

Young Israel of the Main Line Weekly Update

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Upcoming Chaburos

(between Mincha and Maariv on Shabbos)

When: **THIS SHABBOS** (Parshas Parah)

Topic: *Babies by Design: Is it Permitted to Deliberately Create a Disabled Baby by IVF?*

Who: Dr. Daniel Eisenberg

When: March 17th (Shabbos HaChodesh)

Topic: *"Bitterness Confronts Redemption--The Nature of the Mitzva of Marmor"*

Who: Rabbi Yehuda Seif

New Advanced Gemora Shiur

Even if you were unable to attend the past two week's shiurim, you can still join in the future (9:00 PM Tuesday nights). Be sure to contact Rabbi Steinberg to receive the mareh mekomos via e-mail.

Seforim Dedication Opportunities

The Shul has purchased new sets of Minchas Chinuch, to enrich our study of this sefer. If you would like to dedicate a set/sets (at \$60 each) of this wonderful book, please contact Dr. Daniel Eisenberg at eisenber@pol.net (include dedication text).

Chevra Mishnavos

Chevra Mishnavos has begun learning Seder Nashim. Please sign up by putting your name on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Please speak with Moshe Eisenberg for details.

YIML Members to be Honored at Local Dinners

Congratulations to...

...**Rabbi Judah and Shayna Goldberg**, who will be honored at the Annual Dinner of Stern Hebrew High School on May 13th.

Pirchei of Philadelphia

Pirchei of Philadelphia will not meet this Shabbos.

B'nos of Bala Cynwyd

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

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

March 9-16, 2007

Parshas Ki Sisa Parshas Parah פרשת כי תשא

Shabbos Davening Times

Candle lighting:	5:43 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	5:45 p.m.
Shacharis:	8:45 a.m.
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:16 a.m.
Mincha for Shabbos:	5:40 p.m.
Maariv:	6:47 p.m.

Don't forget to turn your clocks to DLS time this Motzei Shabbos!

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis- Sundays:	8:00 a.m.
Shacharis- Mon, Thurs:	6:40 a.m.
Shacharis- Tues, Wed, Fri:	6:50 a.m.
Mincha/ Maariv (Sun-Thurs):	6:50 p.m.

Next Shabbos Davening Times

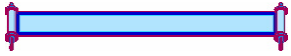
Candle lighting:	6:50 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	6:50 p.m.

Ezer L'Chinuch- THIS WEEK

The *Ezer L'Chinuch* annual lecture will be held on March 15 at 8 p.m. at the Philadelphia Community Kollel. Rabbi Moshe Heinemann will be speaking on the topic of "*Preparing for Pesach: A Practical and Spiritual Guide.*" Suggested donation is \$10. For sponsorship information, please contact Daniel Eisenberg or Gary Diamond.

Special Lecture- THIS WEEK

There will be a special lecture on the topic of Global Terrorism with guest speaker, Alan Dershowitz and opening remarks by Malcolm Hoenlein at the Annenberg Center for Performing Arts at the University of Pennsylvania on March 14, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. General/Student Admission: \$20/\$5 in advance, \$30/\$15 at the door. YIML is a co-sponsor of this event.



Shiurim*



DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	8:15 a.m.	Parsha Etymology Based on the teachings of Rav Shamshon Raphael Hirsch zt"l	Rabbi Steinberg	
Shabbos	Between Mincha and Maariv	Minchas Chinuch Chabura	Rabbi Steinberg	CANCELLED
Shabbos	Between Mincha and Maariv	The Chabura	<u>This Week:</u> Daniel Eisenberg	<u>See back for details</u>
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	Mareh Mekomos distributed in advance
Wednesday	8:15 p.m.	Sefer Shmuel Bais	Rabbi Steinberg	
Thursday night	10:15 p.m.	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	

*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

Shabbos has Kept the Children of Israel Holy

By Rabbi Label Lam

"The Children of Israel shall observe the Shabbos, to make the Shabbos an eternal covenant for their generations. Between Me and the Children of Israel, it is a sign forever that in a six-day period Hashem made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed. (Shemos 32:16-17)

He promised them that this sign will remain forever and Israel will make great personal sacrifices for its sake and through this the sign will remain with them forever. He also promised them that no other peoples will accept this day as their day of rest, rather they will seek to rest on another day. (Malbim)

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What's so special about Shabbos? Why is it the central day in the Jewish week? Let's see if we can appreciate one small sliver of an approach.

A Rabbi was speaking to an elder group of Jews in Florida some time back. He wanted to impress upon them the greatness of the sainted Chofetz Chaim. He told them that in a town near to Radin where the Chofetz Chaim resided there was a butcher whose son had become a flagrant desecrater of the Shabbos. This presented a tremendous problem for the whole town. The son's ill behavior reflected on the butcher and cast a shadow of doubt over the credibility of his Kashrus.

It was the source of great controversy for the whole community and deep personal pain for the butcher. After many discussions and after having exhausted every other option it was decided that they would bring the young man to meet the Chofetz Chaim. They did. After a brief encounter in a closed room the boy came out transformed and from then on was dutifully observant of the Shabbos.

After the Rabbi concluded his lecture an older man approached him and told him that he was from a certain small town adjacent to Radin. His father was a butcher. In his youth he had gone on a streak of rebelliousness and had desecrated the Shabbos. His father had taken him to the Chofetz Chaim and from then on he ceased from violating the Shabbos. "I was that young man in the story!" he confessed. The Rabbi pressed him, "What happened in that room?"

He related, "I entered the room and saw this sweet elderly Rabbi. He took my hand with his two soft and gentle hands and he began to say, "Shabbos, oy Shabbos..." He repeated over and over again and he began to cry. A tear ran off his cheek and landed on the back of my hand. When I felt that hot tear I gave a shriek and ran out of the room, vowing at that moment I would never violate Shabbos again."

Rabbi Yehuda Halevi, the Kuzari, relates a remarkable fact. For all the various measurements of time there is some corresponding celestial cue. During the course of a month the moon does its dance across the sky. A year can be measured by the angle of the sun's rays. These are openly observable phenomena.

However, a week is a peculiar creature. Why is the entire world obedient to a seven-day week. What heavenly signal keeps all of humanity in concert with this schedule? The Kuzari posits that it is a remnant of the persistent memory of all humanity. That from the very beginning the world had an original and continuing cycle of Shabbos.

A second point of interest is that the other faiths have chosen days in the week other than Shabbos as days of relaxation. They do not contest which day is Shabbos. On that all are in agreement. These have parked ¼ of humanity on Friday the 6th day and these have placed ¼ of mankind on Sunday, the 1st day of the week.

With ink as hot as that holy tear it's in the verse above for 3315 years now, the 7th day has been "an exclusive" for the Children of Israel who have always kept the Shabbos Holy, and so Shabbos has kept the Children of Israel Holy.

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