

YOUNG ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE

Weekly Update

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פרשת ויקהל-פקודי Shabbos haChodesh שבת החדש

כ"ה אדר תשס"ט—March 20–21

Shabbos Davening Times

Earliest candle lighting: 5:56pm
Candle lighting: 6:54pm
Mincha - Friday: 6:55pm

Sof Zman Krias Shema: 10:05am
Shacharis: 8:45am
Mincha followed by Shalosh Seudos: 6:50pm
Maariv: 7:58pm

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis Sunday: 8:00am
Shacharis (Mon.): 6:40am
Shacharis (Tue., Wed., Fri.): 6:50am
Shacharis *Rosh Chodesh Nisan* (Thu.): **6:30am**
Mincha/Maariv (Sun.–Thu.): 7:05pm

Next Shabbos Times

Candle lighting: 7:01pm
Mincha - Friday: 7:00pm

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 Shabbos is sponsored by...

...Chaim & Andrea Diamond to commemorate the yahrzeit of Chaim's father, Avraham ben Nachum HaLevi, ע"ה

...Miles & Adina Spiller to commemorate the yahrzeit of Miles' father, Yosef ben Moshe Hirsh, ע"ה

...Israel & Inna Pendrak in honor of the marriage of Karen & Yitzchak Kraftman.

Seudah Shlishis is sponsored by Israel & Inna Pendrak in honor of the marriage of Karen & Yitzchak Kraftman.

Bnos and Pirchei:

Both Bnos and Pirchei will א"י meet this week from 4:30pm to 5:30pm at LMS.

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!

To Ben & Malka Liebman...

... on the birth of a baby girl Tuesday morning.

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

... on the engagement of Miryl Lichtenstein to Eliyahu Glenner.

To Israel & Inna Pendrak and Family...

... on the marriage of Karen & Yitzchak Kraftman.

REMINDERS

With Pesach coming, the *hanhala* would like to remind everyone to leave time to clean out their lockers and shtenders over the next two weeks.

Rabbi Steinberg will be available for *Mechiras Chometz* beginning on Rosh Chodesh (this coming Thursday). You can find a copy of the Shtaar Harshaa online.

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.

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The Torah reviews for us once again the details of the construction of the mishkan. In this review the Torah points out that the work was done by volunteers, people whose hearts and intuition brought them to do the actual work.

And as Rabbi Naftali Zvi Yehuda Berlin points out, these were not trained artisans that volunteered to build the mishkan. Rather, they were people who had a vision of the holy building in their minds and hearts, who were willing to sacrifice their hands and minds and time for the cause.

Of course they had to have talent to do their jobs. But it was not so much a contest to find the best carpenter or goldsmith but it was rather a call for people whose hearts would bring them to do the work.

The volunteers were to be people who were aware that they were involved in building a spiritual structure and not just a physical building. This is true regarding all tasks of holiness and eternity.

Teachers have a job but it is not just a job. There is a commitment to the student and his or her future and to the importance and holiness of the subject matter being taught.

The Talmud states that teachers who do not have this attitude and commitment are guilty of doing God's work in a fraudulent fashion. Volunteerism, commitment, holy attitude and soaring vision are all necessary to complete a holy building. One's heart must accompany one's hands.

This message is not to be construed as allowing a novice with good and holy intentions to practice as a brain surgeon.

There is a famous Jewish story about a young rabbi who had just come to town and with great enthusiasm set for himself the task of constructing a mikvah.

Not having architectural instructions and plans or previous construction experience he nevertheless set himself to the task with great commitment and enthusiasm. The source of his expertise in the construction of the building was his study and understanding of the mishnayot of tractate Mikvaot. After a short period of time the building rose and was completed.

After another period of time the building suddenly collapsed. When the townspeople came to inform the rabbi of the collapse of the building he mused and said to them: "Tosafot, the later commentary to Mishna and Talmud, truly raises an objection to the conclusion of that mishna!"

The Mishkan was built by talented people. But in the Jewish world talent without commitment is eventually of little value just as commitment without talent is not the way to build buildings or teach children.

The Torah always deals in practical human terms. But having commitment, vision and a holy attitude is a practical requirement not a soaring spiritual achievement. This lesson of the Torah applies to all areas of life—marriage, children, professions, and human projects, etc.

One has to always see the larger picture, the vision that lies behind all of the apparently smaller things in life. And perhaps that is the most important and relevant lesson that the parsha has to teach us.

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