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**New Weekday Morning Women's Shiurim**

Janis Fine and Elana Avis are pleased to announce a series of women's shiurim to meet weekday mornings under the auspices of YIML. Details are forthcoming.

**Chevra Mishnavos**

Chevra Mishnavos has begun learning Seder Nezikin. Please sign up by putting your name on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Please speak with Moshe Eisenberg for details. The siyum is tentatively planned for Shavuos.

**The YIML COOKBOOK has arrived!**

To purchase your very own copy of "At the End of the Fork" contact Ilana Buchbinder (215-310-9060, [ijl927@aol.com](mailto:ijl927@aol.com)) or Shani Daniel (610-667-1509, [shani314@yahoo.com](mailto:shani314@yahoo.com)). The cost is \$25 per cookbook, or two for \$40. Get great new recipes (includes a Pesach section) and support YIML at the same time!

**Mazel Tov to...**

...**Barry Weiss** on the engagement of his son, Asher Reuven, to Raizy Frances of Chicago.

...**Boruch and Elana Avis** on the bris of their son.

**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.

...**Kurt and Melissa Stein** who will be honored at the Aish HaTorah Annual Gala at the Academy of Natural Sciences on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**B'nos of Bala Cynwyd**

Unfortunately, due to a lack of funds, B'nos of Bala Cynwyd will NOT be able to continue meeting in May and June at this point. As such, the last scheduled Shabbos session for Bnos is currently this week, Parshios Tazria-Metzora, April 21 from 4-5 p.m. in the upstairs classrooms of Lower Merion Synagogue. Anyone willing to help B'nos with a donation (suggested: \$18 to \$36 per family), or with any questions, please call Judith Levitt or Meira Friedman. **Please Note:** This week is slipper week at B'nos! All girls who come in, or bring slippers, will receive a special prize.

**Pirchei of Philadelphia**

Pirchei of Philadelphia will meet this Shabbos at Lower Merion Synagogue from 4-5 p.m.

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

# Don't Forget to Count Omer!

## Young Israel of the Main Line

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**ב'-ט' אייר תשס"ז**

**Parshas Tazria-Metzora**

**פרשיות תזריע-מצורע**

**Shabbos Davening Times**

<b>Candle lighting:</b>	<b>7:26 p.m.</b>
<b>Mincha - Friday:</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Shacharis:</b>	<b>8:45 a.m.</b>
<b>Sof Zman Krias Shema:</b>	<b>9:37 a.m.</b>
<b>Mincha for Shabbos followed by Shalosh Seudos:</b>	<b>7:10 p.m.</b>
<b>Maariv:</b>	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>

**Weekday Davening Times**

<b>Shacharis- Sunday:</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Shacharis- Mon, Thurs:</b>	<b>6:40 a.m.</b>
<b>Shacharis- Tues, Wed, Fri:</b>	<b>6:50 a.m.</b>
<b>Mincha/Maariv (Sun-Thurs):</b>	<b>7:35 p.m.</b>

**Next Shabbos Davening Times**

<b>Candle lighting:</b>	<b>7:33 p.m.</b>
<b>Mincha - Friday:</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>

**Special Shiur Series - How to Build a Mikvah**

This Shabbos (April 21), Rabbi Steinberg will give the second shiur in a two-part special shiur series open to men and women 45 minutes before Mincha on how a mikva is built, halacha and modern applications. This shiur will start with a recap, so even if you missed the first shiur you can still join this week. **This shiur series is in honor of the Philadelphia Mikvah Association, and the congregation is encouraged to respond generously to the recent**

**Women's Tehillim Group- New Time and Location**

The Monday morning women's Tehillim Group will be meeting at the home of Janis Fine (173 Edgehill Road) at 9:15 a.m., followed by a tefilla shiur given by Rabbi Steinberg. Please join us! For more details, please contact Janet Eisenberg (610-664-8554).



## 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	45 minutes before Mincha	Minchas Chinuch Chabura	Rabbi Steinberg	<b>CANCELLED</b> Mikva Shiur Series details on front
Shabbos	Between Mincha and Maariv	The Chabura	Rotating	<b>STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS!</b>
Shabbos	Between Mincha and Maariv	Medical Halacha Shiur	Dr. Daniel Eisenberg	
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	<b>9:15 a.m.</b>	Women's Tehillim Group		CHANGE OF LOCATION! Details on back!
Tuesday	9:00 p.m.	Advanced Gemora Kesuvas Shiur First Perek	Rabbi Steinberg	
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.

### Days That Count

By Rabbi David Begoun

Although Passover is referred to as "the time of our freedom," it is actually the commencement of our time of freedom. It does not reach completion for another seven weeks, until the Jewish People receive the Torah on the holiday of Shavuos. Indeed, Pirkei Avos (Ethics of the Fathers) teaches us that the only truly free person is the one who has the Torah to guide him (6:2). In order to connect the commencement of the period of freedom (Passover) to its culmination (Shavuos) the Torah commands us to count the interim days to demonstrate our eager anticipation toward receiving the Torah. Sefer HaChinuch (1) likens this to a slave who eagerly counts the days leading to his emancipation.

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Our contemporary equivalent is a school child ticking off the remaining days until summer vacation. The difficulty, however, is that according to the Sefer HaChinuch, the mitzvah (Divine command) of counting should be to count down the days towards Shavuos and not to count up, as we actually do.

When the Jewish People left Egypt, they were not yet on the level of spiritual refinement required to receive the Holy Torah. They first needed to go through a purification process that involved tremendous diligence and effort towards spiritual advancement. Each day of the count was a tireless investment in self-perfection, striving to cleanse the vessel destined to receive G-d's Torah. These were days of acquisition through which, with enormous effort, the Jewish People were able to develop and advance themselves spiritually, each day reaching an entirely new level.

A parallel can be found where the Torah notes, regarding the seven years that the Patriarch Yaakov (Jacob) had to work for his beloved wife Rachel, "and they seemed to him like a few days because of his love for her." (2) This seems contrary to what we know of human psychology, that the more one eagerly anticipates an event, the longer the waiting period seems. Rabbi Shimshon David Pinkus explains this with a parable of two individuals who were both promised that before 100 days would pass each would receive one million dollars. The first person would receive nothing until the final day, at which point he would be given the amount in a lump sum, while the second was given \$10,000 per day for each of the 100 days. Both received the same amount of money by the end of the allotted time. However for the first individual the 100 days seemed like an eternity. The days were nothing but an obstacle between him and the money and he could do nothing but wait. For the second person, the 100 days sped by in utter disbelief as he was handed his daily \$10,000 check. Jacob was not simply waiting out the seven years idly; if he were, then indeed they would have seemed an eternity. Rather, he spent those years building himself and developing his character and spiritual prowess until he was prepared to assume the mantle of patriarchal leadership. Each day was filled with new acquisitions and achievements and, as a result, the days sped by.

Likewise, the days of the counting are not merely a countdown towards receiving the Torah. Each day was one of attainment, whereby, through great investment, the Jewish People were able to enhance themselves spiritually, each day achieving new heights. Emulating their commitment to growth, we do not count these days down and check them off, rather on these days of acquisition we count up, recognizing each precious new asset. These are auspicious days for us in preparation for our reacceptance of the Torah on Shavuos. Let us make sure that not only do we count these days, but that we make these days count!

(1) classic work on the 613 Torah commandments, their rationale and their regulations, by an anonymous thirteenth century Spanish author

(2) *Beraishis/Genesis 29:20*

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