

YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

Weekly Update

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Parshas Lech-Lecha פרשת לך לך

י' חשוון תשס"ט—7-8 November

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting:	3:48pm
Candle lighting:	4:34pm
Mincha - Friday:	4:35pm
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:12am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Mincha followed by Chabura:	4:30pm
Maariv:	5:36pm

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis Sunday:	8:00am
Mincha/Maariv Sunday:	4:35pm
Shacharis (Mon., Thu.):	6:40am
Shacharis (Tue., Wed., Fri.):	6:50am
Maariv (Mon.-Thu.):	7:45pm

Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting:	4:27pm
Mincha - Friday:	4:30pm

Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55am–8:15am	Parsha Chabura	S. Sved	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Mishlei Shiur	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Special Shiur	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Chabura	R. Weinberger	Resumes next week!
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:

Kiddush is community sponsored.

Bnos:

Bnos will א'י'א meet this week from 2:30pm to 3:30pm at LMS.

Special Pirchei Event:

Torah Youth—Pirchei Bala Cynwyd will be meeting from 2:45pm–3:45pm at the Aish Center, 50 Montgomery Ave., for a special rare opportunity to hear stories from Rabbi Hanoach Teller. Thank you to Aish Hatorah for assisting in this exciting event. Boys K–5th will listen to Rabbi Teller tell them stories. The gemara shiur for boys grades 6–8 will also meet in the Aish Center from 2:45pm–3:45pm.

Special Shiur:

There will be a Special Shiur with Rabbi Steinberg this Shabbos following Mincha:

*The Rambam's Divrei Sofrim:
A Classic Chiddush of Rav Zelig Epstein שליט"א.*

All submissions, suggestions, and sponsorships should be directed (by Wednesday evening) to the editor of the Weekly Update, פ'לונ'י ב' פ'לונ'י (weeklyupdate@yiml.org).

STARTING NEXT WEEK

The Shabbos Afternoon Weekly Chabura will begin next Shabbos, ה'תשס"ח.
Special Thanks To Chabura coördinator, Rabbi Josh Weinberger.

MAZEL TOV!

To Sherman & Susan Frager and Family...

... on the upcoming wedding of Caroline Frager and Avi Zinberg.

To Rabbi & Mrs. Baruch Lichtenstein and Family...

... on the bris of their grandson Yosef Lichtenstein.

To Drs. Dovid & Meira Friedman and Family...

... on the birth of a daughter this past Wednesday.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Kollel's Motzaei Shabbos Boy's Masmid Program:

The long awaited start of the *Motzaei Shabbos Boy's Masmid Program* is finally here! The program will be held in the Kollel's facility at 364 Montgomery Avenue and will once again feature great learning, prizes, pizza and stories. The first session will be run on:

Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29; Dec. 6, 13, 20; 6:30pm-7:30pm.

All boys must be accompanied by an adult. To arrange for a chavrusah, or for more information, please contact Rabbi Zeffren at (610) 668-9557 or at yoeiz@verizon.net.

Girls High School Open House:

Torah Academy Girls High School Open House for prospective students and parents will take place this Sunday, November 9, at 10:00am in the school library of Torah Academy, 742 Argyle Rd., Wynnewood, PA 19096. To RSVP, or for further information, please call (610) 642-9360.

ONGOING EVENTS

Chevra Mishnayos:

The Chevra Mishnayos is now learning Seder Zeraim.
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.

D'VAR TORAH by Rabbi Berel Wein

As one who has made major location changes in one lifetime, I can immediately identify with the opinion of the rabbis of the Talmud and Midrash that the movement of Avraham and Sarah from their home in Mesopotamia to the Land of Israel was one of the ten great challenges in the life of Avraham. Leaving one's home, family, and society is always a wrenching experience.

The Torah's description of marriage is the description of leaving one's parents and home to become united with someone "other" to build a new life and family unit. Avraham is searching for communication and instructions from his Creator. He evidently cannot find this in Mesopotamia though the Lord, so to speak, is to be found everywhere and nowhere, depending upon the seeker and the search. Only in the Land of Israel will Avraham find the spiritual satisfaction and role of influence and leadership that will make him the father of all peoples.

Just as his name will later be changed from Avram to Avraham to signify this, so too his journey from Mesopotamia to the Land of Israel will mark a transformation of level and character in his lifetime. Avram in Mesopotamia is not the same person as Avraham in the Land of Israel. Change of location changes all of us in a myriad of ways. It will bring Avraham to greater heights of spirituality and tenacity of leadership. From being the persecuted victim of Nimrod in Mesopotamia, in the Land of Israel he will become the respected prince of God in the midst of a Canaanite and Hittite civilization. In spite of the difficulties of change, he will find the move to be most beneficial.

The Jewish people, in our long millennia of dispersion over the face of this earth, have always attempted to remain a positive and spiritually strong community. But every emigration from one location to another took its toll on us. The early immigrant generation almost always suffered dislocation, nostalgia and oftentimes confusion and difficulty in adjusting to the new society and its challenges. In our times, the immigration of Jews to America and later to the Land of Israel posed and still poses the greatest challenge to successful and meaningful Jewish life.

In both cases there was first a headlong flight from Jewishness and tradition in order to become American or Israeli. The past few decades have noticed a slow but steady change in this attitude. More and more Jews both in America and Israel now wish to incorporate true Jewishness into their lives and values. Both America and Israel currently provide a new opportunity for a stronger more vibrant and value-driven Judaism than did Eastern Europe in its waning decades of the twentieth century.

There are currently great opportunities to convert Avram into Avraham, to expand our religious and spiritual horizons and to build a truly strong and holy society in the land of Israel and even in America as well. The challenge is there for us. May we be worthy of surmounting it successfully.

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