

YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

Weekly Update

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Parshas Beha'aloscha פרשת בהעלותך

כ"א סיון תשס"ט—June 12-13

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting:	6:56pm
Candle lighting:	8:12pm
Mincha - Friday:	7:00pm
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:16am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishis:	7:55pm
Maariv:	9:15pm

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis Sunday:	8:00am
Shacharis (Mon., Thu.):	6:40am
Shacharis (Tue., Wed., Fri.):	6:50am
Mincha/Maariv (Sun.-Thu.):	8:20pm

Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting:	8:15pm
Mincha - Friday:	7:00pm

Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55am–8:15am	Parsha Chabura	Dr. R. Werrin	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Mishlei Shiur	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Chabura	J. Weinberger	
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	OFF WEEK

*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

THIS SHABBOS

Kiddush and Shalosh Seudos:

Kiddush is sponsored by David & Sharyn Chase and by “Anonymous Friends of the Chases” in honor of Akiva Moshe’s graduation from TA, and as our בטוב הכרת הטוב for all that has been in the past few weeks.

Seudah Shlishis is community sponsored.

Chabura:

This week marks the return of the YIML Shabbos afternoon Chabura, concurrent with Seudah Shlishis, on the Penthouse level.

Bnos and Pirchei:

Pirchei will א"י meet this week from 4:30pm to 5:30pm at LMS.

Bnos will *not* meet this week.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Pirchei End-of-year BBQ:

While Pirchei has ended for the season, this Tuesday, June 16, there will be a Pirchei end-of-year BBQ at the Silver house, 151 Highland Circle, from 6:00–7:00pm. Cost is \$7 per person, grades K–8. Please RSVP to (610) 668-6833.

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

MAZEL TOV!

To Akiva Moshe Chase ...

... on graduating from Torah Academy, and הצלחה רבה at Ner Israel!

YIML General Membership Meeting:

This coming week will see the annual YIML General Membership Meeting. Elections for the new officers and board will be held, א"י, at the Young Israel on **Wednesday, June 17, at 9:15pm** (Mincha/Maariv at 8:20pm).

This election depends on the attendance, participation, and vote of the general membership. Please make every effort to attend.

THE ANNUAL YIML COMMUNITY PICNIC!

BBQ—This Sunday—June 14, 2009

3:00pm–7:00pm at South Ardmere Park (picnic area)

In advance: \$15 Single, \$25 Couples, \$8 per Child (2–12)
\$54 MAX

At the door: \$20 Single, \$36 Couples, \$10 per Child (2–12)
\$72 MAX

Gourmet Food!!! Bring Baseball Gloves, Frisbees, etc. . .

Prepayment required by this Motzai Shabbos. Give your monies to Richie & Janis Fine, David & Sharyn Chase or Sherman Frager.

ONGOING EVENTS

Chevra Mishnayos:

The Chevra Mishnayos is now learning Seder Kodshim.

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.

D'VAR TORAH by Rabbi Berel Wein

Parshas Beha'aloscha

It is a terrible personality trait to be a complainer. It is hard to live with complainers at home, in the work place and in the community. In this weeks parsha we are made aware of the dismal consequences of complaining. Rashi points out that the complainers in the desert had no real basis for that complaint. They were just dissatisfied somehow and so they complained against Moshe and eventually against God.

Moshe in his final oration to the Jewish people in the book of Dvarim will himself complain about the people of Israel that they are unnecessarily quarrelsome and a bunch of complainers. There is a Jewish joke, more ironic than funny, about three Jewish matrons eating lunch at a restaurant in New York and the waiter approached them in the middle of their meal and asked them Is anything alright?

Rashi's interpretation of the lack of justification for complaints in the desert portrays for us a very serious character defect within the Jewish people. They are chronic complainers and a vast majority of the time their complaints are really baseless. The many complaints in the desert follow the usual pattern food, Moshe's leadership, the unfairness of life and the difficulty of living up to the role of being the chosen people.

All through First Temple times we find that the prophets of Israel were barraged with complaints about their mission and words. The prophets were the solution to Israel's troubles. The people complained that they were the problem. And so destruction and exile came in the wake of the unjustified complaints.

I am not a mental health professional by any stretch of imagination. Yet my instinct tells me that chronic complainers are really not happy with themselves and project that dissatisfaction outwards on events and humans that are not the cause of their original dissatisfaction. There is something deep within us that requires self-justification and self-empowerment.

When that need is fulfilled we are on the whole happy, contented and optimistic. When that ingredient in our soul and psyche is absent we are complainers, carpers, sad and sometimes destructive people. We recite in our daily morning prayers the statement as to how fortunate we are to be the special people that God has chosen to lead the world in service to Him. We may all recite that prayer but how many of us are really convinced in our heart of hearts of its truth?

The rabbis of the Talmud harshly disdained the chronic complainer Is it not sufficient for you that you are alive? Nothing is perfect in life but that is not a justification for complaints. We are bidden to deal with problems to the extent that we can and not to dwell on them overly and constantly complain about them. We have to seek an inner peace that will allow us an optimistic attitude and an avoidance of complaints. Our parents, schools and society should somehow concentrate on achieving this goal with our coming generations.

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