

YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

Weekly Update

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Parshas Shemos פרשת שמות

כ"א טבת תשס"ט—16-17 January

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting: 4:00pm
Candle lighting: 4:43pm
Mincha - Friday: 4:45pm

Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:46am
Shacharis: 8:45am
Mincha followed by Chabura: 4:40pm
Maariv: 5:47pm

Weekday Davening Times

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

Note that Monday davening is at regular times!

Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting: 4:51pm
Mincha - Friday: 4:50pm

Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55am–8:15am	Parsha Chabura	N. Perlberger	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Mishlei Shiur	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Chabura	R. Y. Seif	
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:

Kiddush is community sponsored.

Bnos and Pirchei:

Both Bnos and Pirchei will א'י'ה meet this week from 3:00pm to 4:00pm at LMS.

Chabura:

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

*Shliach She'Taah and Ona'ah:
Fiduciary Responsibility and the limits of Fraud*

MAZEL TOV!

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

...on the birth of their new grandson, born this past week to Mordechai & Vicki Lichtenstein.

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Torah Academy's 45th Annual Scholarship Dinner will ה"ל take place at the Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy, Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr on February 22, 2009 at 5:00pm.

The Guests of Honor are Dr. Jonathan & Mrs. Deanna Tanner with Mr. Jonathan Stieglitz as Alumnus of the Year and Mrs. Marcia Rosenthal as our Rabbi Israel M. Axelrod Excellence in Education recipient.

Please see our website for our journal ad-blank and to make dinner reservations: <http://www.torah-academy.org>.

COMING EVENTS

Shovavim 5769 **Shiurim by Rabbi Steinberg** **at the Young Israel of the Main Line**

For Women: Wednesday February 4 at 8:30pm

- Taharas Hamishpacha Review Pointers
- *Tzenius and the Jewish Home: a Fundamental Hashkafic Discussion*

For Men: Tuesday, February 10 at 9:00pm

- An Iyun Shiur (sources distributed in advance by e-mail)

שיעור הלכה בענין: בדיקות יום ראשון ויום שביעי

ONGOING EVENTS

Chevra Mishnayos:

The Chevra Mishnayos is now learning Seder Moed.

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

The change in eras is sudden, unexpected and unpredictable. The Jewish people have lived in Egypt for over a century in the land of Goshen in affluence and security. They are apparently very well integrated into Egyptian society and are comfortable in their future there.

And then there arises a new king, a different era of eighty years of slavery and death, persecution and torture. Where did this new king come from? How was it that no one anticipated such a scenario?

Pharaoh called for volunteers to help build and modernize the infrastructure of Egypt. The Jews as good and super citizens of Egypt volunteered en masse. But slowly they noticed that they were the only volunteers present for the work. And eventually they came to work on the Egyptian city fortresses as slaves.

Soon the entire Jewish population was enslaved, except for the tribe of Levi. In a blink of an historical eye the Jewish population went from riches to rags, from citizens to slaves, from high society to becoming non-persons.

And the truth of the matter was that this enormous sea change in the status of the Jews in Egypt caught the Jews by surprise. They knew that Avraham had a dream about bondage and exile but they did not imagine that they were the generation that would experience its realization and that Egypt was the place where it would occur.

So, when it did occur to them and they were its victims they were completely unprepared for this new sad era. It would take the leadership of Moshe to readjust their thinking, to make them realize that their future no longer lay in living in Egypt and to yearn for redemption.

Even so our rabbis of the Midrash concluded that most of the Jews did not survive physically and spiritually to leave Egypt.

The truth is that any generation that lives at a time of great unforeseen change finds itself in a difficult situation. It becomes a generation of uncertainty longing to relive its past and seemingly powerless to deal with its present situation effectively, let alone its future.

I think that we can all agree that we are currently undergoing a great change, economically, socially and security-wise. While we may long for past situations which seemed so much more certain and secure, our task currently is to deal effectively with what is facing us now.

The example of Moshe has to be replicated to the best of our abilities. The Torah always demands that Jews behave wisely, rationally, and with great faith and belief. Moshe's task is to fulfill this ideal situation of Jewish behavior and goals.

Moshe himself traverses the long road from being raised as a prince in the house of Pharaoh to being a hunted man and eventually the messenger of destruction to that very house in which he was raised. The Torah does not record for us Moshe's personal trials and angst in adjusting to situations that were completely new to him.

But part of his greatness lies in his God-given ability to do so. So, as we begin the book of Shemot let us resolve to hang in there and deal with our current problems to the best of our abilities. Better days are surely on the way.

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