



▪ Mazel Tov to Dov and Shani Daniel and Family on the bris of their son Shlomo Yehuda! Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Abba and Ruthie Krieger and Josh and Shira Daniel.

This Shabbos

Parsha Chaburah by Reb Naftali Perlberger: 7:55am
 Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur: 8:15am

Kiddush to salute the hard work and achievements of Rabbi Elisar and Tovi Admon and family and wish them bracha v'hatzlacha in the future.

Shalosh Seudos with the Maharal. Rabbi Steinberg will share deep and inspiring insights of the Maharal of Prague regarding Exile and Redemption, from the Sefer Netzach Yisroel.

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

The Halacha Shiur with Rabbi Steinberg will be beginning a new limmud for the upcoming year. We will be learning "classic" Yoreh Deah (Hilchos Basar v'Chalav, Taaruvos, etc.) Tuesday nights at 8:30pm. Startoff Shiur on Sept 14th, will then resume Oct 5th. See the emails to join the online group for mareh mekomos and other updates and to be part of the massa umattan between shiurim.

Kivrei Tzadikim Trip - Sunday, September 5th
 First day of Selichos, departing from YIML at 9:15am, men of the community are invited to visit the graves of many of the great Gaonim buried in Queens, NY. Rabbi Steinberg will speak about each of the figures, and the group will recite Tehillim and tefillos at their graves.

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Parshas Devarim
 July 16-17

פרשת דברים
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Shabbos Davening Times



Candle lighting: 8:10 pm
 Earliest lighting: 6:56 pm
 Mincha - Friday: 7:00 pm

Shabbos Chazon

Shacharis: 8:45 am
 Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:26 am
 Mincha: 7:55 pm
 Maariv: 9:12 pm

Next Shabbos :

Candle lighting: 8:05 pm
 Earliest lighting: 6:52 pm
 Mincha - Friday: 7:00 pm

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Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis:	Sunday:	8:00 am
	Monday and Thursday:	6:40 am
	Wednesday and Friday:	6:50 am
Mincha/Maariv:	Sun, Wed, and Thurs:	8:10 pm

Weekday Shiurim

Daily Mussar Shiur:	15 min before Shacharis
Mishna Brura:	Wed after Maariv
Nefesh HaChaim:	Thursday 10:15pm

Check with Dr Daniel Eisenberg to confirm.

Tisha B'Av (Monday/Tuesday)

Mincha Erev Tisha B'Av, Monday:	6:55 pm
Fast Begins:	8:21 pm
Maariv:	9:10 pm
Eichah:	9:25 pm
Shacharis, Tuesday:	8:00 am
Chatzos (mid-day):	1:07 pm
Mincha:	7:55 pm
Fast Ends:	9:10 pm

Explanatory Tisha B'Av Kinnos – This Year's Format

As in past years, Rabbi Steinberg will be offering explanations of the Tisha B'Av Kinnos. This year, we will recite select kinnos and spend more time explaining their themes and full meanings. After the kinnos are completed, Rabbi Steinberg will teach the laws of Aveilus (mourning) until Chatzos.

A Father-Son Shiur with Rabbi Steinberg (open to all boys and men; recommended age: 5th grade and up) studying Sefer Melachim Aleph (Kings I) Wednesday nights at 8:30pm. Classes will meet Sept 1st and 15th, weekly starting Oct 6th. If you would like to join, please e-mail Rabbi Steinberg.

Thought of the Week

The parsha of Dvarim traditionally precedes the saddest day of the Jewish calendar, Tisha b'Av. There are many connections between the parsha and the fast day but I feel that the main connection lies perhaps in the word "dvarim" itself. The word means "words" and, as Rashi points out, the nuance of the word in Hebrew is almost harsh. The words of Moshe in Dvarim are stern and reprimanding. They are the bitter truth that people are so loath to hear.

Soothing promises and vague commitments are much more popular and acceptable to the public. The rabbis of the Midrash emphasize the statement of Solomon that it is better to hear criticism from a true friend than to hear flattery and compliments from an enemy. These are words that are always to be remembered. The enemy that the Midrash refers to is Bilaam and the friend is Moshe. The flattery of Bilaam led eventually to thousands of deaths among the Jews. The words of Moshe have preserved the Jewish people for countless generations. And this is the story of Tisha b'Av and its connection to the parsha and the word "dvarim."

The prophets of Israel, Yeshayahu, Yirmiyahu, Amos, Hoshea and others all spoke harsh words to Israel and warned of the impending tragedy. The false prophets who are always to be found in our midst retorted with soothing words and lies that were sweet to the ears of the public. Thus, the destruction of the Temple and Jewish sovereignty became inevitable. We always prefer to hear sweet lies than to have to listen to harsh and painful truths.

The haftorah of Shabat Dvorim is always the first chapter of Yeshayahu, which begins with the Hebrew word "chazon." In fact, the Shabat preceding Tisha b'Av is always named Shabat Chazon after this first word of the haftorah of parshat Dvarim. "Chazon" means vision, prophecy. Vision can be positive or otherwise. A madman has a vision of world domination and the extermination of other human beings. A righteous person has a vision of a better, more peaceful, moral society. The great Chasidic masters stated that a person is judged in heaven not only on what that person accomplished and omitted to do but on the visions and goals that motivated that person in this world.

It is not only what a person is, it is also important to realize what that person wishes to be in order to be able to judge the person correctly. Though "chazon" can many times indicate a negative or sad prophecy, the word itself is a neutral one. One can choose whatever vision one wishes to choose.

Therefore Yeshayahu chooses the word "chazon" to begin his book of prophecy. What is the vision of the Jewish people? What kind of a nation do they wish to be? This choice is particular and pertinent to individual human beings as well. Hearing the words of Moshe and of Dvarim can be of immense help to us in deciding what our "chazon" – national and individual, should be.

Adapted from "Choosing a Vision" by Rabbi Wein
<http://www.torah.org/learning/rabbiwein/5768/devarim.html>

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