

YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

Weekly Update

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Parshas Ki Savo

פרשת כי תבוא

August 31–September 1—י"ח אלול תשס"ז

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting:	6:13pm
Candle lighting:	7:17pm
Mincha - Friday:	7:00pm
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:45am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishis:	7:15pm
Maariv:	8:19pm

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis Sunday:	8:00am
Shacharis (Labor Day):	8:00am
Shacharis (Tue., Wed., Fri.):	6:50am
Shacharis (Thu.):	6:40am
Mincha/Maariv (Sun.–Thu.):	7:15pm

Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting:	7:06pm
Mincha - Friday:	7:00pm

Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55am–8:15am	Parsha Chabura	D. Rosen	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Parsha Etymology	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	6:30pm	Minchas Chinuch Shiur	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Medical Halacha	D. Eisenberg	
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	
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	

*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

THIS SHABBOS

Kiddush and Shalosh Seudos:

Kiddush this week is being sponsored by...

- Sid and Sue Laytin for the Yahrzeit of Sue's father, Herbert Berger—Chaim Yakov ben Yisroel.
- The Admon, Avis, Frager, Frankel, Goldberg, Kanefsky, Kott, Rosen, Simkovich, Spiller, Sved and Zohar families to wish Tzeis'chem L'Shalom to the May family. We and the entire Kehilah wish them B'racha V'hatzlacha in their new home in Eretz Yisrael. We should all join them soon.

Seudah Shlishis is community sponsored.

Minchas Chinuch Shiur:

With R. Steinberg, 6:30pm at the Young Israel: *Hasra'ah Have to be Melacha-Specific.*

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

Mazel Tov:

Mazel Tov to Jerry Guthrie and Beth Datskovsky on their recent marriage!

Bruchim Habbaim:

We welcome our members Sid and Susan Laytin, who have recently moved into the neighborhood. May they have *bracha v'hatzlacha* in their new home!

Tzeischem L'shalom:

We wish farewell to our members Raquel & Michael May and family who will be leaving Bala Cynwyd to make aliyah, this week, IY"H. They will be missed!

Tefillin and Mezuzah Checking:

Rabbi Shmuel Bodenheim, our Sofer Sta"m (scribe) will be at the Young Israel this week to check your tefillin and mezuzos.

The Yomim Noraim are approaching:

The membership and Yomim Noraim packets are available on the YIML Internet Archive: http://www.chaseplanet.us/~dchase/yiml/membership_and_yomim_noraim_info.zip *Please return your seating requests as soon as possible!*

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.

Are you on our e-mail list?

To subscribe to the shul mailing list, send a message to majordomo@chaseplanet.us with the following in the message body (all one line): `subscribe yiml YOUR-EMAIL`

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Every year I am impressed and frightened even more by the description of Jewish history that appears in this week's parsha. Ramban almost eight hundred years ago stated how wondrous and chilling the prophecies of Moshe were in their precise accuracy and clarity of vision and outlook. The description of the Jewish future that we encounter here is so frightening as to be disheartening. Who can withstand such enmity, persecution and genocide?

A cynical professor of mine once said to me that Jewish history is "books and blood." This is a vast oversimplification but it does contain a kernel of truth. A large element that contributed to the abandonment of Jewish practice and faith, if not even Judaism itself in Western and later in Eastern Europe during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, was the unremitting enmity and persecution of the Jews by the general society. Put simply, many Jews were no longer able or willing to bear the burden of the *tochachah*—of the grinding poverty and violent bigotry that was the lot of European Jewry.

They opted out, hoping that they would thereby escape the Torah-predicted fate of the Jewish people. The irony to all of this was that the German annihilation of the Jews during the Holocaust was not based on religion but rather upon race and ancestry. Thus Jews who converted to Christianity also found themselves standing on the railroad platform at Auschwitz. The *tochachah* hunted them down as well.

However a careful reading of this parsha will allow us to adopt a more hopeful and sanguine view of our future. The Torah guarantees us our survival as a people—not necessarily as individuals per se, but as a people. As a people, we are indestructible and eternal. Eventually, the Lord will not forsake us for we will return to treasure Him and His Torah in faith and practice.

The seven haftorot of comfort and consolation which lead us from the *tochachah* of Tisha B'Av to the greatness of the High Holy days and Succot all reaffirm the prediction of God's mercy and redemption towards Israel. The Lord does not allow us to be vanquished physically or spiritually. "Will a woman forget her infant? So too, will I not forsake you," states the prophet Yeshayahu.

A loving reconciliation between God and Israel is predicted by all of our prophets from Moshe to Malachi. The wait may be long and nerve-wracking, but the outcome is certain and sure. This is no less the message of the *tochachah* than are its most dire predictions. To paraphrase Rabi Akiva who saw the ruins of the Temple strewn on the ground before his eyes, we can also state: "If the terrible predictions have proven to be so unerringly accurate in detail and form, then we can rest assured that the prophecies of comfort and triumph are also true even as to their most minute detail." This faith of Israel has sustained us throughout our long night of exile. It continues to sustain us now in the midst of our angst and travails.

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