

## Thought of the Week

The rabbis of the Talmud characterized all beginnings as being difficult. Well, for the Lord nothing can be said as being difficult. Nevertheless we can all certainly agree that the universe created by God is exceedingly wondrous and complex and difficult for us ordinary humans to grasp in its entirety. So this beginning is a difficult one as well, at least for us, to consider and deal with.

Science has advanced many theories and only limited certainties as to the origin of our species – humankind - and of our planet, Earth, and certainly in regard to our galaxy and the immense universe of which we are barely a tiny speck. What are we to make of all of this?

The Torah has purposely hidden the secrets of creation from us in the narrative that it portrays of the six days of creation and of the arrival of Shabat. It is as though the Torah is telling us that “how” is not important as to this universe but rather the issue is simply “what.” What are we supposed to do with our lives, our planet, our galaxy, our universe now that we are temporary residents here?

Human curiosity and further scientific and technological advances will continue to pursue the elusive “how” of creation. That is purely basic human nature – to attempt to know the unknown and to understand the infinite. But that will have only limited effect, if any at all, on human behavior. That certainly remains at best a work in progress. And it constantly demands more work from us. Human beings were placed on our earth, according to the Torah, “to work and exploit its riches and yet to guard and protect that world.” That is the clear instruction given by the Almighty to Adam in the Garden of Eden. If humans are able to harmoniously blend the two – the work and the guarding – then this planet is and will remain a veritable paradise.

However, if humans lose their sense of proportion and balance regarding these two goals and veer towards working and exploiting too much or guarding overzealously then neither of these goals will be achieved. Harmony and a balanced relationship one to the other is the only way to ensure...

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Shimini Atzeres/Simchat Torah  
Starting September 30th

שמיני עצרת  
כ"ב תשרי



### Shimini Atzeres/Simchat Torah Schedule



Thursday, September 30 - Shimini Atzeres

Shacharis 8:45am

Yizkor 10:30am

Mincha 6:35pm

Light after 7:29pm

Maariv 7:29pm

Hakafos after Maariv

Friday, October 1 - Simchas Torah

Shacharis 8:00am

Seudah in shul

Light 6:25pm

Mincha 6:35pm

Shabbos, October 2 - Shabbos Bereshis

Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur 8:15am

Shacharis 8:45am

Mincha 6:20pm

Maariv 7:26pm

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success. Human society seems to veer from plundering its habitat to overprotecting it at tremendous cost to human comfort and society's economic wherewithal.

The watchword of our day is "green" – green energy, green housing, a green economy. This is a worthwhile goal but it cannot be the only goal on the human agenda. After the rapacious treatment of the earth's resources over the past centuries, the reaction of "green" has set in with a vengeance. Eventually we humans will have to find the balance between working and guarding that the Lord bade us to do at the beginning of the story of humankind.

Common sense, political wisdom and a balanced view of life and its problems can all help fulfill God's blessings to Adam and Chava and their descendants to truly inherit this earth and live in harmony with it.

Adapted from "All Beginnings Are Hard" by Rabbi Berel Wein  
<http://www.torah.org/learning/rabbiwein/5770/bereishis.html>

### Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis:	Sunday:	8:00 am
	Monday and Thursday:	6:40 am
	Tuesday and Wednesday:	6:50 am
	Friday (Rosh Chodesh):	6:30 am
Mincha/Maariv:	Sunday through Thursday:	6:20 pm

### Next Shabbos Schedule

Friday, October 8  
Light 6:14pm  
Mincha 6:14pm  
Saturday, October 9th  
Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan  
Shacharis 8:45am  
Mincha 6:00pm  
Shalosh Seudos  
Maariv 7:15pm



▪ Mazel Tov to Ben and Malka Liebman and Family on the birth of a baby girl.

The Chevra Mishnayos will be making a siyum on Seder Taharos culminating our learning of all of Mishna on Simchas Torah at the kiddush following Shacharis. Sponsorships are still available. Whether or not you have learned for the siyum, all are welcome to join us for the siyum. All are encouraged to sign up for our next seder, Seder Zeraim, the first in the cycle. A sign-up sheet and email will follow shortly. Questions and suggestions are always welcome at [eisenber@pol.net](mailto:eisenber@pol.net).

To sign up to learn mishnayos l'iluy nishmas Mrs. Dorothy Laytin z"l, please visit <http://www.shloshim.org/> (search for Laytin) and select from the available masechtos.

At present we have 4 very dedicated women who set-up the weekly kiddushes in the shul. This means each woman has to do the kiddush once every 4 weeks! Please consider volunteering to help set up. It would be very appreciated! Contact Janis Fine at [jfine@comcast.net](mailto:jfine@comcast.net) or 610-617-0913.

A Father-Son Shiur with Rabbi Steinberg (recommended age of 5th grade and up) studying Sefer Melachim Aleph (Kings I) Shiur will meet Monday nights at 8pm, starting Oct 4th. E-mail Rabbi Steinberg to join.

The Halacha Shiur with Rabbi Steinberg will be learning "classic" Yoreh Deah (Hilchos Basar v'Chalav, Taaruvos, etc.) The shiur will meet Tuesday nights at 8:30pm, resuming 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.