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Parshas Beshalach

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י"א שבט תשע"ב

Weekday Shiurim

Daily Mussar Shiur: 15 minutes before Shacharis
Mishna Brura: Mon and Wed after Maariv
Sefer Bereishis: Monday at 8pm.
Nefesh HaChaim: Thursday at 10:10pm
Gesher HaChaim Shiur for Women: Monday at 9:30am at 8 Concord Circle.

Chevra Mishnayos

The Chevra Mishnayos is learning Seder Moed. See shul bulletin board to sign up or email eisenber@pol.net with your name and the masechta (and chapters) you intend to learn.

Bnos and Pirchei

Bnos will meet from 3 to 4pm at LMS. For information, contact Meira Friedman at 610-617-9529.
Torah Youth will not meet. To help sponsor a Shabbos or for information, contact Rabbi Ari Silver at 610-668-6833 or silverdollar@verizon.net



Shabbos Schedule Shabbos Shira



Light Candles, Mincha and Kabbalas Shabbos: 5:03pm
Parsha Chaburah by Israel Pendrak: 7:55am
Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur: 8:15am
Shacharis: 8:45am
Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:41am
Shabbos Groups, upstairs, for ages 2 and up. 9:45am
Shabbos Shira Drasha entitled: Reflections on a Decade.
Kiddush is community sponsored.

Mincha: 5:00pm
Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr Daniel Eisenberg.
Chabura will be given by Rabbi Steinberg, entitled Defiance or Deviation?: The Psychology of the Repeat-Offender and the Mitzvah to Rebuke Him.
מצות תוכחה: מחלוקת ראשונים בהא דחוזרים ומוכיחים כמה פעמים (כולל חידושים משיעורי הרב זליג עפשטיין זצ"ל בספר המצוות)
Maariv: 6:08pm

Sun, Feb 5	Mon, Feb 6	Tue, Feb 7	Wed, Feb 8	Thu, Feb 9	Fri, Feb 10
Shacharis 8:00am Mincha/Maariv 5:10pm	Shacharis 6:40am Maariv 7:45pm	Shacharis 6:50am Maariv 7:45pm	Tu b'Shvat Shacharis 6:50am Maariv 7:45pm	Shacharis 6:40am Maariv 7:45pm	Shacharis 6:50am Light Candles 5:12pm Mincha, and Kabbalas Shabbos 5:12pm
12 Sh'vat	13 Sh'vat	14 Sh'vat	15 Sh'vat	16 Sh'vat	17 Sh'vat

Questions? Comments! Sponsorships\$ weeklyupdate@yiml.org



- Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Lichtenstein and Family on the birth of a granddaughter, Leah Roiza, born to Eliyahu and Miryl Glenner of Chicago.
- Mazel Tov to Baruch and Elana Avis and Family on the birth of a baby girl.

Community Announcement

Community members who live within a 6-block radius of Aish HaTorah (Bryn Mawr and Montgomery) can help ensure that the sale of the Aish HaTorah building to the Torah Academy Girls High School will gain Township approval. Please attend the meeting Thursday night, February 9th at 9pm at Township Administration Building, 75 East Lancaster Ave in Ardmore. A supportive showing can be very helpful.

Agunah Rally

Anyone who can help by joining the rally on behalf of Tamar Epstein this Monday in Washington DC, is encouraged to do so. The rally is coordinated by ORA, the Organization for the Resolution of Agunot, and will be this Monday, February 6th, outside of the Hyatt Regency in Washington DC (400 New Jersey Avenue NW), where Aharon Friedman is scheduled to be presenting at a legislative conference. The aim is to have a continuous presence throughout the conference, from 7am to 6pm. Please email rally@getORA.org if you can attend for any part of the day from 7am to 6pm.

Thought of the Week

In this week's parashah, we find the beginning of the receiving of the Torah. On the verse (15:25), "There He established for [the nation] a decree and an ordinance, and there He tested it," Rashi z"l comments: "He gave them a few sections of the Torah in order that they might engage in study thereof - the sections containing the command regarding Shabbat, the red heifer and administration of justice."

R' Moshe ben Nachman z"l (Ramban; 1194-1270) writes: This is wondrous! Why does the Torah not spell out the laws as it does in other places—"Speak to Bnei Yisrael and command them, etc." From Rashi's wording it seems that [Moshe did not teach these laws as "official" commandments; rather] he told them that this is what they would be commanded to keep in the future, when Hashem would give them the Torah at Har Sinai. In this light, says Ramban, we can understand why the Torah calls these commandments a "test." Bnei Yisrael were being tested to see whether they could accustom themselves to mitzvot and accept them with joy.

R' Simcha Mordechai Ziskind Broide z"l (rosh yeshiva of the Chevron Yeshiva in Yerushalayim; died 2000) asks: How would these few mitzvot reveal whether or not Bnei Yisrael were ready to receive the whole Torah? He explains:

Ramban teaches (in his commentary to Sefer Devarim) that the Torah expects more of us than merely keeping the mitzvot. We are called upon to learn from the mitzvot what Hashem's Will is. For instance, the Torah tells us not to speak lashon hara, not to take revenge, to stand up for our elders, etc., and from these examples of interpersonal behavior, we are supposed to learn how to interact with our fellow men. When Hashem taught the laws of Shabbat, the red heifer and the administration of justice in our parashah, the purpose was to see whether Bnei Yisrael would look behind those mitzvot to see the Will of Hashem that those laws represent. If Bnei Yisrael succeeded in doing that, it would indicate that they would know what to do with the other mitzvot as well. (Sahm Derech: Ha'yashar Ve'hatov p.19)

Adapted from <http://www.torah.org/learning/hamaayan/5772/beshalach.html> by Shlomo Katz.

Women's Mussar Shiur

The Monday morning Women's Mussar Shiur with Rabbi Steinberg (9:30 AM at the home of Eve Rosen) -- a part of the Women's Learning Experience -- will soon be finishing the Sefer Geshar HaChaim (vol. III), and will be beginning a new and, be"H, engaging limmud. Details TBA soon...