

YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

Weekly Update

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Parshas Sh'lach

פרשת שלח

כ"ח סיון תשס"ט—June 19–20

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting: 6:59pm
Candle lighting: 8:15pm
Mincha - Friday: 7:00pm

Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:17am
Shacharis: 8:45am
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishis: 8:00pm
Maariv: 9:18pm

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis Sunday: 8:00am
Shacharis (Mon., Tue. *Rosh Chodesh Tamuz*): 6:30am
Shacharis (Wed., Fri.): 6:50am
Shacharis (Thu.): 6:40am
Mincha/Maariv (Sun.–Thu.): 8:20pm

Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting: 8:16pm
Mincha - Friday: 7:00pm

Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55am–8:15am	Parsha Chabura	R. Dr. C. Diamond	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Mishlei Shiur	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Seudah Shlishis	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	

*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

THIS SHABBOS

Kiddush and Shalosh Seudos:

Kiddush this week is being sponsored by Ari & Shoahna Fischman in honor of their baby daughter Estee.

Seudah Shlishis is community sponsored.

Chabura:

The Shabbos Afternoon Chabura will be given this week by Rabbi Yehuda Seif:

Coercion of Tzedaka

Bnos and Pirchei:

Both Bnos and Pirchei have come to the end for this season. Thank you to all who organized and led the groups.

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

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everybody who made last Sunday's BBQ a great success: those who cooked, set-up, broke-down, transported, cleaned-up and ate-up. We could not have enjoyed it without you!

Thank you also to the outgoing Board, and welcome to the incoming Board.

MAZEL TOV!

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

... on the upcoming marriage of Miryl to Eliyahu Sholom Glenner.

Shabbos Kallah:

Women and girls are invited to join the Lichtenstein family for a Shabbos Kallah in honor of Miryl Lichtenstein, at their home, 41 Highland Ave, beginning at 6:00pm this Shabbos.

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.

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D'VAR TORAH by Rabbi Berel Wein

Moshe had a good idea to encourage the Jewish people to appreciate the gift being granted to them in possessing the Land of Israel. With the most positive of intentions he commissions twelve leaders of Israel, in whom he undoubtedly had unquestioned trust in their piety and wisdom, Moshe expects them to return with an enthusiastic assessment of the Land of Israel.

Instead they return with an even-handed cold blooded report about the land and its inhabitants. Like Obama's speech, the negative parts of their report somehow overwhelm the positive statements that they uttered. They eventually back up their report with personal agendas, woeful predictions and demagogic pronouncements. And Moshe is powerless to tell the people to reject the negative report.

A mood of wild depression overwhelms Israel and the great march to the promised land is ended permanently for that generation. There was always a predisposition among that generation to prefer to return to Egyptian servitude rather than to forge a new society in a new land and create their own independent state.

The uncomfortable but known past always has strong attraction and requires no special bravery or courage. However, the unknown future no matter how great its possibilities are is always an intimidating sight. This attitude is present in all Jewish and human generations and certainly was not limited to the generation of the Jews in the desert of Sinai. It is the unknown future that always destabilizes present wisdom and judgment. Moshe's assurances of Godly support for Israel fall on unhearing ears.

The question arises as to why Moshe—who was able to convince Israel to leave Egypt, march through the desert, accept the yoke of the Torah, reject the Golden Calf, build the Mishkan, etc. . . —was unable to convince them of the importance of the Land of Israel to their physical and spiritual development.

Over the centuries the great commentators to the Torah have dealt with this issue, each in their own way. But the basic underlying assessment of the issue is that there is a hesitation if not even a fear of Jewish independence and self-government among the Jewish people. This is certainly reflected throughout large sections of the Jewish world today. This attitude is always cloaked in theological niceties and pious nostrums as well as an unfounded belief in the Western humanitarian values of much of Europe and America.

But the harsh truth is that most Jews find it easier and more comfortable to live under foreign rule than to have to build their own self-governing society and nation. The exile mentality of the Jewish people, formed already in Egyptian bondage over three millennia ago, remains part of our DNA even today.

The Jewish State is spoken of as a place of refuge and escape for persecuted Jews. But a Jewish State is really much more than that. It is a challenge and a work in progress. It should not be viewed as merely a haven for the helpless but rather as a country that must eventually fulfill its role as a light unto the rest of humankind. Again, the Torah of Moshe must convince us of our true role in the world.

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