

YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

Weekly Update

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Parshas Re'eh

פרשת ראה

כ"ט אב תשס"ח—August 29–30

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting:	6:15pm
Candle lighting:	7:19pm
Mincha - Friday:	7:00pm
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:45am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishis:	7:05pm
Maariv:	8:20pm

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis Sunday & Labor Day (Rosh Chodesh Elul):	8:00am
Shacharis (Tue., Wed., Fri.):	6:50am
Shacharis (Thu.):	6:40am
Mincha/Maariv (Sun.–Thu.):	7:15pm

Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting:	7:08pm
Mincha - Friday:	7:00pm

Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55am–8:15am	Parsha Chabura	R. Dr. Diamond	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Mishlei 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	Sefer Hamaspik L'Ovdei Hashem	R. Steinberg	Starting a New Sefer!
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 this Shabbos is sponsored by Arthur & Sandie Rosenthol in memory of Arthur's mother, Fruma bas Ephraim, on her 2nd yartzeit (1 Elul). Rabbi Steinberg's Halacha Discussion at Seudah Shlishis will be: *The proper haftara for this week.*

New Mussar Shiur:

The Mussar shiur with R. Steinberg (meets 15 minutes before Shacharis Sunday–Friday) will be starting a new Sefer *נב"ע* this Wednesday (Sept. 3): *Sefer Hamaspik L'Ovdei Hashem*, by Rabbi Avraham son of the Rambam. The book is available with English translation through Feldheim Publishers. New attendees are always welcome.

There will be a special shiur next Shabbos afternoon by Rabbi Steinberg: *Capital Punishment and Halacha: A critical Analysis of Responsa Literature*. Shabbos Shoftim (Sept. 6) at 6:10pm. (45 minutes before Mincha).

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tefillin and Mezuzah Checking:

Please note that Rabbi Shmuel Bodenheim, our *Sofer Sta"m* (ritual scribe), will be in town (at YIML) beginning Sunday, September 14 to check tefillin and mezuzos.

MAZEL TOV!

To Terry Blynn...

...on the marriage of Rose Blynn to Moshe Litwack this past Sunday.

To Michael & Ellen Braffman and family...

...on the engagement of Penina Braffman to Benjamin Greenfield of New Rochelle, NY.

To Steve & Risa Goldman and family...

...on the bris of their grandsons, Ittai Shmuel and Adir Yitzchak, born to Nadav and Yedida Schwartz.

To Ariella & Yakov Agatstein...

...on the birth of their son.

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.

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D'VAR TORAH by Rabbi Berel Wein

There is a shift in mood in the book of Dvarim beginning with this week's parsha. It no longer is a review of the events of the desert or of the Exodus from Egypt. Moshe no longer will concentrate on the faults and failures of the generation that left Egypt—a generation with such high hopes that saw them dashed by their stubbornness and lack of faith. The past is the past and it cannot be changed. God, so to speak, will not turn the film back again for some sort of replay.

The direction of Moshe is now the future, the entry into the Land of Israel and the establishment of a normative Jewish society in that land. Moshe warns the Jewish people that the lessons of the past should not be forgotten or ignored. Their consequences are likely to be repeated if the Jewish people will backslide again.

Life and death, good and evil, success and failure—these are the choices that lie before the Jewish people. And Moshe advises us to choose wisely, to treasure life and do good and honor tradition and Torah. The future always depends upon making wiser choices than were made in the past.

The word re'eih which means "see" is the key word in the parsha. This entails a vision for the future and an understanding as to its new demands and changing circumstances. Moshe turns the attention of the Jewish people to its future in the Land of Israel and to new commandments not mentioned before in the Torah. It appears that these new commandments are brought to the fore in order to help the Jewish people be successful in their new environment.

The holy days of the Jewish calendar appear in detail in this week's parsha. In the Land of Israel these holy days had a physical and agricultural content as well as the inherent spiritual nature. In the long and dark Jewish exile, the physical and agricultural aspect of the holidays was lost but the remaining spiritual and holy qualities of those days nevertheless sustained the Jewish people.

The early pioneers who returned to the Land of Israel, secularized and Marxist to the hilt but nonetheless Jewish, attempted to reinsert the physical and agricultural qualities of the holidays of the year and at the same time to discard completely the spiritual and Torah qualities of those days. Unfortunately, that experiment has proved to be a dismal failure.

The holidays are bereft of any spiritual content and also of any agricultural or national meaning. Moshe would caution us to begin again, to include life, goodness and tradition into the holy days so that they would have true meaning and impact—and through them to revive our attachment to this holy land and its bountiful produce.

I think that the revival of the true spirit of the holidays is one of the great challenges that face us in our land today. In its own way, it is a key to solving many of the difficulties that bedevil us currently. Moshe bids us to look clearly at all of these matters and to decide wisely.

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