

YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

Weekly Update

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Parshas Vayikra Shabbos Zachor

פרשת ויקרא שבת זכור

ח' אדר ב' תשס"ח—15-14 March

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting: 5:53pm
Candle lighting: 6:49pm
Mincha - Friday: 6:50pm

Sof Zman Krias Shema: 10:10am
Shacharis: 8:45am
Mincha followed by Chabura: 6:45pm
Maariv: 7:53pm

Weekday Davening Times

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

Taanis Esther—Thursday, March 20—י"ג אדר ב'

Fast Begins: 5:50am
Shacharis: 6:20am
Mincha: 6:45pm
Maariv: 7:38pm
Megillah/Fast Ends: 7:58pm

Purim—Friday, March 21—י"ד אדר ב'

Shacharis: 7:00am
Mincha: 6:55pm
Candle lighting: 6:56pm

משנכנס אדר מרבנים בשמחה!

Calendar of Shiurim

| DAY | TIME | TOPIC | SPEAKER | NOTES |
|------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Shabbos | 7:55am–8:15am | Parsha Chabura | B. Weiss | ROTATES |
| Shabbos | 8:15am | Parsha Shiur | R. Steinberg | NEW! |
| Shabbos | After Mincha | Chabura | 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:

Kiddush this week is being sponsored by Sid & Susan Laytin to commemorate the yahrzeit of Sid's sister, Joan Blumberg.

Parshas Zachor—Second Reading:

We will have a second reading of Parshas Zachor for those who may have missed the first, at YIML during kiddush, at approx. 11:00–11:15am.

New Shiur: Book of Mishlei:

Shabbos Mornings 8:15am (replacing parsha shiur). Come to the Parsha Chabura at 7:55am and then study Mishlei (text based) with Rabbi Steinberg at 8:15am.

Bnos and Pirchei:

Both Bnos and Pirchei will א"י meet this week from 4:00pm to 5:00pm at LMS.

MAZEL TOV!

To Rabbi & Mrs. Moshe Simkovich...

... on the birth of their grandson, to Becky and Elisha Simkovich.

To Mr. & Mrs. Milt Waxman...

... on the birth of their granddaughter in Yerushalaim.

YIML PURIM PARTY

Please join us for the YIML Purim Party:
Monday, March 17, 5:30pm at YIML.
Food, crafts and entertainment for all ages! Costumes optional.
Cost: \$7 per person (ages 2-120), \$50 family maximum.
Sponsorships available for \$36 or \$72

PURIM AT YIML

Additional Megillah Readings:

In addition to the Megillah Readings at shul, we will have second readings as follows:

- Purim night: 9:45pm
- Purim morning: 8:45am

Both additional readings will be at the home of Jed & Brendy Siev, 246 Stoneway Ln.

YIML Purim Seudah:

Purim Morning (Friday, March 21) 11:30am at YIML.

Special Chabura Next Week:

We are pleased to announce that we will have a very special Chabura next week (Shabbos Shushan Purim) between Mincha and Maariv at YIML. Rosh Kollel, Rabbi Yechiel Biberfeld will be speaking on the topic: "*Lachem*" *Regarding Matza* (in the spirit of "*shloshim yom kodem lachag...*"—we start preparing for Pesach a month in advance).

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.

D'VAR TORAH by Rabbi Berel Wein

After all of the tumultuous events of the book of Shmot—the Exodus, the revelation at Sinai and the granting of the Torah, the event of the Golden Calf and of the construction of the Mishkan/Tabernacle—the Lord calls out, so to speak, to Moshe from the inner recesses of the Mishkan/Tabernacle.

What is the significance of this call? And why does it need to be made at all? Moshe had already ascended the mountain of Sinai and been taught the Torah and its laws previous to this call. And, as Rashi points out to us, this call was personal to Moshe for it was not addressed to the rest of Israel as was the revelation at Sinai itself.

Moshe would then have to transmit the call—the teachings and instructions that were now entrusted to him by God—to the Jewish people and explain and teach them these laws and nuances of the Godly message.

Vayikra teaches us that henceforth Torah would be taught by humans to humans and that the Torah was “no longer in Heaven.” That is the significance of God’s call to Moshe and to Moshe alone.

The Talmud teaches us that even the holy prophets of Israel were forbidden to construct new systems of halacha. The transmission of Torah, though certainly requiring heavenly aid and inspiration, was now a purely human endeavor.

Moshe heard the Heavenly voice directly in receiving the Torah’s laws and instructions but the Jewish people only heard the human voice of Moshe teaching them God’s Torah.

In the final chapter of Pirkei Avot (which is not a part of the mishna of Avot itself) called Perek Kinyan Torah—the chapter concerning the acquisition of Torah knowledge—one of the methods of acquiring such Torah knowledge and direction is *emnat chachamim*—belief in the teachings of the wise Torah scholars of Israel.

Though there are differing interpretations as to the latitude of this concept and whether it applies even to all matters of personal and national life generally, all agree that as far as Torah teaching is concerned it is an applicable and necessary value and belief. The basis for this value is what has been described above in the previous paragraph—ultimate belief of the Jewish people in the divinity of Torah as transmitted to them by Moshe.

The Torah at Sinai was given once. That scene would never be repeated again. Thus the burden of the transmission and teaching of Torah now rested with human beings—with the Torah scholars of every age and era.

And one of the tests of Jewish life would be the trust and faith that the people as a whole would entrust to the teachings and direction of those scholars—*emnat chachamim* if you will.

This human relationship of generational trust and teaching is the hallmark of halacha throughout the history of Israel. Moshe still speaks to us even if we are unable to hear the heavenly voice emanating from the Mishkan/Tabernacle itself. This is the basis of Jewish continuity and vitality till today.

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