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Parshas Beha'aloscha

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Weekday Shiurim

Mussar Chabura: 15 mins before Shacharis.
 Mishna Brura: Mon and Wed after Maariv
 Nefesh HaChaim: Thursday at 10:10pm
 Mussar Shiur for Women: Mon at 9:30am at 8 Concord Circle.

Bnos and Pirchei

Bnos will meet from 4:30 to 5:30pm at LMS. Contact Meira Friedman at 610-617-9529.
 Torah Youth will meet from 4:30 to 5:30pm on the lower level of LMS. Grades k-8. To sponsor a Shabbos or for more information contact Rabbi Ari Silver at 610-668-6833 or silverDollar@verizon.net

Chevra Mishnayos

The Chevra Mishnayos will start learning Seder Kodshim . Sign up on shul bulletin board or email eisenber@pol.net with your name and the masechta and chapters you intend to learn.

Shabbos Schedule



Earliest Candle Lighting:	6:54pm
Light Candles:	8:10pm
Mincha and Kabbalas Shabbos:	7:00pm
Parsha Chaburah given by Naftali Perlberger:	7:55am
Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur:	8:15am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:15am
Shabbos Groups, upstairs, for ages 2 and up.	9:45am
Kiddush is co-sponsored by Ron and Marguerite Werrin on the occasion of Marguerite's 65th Birthday. And, Dan and Michaela Perez and family in honor of the birth of their daughter Naomi	
Mincha:	7:55pm
Shalosh Seudos is community sponsored. We are pleased to have Mr. Leon Sutton address us at Shalosh Seudos this Shabbos.	
Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr. Daniel Eisenberg.	
Maariv:	9:13pm

YIML BBQ

Fun for one and all! YIML Annual BBQ Sunday, June 17, from 4 to 7pm at General Wayne Park. Gourmet BBQ Delicacies. \$18 single, \$36 couple, \$10 per child, \$72 family max.

Sun, Jun 10	Mon, Jun 11	Tue, Jun 12	Wed, Jun 13	Thu, Jun 14	Fri, Jun 15
Shacharis 8:45am Mincha/Maariv 8:15pm	Shacharis 6:40am Mincha/Maariv 8:15pm	Shacharis 6:50am Mincha/Maariv 8:15pm	Shacharis 6:50am Mincha/Maariv 8:15pm	Shacharis 6:40am Mincha/Maariv 8:15pm	Shacharis 6:50am Earliest Light 6:57pm Light Candles 8:13pm Mincha 7:00pm
20 Sivan	21 Sivan	22 Sivan	23 Sivan	24 Sivan	25 Sivan



▪ Mazel Tov to Stan and Yocheved Sved on their recent marriage!

French School Playground

Use of the French School playground on Shabbos is a wonderful resource for our community. However, it has come to our attention that the playground is often left in disarray after Shabbos use. Please remember to clean up after yourselves and your children. It is inappropriate for the French School staff and families to arrive each Monday morning to find their property covered in litter.

Thought of the Week

The Torah instructs Aharon and through him all of his successors, the High Priests of Israel that when lighting the great menorah one should make certain that the six outside lamps should all face into the center lamp. There are various opinions amongst the commentators as to how this was to be accomplished. The wicks were bent inwards or perhaps the lamps themselves were tilted towards the middle lamp - or it could have been that this was only one of the recurring miracles that defined the Mishkan and later the Temple in Jerusalem. These are just some of the ideas advanced to explain how this matter was in fact accomplished.

Be all of this as it may have been, the greater question obviously is what lesson is the Torah imparting to us by this instruction that the outside lamps should face the middle lamp. I think that the idea that the Torah wishes us to internalize is that the light of the holy menorah requires focus.

We know that in the physical world the more intense and concentrated the focus of the light, the greater is its ability illuminate and reveal. Diffused light creates mood and atmosphere but it does not really show what lies before us. The light of the menorah is symbolic of Torah in Jewish life. Torah, its study, support and observance, requires focus and concentration. It cannot serve its true purpose in our lives when it exists amongst us only in a diffused and generalized sense.

Our rabbis taught us what the focus of Jewish life is and should be: Torah, Godly service, human kindness and consideration for others. Other causes are only to be granted diffused light and they, by themselves, will not serve to erase the darkness of our existence and society. Every human life, every family, even every educational and commercial enterprise requires focus and concentration in order to be successful and productive.

We all have priorities in our lives. These priorities become the plans, actions and ideas that we focus our attention, talents and resources upon. Judaism demands that we focus upon love and study of Torah and its observances. We should concentrate upon our daily conversation, so too speak – our prayer services – with our Creator.

We are required to serve God and do His bidding. And that requires effort, sacrifice and devotion. It is perhaps the most challenging area of our religious life - and demands total focus and concentration And kindness towards others certainly requires focus. In theory, in a world of diffused light, we all subscribe to the notions of good behavior, social responsibility and charitable ideals. However when we are faced with the individual test of performing a specific human kindness to a specific human being we oftentimes shirk that responsibility.

Our focus is not present and thus we are prevented, not out of malice but simply out of lack of concentration and devotion, from performing the necessary act of kindness that lies before us. Thus the lesson of the menorah is one of focus – the focus that will allow the light of spirit and Godliness to light our way through our lives.

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