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Parshas Yisro

February 5-6

פרשת יתרו

כ"ב שבט



Shabbos Davening Times



Candle lighting:	5:06 pm
Mincha - Friday:	5:06 pm
Shacharis:	8:45 am
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:39 am
Mincha:	5:00 pm
Maariv:	6:11 pm

Next Shabbos: Shabbos Shekalim

Candle lighting:	5:15 pm
Mincha - Friday:	5:15 pm

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.

בענין עד אחד נאמן באיסורין

Shacharis:	8:00 AM (followed by breakfast)
Shiur:	9:30 AM (approx.).



- Mazel Tov to Yitzchak & Karen Kraftman on the bris of their son Aharon Dov.
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Zeffren and their family on the Bar Mitzva of Ozer Pinchas.
- Mazel Tov to Jay and Mindy Rosenblum on the recent birth of their granddaughter, Rusie (Rochel Rus) Ellman.

This Shabbos

Parsha Chaburah, given by Rabbi Dr. Chaim Diamond: 7:55 am

Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur: 8:15 am

Kiddush this Shabbos is co-sponsored by:

- Dennis and Eve Rosen to commemorate the yahrzeit of Dennis' father, Avraham Beryl ben Yisroel
- Milt and Charlotte Waxman to commemorate the yahrzeit of Milt's mother, Devorah Tzippah bas Moshe Sholem
- On the occasion of the Chevra Mishnayos of YIML's siyum on Seder Moed

Between Mincha and Maariv:

- Chaburah, given by Chaim Saiman on the topic of Rav Shimon Shkop's Theory of Halakhic Civil Law: Divine Wisdom or Human Logic
- 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 on the upstairs level of LMS. This week's Pirchei is sponsored in honor of Meir Nosenchuk. 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 NOT meet this Shabbos. Save The Date - Bnos PURIM event - Monday, Feb. 15th at LMS, 3 to 4:30pm, \$4 (members)/\$8 (non-members).

Ladies Night Out at YIML - Enjoy an evening of camaraderie and a special video presentation of "The Chairlady". A Jewish comedy -- by women, for women --with a special message about priorities in our lives. Motzai Shabbos February 13th. More details to come.

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis:	Sunday:	8:00 am
	Monday and Thursday:	6:40 am
	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday:	6:50 am
Mincha/Maariv:	Sunday:	5:15 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.	

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" has been postponed due to the predicted snow storm. The new performance times are 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.

Stern Hebrew High School's Fourth Annual Benefit Concert will take place on Sunday, February 7, 2010 at 3:30pm at JCC Klein Branch Auditorium, 10100 Jamison Avenue. For information, contact Mindy Baum at 215-725-3800 x111 or shhsbusiness@comcast.net

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

The New York Bagel, located at 7555 Haverford Ave, is once again under the supervision of the Community Kashrus of Greater Philadelphia. (Bagels are Pas Yisroel.)

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

Thought of the Week

The name of this week's parsha – one of the most important parshiyot of the Torah since it describes the seminal moment of Jewish life, the granting of the Torah at Sinai – bears the name of one of the most enigmatic figure in the Torah, that of Yitro. Yitro is the father-in-law of Moshe and a respected person in world society. The Midrash counts him as one of the main advisers to Pharaoh. His objection to the Egyptian ruler's treatment of the Jews forces him to leave this prestigious position and flee to Midian. There he also ascends in rank being described in the Torah as being the "priest of Midian."

The Midrash sees him as an idolater during that time, even forcing Moshe to commit one of his sons to his care and education. After the exodus from Egypt occurs, the subsequent miracles of the manna from heaven and the defeat of Amalek, Yitro apparently has a change of heart and mind. He now becomes a convert to Judaism of sorts and comes to join the Jewish people in their desert sojourn. He is accorded great honor in the Jewish camp due not so much to his own personal achievements as to his being the father-in-law of Moshe.

Yet it his advice to Moshe and Israel that establishes the judicial and governmental system for the Jewish people while they remained in the Sinai desert. Yitro will appear again later in the Torah when he decides to return to Midian and ignores Moshe's plea to remain with the Jewish people and help guide them into the Land of Israel. Later in Tanach, in the books of Yehoshua, Shoftim and Shmuel we read of his descendants who did live in the Land of Israel and were part of the general society there.

It is hard to get a handle on Yitro. He is the paradigm of many non-Jewish friends of the Jewish people who are well meaning, altruistic and apparently sincere in their support. Yet Yitro is not viewed in especially heroic terms in Jewish tradition. Something is lacking there. He is a friend and a supporter, an adviser and guide, but he does not seem to understand the Jewish people and its mission and purpose. In a paradoxical way, he loves the Jewish people and certainly his immediate family, but he finds it difficult to identify himself with them.

This is the striking difference between his attitude, statements and behavior and those of Ruth, the righteous convert. Her attitude towards the Jewish people is not only one of admiration and support, but rather it is one of complete identification. Yitro finds it difficult to cross that emotional and mental bridge. The truth be said, we need friends like Yitro in the world. And they are currently in rather limited supply. But we should not expect from them more than admiration and limited support. For they never seem to really identify with us - with our circumstances and position. To the end, they remain as enigmatic to us as Yitro himself.

*Adapted from "Yitro the Enigma" by Rabbi Wein.
<http://torah.org/learning/rabbiwein/5767/yisro.html>*

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