

YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

Weekly Update

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Parshas Terumah

פרשת תרומה

ד' אדר תשס"ט—February 27–28

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting: 4:40pm
Candle lighting: 5:32pm
Mincha - Friday: 5:30pm

Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:24am
Shacharis: 8:45am
Mincha followed by Shalos Seudos: 5:15pm
Maariv: 6:36pm

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis Sunday: 8:00am
Shacharis (Mon., Thu.): 6:40am
Shacharis (Tue., Wed., Fri.): 6:50am
Mincha/Maariv Sunday: 5:40pm
Maariv (Mon.–Thu.): 7:45pm

Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting: 5:40pm
Mincha - Friday: 5:40pm

משנכנס אדר מרבנים בשמחה!

Calendar of Shiurim

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

*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

THIS SHABBOS

Kiddush and Shalosh Seudos:

Kiddush this week is being sponsored by Sid & Laytin to commemorate the yahrzeit of Sid's sister Joan Blumberg, Yashka Sima bas Meir.

Seudah Shlishis is community sponsored.

Bnos and Pirchei:

Both Bnos and Pirchei will א"י meet this week from 3:30pm to 4:30pm at LMS.

PURIM IS COMING!

YIML Pre-Purim Party
Sunday, March 8 at 5:00pm
featuring the *Balooner Rebbe!*
(כ"ק אדמו"ר מפאפא)
More details TBA soon.

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

Bnos Purim Carnival:

This Sunday, March 1 from 3:00pm-5:00pm at LMS.
All girls 3 years through 6th grade are welcome!!!

- \$5/member, \$8/non-member,
- Games, nosh, shaloch manos raffles
- Come dressed as a bubby or baby
- Prizes for the best costumes!

FOR SALE

A beautiful white couch and loveseat are looking for a home. These fine articles of furniture lived a pampered life in a NYC penthouse (really!) without suffering the trials and tribulations of small children's crayons.

Interested?

Please contact David & Sharyn Chase at
(610) 667-6448 or david@chaseplanet.us.

ONGOING EVENTS

Chevra Mishnayos:

The Chevra Mishnayos is now learning Seder Nashim.
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.

Are you on our e-mail list?

To subscribe to the shul mailing list, send a message to majordomo@chaseplanet.us with the following in the message body (all one line): `subscribe yiml YOUR-EMAIL`

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D'VAR TORAH by Rabbi Berel Wein

In an environment of financial crisis and reduced philanthropy the call for donations issued by Moshe in this week's parsha is timely if not in essence very challenging.

There are many reasons why people do or don't contribute to charities and educational and social causes. Moshe does not offer any convincing reasons for the necessity of his appeal for monetary help.

He represents that it is God's wish that the people of Israel become a nation of donors, each person according to the donative instinct that resides within his or her heart.

The Lord phrases His appeal as being a donation symbolically to God Himself. "Let them take for Me" is the sentence that is used to justify this appeal for donations from the people. Apparently donations are given because of our relations to our Creator and not only because of the justice of causes that require our help.

Charity is a commandment of the Torah. It may be a commandment that we can empathize with and claim to understand and appreciate but at the very root of this commandment is the bald fact that we are bidden to imitate our Creator and our definition of God is one of goodness and charity.

We are told in the Torah that God is with the widow and the orphans even though we are ignorant as to why He made them widows and orphans. But nevertheless that is our duty to also pursue goodness and charity as the Lord commands us to do. So at the very end of the day charity is an inexplicable commandment.

The reason that there is so much charity in the world is that there is, somewhere deep within our consciences and souls, a streak of human kindness and goodness. We really wish to be charitable people.

That is why the Torah is convinced that everyone will contribute according to the donative intent of one's own heart and being. It is within the nature of all to be charitable. However since we have freedom of will and choice we can overcome our inner instincts of goodness and become miserly and even cruel towards others and to ourselves as well.

Just as there are very base instincts that lurk within us and we possess within ourselves the freedom to overcome and deny them so too does this power of freedom of will and choice allow us to sublimate our good and charitable instincts.

There is a well known statement of the rabbis that many people regret being put upon for a charitable contribution and yet feel a deep satisfaction within themselves after they have in fact made that contribution.

It is that deep instinct towards being charitable that engenders the satisfaction within a person after having done a charitable deed or having made a charitable contribution.

The Torah wishes to encourage our charitable instinct. It resorts to making what is essentially a voluntary act one that becomes mandatory. It is a mechanism to allow the good within us to burst forth from. The holy institutions of Israel can only be constructed with the charitable instincts of the Jewish people.

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