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Parshas Mishpatim

פרשת משפטים

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כ"ה שבט תשע"ב

## 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 meet from 3:30 to 4:30pm at LMS in the Social Hall. To help sponsor a Shabbos or for information, contact Rabbi Ari Silver at 610-668-6833 or silverdollar@verizon.net



## Shabbos Schedule



### Mevorchim haChodesh

**Molad for Adar: Wednesday, Feb 22, 8:49am plus 1 chaylek.**

### Shabbos Shekalim

Light Candles, Mincha and Kabbalas Shabbos:	5:20pm
Parsha Chaburah by Naftali Perlberger:	7:55am
Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur:	8:15am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:32am
Shabbos Groups, upstairs, for ages 2 and up.	9:45am
Kiddush is sponsored by the Gorlechen family to commemorate the victory of the New York Giants in Super Bowl XLVI.	
Mincha:	5:15pm
Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr Daniel Eisenberg. Chabura.	
Maariv:	6:24pm

Sun, Feb 19	Mon, Feb 20	Tue, Feb 21	Wed, Feb 22	Thu, Feb 23	Fri, Feb 24
Shacharis 8:00am Mincha/Maariv 5:30pm	Shacharis 6:40am Maariv 7:45pm	Shacharis 6:50am Maariv 7:45pm	Shacharis 6:50am Maariv 7:45pm	<i>Rosh Chodesh Adar</i> Shacharis 6:30am Maariv 7:45pm	<i>Rosh Chodesh Adar</i> Shacharis 6:30am Light Candles 5:28pm Mincha, and Kabbalas Shabbos 5:28pm
26 Sh'vat	27 Sh'vat	28 Sh'vat	29 Sh'vat	30 Sh'vat	1 Adar

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

### **Mussar Shiur for Women**

A Mussar Shiur for Women with Rabbi Avraham Steinberg as part of the Women's Learning Experience (WLE). As our study group concludes the Sefer Gesher HaChaim - vol. III, we will begin: Sefer Mussar Avicha by Rav Avraham Yitzchak HaKohen Kook zt"l. A stirring glimpse of the profound but very applicable religious-ethical thought of Rav Kook. Monday mornings - 9:30am, at the home of Eve Rosen, 8 Concord Circle. Tentative Start Date: February 27th. To join this shiur or to find out more about the WLE, please contact Janis Fine – [jfine@comcast.net](mailto:jfine@comcast.net)

### **Pre-Shacharis Mussar Chabura for Men**

The YIML Pre-Shacharis Mussar Chabura with Rabbi Steinberg will be starting a new and exciting limud. The very profound but ever-applicable lessons of the Chever Maamarim ("Compendium of Essays") of Rav Yeruchem Levovitz zt"l Mashgiach of the Mir Yeshiva. Deep studies in the kochos hanefesh and middos of a person, based on sources from Tanach, Midrash, and classic teachings from the chachmei hadoros, including Rav Yisroel Salanter. Start Date: Sunday, February 26th (Adar 3). New attendees welcome. The Mussar Chabura meets 15 minutes before Shacharis on weekdays.

### **PTACH Purim Costume Gmach**

The PTACH Purim Costume Gmach is now open! Located at 29 Aberdale Road, Bala Cynwyd, we have over 100 costumes from newborn through size 12 for kids. \$8 for first costume, \$6 for each subsequent costume for the same family, \$20 max per family. Contact Shira Kupfer at 610-668-0614 or [shirakupfer@gmail.com](mailto:shirakupfer@gmail.com). Open Sundays 3:30 – 5pm, Wednesdays 7:30 – 9pm and by appointment.

### **Thought of the Week**

"My wrath shall blaze and I shall kill you by the sword, and your wives will be widows and your children orphans"(22:23)

The Torah prohibits Bnei Yisroel from exploiting the vulnerability of a widow or orphan. Hashem warns that if He will hear the cries of widows or orphans, He will kill their oppressors by the sword and render their wives and children, widows and orphans. The necessity for the Torah to state that the wives and children of the oppressors will become widows and orphans implies that this is an integral part of the punishment; not only will the sinner be killed, but his wife and children will suffer because of his actions. Axiomatic to all of Hashem's punishments is the principle of "midah keneged midah" - "quid pro quo"; Hashem punishes with a severity commensurate to the offense. Why is death by the hands of heaven not a sufficient response for the mistreatment of widows and orphans? The Torah's stress on the children and wives becoming widows and orphans implies that there are two responses, death and bereavement of kin, for one action, the mistreatment of widows and orphans.

Rabbeinu Yona explains that the Hebrew word for widow, "almanah" is rooted in the word "ilem" - "mute", for with the death of her husband the widow is silenced, i.e. she has no one to defend her. Similarly, the word "yatom" - "orphan" correlates to a word found in Bereishis in the verse "vayitom hakesef"- "and the money was depleted". When a child loses a father his confidence is depleted, for he senses that he has no one to champion his cause. Every time widows or orphans are oppressed, they are forced to relive the loss of their husband or parent. They become acutely aware that if their relative, who in the past would defend them, were alive, they would not be forced to endure the current mistreatment. The Torah therefore warns the oppressors that as a result of their actions they will cause their own wives and children to experience the pain and suffering which they have inflicted upon others.

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