

This Shabbos

Parsha Chaburah by Rabbi Dr. Chaim Diamond:
8:15am

Kiddush this week is being sponsored by Rabbi and Mrs. Admon in honor of the birth of Nava Tehilla. Mazal Tov!

Between Mincha and Maariv:

Shalosh Seudos this week is community sponsored.

Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr Daniel Eisenberg.

There will be no Chaburah this Shabbos.

Tzeischem l'shalom to the Admon and Mizrahy Families. You will be greatly missed!

The Chevra Mishnayos is learning Seder Taharos. 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.

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) Monday nights at 8:00pm. Please note the scheduling change to Monday nights at 8pm, not Wednesday nights at 8:30pm as originally scheduled). Class will meet on September 13th and then resume weekly October 4th. If you would like to join, please e-mail Rabbi Steinberg.

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Parshas Eikev

July 30-31

פרשת עקב

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Shabbos Davening Times



Candle lighting: 7:59 pm

Mincha - Friday: 7:00 pm

Shacharis: 8:45 am

Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:33 am

Mincha: 7:45 pm

Maariv: 9:01 pm

Next Shabbos :

Candle lighting: 7:51 pm

Mincha - Friday: 7:00 pm

Please note that Rabbi Steinberg is away this Shabbos. Anyone needing to reach the Rabbi in his absence should contact Shul President, Sherman Frager.

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:	8:00 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.

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

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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Thought of the Week

Even though Moshe in his review of the life of the Jewish people in the desert of Sinai over the past forty years recounts all of the miracles that occurred, he does so not for the purpose of narrative but rather to teach an important moral lesson for all ages. That stark lesson is that after all of the miracles that God may perform on our behalf, our fate is in great measure in our hands. And the lesson of all of Jewish history is summed up in the verse "For not by bread alone – even miraculous bread such as the manna – shall humans live, but rather by the word of God, so to speak, - the values, commandments and strictures of Torah shall Jews live."

All attempts to avoid this lesson, to substitute other words, ideas and ideologies for the words of Torah have turned into dismal failures. But reliance upon miracles is just as dangerous a path. My teachers in the yeshiva would say to us, then pious young men, that prayer helps one to become a scholar in Torah. But they emphasized that sitting and studying Torah for a protracted time with concentration and effort may help even more in the quest for true Torah scholarship. Moshe uses the constant miracles of the desert to drive home the point that much of the responsibilities of life are in our hands and our decision making processes. In essence the clear conclusion from his oration is that God helps those who help themselves.

In our post-Tisha B'Av mood and run-up to Elul and the High Holy Days it is important to remember how much of our fate truly lies in our own actions. The small choices that we make in our everyday lives add up to our life's achievements and accomplishments. That is what Rashi means when he states that "these are the commandments that one grinds under with one's heel – ekev!" The small things that we think to be unimportant at the moment often translate into major decisions and sometimes even have irreversible consequences. The question always before us is do our actions measure up to the standards of God's word, so to speak. We live not "by bread alone" or by miracles alone, but by our own choices and our very own behavior and deeds.

While recently driving on a New York City highway – an exercise in patience and utter futility – I missed the exit that I was supposed to turn off on. Miles and a quarter of an hour later I was able somehow to retrace my journey and exit at the proper place. I felt that it was a miracle that I was able to do so. It was, in fact, my negligence of not exiting correctly from the highway originally that forced the necessity of of this "miracle." Moshe teaches us that this is truly a daily occurrence in our lives. His message to us is as clear and cogent today as it was to our forbearers in the desert of Sinai long ago.

Adapted from "Choices and Miracles" by Rabbi Wein
<http://www.torah.org/learning/rabbiwein/5767/eikev.html>

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