

# YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

## Weekly Update

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### Parshas Shmini Shabbos Parah

### פרשת שמני שבת פרה

כ"ב אדר ב' תשס"ח—29-28 March

#### Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting: 6:03pm  
Candle lighting: 7:03pm  
Mincha - Friday: 7:00pm

Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:57am  
Shacharis: 8:45am  
Mincha followed by Chabura: 7:00pm  
Maariv: 8:07pm

#### Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis Sunday: 8:00am  
Shacharis (Mon., Thu.): 6:40am  
Shacharis (Tue., Wed., Fri.): 6:50am  
Mincha/Maariv (Sun.-Thu.): 7:10pm

#### Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting: 7:11pm  
Mincha - Friday: 7:00pm

משנכנס אדר מרבנים בשמחה!

## Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	8:15am	Parsha Chabura	S. Sved	Special Time!
Shabbos	8:15am	Mishlei Shiur	R. Steinberg	OFF WEEK
Shabbos	After Mincha	Chabura	J. Weinberger	
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 this week is being co-sponsored by:  
Ron & Marguerite Werrin in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Shayna Fraida, born to their children Abby & Alex Greene.  
Milt & Charlotte Waxman in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Tifferet Hallel.

#### Shabbos Groups:

There will be no supervised Shabbos youth groups this week at YIML because of the TAGHS Shabbaton. The rooms will be open and mothers are welcome to bring their children to play.

#### Chabura:

There will be a chabura this Shabbos after Mincha given by Josh Weinberger.

#### Bnos and Pirchei:

Pirchei will meet this week from 4:00pm to 5:00pm at LMS.

There will be no Bnos this week because of the TAGHS Shabbaton.

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

## *Parshas Shmini*

The laws of kashrut regarding animals, fish and fowl are outlined for us in the parsha of the week. The Torah makes strong emphasis on the word “I’havdil”—to distinguish, to separate—in its discussion of these laws.

In fact, in its summary at the end of the parsha, the Torah explains to us that the main purpose of the kashrut laws is to enable us to identify and thus distinguish between the pure and the impure, between what is proper for human consumption and what is not.

In a deeper sense, we can see that the very essence of Jewish belief and lifestyle is the ability to distinguish and separate the holy from the mundane, right from wrong, constant and continuing values from passing fads, the eternal from the fleeting temporary.

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### **MAZEL TOV!**

#### **To Rabbi & Mrs. Aharon Feuer and Family...**

... on birth of a baby boy. Sholom Zachor information will be announced in shul Friday evening.

### **ONGOING EVENTS**

#### **Chevra Mishnayos:**

The Chevra Mishnayos is now learning Seder Nashim.

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.

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#### **Are you on our e-mail list?**

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

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Judaism is not a “you’re okay, I’m okay” religion of relativism and constantly changing standards of behavior and belief. It not only stands for something—it defines clearly, in minute detail, what it is that it stands for. Its commandments are meant to shape a person’s drive towards holiness and immortality.

It rejects the impure and demands righteousness of behavior and the avoidance of impurity in our thoughts, food, behavior and speech. All of this is in line with the charge and challenge issued to us at Sinai that we are to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

The Torah has never compromised on that demand. The laws of kashrut described in this week’s parsha are part of that Godly demand for our behavior to be characterized as being holy in nature.

The late great Rabbi Meir Shapiro of pre-World War II Lublin visited the United States in the 1920’s on a fund-raising mission regarding the construction of his yeshiva in Lublin.

He was feted and honored throughout the American Jewish community during his visit. Even his fund raising efforts met with more than moderate success.

Nevertheless, upon returning to Poland he communicated this pithy comment on American Jewry to his peers: “American Jewry has learned to make Kiddush; it has not yet learned how to make havdalah!” Havdalah—the ability to identify what is harmful to Jewish life and holiness and to separate one’s self from it—is infinitely harder to deal with than is the convivial Kiddush.

Without havdalah all succeeding generations are doomed to assimilation and loss of Jewish identity and values. Without having degrees of real separation built into Jewish life we are destined for spiritual extinction.

All of Jewish history has borne proof to this simple assertion. Ignoring the Torah commandments and aping the negative attributes of the cultures of the non-Jewish world lead to spiritual downfall and dire consequences for both the individual and the nation as a whole.

In a general world society that exhibits very little evidence of a moral compass, the task of being a holy and pure individual and people is greatly compounded.

Only by acquiring the discerning skill of separation and distinguishing correctly in all of life’s choices that we face can we hope to achieve that lofty goal of being truly a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

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