

# Young Israel of the Main Line

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Parshas Ki Seitzei

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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.

## Chevra Mishnayos

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

## Tefillin and Mezuzah Checking

Rabbi Shmuel Bodenheim, our Sofer Stam, will be in town to check Tefilin and Mezuzos starting Sunday, Sept 2nd (and remaining for as long as necessary). To reach Rabbi Bodenheim in advance, 917-620-0803.

## Shabbos Schedule



Light Candles:	7:16pm
Mincha and Kabbalas Shabbos:	7:00pm
Parsha Chaburah given by Israel Pendrak:	7:55am
Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur:	8:15am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:45am
Shabbos Groups, upstairs, for ages 2 and up.	9:45am
Kiddush is sponsored by Mrs. Barbara Friedman, in memory of her beloved father, Yitzchak ben Yaakov, alev hashalom, on the occasion of his 10th yahrtzeit. May the neshama have an aliyah.	
Mincha:	7:00pm
Shalosh Seudos is community sponsored.	
Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr. Daniel Eisenberg.	
Maariv:	8:17pm

## New Shiur!! Sefer Tehilim with the Malbim's Commentary

As Rabbi Steinberg's Shabbos-morning shiur in Sefer Mishlei concludes the sefer, we will be beginning a new limmud, be"H: Sefer Tehillim with the Malbim. Come experience the depth of Dovid Hamelech's sacred words in a way you never have before. New attendees always welcome.

Shiur meets Shabbos mornings at 8:15 AM at YIML.

## Torah Academy Mikva Entrance

Please note that as the driveways and parking lot of Torah Academy are being repaved, users of the TA Mikva should use the Argyle Street entrance. This will be in effect through this Tues., Sept. 4th.

Sun, Sep 2	Mon, Sep 3	Tue, Sep 4	Wed, Sep 5	Thu, Sep 6	Fri, Sep 7
Shacharis 8:00am Mincha/Maariv 7:10pm	Labor Day Shacharis 8:00am Mincha/Maariv 7:10pm	Shacharis 6:50am Mincha/Maariv 7:10pm	Shacharis 6:50am Mincha/Maariv 7:10pm	Shacharis 6:40am Mincha/Maariv 7:10pm	Shacharis 6:50am Light Candles 7:04pm Mincha 7:00pm
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- Mazel Tov to Roz Lipsitt and Phil Levbarg on their upcoming marriage, be"H.
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi Yehoshua and Michelle Levy and Family on the engagement of Rivka Levy to Michael Tzvi Dear. The community is invited to a Kiddush this Shabbos in honor of the engagement at the Aish HaTorah minyan at Kohélet Yeshiva High School. (Kiddush 11AM-1PM)

### **Escrip Program**

Young Israel Women's League raises funds through the escrip program. Registered Shoprite and Pathmark store cards and registered credit cards used at Burger.org or through escrip online shopping generate funds for YIML. Please visit [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and follow the instructions to register and benefit YIML.

### **Rav Kook Shiur Series**

We are pleased to announce that the YIML internet archive now contains a shiur series in one Rav Kook's lesser-known, but very beautiful and important works.

The Women's Learning Experience Shiur with Rabbi Steinberg completed the study of the Sefer Mussar Avicha, and the audio recordings of all 20 of the shiurim in this sefer (and a link to the text of the sefer at [Hebrewbooks.org](http://Hebrewbooks.org)) are available on the YIML internet archive, here:  
[http://www.chaseplanet.us/yiml/#mussar\\_avicha](http://www.chaseplanet.us/yiml/#mussar_avicha).

### **Thought of the Week**

The idea of the necessity of a fence on one's roof and exposed staircases and high landings is a very logical and realistic one. The Torah itself advances this simple reasoning by stating that otherwise one may fall from that exposed area with painful if not tragic consequences. However halacha and practicality indicate that not everyone is obligated in this mitzvah and that there are physical instances where such a fence is impossible to construct or is even unnecessary.

Nevertheless, the moral imperative that drives the mitzvah seems to be omnipresent and always operative. A house, a home, a family always needs to be protected, both physically and morally. Just as negligence in failing to erect a fence around one's exposed roof is a cause for monetary and even criminal liability, so too negligence in failing to construct the moral fence to protect our home and family from the ravages of a rather depraved society is seen to be a serious transgression.

In raising children, as well as in governing society generally, there can be no doubt that fences have to be fashioned and protected. The rub always is as to how many fences and where they are to be placed and how high the actual fence should be. When it comes to the issue of the physical fences around our rooftops, halacha answers all of these questions for us. But when the issue is regarding the moral fence that we must construct for our family and ourselves, there we find minimal guidance.

Just as every physical fence must be constructed to conform to the dimensions of the roof it protects – a circular fence will not completely protect a rectangular roof – so too there is no one-size-fits-all moral fence that is appropriate for every home and family. Tragically, in today's Jewish world, there are many homes that have no moral fence at all protecting the house and family.

Everyone is allowed, if not even encouraged, to live a life without limits, restraints or moral discipline. And at the other end of the spectrum of Jewish society there are homes where the fence has been constructed too high and is too constrictive as to impede and prevent healthy individual development and constructive discovery and innovation. It is therefore obvious that knowing where, when and how to create this moral fence that will safeguard the Jewish home is the main challenge of parenting and family dynamics.

The Torah in this week's parsha speaks of ben sorer u'moreh – a rebellious, undisciplined youth – who will grow to be a very destructive force in society. Such a child in most cases represents the failure in the family in erecting and enforcing the proper moral fence in the house. That negligence of safeguarding the home spiritually, emotionally and morally will invariably come back to haunt that family and all society generally. There are no magical ways to build these necessary fences. Every family and home is different and unique and there is only the common necessity for all families to erect the proper and fitting fences within their home and family. Patience, wisdom, restraint and prayer are key ingredients in accomplishing this vital task.