!
Shabbos	8:15am	Parsha Etymology	R. Steinberg	OFF WEEK
Shabbos	7:15pm	Minchas Chinuch Chabura	R. Steinberg	OFF WEEK
Shabbos	After Mincha	Medical Halacha	D. Eisenberg	OFF WEEK
Sunday	After Shacharis	Sefer Hachinuch	M. Buchbinder	
Mon., Wed.	Before Mincha	Mishna Berura	Eli Back	
Sun.-Fri.	15 min. before Shacharis	Chovos haLevovos	R. Steinberg	OFF WEEK
Tuesday	9:00pm	Advanced Gemora: Kesubos	R. Steinberg	Resumes in Sept.
Wednesday	8:45pm	Women's Shiur	R. Steinberg	Resumes in Sept.
Thursday	10:10pm	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	Resumes in Sept.

*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

COMING EVENTS

Tefillin and Mezuzah Checking:

Mark your calendar. Rabbi Shmuel Bodenheim, our Sofer Sta"m (scribe) will be in town (at YIML) beginning Sunday, September 2nd, IY"H, to check your tefillin and mezuzos.

Four Corners Softball:

Get Ready !!! The Aish-Young Israel team is scheduled to play its make-up playoff game vs. Har Zion this Sunday, August 5, 10am at General Wayne Field.

This week's Update is sponsored by Shmuel and Henya Novick in honor of Rabbi Dr. Chaim HaLevy Diamond receiving smicha.

All submissions, suggestions, and sponsorships should be directed to the editor of the Weekly Update, פלוגי בן פלוגי (weeklyupdate@yiml.org).

Please be aware that Rabbi Steinberg will be away starting July 29, until August 14th. If a great need to be in touch with him arises, please speak to David Chase or Josh Weinberger.

THIS SHABBOS

Kiddush this Shabbos is community sponsored.

Chevra Mishnayos Siyum at Shalosh Seudos:

Chevra Mishnayos siyum on Seder Kodshim will take place at Shalosh Seudos this week. *The Siyum is sponsored* by Janet and Danny Eisenberg in honor of Moshe Eisenberg beginning at the Philadelphia Yeshiva. Mazel Tov!

COMMUNITY CHESED

The Jewish Relief Agency (JRA) needs volunteers for tomorrow's distribution. Each month, JRA delivers boxes of food to well over 2000 needy Jewish families. This is a great activity for all ages over 3 (packaging is fun, delivering is a chesed). Come together with 300–500 other volunteers. Visit www.jewishrelief.org. or speak to Ira Somers.

MAZEL TOV!

Mazel Tov to Barry Weiss on the marriage of his son Asher Weiss this week to Raizy Francis of Chicago.

ONGOING EVENTS

Chevra Mishnayos:

The Chevra Mishnayos is now learning Seder Tohoros. See the shul bulletin board to sign up.

Women's Tehillim Group:

The Women's Tehillim Group meets Mondays at 9:45am at 345 Bala Ave.

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D'VAR TORAH by Rabbi Berel Wein

Even though Moshe in his review of the life of the Jewish people in the desert of Sinai over the past forty years recounts all of the miracles that occurred, he does so not for the purpose of narrative but rather to teach an important moral lesson for all ages. That stark lesson is that after all of the miracles that God may perform on our behalf, our fate is in great measure in our hands. And the lesson of all of Jewish history is summed up in the verse "For not by bread alone—even miraculous bread such as the manna—shall humans live, but rather by the word of God, so to speak,—the values, commandments and strictures of Torah shall Jews live."

All attempts to avoid this lesson, to substitute other words, ideas and ideologies for the words of Torah have turned into dismal failures. But reliance upon miracles is just as dangerous a path. My teachers in the yeshiva would say to us, then pious young men, that prayer helps one to become a scholar in Torah. But they emphasized that sitting and studying Torah for a protracted time with concentration and effort may help even more in the quest for true Torah scholarship. Moshe uses the constant miracles of the desert to drive home the point that much of the responsibilities of life are in our hands and our decision making processes. In essence the clear conclusion from his oration is that God helps those who help themselves.

In our post-Tisha B'Av mood and run-up to Elul and the High Holy Days it is important to remember how much of our fate truly lies in our own actions. The small choices that we make in our everyday lives add up to our life's achievements and accomplishments. That is what Rashi means when he states that "these are the commandments that one grinds under with one's heel—ekev!" The small things that we think to be unimportant at the moment often translate into major decisions and sometimes even have irreversible consequences. The question always before us is do our actions measure up to the standards of God's word, so to speak. We live not "by bread alone" or by miracles alone, but by our own choices and our very own behavior and deeds.

While recently driving on a New York City highway—an exercise in patience and utter futility—I missed the exit that I was supposed to turn off on. Miles and a quarter of an hour later I was able somehow to retrace my journey and exit at the proper place. I felt that it was a miracle that I was able to do so. It was, in fact, my negligence of not exiting correctly from the highway originally that forced the necessity of of this "miracle." Moshe teaches us that this is truly a daily occurrence in our lives. His message to us is as clear and cogent today as it was to our forbearers in the desert of Sinai long ago.

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