



▪ Mazel Tov to Rabbi Joel and Dr. Frani Hecker and Family on Razi Hecker's Bar Mitzvah.

This Shabbos

Parsha Chaburah by Dennis Rosen: 7:55am

Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur: 8:15am

Kiddush this week is sponsored by Russell Gold and David Chase and their families in honor of their making a Siyum Mishnayos (David: Shisha Sidrei Mishnayos, Russell: Seder Taharos).

Between Mincha and Maariv:

Shalosh Seudos this week is community sponsored.

Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr Daniel Eisenberg.

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.

Rabbi Shmuel Bodenheim, our Sofer Stam (ritual scribe) of many years, will be available at YIML this Sunday 8/15, following Shacharis and Monday to check MEZUZAHS. (Anyone in need of Tefillin checking should call Rabbi Bodenheim, 917-620-0803, for special arrangement.) Rabbi Bodenheim will be returning after Sukkos if there is need for further Tefillin and Mezuzah checking

Bnos of Bala Cynwyd is preparing for a great new year! Girls 3yrs - 6th grade are welcome to join us for our opening event - "Back-to-CAMP" on Thurs, Aug 26th from 6 to 7:30pm. Membership \$36 per girl for the year. Also coming soon: first shabbos Bnos group of the year (Parshios Nitzavim/Vayailech) and the Bnos Motzai Shabbos Kedoshim Tehiyu program! Contact Meira Friedman (617-9529) for more information.

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Parshas Shoftim

August 13-14

פרשת שופטים

ד' אלול



Shabbos Davening Times



Candle lighting: 7:43 pm

Mincha - Friday: 7:00 pm

Shacharis: 8:45 am

Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:38 am

Mincha: 7:30 pm

Maariv: 8:44 pm

Next Shabbos :

Candle lighting: 7:33 pm

Mincha - Friday: 7:00 pm

Rabbi Steinberg will be away from this Sunday, August 15th, through next Sunday, August 22nd. Anyone needing to reach the Rabbi should contact Shul President Sherman Frager.

To subscribe to the YIML email list, visit
<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:	7:40 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

Mon at 10:45am - Tehillim for Cholim, followed at 11:30am by Rabbi Steinberg teaching The Chazon Ish's Faith and Trust.

Tues at 9:30am - Rabbi Shmidman teaching Tehillim at LMS.

Wed at 9:30am - Dr. Goldman teaching Parshas haShavuah.

Thurs at 9:30am - Mr. Dorman teaching Pirkei Avot.

All classes at 8 Concord Circle, unless otherwise noted. For information, call Janis Fine 610-617-0913

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 learning "classic" Yoreh Deah (Hilchos Basar v'Chalav, Taaruvos, etc.) Tuesday nights at 8:30pm. Shiur will meet Sept 14th and resume weekly Oct 5th. Visit the yiml website for instructions 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 (recommended age of 5th grade and up) studying Sefer Melachim Aleph (Kings I) Monday nights at 8:00pm. Class will meet Sept 13th and then weekly Oct 4th. E-mail Rabbi Steinberg to join.

Thought of the Week

Competition is an accepted condition in our society. In commerce, sports, government, the arts and sciences, competition is the fuel for the engine that drives our society forward. The Talmud itself speaks highly of competition, at least in educational and scholarly matters, when it states that "competition amongst scholars increases wisdom and knowledge." Nevertheless, like all seemingly positive attributes, competition should have its limits. Unrestrained, cutthroat, vicious competition is immoral, wrong, and eventually counter-productive to the society itself. This week's Torah reading introduces the prohibition against the concept of "hasagat gvul" - unfair and immoral competition. The Hebrew words hasagat gvul literally mean overstepping or illegally encroaching on one's neighbor's border. Just as it is obviously wrong to move one's border fence, so too is it wrong to engage in unfair competitive practices in order to injure someone's business in order to benefit one's own business enterprise. As naive and altruistic as this may appear at first glance, there is sound social and economic sense behind this Torah policy.

The Torah is interested in creating a fair, just, harmonious and compassionate society. Unfair competitive practices, when practiced regularly, openly and without shame, prevent the achievement of such a society. In the words of Rabbi Abraham ibn Ezra, "for such unfair competition [such as border encroachment] automatically leads to quarrels, violence and even murder." Rapacious economic practices in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries led to the reactions of socialism, communism and other state-controlled economies in the twentieth century. The prophecy of ibn Ezra of "quarrels, violence and even murder" was thus fulfilled in front of our horrified eyes. Excess begets excess and greedy, exploitative, unfair competition begets unfair state-controlled, repressive monopoly and tyranny. Thus the Torah frowns on negative remarks regarding competitors' products and personalities. Negative advertising, whether in politics, commercial services or manufactured products, is not allowed and is definitely a form of lashon harah - evil speech. One may describe accurately and even boast about the wonderful and unique qualities of one's own products or services, but it is unfair competition to knock the other person's product or services.

I think that the prohibition about "encroaching on the border" affects many areas of life. Following this precept guarantees the sanctity of privacy, the holiness of confidentiality and the civility necessary for a fair, civil and trustworthy marketplace. There is unfair competition in families and institutions for time and attention, for wealth and opportunity, even for love and caring. In fact, it is probably within the family circle, at the very beginnings of life itself that the seeds of destructive competition are planted. A wise parent is aware of the dangers of pitting sibling against sibling, of unfair comparisons of abilities and attainments. It is the individual, unique human being that counts, and though competition in human life is unavoidable, the destructive aspects of competition can and should be controlled and minimized.

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<http://www.torah.org/learning/rabbiwein/5761/shoftim.html>