

Young Israel of the Main Line Weekly Update

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YIML Cookbook

YIML proudly presents our very own COOKBOOK. Please submit recipes to Ilana Buchbinder (ijl927@aol.com) or Shani Daniel (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"a*, Rosh Yeshiva at Yeshiva University, will be speaking at LMS on Sunday evening, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. 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. For more information, please contact Rabbi Yehuda Seif at 610-617-0641 or at yehudaseif@gmail.com.

B'nos of Bala Cynwyd

B'nos of Bala Cynwyd will not meet on Shmini Atzeres.

Mazel Tov to...

... **Richie and Janis Fine** on the birth of a baby grand-daughter.
... **Yossi and Avital Mizrahy** on the birth of a baby girl.

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October 13-20, 2006

Shmini Atzeres/Simchas Torah

שמיני עצרת/שמחת תורה

Shmini Atzeres Davening Times

Erev Shmini Atzeres (Friday, Oct. 13)

Candle lighting: 6:08 p.m.
Mincha: 6:15 p.m.

Shmini Atzeres (Shabbos, Oct. 14)

Shacharis: 8:45 a.m.
Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:59 a.m.
Yizkor: 10:30 a.m.
Mincha: 5:55 p.m.
Candle lighting/Maariv: 7:09 p.m.

Simchas Torah Davening Times

Shacharis: 8:00 a.m.
Mincha: following Musaf
Maariv: 7:08 p.m.

Weekday Davening Times

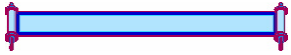
Shacharis- Mon, Thurs: 6:40 a.m.
Shacharis- Tues, Wed, Fri: 6:50 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv (Mon-Thurs): 6:05 p.m.

Next Shabbos Davening Times

Candle lighting: 5:57 p.m.
Mincha - Friday: 6:00 p.m.

Chevra Mishnayos

The Chevra Mishnayos siyum on all of Mishna will be held at the Kiddush/break between Shacharis and Musaf on Simchas Torah morning. Everyone is welcome to come to the siyum and encouraged to sign up to learn for Seder Zeraim.



Shiurim*



| DAY | TIME | TOPIC | SPEAKER | NOTES |
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| Shabbos | 8:15 a.m. | Parshas Hashavua | Rabbi Steinberg | CANCELLED |
| Shabbos | 45 minutes before Mincha | Michtav me'Eliyahu | Rabbi Steinberg | |
| Shabbos | Between Mincha & Maariv | Medical Ethics Chabura | Dr. Daniel Eisenberg | TBA |
| 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 | After Maariv | Gemora Kesuvos First Perek | Rabbi Steinberg | |
| Wednesday | 8:15 p.m. | Sefer Shmuel Bais | Rabbi Steinberg | Shiur for Women Starting Oct. 25 |
| Thursday night | 10:15 p.m. | Nefesh Hachaim | Rav Sholom Kamenetsky | |

*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

Sh'mini Atzeres: Parting Is Such Sweet Sorrow

By Rabbi Yehudah Prero

We learn that we were given the commandment to take the Lulav and Esrog so that we would have a reminder during Sukkos that the happiness we feel on the holiday is to be directed towards Hashem. The Sefer HaChinuch explains that on other holidays, we do not need such a reminder because of the various commandments associated with the day. One example is by Passover, because we have the commandments to eat Matzo and Maror, no further commandment is needed to assure that the focus of our happiness on the day is directed towards Hashem. The Sefer HaChinuch adds that by the holiday of Shmini Atzeres (which is the eighth day of Sukkos), although we have no special commandment on the day, we do not need anything to focus our happiness on Hashem. Why is this the case?

In Vayikra 23:36, the Torah tells us "...on the eight day, you will have a holy day...it is a day of detention ("Atzeres")...." The Sefer HaChinuch writes that the Sages have told us that in reality, Shmini Atzeres is not the eighth day of Sukkos, but rather a separate holiday, which occurs at the end of the Sukkos holiday. What was the reason why Hashem commanded us to observe this day as a holiday? The Sefer HaChinuch explains that Sukkos is the last holiday of the Jewish calendar (if we consider the month of Nissan as the beginning of the year, and Pesach the first holiday). By giving us this holiday of Shmini Atzeres, its as if Hashem was telling us "Please, stay with me one more day, as it is difficult for me to part with you." Hashem, out of his great love for the nation of Israel, finds it hard to "leave" his children at the end of the holidays. Therefore, He added on one more day, so we, the nation of Israel, can spend one more day with Hashem before our "departure."

Now that we understand the spirit behind Shmini Atzeres, we can also understand why we need no added commandment to assure that our joy stays properly focused. As the whole essence of the holiday is that we are spending a little more time with Hashem before we "leave" (as we will not be "returning" until Pesach), our mind will be focused on Hashem throughout the holiday. No added reminder is necessary, as there is nothing to distract us from remembering our close binds to Hashem on this day.

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