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Parshas Ki Sisa

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Weekday Shiurim

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

Chevra Mishnayos

The Chevra Mishnayos is learning Seder Nashim. 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 3:30 to 4:30pm at LMS. 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



Light Candles, Mincha and Kabbalas Shabbos:	5:43pm
Parsha Chaburah by Reuven Kovacs:	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 Ronald & Marguerite Werrin on the Yahrzeits of their fathers, Nathaniel Werrin, Noah ben Michael z"l and Elliott R. Weill, Elya ben Yitzchak HaLevy z"l and in Hakoras HaTov to Hashem on the birth of their granddaughter, Talia Lila born to Dorothy and Jason Greene of Wynnewood. And, Stan Sved in honor of the marriage of Sarah and Yitzy Steinmetz.	
Mincha:	5:40pm
Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr Daniel Eisenberg. Chabura by Rabbi Sruli Schwartz on the topic of Hallel.	
Maariv:	6:48pm

Sun, Mar 11	Mon, Mar 12	Tue, Mar 13	Wed, Mar 14	Thu, Mar 15	Fri, Mar 16
DST Begins Shacharis 8:00am Mincha/Maariv 6:50pm	Shacharis 6:40am Mincha/Maariv 6:50pm	Shacharis 6:50am Mincha/Maariv 6:50pm	Shacharis 6:50am Mincha/Maariv 6:50pm	Shacharis 6:40am Mincha/Maariv 6:50pm	Shacharis 6:50am Light Candles 6:50pm Mincha, and Kabbalas Shabbos 6:50pm
17 Adar	18 Adar	19 Adar	20 Adar	21 Adar	22 Adar



■ Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Mrs Steinberg and Family on the birth of a new baby boy. B"H, mother and baby are doing well.

Basic Colors

BASIC COLORS RETURNS TO THE MAIN LINE! Just in time for Pesach.... Fabulous, reasonably- priced clothing for women and girls. One day only! At Young Israel of the Main Line, 273 Montgomery Ave, Bala Cynwyd. On Tuesday, March 20, 2012 from 4 to 7pm. For more information, please call Janis Fine 610- 617- 0913.

Community Announcements

A WOMEN'S DAY OF LEARNING In Memory of Robin Moskow's mother, mother, Chana bas Shmuel (Harriet Friedberg) Featuring two amazing speakers: Nili Couzens & Sara Esther Crispe. Sunday, March 11, 2012 from 10am to 2pm. Schedule: 10am – Registration, 10:15 am - Nili Couzens "Yes, Judaism Believes in Life After Death! What Happens There and What You Can Do About it Here." 11:30 am – Shop for jewelry and other crafts by local Jewish artists, (Yenta's Jewelry Box & Robin Jarrett), Lunch, 12:45 pm - Sara Esther Crispe: "Did You Hear What I Meant to Say? A Torah Approach to Successful Communication". Suggested Donation: \$36. All proceeds will go to programs that support women's learning in Israel. Please RSVP by March 6 to Robin Moskow at 610-804-6701 or robinmoskow@comcast.net. Location: Chabad of the Main Line, 625 Montgomery Ave., Merion Station

The 12th Siyum Hashas of Daf HaYomi is scheduled for Wednesday August 1 - 13 Av, at 7:00 PM at MetLife (Giants) Stadium. This will, of course be an inspiring gathering and celebration of Torah, and there is an expected attendance of 92,000. If you are interested in attending and did not receive the mailing, seating reservation applications are available in the Shul. (Reservations should be made ASAP, as space is limited and choice of seats is first come-first serve.) Questions can be addressed to Rabbi Steinberg. The program will also be broadcast at local institutions by internet connection.

Got Costumes? Thank you to all those who patronized the P'TACH Purim costume gemach this year! Now that Purim is over, we would like to welcome any and all costume donations. We'll gladly arrange for pickup. Please contact Shira Kupfer at 610 668 0614 or shirakupfer@gmail.com. Tizku L'mitzvot!

Thought of the Week

The Torah commands that a count of the Jewish people should be undertaken. Such a count was in fact taken a number of times during the sojourn of the people of Israel in the Sinai desert. What is noteworthy is the language – the words the Torah uses in ordering this count to take place.

The literal translation of those words is "When you raise the heads of the Jewish people to assess their numbers..." The Torah does not state simply "when you count the people of Israel." Instead it teaches us a very important lesson in Jewish and family life. A person who is counted and considers himself or herself to be part of the Jewish people has to do so by being a person with a raised head. That person has to feel that he or she is special, chosen, set aside for a particular mission in life. The raised head is the symbol of Jewish pride and determination.

The count of the Jewish people is not meant to be merely numerical. It is far more profound and meaningful. It is really a count-me-in type of equation. Thus the task of the leader of the people is not only to come up with an accurate population number but, perhaps even more importantly, to inspire and raise those being counted to a greater understanding of their role and purpose in being part of the Jewish people. For eventually, being counted as a member of the Jewish people requires commitment, effort and constant personal development.

We are all aware of the injunction not to count Jews directly, as in this week's parsha, where they were counted by the number of half shekels collected by the census takers. We read in the book of Shmuel that King Saul counted the Jewish people by assessing the number of individual sheep. The same lesson is involved in this rule as the idea mentioned in the previous paragraph – that the true count of the people of Israel is never only in the raw number of people present. It is in the worth of the individual, the pride and self-esteem of being Jewish - and that is not something that can easily be assessed by a number.

Coins and sheep are susceptible to being counted numerically – not the Jewish people or for that matter any human being. The influence of a life is something not given to physical measurement or numerical count. The Torah commands us to raise our heads, to become more knowledgeable, devoted and committed to its holy values, observances and spiritual outlook. Each individual Jew must feel and believe that he or she is special, unique, vital and necessary for the whole nation to exist and prosper.

People who feel "there is no difference if I am Jewish, observant, or part of a people" do themselves and the Jewish people as a whole a great disservice. Only those who proudly raise their heads are truly part of the eternal count of the Jewish people.

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