

YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

Weekly Update

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פרשת אחרי מות-קדושים Parshas Achrei Mos-Kedoshim

ח' אייר תשס"ט—1-2 May

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting: 6:28pm
Candle lighting: 7:37pm
Mincha - Friday: 7:00pm

Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:29am
Shacharis: 8:45am
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishis: 7:20pm
Maariv: 8:41pm

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis Sunday: 8:00am
Shacharis (Mon., Thu.): 6:40am
Shacharis (Tue., Wed., Fri.): 6:50am
Mincha/Maariv (Sun.-Thu.): 7:45pm

Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting: 7:44pm
Mincha - Friday: 7:00pm

Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55am– 8:15am	Parsha Chabura	B. Weiss	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Mishlei Shiur	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Medical Halacha	D. Eisenberg	
Mon., Wed.	After Maariv	Mishna Berura	Eli Back	
Sun.–Fri.	15 min. before Shacharis	Sefer Hamaspik L'Ovdei Hashem	R. Steinberg	
Tuesday	9:00pm	Choshen Mishpat	R. Steinberg	
Thursday	10:10pm	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	

*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

THIS SHABBOS

Kiddush and Shalosh Seudos:

Kiddush this week is being sponsored by..... Leon Wertheimer on the occasion of the Yahrzeits of his parents, Morris & Erna Wertheimer, ה"ע, and ... Stan Sved on the occasion of the Yahrzeit of his father, Shlomo ben Yisroel Moshe ה"ע.

Seudah Shlishis is community sponsored.

Bnos and Pirchei:

Both Bnos and Pirchei will ה"א meet this week from 4:30pm to 5:30pm at LMS.

SAVE THE DATE!

Mikva Fundraiser Event:

SAVE THE DATE—Wednesday, June 3 for the Philadelphia Main Line Mikva Association's Mikva Garden Party at the Merion Tribute House.

Guest speaker Rebbitzin Peshi Neuburger.

Cost to attend is \$100 per person. All proceeds will support the mikva at Torah Academy. To volunteer, make a donation, or for more information, call Galitte Den at (610) 228-4709 or e-mail her at mlmikva@gmail.com.

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

COMING EVENTS

Young Israel of the Main Line is pleased to present
The Hashkafa Series
A Discussion of Thought-Provoking Topics
for Men and Women
by Rabbi Steinberg
Pre-Shavuot Lecture:

*To Counter or Countenance:
How Should We React to Differing Hashkafos?*

Monday, May 18
At the Young Israel of the Main Line.
Maariv: 8:25pm
Lecture Following
Light Refreshments Served

ONGOING EVENTS

Chevra Mishnayos:

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

Women's Tehillim Group:

The Tehillim Group meets Mondays at **10:45am** at 8 Concord Circle.

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

Among the many commandments and values that are represented in this week's double parsha special attention seems to be paid to the intimate and marital relationships between people. The Torah lists for us those relationships which are considered to be incestuous, immoral and forbidden. There is perhaps no area of human behavior so sensitive and yet so dissolute and dangerously self-destructive as these liaisons and relationships.

According to the popularization of Freudian psychology it is the sexual drive more than anything else that is the energy source for human behavior. The Torah looks not to deny this basic drive, it never preaches celibacy, but rather it looks to channel and control this activity, turning it from something potentially illicit and harmful to something that is holy and creative.

In order to accomplish this, the Torah imposes a set of limitations, inhibitions and rules to govern and sanctify such human behavior. In effect, the Torah teaches us that our sexual drive is a neutral commodity. It is rather the circumstances and structure that surround the use of this drive that determine its probity, correctness and holiness. That is the key idea that lies behind all of the commandments that appear in these parshiyot—discipline, sensitivity, correctness of behavior and a sense of positive purpose.

Be holy and sanctified the Torah tells us—that is our goal. How to arrive there is what the commandments, individually and collectively, come to teach us. And the road is paved with self-discipline, self-control and a devotion to duty and responsibility.

The parshiyot also emphasize to us the Torah's view regarding the treatment of other human beings. The Torah bids us to love others, to respect others, to tolerate others, and to therefore become a holier person. Piety in matters that are so to speak between man and God are of prime importance in Jewish life.

But of equal importance is the correct relationship between humans and their fellow human beings. One cannot be a holy person through ritual piety and scholarship alone. Ramban advances the idea that the possibility of being obnoxious and disgusting even within the confines of the Torah, so to speak, exists. How we deal with other human beings is a crucial part of being a holy person.

It is far easier to deal with an unseen and inscrutable Divinity than to have to deal with a real human being standing face to face before us. When people differ with us, oftentimes they are not cognizant of our needs and desires, and can prove to be annoying and difficult. How are we to deal with such people? The Torah prescribes the same formula for dealing with others as it did for dealing with our innate drives as described above—patience, sensitivity, self-discipline and retention of the goal of being holy.

An awareness of circumstances and situations that govern all of the commandments of the Torah also relate to our interpersonal behavior one with another. The Torah is always to be viewed as a unity, as something whole and inseparable. That is the way to embark on the road to holiness.

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