

YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

Weekly Update

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Parshas Vaeschanan Shabbos Nachamu

פרשת ואתחנן שבת נחמו

July 31–August 1—א"א אב תשס"ט

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting: 6:47pm
Candle lighting: 7:59pm
Mincha - Friday: 7:00pm

Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:33am
Shacharis: 8:45am
Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishis: 7:45pm
Maariv: 9:01pm

Weekday Davening Times

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

Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting: 7:51pm
Mincha - Friday: 7:00pm

Calendar of Shiurim

DAY	TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	NOTES
Shabbos	7:55am– 8:15am	Parsha Chabura	D. Rosen	ROTATES
Shabbos	8:15am	Mishlei Shiur	R. Steinberg	
Shabbos	After Mincha	Seudah Shlishis	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	
Monday	8:30pm	Hichos Tzedaka	R. Steinberg	Resumes Oct. 19
Thursday	10:10pm	Nefesh Hachaim	Rav Sholom Kamenetsky	Resumes in Sept.

*All shiurim are at YIML unless specified.

THIS SHABBOS

Kiddush and Shalosh Seudos:

Kiddush is community sponsored.

Seudah Shlishis is community sponsored.

Chevra Mishnayos:

The Siyum of the Chevra Mishnayos on Seder Kodshim is to be held at Shalosh Seudos this week. Please make sure you have finished your masechtos.

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!

Mazel Tov to Ari & Diane Weintraub and Family...

... on the birth of a baby boy this Thursday. There will be a Sholom Zachor beginning approximately 9:30pm at the Weintraub home, 378 Bala Ave.

Mazel Tov to Jed & Brendy Siev and Family...

... on the birth and bris of their son, Asher.

Mazel Tov to Steve & Risa Goldman and Family...

... on the birth and bris of their grandson, Asher Yedidya.

RABBI STEINBERG AWAY

Please note that Rabbi Steinberg and his Family will be away starting this Monday, August 3, for two weeks. If the need arises to speak to the Rabbi please call Shul President Sherman Frager at (25) 820-8221.

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

The ability to somehow subsume one's own personal disappointments and even tragedies into the general picture of positive Jewish life and mission is vividly illustrated in Moshe's response to God's refusal to allow him to enter into the Land of Israel. Moshe does not accept the decree in a stoic, 'what is the use' manner but he instead uses it to impress upon the Jewish people the special good fortune that they possess in being able to enter and inhabit the Land of Israel.

Perhaps only someone who has been denied a special favor, gift or talent can truly appreciate the uniqueness of someone who possesses that favor, gift or talent. (For instance, I appreciate and love to hear great chazanim and baalei tefila though I cannot carry a tune. But I digress.)

Jews who currently have the ability to visit and even more importantly to dwell in our ancient homeland are pretty much blasé about the whole matter. We have become so comfortable and accustomed to this gift granted to us that we are even willing to forego it and some Jews even have the temerity to vilify it and claim that gift and opportunity was and is a "mistake!"

Moshe certainly would not have thought so. He breaks down the heavenly gates of prayer, so to speak, in order to gain entry into the Land of Israel. He is willing to forego his lofty office and enter the land just as plain Mr. Moshe but all to no avail.

But instead of bemoaning his fate bitterly he uses the experience to encourage his people and steel them for the task and mission that life in the Land of Israel always and automatically entails.

The Jewish soul's desire to live in the Land of Israel, a desire not diminished by thousands of years of exile and separation, is an extension of the attitude and spirit of Moshe himself. All defeats in Jewish life, no matter how expensive and devastating they may be, are still in the long run only temporary setbacks.

That is the reality of the message of this Shabat Nachamu—that comfort, consolation and triumph eventually await us. Perhaps it is this knowledge of God's commitment to our survival and success that allows Moshe to move past his own personal disappointments and defeats. Moshe sees the future and spans the generations and is aware of the eternity of Israel and its never ending attachment to the Land of Israel.

And he knows that the eventual destiny of the people of Israel is inextricably bound up with the Land of Israel. And therefore in the midst of his tears over his own unfulfilled hopes and wishes he states words of encouragement and steadfast blessing to his beloved people.

It is part of the character greatness of Moshe that the people he serves always take precedence over his own personal pursuits and desires. As such, he is the model of what a Jewish religious leader should be. Even though there has never been another Moshe, his example still instructs and guides us.

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