



- Mazel Tov to Dan and Michaela Perez on the birth of a baby boy this week. Baruch Hashem, mother and baby are doing fine.
- Mazel Tov to Bobby and Galitte Den on the birth of a baby girl this week.

This Shabbos

Parsha Chaburah, given by Reb Drew Dorman:
7:55 am

Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur: 8:15 am

Between Mincha and Maariv:

- Part 2 of the Chaburah given by Chaim Saiman on the topic of Rav Shimon Shkop's Theory of Halakhic Civil Law: Divine Wisdom or Human Logic. There will be a brief recap of last week's chaburah for those who weren't there.

- Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr Daniel Eisenberg

Torah Youth of Bala Cynwyd

Pirchei of Bala Cynwyd will iy"H meet this Shabbos from 3:30 to 4:30pm in the Social Hall of LMS. If you would like to sponsor a Shabbos or want information contact Rabbi Ari Silver at 610-668-6833 or SilverDollar@verizon.net.

Bnos of Bala Cynwyd will iy"H meet this Shabbos from 3:30 to 4:30pm at LMS. Save The Date - Bnos PURIM event - Monday, Feb. 15th at LMS, 3 to 4:30pm, \$4 (members)/\$8 (non-members). The last session of the Bnos Nashim Tzidkanios program will still be held next Motzai Shabbos.

Special Shiur – Sunday February 14

Advanced-Level Iyun Shiur given by Rabbi Ozer Glickman, shlita, Rosh Yeshiva at Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary at Yeshiva University. Sponsorship \$75.

באיסורין נאמן אחד עד בענין

Shacharis: 8:00 AM (followed by breakfast)

Shiur: 9:30 AM (approx.).

All submissions, suggestions and sponsorship should be sent (by Wednesday evening) to weeklyupdate@yiml.org

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Parshas Mishpatim

February 12-13

משפטים פרשת

כ"ט שבט



Shabbos Davening Times



Candle lighting: 5:15 pm

Mincha - Friday: 5:15 pm

Shabbos Shekalim

Mevorchim haChodesh

Shacharis: 8:45 am

Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:35 am

Mincha: 5:10 pm

Maariv: 6:19 pm

Next Shabbos

Candle lighting: 5:23 pm

Mincha - Friday: 5:23 pm

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis:	Sunday (R"H Adar):	8:00 am
	Monday (R"H Adar) and Thursday:	6:40 am
	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday:	6:50 am
Mincha/Maariv:	Sunday:	5:25 pm
Maariv:	Monday through Thursday:	7:45 pm

Weekday Shiurim

Mussar:	15 min before Shacharis
Mishna Brura:	Monday and Wednesday after Maariv
Hilchos Tzedaka:	Monday 8:30 pm
Nefesh HaChaim:	Thursday 10:15 pm
Check with Dr Daniel Eisenberg to confirm.	

YIML presents a Rosh Chodesh Adar event for Women and Girls this Motzai Shabbos, February 13, at Young Israel at 8:30 pm. Price \$15. Join us for a showing of "The Chair Lady", a video comedy about pressures, priorities, and pride with performances by Miriam Greenwald, Yael Gottlieb, Lonnie Rosen, and others! Light refreshments will be served.

Chevra Mishnayos: Now learning Seder Nashim. 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.

Women's Tehillim Group: Mondays 10:45 am at 8 Concord Circle followed by the Rabbi's Chovos Halevavos shiur.

TAGHS annual play, "The Wizard of Oz" on Thursday, February 18 at 5:45pm and Motzai Shabbos, February 20 at 8:30pm. For more information call the high school office at (610) 642-9360.

Torah Academy's 46th Annual Scholarship Dinner, honoring Gittel & Alan Hilibrand. Rabbi Israel M Axelrod Excellence in Education Recipients: Mrs. Miriam Kamenetsky and Mrs. Randi Israel-Orshan. Sunday, February 21 at 5:30pm at the Westin Hotel Philadelphia, 99 South 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. For more information contact Tanya Libesman 610-642-7870 x255 tlibesman@torahacademyonline.org or register at: www.torahacademyonline.org

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Thought of the Week

The Torah follows its exhilarating and inspirational description of the revelation at Mount Sinai with a rather dry and detailed set of various laws that are to be followed by the people of Israel. It is one thing to be inspired and thus acquire great ideals. It is another thing completely to be able to transfer those ideals and inspiration into everyday life on a regular basis.

We are all aware that the devil is always in the details. It is natural to agree that one should not steal or murder. But what is really the definition of stealing? Is taking something that originally did not belong to you always considered stealing? How about grabbing my neighbor's rope and using it to save a drowning person? Is that also stealing? Is self-defense murder? Are court imposed death penalties murder?

How are we to deal with such complex moral issues? This is really the crux of all halacha and this week's parsha serves as our introduction to the concepts of Jewish law. Without an understanding of the practice of halacha, the great ideals and inspiration of the Torah are almost rendered meaningless and unachievable.

The Torah concentrates not only on great ideas but on small details as well. From these small details spring forth the realization of the great ideals and the ability to make them of practical value and use in everyday life. Hence the intimate connection between this week's parsha and the revelation at Mount Sinai discussed in last week's parsha. There is a natural and necessary continuity in the narrative flow of these two parshiyot of the Torah.

I think that this idea is borne out by the famous statement of the Jewish people when asked if they wished to accept the Torah. In this week's parsha their answer is recorded as: "We will do and we will listen." All commentators and the Talmud comment upon the apparently reverse order of this statement. People usually listen for instructions before they "do." But the simple answer is that the people of Israel realized that listening alone will be insufficient.

The great and holy generalities of the Torah are valid only if they are clearly defined, detailed and placed into everyday life activities. We have to "do" in order to be able to "listen" and understand the Torah's guidance and wishes fully. The Talmud records that a non-Jew once told a rabbi that the Jews were a "hasty and impulsive people" in accepting the Torah without first checking out its contents. But in reality, that holy hastiness of Israel was a considered and mature understanding that a Torah of ideas and inspiration alone without a practical guide to life would not last over the centuries of Jewish history.

Only those who are willing to "do" and who know what to "do" will eventually appreciate intellectually and emotionally the greatness of Torah. Only then will they be able to truly "listen" and appreciate the great gift that the Lord has bestowed upon Israel – the eternal and holy Torah.

*Adapted from "Introduction to Jewish Law" by Rabbi Wein.
<http://torah.org/learning/rabbiwein/5768/mishpatim.html>*