

YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

Weekly Update

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Parshas Mishpatim פרשת משפטים

February 1-2—ח"ג—שבת תשס"ח

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting:	4:16pm
Candle lighting:	5:01pm
Mincha - Friday:	5:00pm
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:41am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Mincha:	4:55pm
Maariv:	6:06pm

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis Sunday:	8:00am
Mincha/Maariv Sunday:	5:10pm
Shacharis (Mon.):	6:40am
Shacharis (Tue., Fri.):	6:50am
Shacharis Rosh Chodesh Adar I (Wed., Thu.):	6:30am
Maariv (Mon.–Thu.):	7:45pm

Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting:	5:10pm
Mincha - Friday:	5:10pm

Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	8:15am	Parsha Chabura	N. Perlberger	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Parsha Shiur	R. Steinberg	OFF WEEK
Shabbos	After Mincha	Chabura	R. Simkovich	
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:

Kiddush is community sponsored.

Chaburah:

This week's post-Mincha chaburah will be given by Rabbi Moshe Simkovich.

Bnos and Pirchei:

Both Bnos and Pirchei will IY"YH meet this week from 3:00pm to 4:00pm at LMS.

SUNDAY MORNING SEFER HACHINUCH SHIUR

We are pleased to announce the return of the *Sunday Morning Sefer haChinuch Shiur*. Join your chaverim after Shacharis on Sunday mornings to gain crucial knowledge and understanding of the Mitzvos haTorah. We hope to see you there!

Special thank you to Michael Buchbinder and the rotation of people who teach the class.

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Kollel Masmid Program:

The Kollel's Masmid program has moved for the month of February to **7:30pm** every Motzoei Shabbos.

Final Shovavim Shiur (Rescheduled):

Sunday, February 10: Rabbi Biberfeld, *Vestos: Understanding and Managing the Calendar & Common Problems, Practical Solutions in Hilchos Niddah*. This final shiur will also be at the home of David & Cheryl Epstein, 271 Linden Lane, Merion Station from 8:30pm-9:30pm.

Torah Academy Girls High School Play:

Torah Academy Girls High School is proud to present this year's play, *Cinderella*, Motzoei Shabbos, Feb. 9 at 7:45pm and Sunday, Feb. 10 at 1:30pm at Torah Academy. To order tickets in advance or for more information please call (610) 642-9360 during the school day or e-mail nomilevene@yahoo.com. Please note: The play is for women, girls and boys under age 8 only.

ONGOING EVENTS

Chevra Mishnayos:

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

Women's Tehillim Group:

The Women's Tehillim Group meets Mondays at 9:45am at 345 Bala Ave.

Are you on our e-mail list?

To subscribe to the shul mailing list, send a message to majordomo@chaseplanet.us with the following in the message body (all one line): `subscribe yiml YOUR-EMAIL`

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D'VAR TORAH by Rabbi Berel Wein

The Torah follows its exhilarating and inspirational description of the revelation at Mount Sinai with a rather dry and detailed set of various laws that are to be followed by the people of Israel. It is one thing to be inspired and thus acquire great ideals. It is another thing completely to be able to transfer those ideals and inspiration into everyday life on a regular basis.

We are all aware that the devil is always in the details. It is natural to agree that one should not steal or murder. But what is really the definition of stealing? Is taking something that originally did not belong to you always considered stealing? How about grabbing my neighbor's rope and using it to save a drowning person? Is that also stealing? Is self-defense murder? Are court imposed death penalties murder?

How are we to deal with such complex moral issues? This is really the crux of all halacha and this week's parsha serves as our introduction to the concepts of Jewish law. Without an understanding of the practice of halacha, the great ideals and inspiration of the Torah are almost rendered meaningless and unachievable.

The Torah concentrates not only on great ideas but on small details as well. From these small details spring forth the realization of the great ideals and the ability to make them of practical value and use in everyday life. Hence the intimate connection between this week's parsha and the revelation at Mount Sinai discussed in last week's parsha. There is a natural and necessary continuity in the narrative flow of these two parshiyot of the Torah.

I think that this idea is borne out by the famous statement of the Jewish people when asked if they wished to accept the Torah. In this week's parsha their answer is recorded as: "We will do and we will listen." All commentators and the Talmud comment upon the apparently reverse order of this statement. People usually listen for instructions before they "do." But the simple answer is that the people of Israel realized that listening alone will be insufficient.

The great and holy generalities of the Torah are valid only if they are clearly defined, detailed and placed into everyday life activities. We have to "do" in order to be able to "listen" and understand the Torah's guidance and wishes fully. The Talmud records that a non-Jew once told a rabbi that the Jews were a "hasty and impulsive people" in accepting the Torah without first checking out its contents. But in reality, that holy hastiness of Israel was a considered and mature understanding that a Torah of ideas and inspiration alone without a practical guide to life would not last over the centuries of Jewish history.

Only those who are willing to "do" and who know what to "do" will eventually appreciate intellectually and emotionally the greatness of Torah. Only then will they be able to truly "listen" and appreciate the great gift that the Lord has bestowed upon Israel—the eternal and holy Torah.

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