

YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

Weekly Update

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Parshas Chukas

פרשת חוקת

ב' תמוז תשס"ח—4-5 July

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting:	7:00pm
Candle lighting:	8:15pm
Mincha - Friday:	7:00pm
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:22am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishis:	8:00pm
Maariv:	9:18pm

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis Sunday:	8:00am
Shacharis (Mon., Thu.):	6:40am
Shacharis (Tue., Wed., Fri.):	6:50am
Mincha/Maariv (Sun.-Thu.):	8:20pm

Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting:	8:13pm
Mincha - Friday:	7:00pm

Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55am–8:15am	Parsha Chabura	R. Werrin	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Mishlei Shiur	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	7:15pm	Special Halacha Shiur	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Medical Halacha	D. Eisenberg	
Sunday	After Shacharis	Sefer Hachinuch	M. Buchbinder	
Mon., Wed.	After Maariv	Mishna Berura	Eli Back	
Sun.–Fri.	15 min. before Shacharis	Chovos haLevovos	R. Steinberg	
Monday	9:00pm	Advanced Gemora: Makkos	R. Steinberg	
Thursday	10:10pm	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	

*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

THIS SHABBOS

Kiddush and Shalosh Seudos:

Kiddush is community sponsored.

Seudah Shlishis is community sponsored.

Special Halacha Shiur:

There will be a Special Halacha Shiur this Shabbos at 7:15pm (45 minutes before Mincha): *Ransoming Captives in Halacha*, given by Rabbi Steinberg at the Young Israel.

MAZEL TOV!

To Avi & Julie Zohar and Family...

... on the birth of a baby boy this past Wednesday.

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

TEHILLIM GROUP UPDATE

A women's Tehillim group (on behalf of cholim/the sick) meets weekly on Monday mornings at **10:00am** at the Eisenberg home (345 Bala Ave.). Books are in Hebrew and English. Children are welcome. For more information, please call Janet Eisenberg ((610) 664-8554).

E-SCRIP

YIML is now partnering with e-Scrip to raise funds for our shul! All Guardian's shoppers are eligible. You don't need to have a computer to sign up. Please contact Janet Eisenberg ((610) 664-8554) for more details.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Kiddush:

Rabbi & Mrs. Peysey Adlerstein invite the shul to a kiddush at their home this Shabbos from 11:15am—1:00pm in honor of their newest daughter. Their address is 215 Upland Road, Merion Station.

ONGOING EVENTS

Chevra Mishnayos:

The Chevra Mishnayos is now learning Seder Kodshim. See the shul bulletin board to sign up.

Women's Tehillim Group:

The Tehillim Group meets Mondays at **10:00am** at 345 Bala Ave.

Women's Chovos haLevovos Group:

The Chovos haLevovos Group meets Tuesdays at 9:30am at 8 Concord Circle.

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D'VAR TORAH by Rabbi Berel Wein

This week's parsha tells of the tragic end game of the generation of the desert. The great leader of Israel, Moshe, is told that he will suffer the same fate of not living to enter the Land of Israel as does his generation. The premier generation of Jewish history—dor deah, a generation of great knowledge and intelligence—is doomed never to see the promised land of Israel.

The greatest of all of the prophets and leaders of the Jewish people will accompany his generation to the grave without realizing his life's ambition of coming to the Land of Israel. Yet in the midst of this personal disappointment and national tragedy the Torah emphasizes for us the eternity of the Jewish people.

Yehoshua will continue the work and preserve the legacy of Moshe for the ages - and a new generation will arise that will enter the Land of Israel and settle in it. Whatever the previous generation was unable to accomplish, the next generation, even though less in knowledge and wisdom, will nevertheless achieve.

This next generation will not be psychologically burdened by the years of slavery in Egypt, it will not have worshipped the Golden Calf, it would not remember the complaints about food and water and the constant rebellions and dissatisfactions of their parents and grandparents with Moshe and God.

It will be faced with the stark choice of going forward and conquering the Land of Israel or remaining forever in a trackless and lethal desert. A generation that faces stark choices, almost no choices, usually is able to do the strong and correct thing and not delude itself that it will somehow survive permanently in a desert.

The absence of Moshe will also, strangely enough, force such a hard choice to be made. As long as Moshe is alive, the Jewish people place all of their trust in him. Nothing to worry about, Moshe will save us from our enemies and even from God's justice. Living in the desert is not so bad as long as Moshe remains with us. The manna falls from heaven in his merit and he always delivers water to us—and even meat on demand—if we complain strongly enough.

Moshe's presence amongst the Jews turns unfortunately into a hindrance for their progress in maturation and self-reliant independence. Moshe's transgression in this week's parsha—hitting the rock to draw forth water instead of speaking to it—may appear to be minor in our eyes, unworthy of the severe punishment meted out to him for this act. But the overall picture, and the effect of Moshe on his people, points to the necessity for him to step down as leader.

There are interests that weigh heavily in favor of Moshe and his continuing leadership. But there is a far-seeing and general interest of the nation as a whole that somehow overcomes Moshe's own personal interest. This week's parsha relates the final judgment of Moshe as seen in this perspective, and allows us a greater insight into the Torah's lessons and policies.

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