



Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Susan and Sherman Frager in honor of Purim and having all their children home.

### YIML Pre-Purim Party

A great time was had by all, once again, at the Pre-Purim Party for children at YIML. Much thanks to the organizers for their hard work!

### Post-Megilla Reading Refreshments

Refreshments following evening Megilla reading (Motzei Shabbos) are sponsored by Joel and Joan Betesh in memory of Joel's brother, Eddie Betesh.

### Matanos L'evyonim

Money for the poor may be given to Rabbi Steinberg, to be distributed on Purim. Cash or checks accepted. Checks should be made out to: Chasdei Eliyahu (local tzedakah), MLB Chessed Fund, and/or Od Yosef Chai.

### YIML Late Megillah Readings

Motzai Shabbos- 8:45 PM at the Siev home, 246 Stoneway Lane

Sunday- 9:45 AM at the Siev home, 246 Stoneway Lane

### New Advanced Gemora Shiur

Yasher Koach to all who were able to participate in the advanced Gemora shiur this past Tuesday night. We had over twenty people and a lively *shakla v'tarya*. Even if you were unable to attend, please join us next week, and 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](mailto:eisenber@pol.net) (include dedication text).

### Ezer L'Chinuch

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.

### 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.

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

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Parshas Tetzaveh Parshas Zachor פרשת תצוה

## Shabbos Davening Times

Candle lighting:	5:35 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	5:35 p.m.
Shacharis:	8:45 a.m.
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:22 a.m.
Mincha for Shabbos:	5:30 p.m.
Maariv:	6:39 p.m.
Megillah Reading:	7:20 p.m.

## Weekday Davening Times

<u>Purim (Sunday, March 4)</u>	
Shacharis:	8:00 a.m.
Mincha:	3:55 p.m.
Maariv:	7:45 p.m.
Shacharis- Mon (Shushan Purim), Thurs:	6:40 a.m.
Shacharis- Tues, Wed, Fri:	6:50 a.m.
Maariv (Mon-Thurs):	7:45 p.m.
There will not be weekday Mincha until the Spring.	

## Next Shabbos Davening Times

Candle lighting:	5:43 p.m.
Mincha - Friday:	5:45 p.m.

### Upcoming Chaburos

(between Mincha and Maariv on Shabbos)

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

**Topic:** *Mevatlin Talmud Torah L'mikrah Megila*

**Who:** Josh Weinberger

**When:** March 17<sup>th</sup> (Shabbos HaChodesh)

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

**Who:** Rabbi Yehuda Seif



## 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	<b>CANCELLED</b>
Shabbos	Between Mincha and Maariv	The Chabura	<u>This Week:</u> Josh Weinberger	<b>See front for details</b>
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.

### 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 downstairs rooms at Lower Merion Synagogue from 3:00-5:00 p.m. All girls should please come prepared for a mock wedding and Shalosh Seudos. DON'T FORGET that B'nos will be hosting a *Rebbe Alter* concert on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> (Shushan Purim) from 4:00-5:30 pm at Torah Academy of Greater Philadelphia.

### Special Lecture

There will be a special lecture on the topic of Global Terrorism with guest speaker, Alan Dershowitz and opening remarks by Malcolm Hoelenin 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.

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## Our Whole Selves

By Rabbi Yaakov Menken

*"Letters were sent by courier to all countries under the King's power, to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all the Jews, from children to the elderly, babies and women, on one day, the thirteenth of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, and plunder their property." [Meg. Esther 3:13]*

We see an apparent redundancy in the use of several different words to describe the murder and plunder which Haman planned. The Vilna Gaon, however, teaches us that Haman planned to strike at every element of every Jew.

The Gaon, Rabbi Eliyahu Kramer, explains that there are four elements to a person in Jewish thought: the basic life-force (Nefesh), spirit (Ruach), soul (Neshamah), and the body. Rabbi Chanan Nobel, in his excellent commentary on the Vilna Gaon on the Megillah, directs us to the Gaon's own commentary to the Book of Proverbs. There, the Vilna Gaon says that these correspond to the four basic levels of Creation in our living world: those things which do not grow or live, such as rocks and earth; those which grow, like plants; those which move about, such as the animal kingdom; and that which speaks - humankind.

Yet the Gaon goes further and says that the Nefesh, the basic life-force, is intertwined with the body itself. One does not attack a body, but the life inside it. But there is indeed a fourth element of a person: his or her possessions. The Maharal in Nesivos Olam writes that a person's money is considered part of him, as we see from our Sages (Talmud Bavli, Tractate Bava Kama 119a): "a person who steals even a dime from his neighbor, it is as if he had taken his life."

Thus there is no redundancy - Haman planned "I'akor hakol," to uproot everything. The word "I'hashmid," to destroy, refers specifically to a spiritual destruction - taking a person away from Mitzvos, from deeds which elevate his or her soul. "To kill" corresponds to the living spirit within a person. "To annihilate" corresponds to the more basic life force and the body itself, meaning to remove all trace, to destroy even any remnant or name of Israel. And the plunder of property, of course, corresponds to the property itself. Haman wanted to destroy every last trace of the Jews.

The Vilna Gaon concludes that our celebration of Purim contrasts with Haman's goal in every aspect. We add a purely spiritual Mitzvah to the day, with the reading of the Megillah, to uplift our souls. For the spirit, the "ruach" which lives in the heart of a person, this is a day of joy. For the body, it is a day of feasting. And for the sake of our property, we are commanded to give special gifts to the poor, in order that even they should have property of their own on Purim.

And indeed, on Purim, we should invest our whole selves in the celebration!

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