



▪ Mazel Tov to Rabbi Naftali and Hannah Perlberger on the Bas Mitzvah of their daughter, Malka Shaindel. The Congregation is invited to Kiddush at the Perlbergers in honor of Malky's Bas Mitzva following davening.

This Shabbos

Parsha Chaburah by Dennis Rosen: 7:55am
 Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur: 8:15am
 Kiddush this week is community sponsored.
 Between Mincha and Maariv:
 Seudat Shlishit this week is community sponsored.
 Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr Daniel Eisenberg on the topic of Biopsy, Autopsy, and Anatomic Dissection.
 There will not be a Chaburah this week.

Bnos of Bala Cynwyd's end-of-the-year Shalosh Seudos will be held this Shabbos from 4-6pm at LMS. Bnos will not meet throughout the summer.

The Chevra Mishnayos is now learning Seder Kodshim. See shul bulletin board to sign up or email eisenber@pol.net and include your name and which masechta (or chapters thereof) you intend to learn.

Save the Date - The YIML Community Picnic will be this Sunday, June 20th, from 1pm to 5pm at South Ardmore Park (near Torah Academy). Cost: \$15 Single, \$25 Couples, \$8 per Child (2-12), \$54 Max. At Picnic: \$20 Single, \$36 Couple, \$10 per Child, \$72 Max. Prepayment required by Motzai Shabbos, June 19th. See Richie and Janis Fine, David Chase, or Sherman Frager for payment and with questions.

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Parshas Chukas
 June 18-19

פרשת חקת
 ז' תמוז



Shabbos Davening Times



Candle lighting:	8:14 pm
Earliest lighting:	6:58 pm
Mincha - Friday:	7:00 pm
Shacharis:	8:45 am
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:17 am
Mincha:	8:00 pm
Maariv:	9:17 pm

Next Shabbos :

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

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<http://mail.chaseplanet.us/mailman/listinfo/yiml>

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis:	Sunday :	8:00 am
	Monday and Thursday:	6:40 am
	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday:	6:50 am
Mincha/Maariv:	Sunday through Thursday:	8:20 pm

Weekday Shiurim

Daily Mussar Shiur:	15 min before Shacharis
Mishna Brura:	Monday and Wednesday after Maariv
Hilchos Tzedaka:	Monday 8:30pm
Nefesh HaChaim:	Thursday 10:15pm

Check with Dr Daniel Eisenberg to confirm.

Women's Learning Experience - Spring Session

Mondays at 10:45am - Tehillim for Cholim, followed at 11:30am by Rabbi Avraham Steinberg's shiur on The Chazon Ish's Faith and Trust. At 8 Concord Circle.

Tuesdays at 9:30am - Rabbi Abraham Shmidman teaching Tehillim at Lower Merion Synagogue.

Wednesdays at 9:30am - Dr. Steven Goldman teaching Parshas haShavuah at 8 Concord Circle.

Thursdays at 9:30am - Mr. Drew Dorman teaching Pirkei Avot at 8 Concord Circle.

For information, please call Janis Fine 610-617-0913

Food, Body Image and Eating Disorders in the Orthodox Community

Tuesday, June 22, 2010 from 7:30 to 9:00pm at Lower Merion Synagogue. Co-sponsored by The Renfrew Center, LMS, and YIML. Featured speakers: Wendy Cramer, MEd, of the Renfrew Center, Jonathan Kirschner, PsyD, Frani Pollack Hecker, LSW, PhD, and Katherine Shrager, PsyD.

This presentation will focus on understanding eating disorders and their causes, and explore potential risk factors. Afterwards, a panel of eating disorder professionals will lead a dialogue for increased community outreach and prevention.

Thought of the Week

There is poetic symmetry to the fact that the Jews' sojourn in the Wilderness began with a Song (in Parshas BeShalach) and basically concludes with a Song (here in Parshas Chukas). Although we read Parshas Chukas only a couple of weeks after Parshas Shlach, the historical narrative in Parshas Chukas jumps ahead almost 40 years to the very end of the period of wandering decreed in the aftermath of the episode of the Spies.

This week's Parsha contains the Shiras HaBe'er [Song of the Well]. There are two significant differences between the Song after Kriyas Yam Suf and the Shiras HaBe'er. The first difference is that the Shiras HaYam begins "Then Moshe and the children of Israel sang this song." [Shmos 15:1] The Shiras HaBe'er begins "Then the children of Israel sang this song" [Bamidbar 21:17] with the notable absence of the name of Moshe Rabbeinu.

The second difference is that this is a song about the miraculous Be'er [Well] that was with them virtually the entire time that they were in the Wilderness, rather than about Kriyas Yam Suf, which was a singular event. The Shiras HaYam was sung spontaneously, in "real time", so to speak. Why did it take them 40 years to first now sing about the Be'er that was with them for these many decades?

This week's parsha contains the death of Miriam. Chazal say that the Be'er was given to the Jewish people in Miriam's merit. When Miriam died, the Be'er disappeared. It required another miracle from Moshe Rabbeinu to restore their water supply.

Klal Yisrael only saw in very real terms what Miriam had done for them after the Be'er Miriam disappeared. It is the tendency of human beings to take things and people for granted. We go to the faucet and we turn on the water. We expect the water to be there. We don't think about the "miracle" involved in receiving our water. Now imagine if we went to a Rock-Well in the middle of the desert and were able to get water whenever we wanted. We would get used to that as well. Certainly our children would think that this is the way it is supposed to be. When Miriam died and they saw the Be'er was gone, they first "got it." They said, "Look what Miriam did for us all these years."

The only time people begin to appreciate people is in their absence. They think people are just there to turn the water on for them and that the water will always be there. Sometimes, the person leaves and then you finally "get it": It was only because of that person that we ever had the water.

Therefore, the Shiras HaBe'er is not just a tribute to the Be'er. It is a tribute to Miriam. In his righteousness and his wisdom, Moshe Rabbeinu appreciated Miriam's role all along. He did not need the absence of the Be'er to realize what she was doing for the Jewish people all these years. He was not suddenly inspired to sing 40 years later. It was only the rest of us that first sang after the belated recognition – "Then Israel sang this song..." It is very sad when we do not appreciate people while we have them.

Adapted from "We Should Appreciate People When We Have Them" by Rabbi Frand
<http://www.torah.org/learning/ravfrand/5766/chukas.html>