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Parshas Vaera

פרשת וארא

January 15-16

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Shabbos Davening Times



Candle lighting: 4:42 pm

Mincha - Friday: 4:42 pm

Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat

Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton

Shacharis: 8:45 am

Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:45 am

Mincha: 4:25 pm

Maariv: 5:46 pm

Next Shabbos

Candle lighting: 4:50 pm

Mincha - Friday: 4:50 pm

Scholar in Residence Shabbaton

Rav Mayer Twersky, shlit"a

Rosh Yeshiva at Rabbi Isaac Elchonon Theological Seminary

Schedule of Talks

(Men and Women Welcome)

8:15pm Friday Night Oneg at YIML:

Perspectives on Rav Soloveitchik's Torah and Machshava.

Shabbos Morning Drasha in Shul (approx. 10:20am):

Kotzer Ruach Va'Avoda Kasha...in 2010.

3:30pm Shabbos Afternoon:

Making Prayer Real: A Halachic and Hashkafic Perspective.

Following Mincha (approx. 4:50pm):

Balancing Middos in an Imbalanced World.

Please note: Childcare available upstairs for this talk.

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This Shabbos

Parsha Chaburah, given by Dennis Rosen: 7:55 am

Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur: 8:15 am

There will be no Kiddush or Shalosh Seudos this Shabbos.

Torah Youth of Bala Cynwyd

Pirchei of Bala Cynwyd will iy"H meet from 3 to 4pm at LMS on the upstairs level. Bnos of Bala Cynwyd will not meet this Shabbos.

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



- Mazel Tov to Avraham & Tova (Sved) Burger on the birth of their new daughter, Zahara Miriam, this past Tuesday. Mazel Tov to the proud Bubby, Jillyan Sved, and Zeidy, Stan Sved.
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi Motty & Shoshana Rabinowitz on the bris of their twin boys, Rafael Yehuda and Eliezer Simcha.
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi Boruch and Mrs. Miriam Lichtenstein on the bris of their grandson, Daniel Peretz Berman.
- Mazel Tov to Sherman and Susan Frager on the bris of their grandson, Aharon Mechel Frankel.
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi Chesky and Aviva Weiss on the bris of their son, Shmuel.

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis:	Sunday:	8:00 am
	Monday and Thursday:	6:40 am
	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday:	6:50 am
Mincha/Maariv:	Sunday:	4:50 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.

Chevra Mishnayos: Now learning Seder Moed. 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.

Beth Hamedrash Scholar-in-Residence: All are invited to meet the new Rav, Rabbi Yonah Gross, over the weekend January 22 - 24. Please see shul bulletin board for details.

Thought of the Week

The plague of Frogs greatly troubled Pharaoh and the Egyptians. They were oppressed to such an extent that Pharaoh summoned Moshe and Aharon and said "Entreat Hashem that He remove the frogs from me and my people, and I shall send out the people that they may bring offerings to Hashem". Moshe Rabbeinu told Pharaoh to name the moment when he desired for the frogs to leave. Pharaoh chose to let them leave the next day. [Shmos 8:4-6]

This is striking. Wherever he turned there were Frogs. They were destroying the country and making life unbearable for the Egyptians. And yet when given the choice by Moshe, Pharaoh asked that they be removed TOMORROW!

Why Tomorrow? If we found roaches in our house and called the exterminator and he asked us when we would like to have the roaches removed, we would naturally say "Immediately!"

The answer is that Pharaoh suspected that the Frogs were going to leave today anyway. He did not want to give Moshe credence in the eyes of the people. He was trying to set a trap for Moshe and have Moshe agree to have the Frogs leave the next day, and then they would be gone before the agreed upon timeline.

Even though he could have gotten rid of them 'today', getting rid of them 'today' would perhaps be giving into Moshe Rabbeinu. It might appear as a confession to the power of the Almighty if he told Moshe to get rid of them 'today'. That was the last thing Pharaoh wanted to do.

Normal people would swallow their pride, forget the philosophy, forget the theology and ask for immediate relief from their suffering. Not Pharaoh. About this it is written: "The wicked even at the gates of Gehinnom do not repent." [Eiruvin 19a] A wicked person would rather suffer than admit that Hashem is the L-rd.

*Adapted from "Get Rid Of The Frogs – Tomorrow " by Rabbi Frand.
<http://torah.org/learning/ravfrand/5768/vaera.html>*

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