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Weekly Update

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Parshas Devarim Shabbos Chazon

פרשת דברים שבת חזון

ח' אב תשס"ח—8-9 August

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting: 6:39pm
Candle lighting: 7:48pm
Mincha - Friday: 7:00pm

Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:37am
Shacharis: 8:45am
Mincha: 5:35pm
Stop Eating: 8:00pm
Shabbos Ends: 8:50pm
Maariv: 9:05pm

Tisha b'Av Davening Times

Eicha: 9:15pm
Shacharis: 8:00am
Chatzos: 1:06am
Mincha: 7:30pm
Fast Ends: 8:49pm

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis (Mon., Thu.): 6:40am
Shacharis (Tue., Wed., Fri.): 6:50am
Maariv (Mon.-Thu.): 7:45pm

Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting: 7:39pm
Mincha - Friday: 7:00pm

Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55am– 8:15am	Parsha Chabura	G. di Pienta	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Mishlei Shiur	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Medical Halacha	D. Eisenberg	OFF WEEK
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	Resumes in Sept.
Thursday	10:10pm	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	OFF WEEK

*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

THIS SHABBOS

Kiddush:

Kiddush and the Siyum Mishnayos is being sponsored by Dennis & Eve Rosen and by Seth & Leah Yoffe to commemorate the yahrzeit of Seth & Eve's father, Menachem Mendel ben Mordechai.

Chevra Mishnayos Siyum:

Please note that the YIML Chevra Mishnayos will be making a Siyum on Seder Kodshim at Kiddush this Shabbos. Please make sure to complete your pledged massechtos.

Please note that the Rabbi will be away after Tisha b'Av until August 27. Pressing shailos can be addressed to Rabbi Avraham Shmidman of Lower Merion Synagogue: (610) 664-5626. Those needing to reach Rabbi Steinberg for emergencies should contact Stan Sved or Josh Weinberger.

NEW SHIUR IN CHOSHEN MISHPAT

Rabbi Steinberg will be starting a new, weekly, in-depth shiur in Choshen Mishpat. Sources will be e-mailed to participants in advance and the shiur will follow the order of the *Tur-Shulchan Aruch* (beginning with chapter 378). Tentative start date: 29 Tishrei/October 28. Details TBA.

KASHRUS ALERT

Please be advised that **Maccabeam Restaurant**, located at 128 South 12th St. (Sansom St.), is under new ownership and, as of August 6, is no longer under the supervision of Community Kashrus of Greater Philadelphia.

MAZEL TOV!

To Sandy & Margie Bruck...

... on the bris of their grandson, Shakayd Michael Ben-David.

To Rabbi Rafi & Atara Eis...

... on the bris of their son this past Thursday.

ONGOING EVENTS

Chevra Mishnayos:

The Chevra Mishnayos is now learning Seder Tohoros.

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.

TISHA B'AV

Special Motzai Shabbos Schedule:

Please note that this Motzai Shabbos, the eve of Tisha b'Av, Maariv at YIML is scheduled a little bit later than usual to allow people time to recite "*Baruch Hamavdil bein Kodesh l'chol*", put on their Tisha b'Av footwear, and then come to Shul for Maariv and Eicha. Shabbos Mincha will be early.

Tisha B'Av Programs:

As in years past, we will have Explanatory Kinnos, both Tisha B'Av night and morning (Aug. 9-10), with Rabbi Steinberg.

On Tisha B'Av afternoon, the audio-visual presentation of the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation, featuring noted Rabbinic personalities, will be shown at the Shul.

This year's presentation is: *Leaving Envy Behind*.

See the flyers in the Shul for times and details. Special thank you to Rabbi & Mrs. Lichtenstein for the coordination of this showing; as well as to the Fine family and the Rosenthal family who are sponsoring this as a refuah for Raisel bas Sima.

D'VAR TORAH by Rabbi Berel Wein

The parsha of Dvarim traditionally precedes the saddest day of the Jewish calendar, Tisha b'Av. There are many connections between the parsha and the fast day but I feel that the main connection lies perhaps in the word "dvarim" itself. The word means "words" and, as Rashi points out, the nuance of the word in Hebrew is almost harsh. The words of Moshe in Dvarim are stern and reprimanding. They are the bitter truth that people are so loath to hear.

Soothing promises and vague commitments are much more popular and acceptable to the public. The rabbis of the Midrash emphasize the statement of Solomon that it is better to hear criticism from a true friend than to hear flattery and compliments from an enemy. These are words that are always to be remembered. The enemy that the Midrash refers to is Bilaam and the friend is Moshe. The flattery of Bilaam led eventually to thousands of deaths among the Jews. The words of Moshe have preserved the Jewish people for countless generations. And this is the story of Tisha b'Av and its connection to the parsha and the word "dvarim."

The prophets of Israel, Yeshayahu, Yirmiyahu, Amos, Hoshea and others all spoke harsh words to Israel and warned of the impending tragedy. The false prophets who are always to be found in our midst retorted with soothing words and lies that were sweet to the ears of the public. Thus, the destruction of the Temple and Jewish sovereignty became inevitable. We always prefer to hear sweet lies than to have to listen to harsh and painful truths.

The haftarah of Shabat Dvorim is always the first chapter of Yeshayahu, which begins with the Hebrew word "chazon." In fact, the Shabat preceding Tisha b'Av is always named Shabat Chazon after this first word of the haftarah of parshat Dvarim. "Chazon" means vision, prophecy. Vision can be positive or otherwise. A madman has a vision of world domination and the extermination of other human beings. A righteous person has a vision of a better, more peaceful, moral society. The great Chasidic masters stated that a person is judged in heaven not only on what that person accomplished and omitted to do but on the visions and goals that motivated that person in this world.

It is not only what a person is, it is also important to realize what that person wishes to be in order to be able to judge the person correctly. Though "chazon" can many times indicate a negative or sad prophecy, the word itself is a neutral one. One can choose whatever vision one wishes to choose.

Therefore Yeshayahu chooses the word "chazon" to begin his book of prophecy. What is the vision of the Jewish people? What kind of a nation do they wish to be? This choice is particular and pertinent to individual human beings as well. Hearing the words of Moshe and of Dvarim can be of immense help to us in deciding what our "chazon", national and individual, should be.

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